

BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY



From the President's Desk



Dear Friends,

The Official Club Visit of the DG went off very well.

It was nice interacting with the District Team headed by District Governor Prafull Sharma and nicer hearing him say kind things about our Club.

Yes the Rotary Club of Bombay is an institution built on the untiring efforts of its Past presidents and members over all these years.

We owe it to ourselves to protect this legacy and take it to another level in terms of the service we can offer to the underprivileged and less fortunate among us.

Some of us will be in Myanmar (Burma) when you read this. Rotarians are proving to inveterate travellers. And obviously they love traveling with fellow members of the Rotary Club of Bombay.

Thanks to PP Sandip Agarwala, the members of our Club will be meeting and interacting with members of the two Rotary Clubs there are in Myanmar. So we will be flying the RCB flag in exotic and historic Myanmar.

It was in PP Sonya's term that she actively promoted outstation fellowships and there has been no looking back after that.

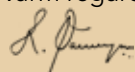
In February, the Assimilation Committee which has been in hyper-mode under the Chairmanship of Jimmy Vakharia will be in Mahabaleshwar with a rather large number of fellow-Rotarians. That should be a fun trip!

And then Anar Shah will be taking another batch of Rotarians to Rishikesh.

So you can see there will be a lot of traveling happening.

Our Club Assembly was synchronized with the visit of the District Governor so he could have a flavor of the wonderful work our various Committees have been doing in varied avenues of service. I thank all Chairpersons and Directors who were there. You'll really shown the bright face of the Rotary Club of Bombay to the Governor. And I thank members of the Interact, Rotaract and the Inner Wheel for participating as well.

Warm regards



Ramesh Narayan

Building Upon Legacy



At the end of the District Governor's speech, President Ramesh Narayan said, "His informality, his rigid approach to - one thing only - being on time, and the fact that he has been able to dispense with the frills and fuss, make him an extraordinary man."

Today's Speaker Dr. Shernaz B. Elavia



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Honorary Secretary Rtn. Manish Reshamwala brings the meeting to order.

As you well know, District Governor Prafull J. Sharma, or the extraordinary man - a title well deserved - is someone who wears many hats. But what makes him instantly likeable is his ability to put across his thoughts with the ease of a seasoned thespian. Thus, it is not surprising to realise that his

resume does reveal a passion for the performing arts, and that he has enriched the stage with several skits in Hindi. So during the time allotted to him at the pulpit, he spoke in English, Hindi, and at times, engaged us with his repertoire of Urdu poetry.

His itinerary, before the afternoon address, covered an interaction with office bearers at the headquarters in Nariman Point. There, he was able to get clarity on the Club's plan for the next six months. Thereafter, he sat through a series of presentations made by five Interact clubs, two Rotaract



District Secretary Rtn. Dharmendra Gurshani introduces the guest speaker.



President Ramesh Narayan, District Governor Prafull Sharma and Visiting Rtn. Steve Goldsmith.



Happy Birthday Rtn. Hoshang Nazir!



Happy Birthday Rtn. Pranay Vakil!



Happy Birthday Rtn. Baji Bilimoria.



President Ramesh Narayan giving birthday gift to Rtn. S.K.Mitra.

clubs, and other Rotary members. Therefore, a major part of his speech acknowledged and praised the warm hospitality and vitality with which our club is building upon its legacy.

"Today," the speaker said, "I felt like I was entering the house of my great great great grandfather." Our club is "the oldest club, among all the 91 clubs in India, established in the year 1929," but there, you have a fine example of what our President referred to as the Governor's informality. He continued, "After being taken through the quarterly report submitted to me, I can confidently say that the Rotary Club of Bombay is in safe hands."

Although not present physically in the midst of "all the activity," the District Governor claimed The Gateway to be his best source for "all that is happening in this club." And to those behind the constant flurry of activity, he showered praise in all the three languages, followed, each time, by a sustained applause.

He was especially happy that office bearers have been quick in executing his suggestion of adhering to a certain level of transparency, with regards to the disclosure of "where money that has been donated is going." And he is sure that it would only reap a positive outcome, considering the wave of optimism witnessed across all the clubs after the mandate was declared.

His version of an interaction with a non-Rotarian sums up the legacy of our club - perhaps it is an interaction we have all had - when a non-Rotarian asks, "Don't Rotarians just meet for parties?" And you wonder how you could possibly explain that "there is Bhavishyaan, [another] project called Jal Jeevan that gives 100,000 slum dwellers access to clean drinking water, and that the Rotary Club of Bombay has built an entire district, Talwada, only 113 kms away. Be it a polio drop, female empowerment, child education, or renewable energy, things are happening from morning to evening, but it is very difficult to explain that."

Bhavishya Yaan Update: Getting into the festive spirit at NMJ Marg

NMJ is back with a fun filled Saturday!

Makarsankranti, Lohri, and Pongal being around the corner, brought about a well spent Saturday at NMJ in preparation towards these festivals.

7th to 9th std students had a session on Makarsankranti and Pongal. It started with discussion on why they are celebrated? And their importance in our lives. The students wrote an essay on these festivals.

As kite flying plays an important role the students made kites and drawings of "Pots" for Pongal. Outcome of the session was students learnt the scientific and traditional reasons of celebrating these festivals.

The 5th and 6th std students on the other hand were shown videos of "Lohri, Pongal, and Makarsankranti Festivals of India" on YouTube.

A discussion was held on the importance and how they are

celebrated in different parts of our country. Thereafter the students were asked to answer the questions shown on video.

Primary section 3rd and 4th std.

The Rotract Club of H.R College students conducted two activities. First activity was "Spin the barrow," where they gave each student one word and spun the wheel which consisted of different questions for students to answer. This helped the students to learn new words and answers with fun and games.

In the second activity they did "Relay" in which the students were divided into 4 groups and were asked several questions. They were scored for giving the answers immediately. Thus learning quick thinking and to respond fast.

Meanwhile 1st and 2nd standard students watched a movie "The Good Dinosaur." An interactive session was held after the movie with the kids.



Activity and Fun Filled Saturday for all at NMJ!

Meanwhile after a Parents and Students meeting held yesterday for 10th std students for their well being in terms of their rest, sleep required, environment at home, food and efforts to reduce stress by not pressuring them for desired percentage etc. during their exam time. The 10th std students are now busy preparing for their preliminary exams starting on the 15th of this month.

Hopefully they and their family will follow all that was talked and advised to them during the meetings.

Nutrition Committee Update

The Nutrition Committee with the following members Harry Singh Arora, Ekta Shah, Avaan Vakharia, Anar Shah, Mahesh Khubchandani planned on carrying the following activities at 5 Bhavishya Yaan Schools everyday.

- Distributing bananas
- Distributing Threptin biscuits as a source of protein twice a week in all 5

In addition, over a continuing programme, they are distributing peanuts / chana and protein snacks in Ambedkar and G K Marg Bhavishya Yaan schools everyday.

This is being done as the Maharashtra Government has not spent any of the Rs. 10 crores allocated to alleviating malnutrition in children.

They are also starting a programme for awareness of having nutritious food through Sanskar Foundation headed by Mrs. Kiran Madaan who is the wife of MMRDA commissioner

Mr. U P S Madan, and, is personally taking interest in starting this programme and has designed the module for the committee.

A list of 90 classes from 56 schools has been put together where the programme can be conducted. The programme will run from January 2018 to March 2018 and would be completed in around 2- 3 sessions in each of the classes from the selected schools (based on time allotted by schools). The sessions will be conducted once a week in each class and time tables will be fixed as per school permissions received for the same. Over 3000 children will benefit from the same. This will be scaled up to 4000 when permission for the additional schools comes in.

Through the programme, children will be made to understand the importance of correct nutrition for a healthy life. Constituents of our diet

and the importance of each of them for various parts of the body's growth and functioning will be emphasised. Learning about a balanced diet, they will also be introduced to the deleterious effects of junk food and fast food. Healthy preparation of tasty fast food will be discussed and interesting recipes for nutritional snacks will be shared / demonstrated. Additionally children will be made to understand the importance of exercise for healthy living. A game or quiz will strengthen concepts and make learning enjoyable.

The cost of the entire programme would be Rs.2,70,000 only.



District Awards Report

Team Mukesh Batra does RCB Proud

IPP Mukesh did RCB proud by picking up a van full of trophies from the District 14 awards and the status of the number 1 Club in the District. Congratulations. A fitting finale.



IPP. Rtn. Dr. Mukesh Batra, PP Rtn. Arvind Jolly, R/Anne. Rashmi Jolly & R/aane Malti Jain.



PP Rtn. Nirav Shah & Rtn. Manoj Israni.



Rtn. Nirav Shah dedicated the Rotary Foundation (TRF) award to his father: Rotary HERO MY DAD NIRANJAN SHAH (an ex Rotarian of 40 years). His post was as follows: JAI HO! MAY VICTORY BE YOURS & GOD BLESS

Very poignant that the day after he posted this his father died.

Reliance Foundation Hospital Fact Files

FIRST ROBOTIC KIDNEY TRANSPLANT SURGERY IN MAHARASHTRA



On July 2, 2017, Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital created a milestone as it carried out the first Robotic Kidney Transplant in Maharashtra led by **Dr. Inderbir Gill, Dr. P P Rao and Dr. Shruti Tapiawala**. The latest robotic technology ensures lesser risk of infection, lesser pain, and a faster return to normalcy. Moreover, it enables greater precision over vascular anastomosis owing to higher magnification and finer scaled movements of robotic instruments.

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Eleventh Annual Golf Tournament - A Swinging Success!

History was created when eleven years ago, on January 12, 2008, 17 Rotarians teed off at the United Services Club for the First Annual Golf Tournament of the Rotary Club of Bombay initiated by Moy Biswas. Since then this tournament has been held every year and its ever-growing appeal has led to a roster of no less than 32 competitors.

On January 6, 2018, the Eleventh Annual Golf Tournament for the Trophy instituted by the Biswas family in 2008 was held once again at the Willingdon Sports Club.

President Ramesh Narayan officially began the tournament with a ceremonial tee-off at 8.15 am. Then the serious business started, pitting participants of ages ranging from 20 to 75 years, who played in the following groups:

Pradeep Chinai, Anand Shah, Sushil Jalan and Dinesh Lal; Madhup Vaghani, Kush Shah,

Rishi Dalal and Mihir Doshi; Mohit Jain, Bhavya Jain, Darious Irani, and Sanjay Desai; Subrata Mitra, Pashupati Advani, Abhay Jyotishi, and Rohini Chowgule; Dev Thukral, Arvind Jolly, Anil Goyel, and Ashok Advani; Brinda Shah, Padma Lal, and Bharti Purkar; Bimal Mehta, Dilip Dalal, Aziz Javeri and Vitek Goyel; Satyan Israni, Ali Merchant, Suresh Goklaney and Moy Biswas

While the camaraderie among players was excellent, their

competitive spirit was high, with all the golfers playing to the best of their abilities. The eagles, birdies and pars (as well as some unwanted bogeys) kept coming. Fortunately, the weather was excellent, with a cool winter morning to lighten the golfers' exertion.

Although the game was highly competitive, it was played in a spirit of friendliness which was facilitated by the meticulous planning and faultless execution of the indefatigable Moy Biswas. Exciting and electrifying as the tournament was, the fellowship that followed was equally engaging and exhilarating, what with the presence of several stalwart Rotarians and family members.

While Past President Arvind Jolly was out on the greens awaiting the outcome of the tournament, at the Cabbage Patch were PPs Rahim Muljiani, Rumi Jehangir, Sandip Agarwalla, and Nowroze Vazifdar.

After a group photograph with a very large number of Rotarians and family members present for this event, the presentation ceremony began with Moy with his usual sense of humour. He thanked Pradeep Chinai for facilitating the arrangements at the WSC as well as hosting the breakfast for the participants. He also thanked Mohit Jain of Jain family, Gautam Agarwal of Agarwal family,



Bimal Mehta and Fali Mehta for their generous contributions.

On behalf of the Sports Committee, Moy then presented a special present to President Ramesh Narayan for his constant motivation and encouragement.

Ramesh Narayan then came on stage and complimented Moy who was single-handedly responsible for introducing and nurturing this event and converting it into a flagship sports event of the year. He also thanked Madhup Vaghani for hosting this year's fellowship.

Moy was overwhelmed by Madhup Vaghani's generous contributions and sparing no efforts for making the fellowship most enjoyable. He also mentioned that Madhup has sponsored this fellowship earlier and this is his third time.

In appreciation for the non-participating ladies who have been present year after year for motivating and encouraging the participants,





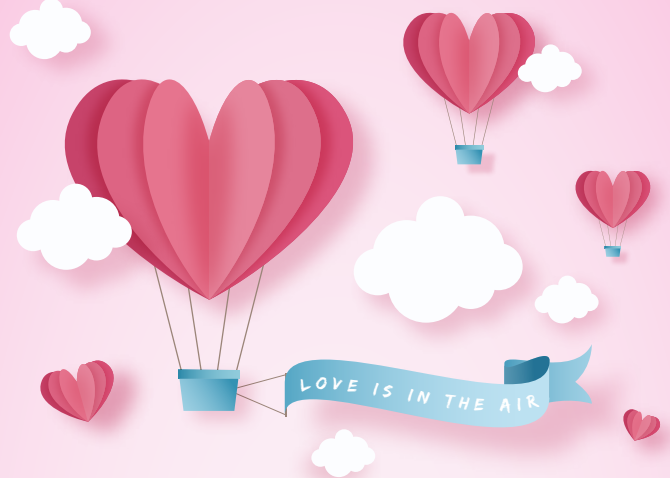
a lucky draw was organised and PP Rahim Muljiani eventually declared Rohini Chowgule as the "Lucky Lady".

The longest drive in hole no 01 was awarded to Rishi Dalal and nearest to the pin in hole no 08 was awarded to Mohit Jain.

The runner-up prize was presented to Anand Shah.

Finally, it was time to declare the winner and Rohini Chowgule was crowned the winner of the Eleventh Rotary Club of Bombay Annual Golf Tournament. This is the third time Rohini has bagged this trophy. Loud applause greeted the announcement and all those present congratulated the champion as President Ramesh and Moy presented the winner's trophy.

- 1 SUBRATA MITRA WINS FIRST GOLF TOURNAMENT, BECOMES CLUB'S TIGER WOODS
- 2 Anil Goyel wins the second annual golf tournament : SECOND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNEY
- 3 THREE GENERATIONS ON THE GREENS
- 4 Dev Thukral wins golf tournament - but Fellows wins the day !
- 5 GOLF TOURNAMENT TO RESIST ' GLOBALISATION'
- 6 Rohini bags trophy, but Fellowship triumphs at the golf tournament
- 7 Seventh annual golf tournament a roaring Success
- 8 Fellowship triumphs at the Golf Tournament
- 9 9th Annual Golf Tournament & Fellowship: A Swinging Success!
- 10 Fellowship triumphs at the Tenth Annual Golf Tournament



FAMILY FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

On Sunday, 11th February

12:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Hosted by

Ajit Lalvani, Anuj Arenja, Arif Lokhandwalla, Ghanshyam Sheth,
Jayesh Jhaveri, Paul George, Sabira Merchant, Shom Jagtiani,
Vinay Sanghi, Biswajit Chakraborty

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Forthcoming Events

- **January 23rd, 2018**
Mr. Adi Godrej receives The Rotary Club of Bombay Shri Pravinchanda V. Gandhi Award for Excellence in Public Life.
- **January 30th, 2018**
Mr. Khushroo Santook will address the club after receiving an award from the Rotary Club of Bombay
- **February 11th, 2018**
Family Fellowship Lunch at the Jyran, Sofitel Hotel, Bandra Kurla Complex.

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NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER - MR. ADI GODREJ

Adi Godrej is Chairman of The Godrej Group. The Godrej Group is a mainly privately held, over a 100 year-old family conglomerate, with operations in India and several other countries. Mr. Godrej has been president of several Indian Trade and Industrial Bodies and associations.

He is Chairman of the Board of the Indian School of Business, and Past President of the Confederation of Indian Industry. He has been a member of the Dean's Advisory Council of the MIT Sloan School of Management, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies and a member of the Wharton Asian Executive Board. Mr. Godrej is also a patron of the Himalayan Club.

Mr. Godrej is a recipient of several awards and recognitions, some of them are: The Rajiv Gandhi Award 2002, The American India Foundation (AIF) Leadership in Philanthropy Award, 2010, The Entrepreneur of the Year for the Asia Pacific Entrepreneurship Awards 2010, Best Businessman of the Year for the GQ Men of the Year Awards 2010, Chemexcil's Life Time Achievement Award 2010, AIMA-JRD Tata Corporate Leadership Award 2010, Bombay Management Association - Management Man of the Year Award 2010-201, Qimpro Platinum Standard award for business in 2011, Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the year 2012, The Padma Bhushan 2012, The Asian Awards, Entrepreneur of the Year 2013, The All India Management Association-Business Leader of the Year 2015, The Clinton Global Citizen Award 2016 for his Leadership in the Private Sector, The Lifetime Achievement Award at the 11th CNBC AWAAZ Real Estate Awards 2016-17, Sir Jehangir Ghandy Medal for Industrial and Social Peace at the 61st Annual Convocation of XLRI in March, 2017, Global Leadership Award at the U.S. India Business Council Leadership Summit at Washington, D.C. in June, 2017, Recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Forbes India Leadership Awards (FILA) 2017.

Mr. Godrej holds a bachelor's and a master's degree from the Sloan School of Management at MIT.



Birthdays & Anniversary Greetings



Rtn. Darius Irani
16th January



Rtn. Prakash Jotwani
16th January



Rtn. Dr. Ramchandra Lele
16th January



Rtn. Arin Master
16th January



Rtn. Subrata Kumar Mitra
16th January



Rtn. Apurva Diwanji
17th January



PP Rtn. Haresh Jagtiani
17th January



Rtn. Ratan Tankha
18th January



Rtn. Farhat Jamal
19th January



Rtn. Gaurav Nevatia
19th January



Rtn. Rohan Dalal
20th January



Rtn. Meera Kumar
21st January



Rtn. Ashok Minawala
21st January

Anniversaries

17th January - Rtn. Dr. Ian & Ptn. Blossom Pinto
18th January - Rtn. Abhinav & Ptn. Nidhi Aggarwal
Rtn. Manoj & Ptn. Swapana Murarka
19th January - Rtn. Darius & Ptn. Anahita Pandole
20th January - Rtn. Jimmy & Ptn. Navaz Pochkhanawalla
21st January - Rtn. Ishraq & Ptn. Gulrez Contractor
PP Rtn. Pradeep & Ptn. Sunita Saxena
Rtn. Sohail & Ptn. Reshma Shikari
Rtn. Devindra Nath & Ptn. Shama Thukral
22nd January - PP Rtn. Sandip & Ptn. Malini Agarwalla
Rtn. Anand & Ptn. Purvi Shah

Partners

21st January - Ptn. Benaifer Billimoria

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Statistics for last week's meeting

Rotary Club Bombay Members	107
Partners	05
Visiting Rotarians	04
Guests	00
Rotractors	10
Interactors	21
Total attendance	147
Community Service Box Collection	₹ 1040/-