

## BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY



### President's Pick

**Legal Aid Committee ramps up Moot Court to National Level.**



The RCB Legal Aid Committee organizes the annual Sir Jamshedji Kanga Memorial Government Law College Moot Court Competition in association with the Moot Court Association of Government Law College (GLC). The

Kanga moot which is in its 44th year was initially a city level competition with law colleges from around Bombay participating each year. Around 2011, the competition was made into an intra-college competition with only students from GLC participating.

Over the years, the moot has lost its former glory. Next year onwards, the Legal Aid Committee has worked with GLC to make the competition a national level moot, with law colleges from around the country participating. RCB will assist in the venue for the final round, lodging and food for the students over their 2-day stay in Bombay, in addition to the trophy and prizes for winners. It is expected that the moot will take place over a weekend in March or April 2018. We hope to welcome our Rotarians in large numbers for the final round.

Best Regards,

**Natasha Treasurywala**

Chairperson Legal Aid Committee

## *Towards Gautam City*



**G**autam Chatterjee, a former state government bureaucrat, was recently made the Chairman of the Maharashtra Real Estate Regulatory Authority (Maha RERA).

More recent to the day he took office, he was invited by the Rotary Club of Bombay to speak about RERA (Real Estate Regulation & Development Act). However, due to the thunderstorms in Mumbai, he had to decline the invitation.

**Today's Speaker** **Vijay Mukhi on Bitcoins**



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Happy Birthday! Hiranmay Biswas.



Happy Birthday! Anand Dalal.



Shanta Chatterji introduces the guest speaker.

The second invitation reached him at a time when he had "completed two-quarters of the implementation of RERA," and the monsoons were over. The speaker thus gladly accepted the invitation once more, thereafter attending a Tuesday meeting that was not interrupted by a thunderstorm, but, at well-deserved intervals, bouts of thunderous applause.

That he and his colleagues managed to get the consent of the entire nation to award a regulated system of development, is yet unfathomable. However, as is often said about positive

government resolutions, "they are not making any headway because the implementation of the act is poor." In many ways, alleged the speaker, the same reason resulted in the failure of MOFA (Maharashtra Ownership Flat Act, 1963).

MOFA was the only other act that tried to regulate the real estate sector. In comparison to RERA, one notices a careful attempt to improve upon the failings of the earlier effort by making use of modern technology, aiming to bring about "a feeling of trust between the home buyer and developer."

The four basic pillars of RERA are as robust as the Rotary's four-way test, said Gautam Chatterjee. At the very outset, the act aims to bring about transparency after reorganising the information asymmetry. Next, it strives for fiscal discipline, which was not the case earlier; developers would collect money from the buyers and start investing it elsewhere, even before completing the project for which the money was collected in the first place. Thirdly, individual accountability was lacking among developers,

real estate agents, buyers, financiers, and even the city's Municipal Corporation. Last but not the least, the act encourages a compliance among all those involved in the realty sector.

Looking back at a city governed by MOFA, and looking toward a "Gautam City," lends clarity to the argument that Gautam Chatterjee sums up: "We are not a strangulating authority, but a regulating authority that is trying to build the trust that was somehow lost between the developer and home buyer."

For example, earlier, grievance redressal was a very painful process, however, out of the 1,100 grievances that come under the purview of RERA, 300 have already been disposed in an amicable manner over the period of two quarters. Besides, by making developers share, in detail, the progress of their projects in the public domain, RERA takes advantage of today's information technology.

These advantages over an outdated act also highlight the challenges that will be encountered in the years to



come. Some of the obstacles that have already begun to surface are a lack of digital proficiency among the stakeholders, the unavoidable “pains of transition,” and, since the act accepts grievances related to past projects that could not be completed, “a legacy issue.”

Thus, a question that many Rotarians have asked through expression, and by expression, was about the future of RERA. Would the act still be

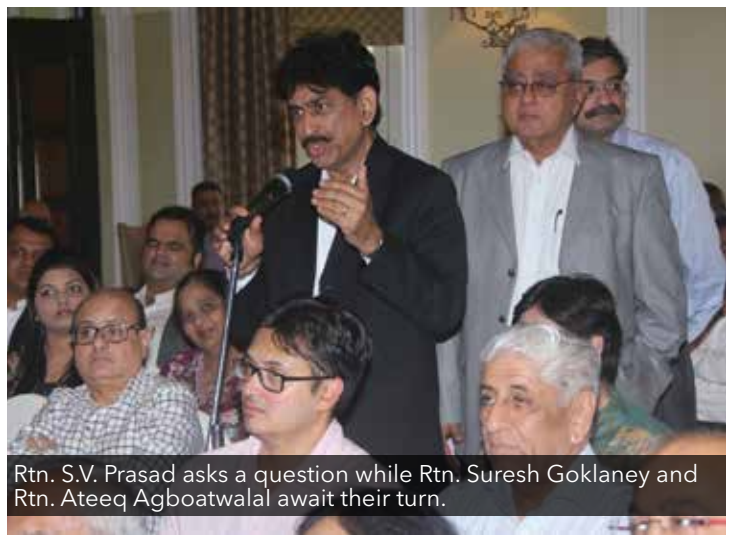
implemented just as well as it is being implemented under his chairmanship? He answered: “The systems that we are trying to put in place, I think, are so robust that not even a demon would be able to demolish it.”



Happy Birthday! Shailesh Patkar.



Shakuntala Raha Of RISAO visited our Club meeting. Seen with PP Nirav Shah.



Rtn. S.V. Prasad asks a question while Rtn. Suresh Goklaney and Rtn. Ateeq Agboatwalal await their turn.



## ROTARIANS MAKING WAVES



Rtn. Sanjiv Saran Mehra of Saran Sports was recently felicitated and recognized by the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan during his recent visit to Mumbai for having contributed towards fostering Indo-British Football Initiatives by conceptualizing, curating and organizing India's largest community football event with 85% of the participants being from Municipal and Government aided schools which also included teams from Bhavishya-Yaan.



## Environment Committee Report

Community welfare was in sharp focus as the Cuffe Parade Residents Association (CPRA) launched the second phase of its Plastic-Free Campaign in association with the Rotary Club of Bombay.

In this phase the CPRA is installing a plastic bottle ingesting machine along with a tricycle to collect plastic bottles from 34 buildings in the area. This has been funded by the Rotary Club of Bombay (RCB).

The plastic flakes from the machine would be collected by the manufacturer who would pay the CPRA for it. This money would fund the tricycle operator and the AMC of the money.

Speaking at a function organized at the beautiful CPRA Greens in Cuffe Parade, RCB Environment Committee Chairman Rajesh Shah said this showed the commitment of the RCB not only to a safer and cleaner environment but also to playing an important role in community affairs.

The function saw speakers like Member of Parliament Arvind Sawant, Juhi Chawla, Asst. Municipal Commissioner Kiran, local Corporator Harshita Narwekar and CPRA Secretary General Padmakar Nandekar



Awareness building walk at Cuffe Parade. Seen are Arvind Sawant MP, Rajesh Shah, Padmakar Nandekar.

spell out the need for urgent steps to protect the environment.

Rajesh acknowledged the key role played by Kunti Oza and Hansu Advani in bringing this project to fruition. President RCB Ramesh Narayan, Director Madhusudhan Daga, Rtn. Manjit Kripalani and RCB Interactors from G.D.Somani school along with Vice Principal Sharmishta Basu were also present.

President Ramesh said that soon after this launch, two Rotary Clubs, and two Resident Associations had shown interest in this project.



Juhi Chawla greets Arvind Sawant. Rajesh Shah looks on.



Director Madhusudhan Daga and President Ramesh.





## Ananda Yaan Update

**S**hiamak Davar Dancers from his Dance For Good Victory Arts Foundation came to Byculla Ananda Yaan Center on 11th December and performed and interacted with the Elders for an hour of happy dancing and activity. The Elders enjoyed it immensely and many even participated great joie de vivre. At the end, elders reluctantly waved goodbye to the dance troupe.

This Dance For Good effort is overseen by project leader Sejal Bhatt Paleja. They have also performed at Bhavaisha Yaan at various schools.



**When God blesses  
you financially, don't  
raise your standard  
of living.  
Raise your standard  
of giving.**



### Reliance Foundation Fact Files

**“I have recommended  
Reliance Foundation’s retail  
programme to all my peers.”**

*- Kirti Gavali, Nashik, Maharashtra*



Reliance Foundation’s Skilling and Employment initiative has benefitted many young men and women. Through this initiative, the Foundation identifies training needs, imparts technical and life skills, and provides placement and post-placement support in the retail sector.

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## Bhavishya Yaan Report

### BY at Mandragora Circo from Argentina!

29 students of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar school went to see the Mandragora Circo a wordless theatre and acrobatics performance at the Experimental theatre, NCPA. In this production, two clowns tell a story along with circus stunts and music. This comedy of love is understood purely by actions, acrobatics and juggling. Conventional and unconventional musical instruments weave the acts of this theatrical performance together.



The trapeze artist has the audience mesmerized with her aerial acrobatics!

An enjoyable afternoon for the children of Bhavishyaan!



**In Camera Committee**  
Invites you to

**Chai Pe Charcha**  
An evening of Tea Tasting

By  
**Pravin Bhansali**  
Our very own Rotarian

On  
Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> December  
At 6.30 PM

Followed by  
Cocktails & Dinner

Hosted By  
**Sarmi & Pravin Bhansali**

At  
Girnar Food & Beverages Pvt. Ltd., 401 CentrePoint  
Dr. B. Ambedkar Marg, Parel, Mumbai - 12

RSVP  
Rekha Tanna - 98210 22987  
Vrinda Rajgarhia - 98201 28480

Limited Seats. Please Register in Advance.



## Recipe Corner



Tara Deshpande



### Kransekake X'mas Cookie tree

Kranskekake is a Norwegian cookie made from marzipan rings.

The word kaker is used to describe not just cakes but a dish that is sweet and baked. It is also called Kransekage in Danish and is made for Christmas and on special occasions like weddings. A traditional Norwegian wedding Kransekake has 18 layers. This is a version made from cookie dough. This is a classic sugar dough recipe. You can use it to make all kinds of cookies in different shapes. Kids love making this tree.

#### INGREDIENTS:

Dough for 16-layered Kransekake style cookie tree (make half for 8)

- 6.5 Cups sifted all-purpose flour plus more for rolling
- 5 Teaspoons baking powder
- ¼ Teaspoon salt
- 12 (3 Sticks unsalted butter (softened)
- 3 Teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3 Cups fine white sugar or powdered your kitchen sugar in a grinder
- 4 Eggs, whisked lightly
- 2 Tablespoon cold milk

#### TO ASSEMBLE

- Edible glue and brush
- Dragees, glitter in green, white, silver, christmas red
- 500 Grams marzipan or fondant in similar colors
- 1.5 Cups royal icing in basic white. You can add food color to this for your choice of color scheme
- 8 Graduated star set, largest is approx 8-9 inches wide and the smallest 1.25 Inches

#### METHOD:

**For the dough:** stir the flour, baking powder together. Reserve. Beat the butter and sugar until fluffy. Add milk and beat in eggs with vanilla and whisk until incorporated. Stir in a cup of flour at a time until a soft dough forms. This dough will be sticky but will firm up once refrigerated.

Turn into a clean and dry plastic bag or an airtight box and refrigerate 3 hours or overnight.

Preheat oven to 375F. Cut parchment papers to fit 2-3 cookie trays.

#### TO ROLL THE COOKIES:

Sprinkle a clean surface area with flour.

You will require several cups of extra flour as you roll the cookies particularly if you are working in a hot and humid climate.

When the dough has softened slightly cut the dough into 3 equal pieces. Keep dough covered while working with each piece. Roll the dough to form a smooth ball. Use only as much flour as required. Excess addition of flour to the dough will make the cookies hard.

Once the dough is easy to handle place it on the cut parchment paper and roll it to the size and thickness desired. Start rolling from the center outwards in smooth motions until the dough is 1/5 inch thick.

Use the cutter desired, cut the shapes you like and pull away the cutter and the leftover dough. Start with the largest cookie cutter and work yourself up to the smallest. Cut a few extra cookies. Sometimes they break while taking them off the cookie sheet so it's useful to have extras. Roll the leftover dough again and repeat until you have all the cookies you need.

Lay the cookies on the parchment and bake till golden.

Cool completely before icing. Refrigerate in airtight boxes in hot and humid weather.

#### TO ASSEMBLE:

If using marzipan or fondant roll out the pieces and cut using the same size cookie cutter you plan to decorate. Apply edible glue to the cookie and lay the cut fondant or marzipan over it and press down very gently. Move on to the next layer and repeat with alternating colors or any color scheme you like.

Place some edible glue on the base cookie over the fondant or royal icing especially in the center where the next cookie sits. Place the smaller star over the larger one so that the corners of the stars do not overlap. Repeat with all remaining layers until you get to the smallest star.

Apply edible glue to the tips and corners of all the stars and sprinkle on glitter, dragees or any kind of sugar sprinkles you like. Alternatively icing the tips with a design of your choice. Cool completely.

These make wonderful Christmas Gifts.

## Forthcoming Events

### • December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

#### In Camera : Chai Pe Charcha

by Pravin Bhansali at Girnar Food & Beverages Pvt. Ltd., 401 CentrePoint, Dr. B. Ambedkar Marg, Parel, Mumbai 12.

### • December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017

#### Annual General Meeting.

### • December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Yuletide greetings and Christmas Lunch** by the Fellowship Committee at Sofitel Hotel BKC. Block your date.

### • January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

**Begin the New Year on a fragrant note. Amit Sarda addresses the Club on "Can fragrance shape decisions."**

### • January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Annual Golf Tournament.** For details contact Rtn. Hiranmay Biswas.



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**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year**  
**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**  
on Saturday,  
30th December  
12:30 pm - 3:00 pm  
Hosted by  
Ajit Lalvani, Anuj Arenja, Arif Lokhandwalla, Ghanshyam Sheth,  
Jayesh Jhaveri, Paul George, Sabira Merchant, Shom Jagtiani,  
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## NEXT WEEK

**Tuesday, December 26th, 2017**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**



## Birthdays & Anniversary Greetings



Rtn. Harkin Chatlani  
19th December



Rtn. Sanjiv Mehra  
19th December



Rtn. Zinia Lawyer  
24th December



Rtn. Ishraq Contractor  
25th December



Rtn. Dr. Mala Jagtiani  
25th December



Rtn. Sameer Tapia  
25th December

## Anniversaries

19th December - Rtn. Dr. Ambrish & Ptn. Mita Dalal  
- Rtn. Jamsheed & Ptn. Delna Vazifdar  
- Rtn. Ulhas & Ptn. Beena Yargop

21st December - Rtn. Ateeq & Ptn. Sahar Agboatwala  
Rtn. Dr. Aashish & Ptn. Phiroza Contractor  
Rtn. Ashwin & Ptn. Dhvanika Thakkar

22nd December- PP Rtn. Arjun & Rtn. Dr. Vandana Bulchandani

25th December - Rtn. Malcolom & Ptn. Michelle Desai  
Rtn. Manoj & Ptn. Soni Israni

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19th December - Ptn. Kanan Fotedar  
20th December - Ptn. Sheila Kripalani  
22nd December - Ptn. Komal Israni  
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## Statistics for last week's meeting

Rotary Club Bombay Members	127
Partners	05
Visiting Rotarians	01
Guests	04
Rotractors	09
Students & Parents	17
Total attendance	163
Community Service Box Collection	₹ 2,000/-