

BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY



President's Pick

Dear friends,

The person who will head the Rotaract movement in the coming Rotary Year is our own Rotaractor Hansika Shahani.

Youth has a large role to play in the Rotary movement and some of these young Rotaractors grow to become fine Rotarians. Our IPP Mukesh Batra is one of them.

We have been encouraging Rotaractors to spread their wings and they have been flying well.

I am sure Hansika will be a fine young leader and I wish her well.



Ramesh Narayan
President



Warm Rotaract Greetings!

The Rotaract movement has taught me a lot of things and has also enhanced me as a person!

The position of the District Rotaract Representative is really big and gives the chair a chance to head 4000+ youth of Mumbai.

As a DRR there are projects that we at RID 3141 do for the enrichment of the members. The district thrust areas for the year 18-19 are as follows

1. Digitalization 2. Water irrigation 3. Sanitization 4. Sustainability
5. System and processes 6. Training and revival for clubs

There are major projects that we do at the district level:

RED - Rotaract Entertainment Destination RISE - Rotaract Initiative for Sports Excellence

District Conference - Half yearly conference

District Assembly - handover of the DRR's

WRY - world Rotaract Youth week a rally which is organized for the cause of education.

Jashan E 3141 - A 5 day celebration during the Ganpati festival where we do a cultural exchange with various districts nationally and globally.

RYPEN - A two day event where we teach new things to the Interactors and enhance their learning and broaden horizons.

MUN - Model United Nations where we imitate the UN and students from various schools and colleges participate.

MIPS - Model Indian Parliamentary Session where the Rotaractors take the problems of the Lok Sabha and address the issues

The year 2018-19 is a year full of things and fundraisers and also a lot of fellowship!

So lets strive to achieve with that ONE SOCH in the year 2018-19

Yours - in - Rotaract : Rtr. Hansika Shahani

District Rotaract Representative, 2018-19, RID 3141

"Why the hell don't you come and meet me?"



Once again, last Tuesday's speaker needed no introduction. However, to satisfy the curiosity of those wondering how she didn't slip into obscurity like most actresses of her generation, a little must be said about Tanuja Mukherjee's new avatar. Yes, she's featured less

Today's Speaker Dr. Shubha V



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on page three, but stills gets ample coverage for her work as a "fierce environmentalist."

At present, she resides in Khandala, and prefers to host her friends and family there. That's not because retiring to a hermitage is her way of counting off the days, but because she wants to put an end to the destruction of the hill by unlicensed builders. In fact, it was she who filed a PIL to curb illegal construction in Khandala, after which the government appointed a special committee, headed by a retired judge, which oversees all the approvals granted by the Lonavala Municipal Body for new constructions.

To our pleasant surprise, she did not speak about the environment. There was no mention of the environment,

until she was presented with the honour of trees planted in her name in true Rotarian fashion. Instead, she took the opportunity to share her views on "What the future holds for our children, and what we, as parents, have to deal with in the rapidly changing Indian culture."

Like most of us, she faces the careless indifference that people show by getting distracted by their phones when you try to engage them in a conversation. It can get a tad unnerving when your own family

members behave in such a manner.

"It occurred to me when my grandchild was on the iPad all the time. Even when I went to meet them, they had no time for me," she said.

Many nodded their heads in approval when the veteran actress drew upon the conclusion that "we human beings have lost touch with our humanity." Why else would "we not talk to each other anymore, write letters, or even speak on the telephone?" Although her grandchildren do lift their heads up from their mobile screens to acknowledge her presence - with the nonchalant "Oh, hi nani!" - she does not believe that is communication.

Her solution is to "go back to being human again." That's why she tells her grandchildren, "The next time you come to my house you are not allowed to bring your mobiles." Since it is





Happy Birthday Rtn. Jaidev Merchant!



Rtn. Nanik Rupani asks a question



Nandini Dias addresses the audience

best that they either visit and talk to her or simply "go back home."

Understandably, Mukherjee isn't playing the hostile granny for the sake of being one (and, no it isn't her excuse for getting into character for an upcoming film), but because "one must be strict."

She deals with her children similarly too, as was established from this anecdote: When she finally returned her daughter's call, after the latter had tried incessantly to get through, the conversation took an interesting turn. It began like this, "Mom! Why the hell don't you answer?" To which she snapped back, "Why the hell don't you come and meet me?"



Young At Heart Committee

Cordially invites

RCB Senior Members with Spouses
to

Cocktail, Music & Dinner

on

Wednesday 14th March, 2018

7.30pm onwards

At The Terrace Hall
Malabar Hill Club, Hanging Gardens,
Mumbai – 400 006

YHC Members:-

PP Rajnikant Reshamwala.

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ROTARIANS MAKING WAVES



CFBP JAMNALAL BAJAJ UCHIT VYAVAHAR PURASKAR 2016-2017 was awarded to Sipra Engineers Private Ltd. in the Category of Manufacturing Enterprises-SME.

Award will be given by Shri Ram Vilas Paswan, Hon'ble Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public distributions, the Chief Guest for the award function in the presence of distinguished guests along with Guest of Honour Ms. Arundhati Bhattacharya, EX-Chairman, SBI.

Third Annual Football Event Report

Early on the morning of Sunday 4th February 2018, 13 eager Rotarians assembled at the NSCI (venue organised courtesy Satyan Israni) for the Third Annual Rotary Football games and fellowship. Also joining the fun were the kids Tannu, Kajal, Anjali, Satyam, Raja, and Vritika Sampat (daughter of Mehul Sampat).

Moy, our ever-enthusiastic Co-Chairman, was among the first to arrive but we were denied the chance to see his famous goalkeeping skills, as he joined PP Nowroze Vazifdar, Rtn. Freyaz Shroff and Rtn. Zeenia Master in choosing to shout encouragement from the sidelines rather than play.

After a group photograph, the first match commenced: This was Raj Ajmera's team consisting of Mudit Jatia, Satyan



Israni, Mehul Sampat, Vritika Sampat, Kajal, Satyam and Anjali vs. Jamshyd Vazifdar's team consisting of Anuj Arenja, Mahesh Khubchandani, Hursh Meghani, Vivek Himatsingka, Tannu and Raja. Three more matches followed the inaugural match, and they were played out with great camaraderie. A number of controversial goals were scored in each match, but everyone was

a winner as it was a thoroughly enjoyable morning.

At the end, trophies were presented by Co-Chairman Moy to Vritika Sampat & Anjali, and this was followed by a quick fellowship. The Sports Committee would like to thank all those who attended, for making the event a memorable success.



The assimilation committee organised an assimilation fellowship with a difference – the first ever Rotary Club of Bombay Assimilation Fellowship out of town. The event took over 60 rotarians – old and new to Maharashtra’s prized hill station and a favourite amongst most Mumbaikars – Mahableshwar – strawberry land, from 23rd-25th February.

“For the first time in our village, women have shared a public platform with others.”

- Santhanamary, Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu



In Ramanathapuram, the Village Association formed by Reliance Foundation has broken down social divides based on caste and gender. Santhanamary, elected to the Association’s executive committee, now leads development work in her village.

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.



Leading the merry group of Rotarians / spouses / partners / kids was our own President Ramesh Narayan and first Lady Devi. The Rotarians included the new and the old - Rahil & Vasudha Shah, Priyanka Jatia, Kasimali Merchant & Samaira, Manjeet Kriplani, Ami Tanna, PP Ashish Vaid & Gopi, PP Sonya Mehta & Bomi, Immediate PP Dr Mukesh Batra & Ambika, President Elect Vijay & Gauri Jatia, Sidhant Jatia and family, President nominee Preeti and Gautam Mehta, Honorary secretary Manish Reshamwala, Zinia Lawyer, Hoshang & Benaifer Nazir, Ritu Prakash and Noshir, Shenaz and Firoze Vakil, Arvind & Rachna Agarwal, Alok & Mayuri Sekhsaria, Ashok & Vatsala Jatia, Madhusudhan & Vandana Daga, Dipan & Radhika Mehta, Jimmy & Navaz Pochkhanawala, Ashok & Urvashi Minawala, Madhup & Minal Vaghani, Shernaz & Firoze Vakil, Anil & Neelam Goyel, S K Mitra & Susmita, Rekha Tanna & fly, Rajeev Narvekar, Pratap Patode & Falguni, Madhup & Minal Vaghani, S V Prasad & Jaya and Avaan and Jimmy Vakharia. Also present were Jimmy's sister and brother-in-law Dinoo & Zareer Pavri from Canada and visiting Rotarians Mehli Cama and Avi Dastoor.

The first event of the weekend was a sun-downer and dinner hosted by assimilation Committee Chairman - Jimmy & Avaan Vakharia with their son Rustom. The Vakharias played the perfect hosts at their heritage home, Barchester.



With the beautiful sunset in the background and overlooking the picturesque valley and garden, guests enjoyed cocktails and canapés. They danced and sang together with Willy Rimsu from Mizoram. Falguni and Pratap, Jimmy Pochkhanawala, Vandana Daga and Rekha's grand-daughter made the evening by singing for the crowd. It was a wonderful start to a weekend of festivities! Avaan's hospitality in Mumbai is legendary but she did all of that and more in Mahabaleshwar! The evening ended with President Ramesh cutting a beautiful strawberry cake to bring in his birthday! Thanks Jimmy, Avaan & Rustom.

Some of the enthusiastic Rotarians and partners met early next morning after breakfast, when our own Jimmy & Navaz Pochkhanwala led them on a beautiful forest trail and hike along Tiger Path. Beautiful views at the various points along the way proved to be the ideal way to begin the day. The chance spotting of herds of bison on three occasions, was the highlight of the walk. Thanks to our Mahabaleshwar guides - Jimmy & Navaz!

The group met in the afternoon at Zinia's beautiful home, Villa Zinia for one of the most sumptuous high teas! Zinia's high teas are the perfect ones and even the Queen wouldn't match up to that! Consider yourself lucky if you are in Mahabaleshwar with Zinia around and get invited to her High Tea.



She had gone all out, as usual. A toast was raised to President Ramesh on his birthday! Thanks Zinia.

The last event of the weekend was a cocktail and dinner party at Ashish & Gopi Vaid's home, The Oaks. Their home is an ode to Gopi's sense of design and Ashish's fine taste. The beautiful sprawling lawns, live music and the amazing Gujju spread proved to be the perfect finale to this lovely weekend! The ambience was exhilarating and the weather just perfect for this get-together. Dinner was followed with a lively music session on the patio which was enjoyed by one and all. Thank you Ashish & Gopi!



Holi at Ananda Yaan

Holi came early to our Ananda Yaan Centres as Ekta Shah arranged for colours and a flautist to engage our elders in some good old fashioned fun.



Bhavishya Yaan student from GK Marg uses art to say Happy Holi!



Forthcoming Events

- 13th March, 2018
Next Week's Speaker :
Bharat Dabolkar

Urban Heritage Committee of

Rotary Club of Bombay



Invites you to



Saturday 17 March '18 | 6.30 pm (75 mins without an intermission)
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Directed by **Lillete Dubey** • Performance by **Ira Dubey**

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NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER - BHARAT DABOLKAR

A theatre personality who, once in a while, acts in movies as well, there is more to Bharat Dabholkar. He was the man behind many Amul Butter ads and billboards. Before he slipped into roles, Dabholkar, a management graduate who studied law, started his career as a trainee in Philips.

During his time in Philips, Dabholkar always felt that he could do better than the campaigns created by the brand's agency. As it was, his first defining moment came when he quit (after sending applications to many agencies) and joined DaCunha Associates in 1977. The agency's head, Sylvester DaCunha aka Sylvie, took him on in the client servicing team and also matched Dabholkar's existing salary at Philips.

Dabholkar's serious interaction with theatre grew while he was at DaCunha Associates. The DaCunha brothers (Gerson and Sylvie) were much involved in theatre as were their peers who included Alyque Padamsee. Knowing Dabholkar and his penchant for Hinglish, Sylvie asked for his help in a couple of plays. Dabholkar started writing plays and has since written and directed 29 plays.

He has worked in popular movies like The Xpose and John Day.



Birthdays & Anniversary Greetings



Rtn. Moshin Contractor
8th March



Rtn. Hoshung Nanavati
9th March



Rtn. Dolly Thakore
10th March



Rtn. Dr. Phiroze Soonawalla
11th March



PP Rtn. Shailesh Haribhakti
12th March

Partners

6th March - Ptn. Priyanka Jatia
07th March - Ptn. Emma Lalvani
09th March - Ptn. Rukshana Bilimoria
12th March - Ptn. Geeta Rupani

Anniversaries

6th March - PP Rtn. Ajay & Ptn. Vandana Kanoria
7th March - Rtn. Renu & Mr. Subhabrata Basu
Rtn. Farokh & Ptn. Navaz Guzder
Rtn. Dr. Prakriti & Mr. Rohitshwa Poddar
8th March - Hon. Rtn. Mukesh & Ptn. Nita Ambani
11th March - PP Rtn. Arun & Ptn. Arti Sanghi

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Rotary Club Bombay Members	89
Partners	02
Visiting Rotarians	0
Guests	03
Rotractors	04
Total attendance	98
Community Service Box Collection	₹ 900/-