

## BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY



### From the President's Desk



Dear Friends,

#### The reason for giving.

Happy New Year to each of you'll.

I wish you all have a healthy and happy year ahead.

The festive season is drawing to a close.

But giving doesn't need a season.

Giving only needs a good reason.

And I will give you some very good reasons to give.

Your Club is managing some wonderful ongoing projects that are impacting the lives of the less fortunate. We have raised money for many of them. But some of them still need your help. You could donate generously to any of these causes and feel happy and secure that they are being managed by you fellow Club members and you can monitor them personally if need be.

**ADMC:** The Ajit Deshpande Medical Centre at Talwada is clocking record number of footfalls. That means there is a great need there for medical help. Your donation could fuel more activity by Dr. Ashwini our GP and our own Rohini, Mehernosh and Soli.

**Child Welfare:** We have taken baby steps in this area but there is a crying need to help street children and orphans. Please contact me if you would like to donate for this great new initiative we are planning.

**Environment:** Rajesh Shah has initiated many new community projects. There is a need for solar lighting in the rural area around Talwada. And environment is on top of our minds these days. You could be a part of their efforts.

**Animal Welfare:** A society is judged by the way it treats its animals. Bipin Vazirani and his team have been very active and could use your generosity.

**Rural Education:** We have built a Junior College with the help of a donation from Bharat Taparia. Why not get to involved in its running? There is a great opportunity for you to contribute toward building a great future for or Adivasi youth.

And of course there is TRF. You could contribute to The Rotary Foundation and be a part of the Rotary universe.

So I appeal to every member. Loosen your purse strings. And experience the joy of giving.

Thank you,



Ramesh Narayan



L to R - Rtn. Homi Katgara, Rtn. Framroze Mehta, Rtn. Meera Alreja, IPP Rtn. Dr. Mukesh Batra, President Elect Rtn. Vijaykumar Jatia, Honorary Secretary Rtn. Bimal Mehta, Rtn. Dr. Ashok Kripalani, Rtn. Hiranmay Biswas, Rtn. Pradeep Gupta and Rtn. Mehul Sampat.



L to R - Rtn. Rhea Bhungara, Rtn. Mudit Jatia, Rtn. Zeenia Master and sitting Rtn. Hursh Meghani.



Rtn. Meera Alreja, IPP Rtn. Dr. Mukesh Batra, President Elect Rtn. Vijaykumar Jatia and Honorary Secretary Rtn. Bimal Mehta conduct the AGM.



The members in the audience cheer on!

### Today's Speaker

**Amit Sarda**, Managing Director of Soulflower



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## Poster Competition by the Cancer Aid Committee

Children in India are particularly vulnerable and in every 16 seconds, a child in India tries tobacco for the first time. This means that every day, 5500 Indian children try tobacco for the first time. Up to one-third of these children are under the age of 10 years. 14.6% of youth aged

Looking into these ground realities Salaam Bombay Foundation and Cancer Aid Committee of Rotary Club Of Bombay have joined hands together in implementing the three year Super Army - In School Leadership & Tobacco awareness programme (7th ,8th & 9th std) in Byculla East.



This year the school level drawing competitions for Byculla East Mun. School was conducted on 15th December 2017 in which 102 awareness level students participated.

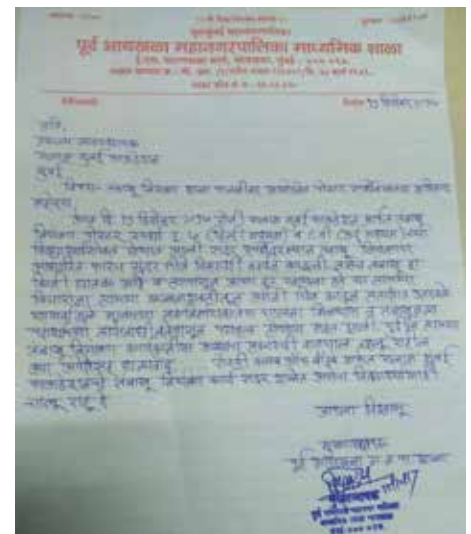
The process of drawing competitions started a month back where in the students were oriented

13 to 15 years currently use tobacco products. 15.5% of youth who do not smoke are likely to initiate smoking in the next year. By the time these children reach adulthood, one in two men and one in five women will use tobacco regularly.

Children from BMC schools lack the life skills needed to cope with these stressors and to combat the pervasive pressure use tobacco. Low self-esteem and self-confidence, coupled with a lack of leadership, communication- and problem-solving skills affect how these children and youth navigate the world. These factors strongly influence the children's abilities to make sound decisions for their lives and futures.

about the competition and they were time given to put their thoughts in the drawing. The principals and teachers were made aware about the activity and with the permission of Principal 15th December was selected as the day to conduct the competitions.

On the date of competition the students were gathered at the school hall and the competitions commenced at sharp 10 am. The students poured in innumerable ideas in their drawings. The students were able to disseminate information and awareness on tobacco through their drawings, these drawings showed us that the children have understood the hazards of tobacco and are ready



to lead their school to become free from tobacco.

To select the best 4 drawings the Principal of school Mr. Vidam Bole was invited by seeing the drawings he was very elated and he said "The students have created beautiful drawings and also through their thoughts they were able to convey the harmful effects of tobacco, so through this they will stay away from tobacco. I wish the students in their future endeavours in making their school free from tobacco. I thank Rotary Club of Bombay and Salaam Bombay Foundation for their efforts in tobacco control and wish the programme continues and the students get these opportunities in future also."

## Cancer Aid Committee Update

After the children made the anti-tobacco posters, they were then taken to the Byculla police station on 20th December.

Through an awareness session and a street play the students disseminated information about tobacco and got

support from the police personnel for their endeavor for a tobacco free environment.





## Bhavishya Yaan Update

The Bhavishya Yaan students from GK Marg participated in interschool competitions which were held all of last week. A total 39 BMC schools participated in the competitions. Our boy's team won a gold medal in Kabaddi. School captain, Kunal Shelar and his team were coached by our alumni, Mr. Pranit Kijbale, which was his way of giving back to Bhavishya Yaan. Our girl's team won gold medal in Kho-Kho.



## Bhavishya Yaan Celebrates Christmas

CCI held their annual Christmas party for the Bhavishya Yaan children. 700 Children from all the five schools attended the party. The party was every child's dream with trampolines, rides and music. There was bungee jumping, train rides, tattoo artists, popcorn, candy floss, games and lots more! Hundreds of children danced energetically to Bollywood music. They all went home tired and happy with their gift bags, a silver coin and snack boxes.

Bhavishya Yaan is deeply grateful to Rtn. Suresh Agrawal and the CCI events team for hosting this party every year. It's a party no BY child wants to miss and one that they look forward to eagerly every year.

Thank you Rtn. Sureshji and CCI!



### In Other News

75 street children from Salaam Balak Trust attended the Christmas party at CCI. Thanks to Rotarian Suresh Agarwal and Rotarian Ekta Shah for organising this.



### ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY

Tuesday, 26th December 2017

#### (1) Annual Report of Rotary Club of Bombay:

To consider and if thought fit, to adopt the Annual Report of Rotary Club of Bombay for the year 1st July 2016 to 30th June 2017.

"RESOLVED THAT the Annual Report of Rotary Club of Bombay for the year 1st July 2016 to 30th June 2017 be and is hereby adopted.

The Resolution is proposed by Rtn. Roda Billimoria and seconded by Rtn. Dr. Ashok Kripalani.

#### (2) Accounts of Rotary Club of Bombay:

To consider and if thought fit to adopt the Audited statement of accounts of Rotary Club of Bombay for the year 1st July 2016 to 30th June 2017.

"RESOLVED that the Audited Statement of Accounts of Rotary Club of Bombay for the year 1st July 2016 to 30th June 2017 be and are hereby adopted".

The Resolution is proposed by Rtn. Framroze Mehta and seconded by Rtn. Pradeep Gupta.

#### (3) Accounts of Rotary Club Bombay Charities Trust No.3:

To consider and if thought fit to adopt the Audited statement of accounts of Rotary Club Bombay Charities Trust No.3 for the year 1st July 2016 to 30th June 2017.

"RESOLVED THAT the Audited Statement of Accounts of Rotary Club Bombay Charities Trust No.3 for the year 1st July 2016 to 30th June 2017 be and are hereby adopted".

The Resolution is proposed by Rtn. Framroze Mehta and seconded by Rtn. Pradeep Gupta.

#### (4) Reappointment of Auditors

M/s. Sudit K. Parekh & Co. be reappointed as Auditors of Rotary Club of Bombay for the Rotary year 2017-2018 and their remuneration be Rs.20,000/- exclusive of out of pocket expenses and service tax.

"RESOLVED THAT M/s. Sudit K. Parekh & Co. be reappointed as Auditors of Rotary Club of Bombay for the Rotary year 2017-2018 and their remuneration be fixed at Rs.20,000/- exclusive of out of pocket expenses and service tax".

The Resolution is proposed by Rtn. Kirit Kamdar and seconded by PP Rtn. Dr. Sonya Mehta.

#### (4) Reappointment of Auditors

M/s. Sudit K. Parekh & Co. be reappointed as Auditors of Rotary Club Bombay Charities Trust No.3 for the Rotary year 2017-2018 and their remuneration be Rs.20,000/- exclusive of out of pocket expenses and service tax.

"RESOLVED THAT M/s. Sudit K. Parekh & Co. be reappointed as Auditors of Rotary Club Bombay Charities Trust No.3 for the Rotary year 2017-2018 and their remuneration be fixed at Rs.20,000/- exclusive of out of pocket expenses and service tax".

The Resolution is proposed by Rtn. Sitaram Shah and seconded by PP Rtn. Arun Sanghi



## (5) Election of Officers and Directors:

The next point on the Agenda is regarding Election of Officers for the Rotary year 2018-2019 and Directors for the Rotary year 2018-2020:

In response to the Circular dated 5th October 2017 sent to all members, the following valid nominations were received for Officers (2018-2019) and four Directors (2018-2020) of the Rotary Club of Bombay. The nominations mentioned below were scrutinized by the Board of Directors at the meeting held on Monday, 6th November 2017 and were found in order, to be a part of President-Elect Rtn.Vijay Kumar Jatia Team for the Rotary year 2018-19.

President-Elect	Rtn. Preeti Mehta
President-Nominee	Rtn. Framroze Mehta
Honorary Secretary	Rtn. Rekha Tanna
Joint Honorary Secretary	Rtn. Bimal Mehta
Honorary Treasurer	Rtn. Shiv Kumar Israni

### Directors (2018-2020)

Rtn. Hiranmay Biswas
Rtn. Pradeep Gupta
Rtn. Dr. Ashok Kirpalani
Rtn. Mehul Sampat

## “We now have a healthy option to fight malnutrition.”

- N. Mohan Reddy, Adoni, Andhra Pradesh



Reliance Foundation convinced residents of six villages and helped them establish community Reliance Nutrition Gardens (RNGs). These gardens have emerged as a healthy option in the villages, saving families the expense of buying vegetables, while boosting their health and immunity.

*These stories testify to Reliance Foundation's undying zeal to create equal opportunities for growth and prosperity in India.*



Touching over 12 million lives with support for Rural Transformation, Health, Education, Sports for Development, Livelihoods, Disaster Response, Arts & Culture, and Urban Renewal.

Since one nomination was filed for each vacancy, the nominees are declared elected unopposed.

My Hearty Congratulations to all and wish President-Elect Rtn.Vijay Kumar Jatia his team all the best for the ensuing year.

## Snowmen & Angels at Ananda Yaan

In many western countries, it is a tradition to decorate a Christmas tree. The true story is actually a little different: Long before the commencement of Christianity, plants and trees that remained green all year had a special meaning for people in the winter. Just as people today decorate their homes during the festive season with pine, spruce, and fir trees, ancient peoples hung evergreen boughs over their doors and windows. In many countries it was believed that evergreens would keep away witches, ghosts, evil spirits, and illness.

In the Northern hemisphere, the shortest day and longest night of the year falls on December 21 or December 22 and is called the winter solstice. Many ancient people believed that the sun was a God and that winter came every year because the sun God had become sick and weak. They celebrated the solstice because it meant that at last the sun God would begin to get well. Evergreen boughs reminded them of all the green plants that would grow again when the sun God was strong and summer would return.

Germany is credited with starting the Christmas tree tradition as we now know it in the 16th century when devout Christians brought decorated trees into their homes. Some built Christmas pyramids of wood and decorated them with evergreens and candles if wood was scarce. It is a widely held belief that Martin Luther, the 16th-century Protestant reformer, first added lighted candles to a tree.



Walking toward his home one winter evening, composing a sermon, he was awed by the brilliance of stars twinkling amidst evergreens. To recapture the scene for his family, he erected a tree in the main room and wired its branches with lit candles.

German settlers migrated to Canada from the United States in the 1700s. They brought with them many of the things associated with Christmas we cherish today—Advent calendars, gingerbread houses, cookies—and Christmas trees. When Queen Victoria's German husband, Prince Albert, put up a Christmas tree at Windsor Castle in 1848, the Christmas tree became a tradition throughout England, the United States, and Canada.

It is in that old tradition that we wanted to create a new tradition



and celebrate the Christmas Tree decoration with our senior citizens at Ananda Yaan, Byculla. Behind the concept of the afternoon was the creative mind of Krupa. She envisaged a concept of each senior citizen making an angel like snowman and an LED-lit Santa Claus. Sounds unusual? It was unusual! And all the more fascinating... More than 60 senior citizens at Ananda Yaan with great help from Rotaract Club Hinduja College were fully engrossed in the handicraft. While starting to decorate the tree, it became quiet crowded. The result was a truly beautiful and unique Christmas tree. During the afternoon we could not only see many lit Santa Claus faces but also many happiness-lit faces of our senior citizens.

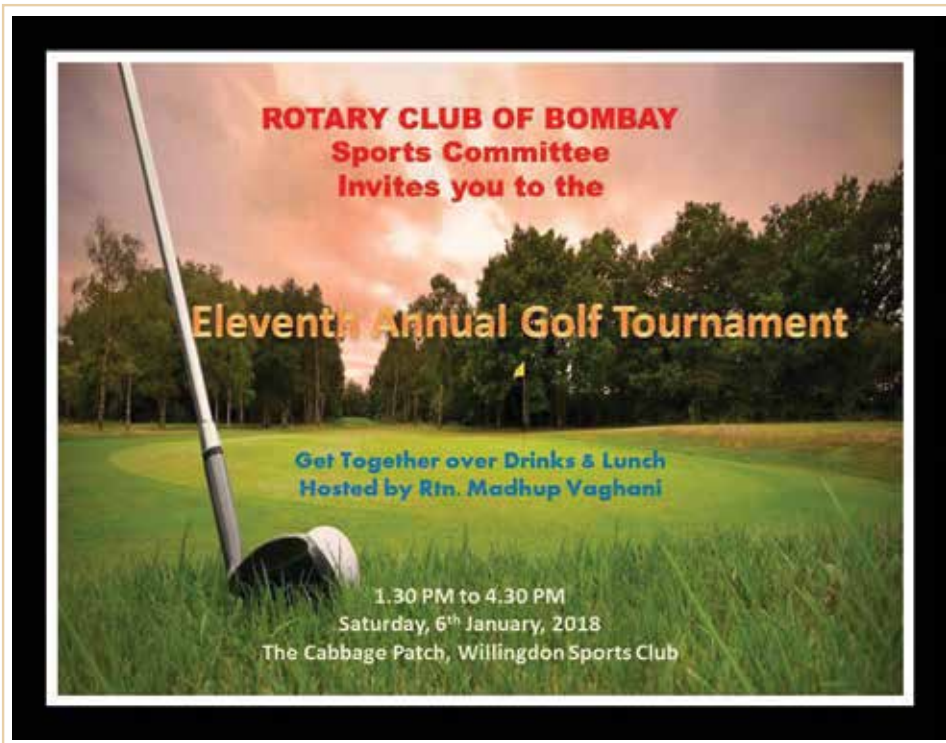


## Ananda Yaan Update - Elders & Gods

Some of the Ananda Yaan elders expressed a desire to see some temples. So an anonymous donor decided to fulfill this desire.

Almost 90 elders from both centres of Ananda Yaan piled into two buses and drove off for a day trip to Nerul to visit four temples and have a relaxed lunch at a garden there.

Chairman Alok Sekhsaria said, "They had a great trip. We were blessed."



## Be the Change...

PP Sonya Mehta brings to our notice a BMC app called Swachhata-MoHUA. Download it and any citizens complaints are required to be resolved within 24 hours.

Not enough citizens participate in this, says a recent article.

Says Sonya, "Please download it to your mobile from the App Store. We can't keep complaining and not take such a basic easy step to make a difference."

We agree. Be the change you want to see.

## Forthcoming Events

- **January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**Annual Golf Tournament.** For details contact Rtn. Hiranmay Biswas.
- **January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**Governor's Official Visit.**
- **January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**  
**Mr. Adi Godrej** receives The Rotary Club of Bombay Shri Pravinchanda V. Gandhi Award for Excellence in Public Life

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## NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

### District Governor Prafull J. Sharma

An avid nature lover, Prafull has been born and brought up in Mumbai. His family originates from Rajasthan. He did his schooling from Podar School, Santacruz and then studied Science at Junior College of K J Somaiya College, Ghatkopar. Later, after studying Printing Technology from Government Institute of Printing Technology and Photography at J J School of Applied Arts Campus, Mumbai, he went to Germany to specialize in Advanced Printing.



Later, he worked with Thomson Press Faridabad for five years, and with Nai Dunia Printery, Indore for two years. Since 1993, he is a partner at an offset printing unit, Scanna Graphics, in Mumbai. He also runs a content agency, Content Creators, with his wife.

He is a recipient of Rotary International's 'Four Avenues of Service Award'. In June 2009, he was District 3140's GSE Team Leader to RI Dist 1940 in Berlin, Germany. A Hindi lover, Prafull has translated a script, 'Astronomy of the Millennium' in Hindi for Nehru Planetarium, and is a voracious reader with a keen interest in travelling, trekking, cycling and performing arts. He has written many skits in Hindi on various Rotary topics which were very useful to communicate Rotary information to Rotarians during different Rotary events.



## Birthdays & Anniversary Greetings



PP Rtn. Nalin Parikh  
2<sup>nd</sup> January



Rtn. Arvind Agarwal  
6<sup>th</sup> January



Rtn. Rhea Bhungara  
8<sup>th</sup> January



Rtn. Dr. Suhas Shah  
8<sup>th</sup> January

### Partners

3<sup>rd</sup> January - Ptn. Gauri Jatia  
Ptn. Dhvanika Thakkar  
5<sup>th</sup> January - Ptn. Aparna Ramaswamy  
Ptn. Asha Shah  
6<sup>th</sup> January - Ptn. Sushmita Bluemel  
Dr. Sandesh Mayekar

### Anniversaries

6<sup>th</sup> January - Rtn. Mahesh & Ptn. Natasha Khubchandani  
7<sup>th</sup> January - PP Rtn. Paul & Ptn. Sheila George  
Rtn. Satyan & Ptn. Naveena Israni  
8<sup>th</sup> January - Rtn. Mirza Asad K. & Ptn. Hasmina Khan  
Rtn. Ramon & Ptn. Geetu Kirpalaney

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### Statistics for last week's meeting

Rotary Club Bombay Members	73
Partners	0
Visiting Rotarians	0
Guests	0
Rotractors	0
Total attendance	73
Community Service Box Collection	₹ 650/-