

## A Bulletin of Rotary Club of Thane Green City

Serving Humanity & Spreading Smiles...

Club No. 79433/ R.I Dist. 3142

August 2021

R.I. PRESIDENT  
SHEKHAR MEHTA

DISTRICT GOVERNOR  
DR MAYURESH WARKE

CLUB PRESIDENT  
NEELAM KELKAR

CLUB SECRETARY  
PRASANT PATRO

### RI President Shekhar Mehta's theme... "Serve to Change Lives"



He urges the Change makers to dream big, plan and set goals, inspire and motivate Rotarians to reach goals, to expand reach of our organisation by increasing membership and goals to increase the impact of Rotary by serving the world. For doing this the guiding mantra is "Do more and grow more". Do more as in doing bigger and impactful projects which will change lives and grow more as in increasing our membership following the mantra "Each one bring one" and expanding the participation. As we all serve, we change the lives of not only others, we change our lives too. Vivekananda, one of India's greatest philosophers, said "When you help someone, do not think that you are obliging him or her. In fact it is he or she who is obliging

you by giving you the opportunity to give back something to this world from where we have received so much. So friends, live for others, care for others and serve to change lives.

### Greetings to the fellow Rotarians of our District 3142

It does not seem like a time for great optimism, isn't it? but it must be. Even before these testing times, the Rotary world has dealt with crisis that tested Humankind's ability to progress and endure. In the age of Rotary also the world has faced many catastrophes, however we have survived and at every step of the way Rotary has helped the world heal.

#### Friends, we are Rotarians who:

**SERVE** using our own unique skills.  
**EMPOWER** others with our experience and expertise and  
**INSPIRE** others with our acts of integrity

We are a group of individuals who may not be equal in Age, Experience, Talent or Qualifications but we are **EQUAL** in one aspect and that is the **COMMITMENT**. Commitment to Serve and do good in this world.

Rotary has survived the test of time and survived for 116 years, a feat

which no other organization has done probably because we have touched millions of lives across the world and have made a difference in their lives.

Normally we have just 365 days in a Rotary year to execute what we plan, but at times destiny has some other plans for us and not always we get to do what we plan. But every challenge is an opportunity not only for renewal but also for growth.

Rotary opens opportunities for us to live a meaningful life with friends around the world. Covid has forced us to adapt, which is in fact good because our Strategic Plan asks us to adapt. In these difficult times we have learned that we can still do lifesaving humanitarian projects without being on field all the time. We have learnt to give despite the adversities and last but not the least, most of us have become Digitally advanced...

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Today if Rotary must realize its proper destiny, it must be revolutionary at times, but evolutionary always. As rotary leaders all of us have that ONE Year, 365 days to go forth and serve. Let this Rotary year be that blank page on which we will write the most wonderful script as we pass through the journey together and spreading smiles as we pass.

Great leaders don't set out to be leaders, they set out to make a difference. It is never about the Role, it's always about the Goal.

A Leader has to be a Dealer of Hope. He has to be ready to take risks, have vision and more dreams. He should be ready to recognize the potential in others and also celebrate others success.

One individual can do nothing in Rotary because it is always about the Teamwork. Remember that there is no "I" in the team but there is always a "U" in Volunteer. A leader should learn to delegate.

The world needs Rotary now more than ever. It is now up to us to make sure Rotary opens opportunities for generations to serve.

More so we are lucky in our Rotary year 2021-22 to have an Indian, Rtn. Shekhar Mehta as our Rotary International President. Hence, we need to deliver more than we promise.

Ambition is the first step to success and second step is Action. Failure is acceptable but not trying at all is not. It is the action and not the fruit of action that's important. One thing is certain, if you do nothing, there will be no result.

So, let us do whatever we want, whenever we want, let us get serious occasionally, show some affection, change the look and when everything else fails let's SMILE.

Though no one can go back and make a brand-new start, let us start from now and make a brand-new ending.

**LET US BE THAT SOMEBODY WHO MAKES EVERYBODY FEEL LIKE A SOMEBODY.**

**LET US GO FORTH TO SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES.**

**DG Dr Mayuresh Warke**



### **Message From AG Anindya Dasgupta**

Dear President Neelam,

It is indeed a pleasure to be associated with your vibrant club as AG, during this smile year.

I am amazed by the kind of service projects your club has been undertaking, on sustained basis.

I am really impressed with the annual plan detailed by you during the installation and the recent club assembly. It is truly remarkable that your club plans to undertake so many good community projects.

I wish you and your board all the very best.

I am sure you will be well-guided by many seasoned and dedicated members of your club, who are well-known for their district positions and contributions in many spheres.

I am certain that under your able and motivated leadership, Rotary Club of Green City will excel in all avenues.

I wish you a very glorious & satisfying smile year.

**YIR  
Anindya Dasgupta**

**“Whatever Rotary may mean to us,  
to the world it will be known by the results it achieves.”**



Dear Friends,  
Warm Rotary Greetings!

I am extremely happy to address you through our first issue of newsletter "Prakruti" in the smile year 2021-22. It is indeed an honour being a President of such an esteemed club. Would like to thank all my green family for giving me the opportunity to serve as the Club President. With the collective efforts of all of us I am sure we will succeed and take our club to bigger and newer heights. Thank you to all the District officials for facilitating and imparting the training that is required to handle such a big responsibility. Planning of the smile year started after the Pre- Pets was done. It was a very nice experience where I learnt many things and got new friends which are now part of my extended family.

RI President Shekhar Mehta has given us the vision of "Do more and Grow more", do more as in keep doing more and more service and spread smiles. Grow more as in grow in terms of Membership. If we

have more members we will have more ideas, we will do more and reach miles to spread smiles. Our DG Dr Mayuresh has given us the focus area "Chalo Murbad" where we can work in all the service avenues of Rotary and uplift the living of people in an all around way.

As a President, my passion is to work for girl child development and empowerment which is also our RI President Shekhar Mehta's focus and in that direction we plan to sponsor education fees for girls who are deprived of going to schools because of lack of financial support from their families. Helping them to take up vocational skill development courses which will make them independent and stand strong financially to support their families.

As we say well begun is half done. We started our smile year by doing "Annadaan" to the families of special kids of Jagruti Palak Sanstha. The smile on their faces gave us the motivation of doing more good. Month of July was quite exciting, keeping me busy with planning all the events and projects for upcoming months. We managed to do few service projects along with one fellowship event. We Planned a family day out for all the members along with their families which helped to create good bonding amongst us which was must needed after the long break of no physical meet restrictions of pandemic.

I pray, let the bonding and love among us get more and more strong. This bond will help us be together and create magic around us by serving humanity.

Let's work together and be the reason of someone's smile.

**Neelam Kelkar**  
**Smile President**  
**RC Thane Green City**



Dear friends, a big Shukriya to each and every member of the Green City family for their support, guidance and contribution in making the JOSH year truly memorable and successful.

Inspite of the pandemic and the challenges posed by it, we worked dedicatedly towards completing our goals and achieving all that we had planned to do in the JOSH year. Our efforts were richly rewarded when we received the topmost category award, the Platinum Club Award, for the best performing clubs in District 3142. Also we were gifted the CROWN award for being amongst the topmost clubs in the District for all round performance across all categories including Membership, TRF, Polio contribution, Service Projects, Hosting District Seminars and Events.

Friends, it's now time to bring on the SMILES. Rotarian Neelam Kelkar has taken up the mantle to lead our club in the year 2021-22.

The wonderful installation ceremony was conducted on 26<sup>th</sup> June with

DGE Kailash Jethani as the Chief Guest for the event. President Neelam shared her vision and plans for the year and also introduced her BOD in a unique style with the help of the sapt suras. The MOC for the event PP Pushan Vaidya made the installation melodious and memorable for all present.

So let us all get set to enjoy Rotary in the SMILE year and make more friends and spread happiness and smiles around us.

**Dr Aparna Walunj**  
**IPP RC Thane Green City**

## Membership : The Quality Vs Quantity Debate



Both of us Miya Biwi, joined Rotary Club of Thane Green City in June 2011. I think we were less than 30 members at the time and that too half of them were couple members and the remaining half were absconding members. So I fully understand when the president has to sit in the meeting and wait for members to arrive, at other times call and find out or even encourage members to come to the meeting to save face in front of a guest speaker. And then I became the president only to realize that now it was my turn to worry about membership. I remember once I was asked to speak on this Quantity V/s Quality debate and being a small club I was trying to rationalize how small is intimate, small is family, small is focused and other such stories to tell my mind that a small club was a healthy club.

But as a president I knew, small meant low attendance, low funds, extreme dependence, low interest in projects so smaller projects, low clout in district because of low TRF and low Membership...so small also meant insignificant and I didn't like being insignificant.

But I also came to learn about the perils of being too big. You had to face groupies and politics. It seems members didn't even know each other well and so didn't care for each other (This is hearsay since I had never been part of a big club) intimacy was lost, all and sundry became the members in this growth orientation.

And then I heard one of the Rotary leaders talk about why does the quality have to suffer at the cost of quantity? Why couldn't we have more members that brought better quality? Why are we afraid to expand? Why not have a wide variety and representation from all vocations? Why not have, a wider age spread, gender equal growth? And then I realized that it was never really a question of quality Vs Quantity instead it really was an issue of exclusivity yet having inclusivity. It was about being open to have cosmopolitan membership and about bringing together a larger group of like minded people. It is about delegation and decentralization yet unification of various efforts under the Rotary Banner.

It was about learning to grow as people by learning to grow as community both in values and in numbers.

What an insight! How I am beginning to learn that only by passing on what I had received freely and abundantly can I actually hope to retain...not only the new entrants but even myself !

So the journey towards 100 members begins...

**Pushan**  
**Director - Membership**

## Women of Today...

Jennifer Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Canada, has been nominated to become Rotary International's president for 2022-2023. In Rotary's 115 years history Jennifer would be first woman to hold the highest position in the organization. It shows today's woman is empowered though there are few rotary clubs in USA, which do not have female members.

Jennifer says, "I run a business, act as a Director on the RI Board, but still have to do grocery shopping, clean the house, buy birthday cards and Christmas presents too."

Woman's multitasking capacity makes her remarkable. Nature has made women a creator, nurturer. It is up to her to utilize her tremendous feminine energy.

Desire for achievement requires 2 things – The drive for mastery & support of audience. Women are deprived of this audience support. Women rarely gets applause as men get for same achievement. Our society discriminates against women in matter of rights and privileges. She is loved on playing a supporting role and her ambition is sucked.

Today's women have more opportunities than their mothers or grand-mothers had.

If men & women unite and stand together, they can bring desirable changes.

For that women need encouragement and support

from families to reach high positions in their professions. It's time to join hands together to eliminate inequality, injustice to make progress in the society and empower future generations.



**Rtn. Shraddha V Pai**



According to Time magazine, an average elevator ride in New York City lasts about 118 seconds.

Imagine that you happened to enter an elevator at the same time as a hiring manager for your dream job.

Using the New York City average, you have just under two minutes to pitch yourself and land the job of your life. What would you say? An elevator pitch is a brief statement of who you are and what your best assets are. You never know when opportunity will knock.

It may happen to anyone of us Rotarians. Someone asks us what is Rotary .... and we are stumped. Not because we do not know what is Rotary, but we wonder how to compact such a vast amount of information into an answer short enough to keep the attention

of the audience and yet cover all the essential information - in just under 2 mins. Information is all from extracts of Rotary's official website.

Try it out for yourself, can you do it in under 2 minutes?

## **What we are - People of action**

Rotary is where neighbors, friends, and problem-solvers share ideas, join leaders, and take action to create lasting change.

## **We connect people**

Rotary unites more than a million people worldwide.

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

## **We transform communities**

We take action locally and globally.

Each day, our members pour their passion, integrity, and intelligence into completing projects that have a lasting impact. We persevere until we deliver real, lasting solutions.

## **We solve Problems**

No challenge is too big for us

For more than 110 years, we've bridged cultures and connected continents to champion peace, fight illiteracy and poverty, promote clean water and sanitation, and fight disease.

## **What we do - Areas of Focus**

### **Promoting Peace**

Rotary fosters understanding across cultures. We train adults and young leaders to prevent and mediate conflict and help refugees who have fled dangerous areas.

### **Fighting Disease**

We are resolved to rid the world of polio forever. We also educate and equip communities to stop other diseases and expand access to health care.

### **Providing Clean Water**

We help bring sustainable clean water, sanitation, and hygiene to more people every day. We don't just build wells and walk away.

### **Saving Mothers & Children**

We expand access to quality medical care, sanitation, education and economic opportunities so mothers and their children can live and grow stronger..

### **Supporting Education**

Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

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## Growing Local Economies

We carry out service projects that enhance economic and community development and create opportunities for decent and productive work for young and old.

## Protecting the Environment

We are committed to supporting activities that strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources, advance ecological sustainability, and foster harmony between communities and the environment

## Music – Scientifically Delivering Eternal Joy



“A thing of beauty is a joy for ever” said the famous poet John Keates in his poem Endymion published in 1818. All humans endeavour to have a happy and joyous life. In Rotary, we believe in the Joy of Giving and Joy of Service. But there are many other ways we seek joy in our lives. And there are some universal recipes for joy – for most of us, one thing that always brings joy is Music. The kind of music we all like may differ but it is a rare human who doesn't like any music. Music can be Indian or Western, Country or Folk, Classical or Film, fast or slow, and yet it is universal in nature. A thing of beauty that gives us joy and binds the humanity that very few other things do.

Music across the world evolved from humans observing nature and imitating sounds from nature to begin with. Today, sometimes, music is synthetic and at times seems like cacophony but just like the beauty of music and the joy it gives is timeless, so is the theory of music. And the reason is music is as much science and mathematics, as it is art. And if you don't already know, Indians from centuries ago were masters of this science and mathematics. There is mathematics in the swar / sur and there is mathematics in the beats. Most know that beats are mathematical constructs but the swars are too! Swars are specific frequencies of sound and each swar is separated from the next of previous by a mathematically defined interval! While we usually know of the seven (7) swars or notes, Indian classical music recognises and practices a total of 22 Shrutis. Shruti is the smallest gradation of pitch recognisable by human ear. And can you believe it, these shrutis were noted in ancient and medieval Sanskrit texts like Natya Shastra and Sangeet Ratnakara! What's more, Chandayoga Upanishad describes dividing the Octave into 22 Shrutis. Imagine, this was done long before scientific instruments to detect and replicate minute variations of sound were available. This is a mere glimpse into the science of music, there's a lot more for those eager to learn.

The month of August, has seen two great music maestros, born in Maharashtra. We in India and especially in Maharashtra should be proud of them and their timeless contributions to Music as we experience and learn today.

First is Vishnu Narayan Bhatkhande (10-Aug-1860 to 19-Sep-1936). Mr Bhatkhande was the first person to write a modern treatise on Indian music, which was largely oral tradition till then! He created the system of notations that is used as a standard system of “writing” Indian music even today – Bhatkhande Paddhat. This was a painstakingly detailed work that involved not only an understanding of music but also the ability to codify it and standardise it, whereby it could be accepted as the standard for notation. He also composed several bandishes himself to explain the grammar of music!

Second is incidentally also another Vishnu! Vishnu Digambar Paluskar (18-Aug-1872 to 21-Aug-1931). The famous Bhajan “Raghupati Raghav Rajaram” was first sung by him. And followed by many and still continues to captivate Indian psyche. But his major contribution is establishment of the Gandharva Mahavidyala – the music university that grants degrees like Visharad to our music students! Incidentally, Mr Paluskar is also the arranger of music for India's National Anthem – Jana Gana Man!

It only apt that as we enter the month of August in a new Rotary year presided by a Visharad President Ms. Neelam Kelkar, we start the year talking about music and look forward to eternal joy!

**-Anil Joshi**





## From The Editor's Desk - Sumir Sahni



The key is to give people the opportunity to contribute to their community.” and to except that opportunity and rise to the occasion and think of the openings it would create to connect with people and serve the society is like a dream come true. Rotary forms a bond that is stronger than relations sometimes. Like Brotherhood, Like the pillars that hold biggest of buildings, Like a dam that can hold all the floods of tears and sorrow, Friendship in rotary is like a rainbow... end to end filled with colours holding and blending with each other.

Lets together celebrate rotary and make a chain of goodness and joy in the society.

# Club Projects - a Glimpse

**Rotary Club of Thane Green City**  
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Let's be the reason for another's Smile.

Rs. 820/-  
is all it will take to make a donation for

**"Annadanam"**

The Package of Food Grains will be Donated to SPECIAL KIDS of Jagruti Palak Sanstha, a day care center of special kids.

Club President : RTN. NEELAM KELKAR 9819322363    Club Secretary : RTN. PRASANT PATRO 9082184160



## DROP OF HOPE Blood donation



## Afforestation - Aranya Habitats



## Caring for the Mentally challenged



## Saving the globe - Plastic & E-waste Collection Drive

# Club Projects - a Glimpse

## Family Day at RCTGC Bunglow...



### Topic- Solid Waste Management

Speaker Meeting - 10th July

We have invited Mr. Ulhas Parlikar, ex-Director, Geo-cycle Business and currently a global Consultant to various Govt. Bodies and Industry Associations on strategies for Waste Management, Circular Economy,

### "Reincarnation - Fact or Fiction"

Venue: Zoom - Time: 7 pm - Date: 17th July 2021

We can become the "change agents" to make our Earth a better place to live in for ourselves and our future generations.

We have invited Prof. Vidyadhar Ghaisas, a renowned authority in astrology & numerology to speak to us on

Date: 17th July 2021 - Time: 7.30 pm - Venue: Zoom



### **AUGUST ANNOUNCEMENTS**

August being the Membership month we have planned the new **Member Induction Ceremony** on **8th Aug.** on virtual platform. The Chief Guest of ceremony will be our PDG Dr Mohan Chandavarkar. In his presence we will welcome all the new members to our family.

On **28th Aug.** we will be hosting one of the prestigious seminar of District ie **TRF Seminar.** Our own Past President Sangram Joshi who is also the Avenue Chair TRF Support will convene . All of us at Green City would be working together to make this a grand event.

### **NEW INDUCTIONS**

The Green family heartily welcomes into its fold the following new members:  
Preeti Karia and Tejal Mehta



# Club Projects - a Glimpse

## Projects completed in July 2021

### Annadaan

The Smile year started with grocery kits being distributed to families of under-privileged children at Jagruti Palak Sanstha, a day-care centre for Special children, on 1st July 2021. 90 kits were distributed to these families to suffice their need for two months. We would like to heartily thank our member, Chandrasekhar Limaye, for his generous contribution. Several other members also made contributions to this cause.

### Drop of Hope

As part of a District initiative, our Club along with 3 other Rotary Clubs organized a Blood donation camp at Ford Showroom near Majhiwada on 4th July 2021, in association with Lokmanya TSSIA Blood Bank.

### Aranya Habitats

Basis a bipartite agreement, the Forest Dept. of Maharashtra has ear-marked a 1-hectare land at Shilphata for afforestation. Our Club would develop an "Urban Forest" and maintain the same for 3 years before handing it back to the Forest Department. On the 11th of July 2021, our members gathered together for a mega-tree plantation at the site. Around 180 saplings and small trees were planted. Regional Forest Officer, Mr. Amit Muthe and Beat Officer, Mrs. Panchasheela, were present on the occasion to guide and motivate us.

### Saving the Environment

A plastic & e-waste drive was started on 18th July 2021 in front of Eternity Complex, Teen Haath Naka in collaboration with Urja Foundation. Nearly 400 kgs of plastic waste and around 90 kgs of e-waste were collected. Such drives would be continued in alternate months in different housing complexes.

### Caring for the Mentally challenged

Our Club has been providing monthly medicines for the mentally challenged special children of Jagruti Palak Sanstha for several years now. On 31st July 2021, about 13 children were given their medicines by Smt. Charulata Kulkarni (mother of our member, Jitendra Kulkarni). We thank Jitendra for sponsoring the entire cost of these medicines.

## HAPPY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Birthdays:** 3rd August - Parth (son of Jyoti Kalantri)

5th August - Visakha (daughter of Preeti Karia)

6th August - Karan (son-in-law of Dattatrey Utekar)

6th August - Vinita (spouse of Keshav Pitre) 6th August - Rohan (son of Keshav Pitre)

8th August - Asawari (daughter of Makarand Kunte)

14th August - Snigdhaa (daughter-in-law of Prachi & Pushan Vaidya)

15th August - Vipul (son of Sharad Varaskar) 18th August Mohan Telang

18th August - Amrita (daughter-in-law of Keshav Pitre)

19th August - Tanvi (daughter of Chandrasekhar Limaye)

20th August - Mitalee (daughter of Milind Somani)

20th August - Rita (daughter-in-law of Dattatrey Utekar)

23rd August - Tejas (son of Shraddha Pai)

26th August - Durgesh (son of Sucheta Bhirud)

26th August - Durva (daughter of Sucheta Bhirud)

26th August - Rahul (son of Rekha Desai)

27th August - Sumir Sahni

30th August - Makarand Kunte

31st August - Prasad Tendulkar

**Anniversaries:** 15th August Vinita & Vilas Joshi

**THE GREEN FAMILY WISHES EACH ONE OF THEM  
A VERY HAPPY AND SAFE BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY**

# SMILE BOD 2021-2022



Neelam Kelkar  
President



Prasant Kumar Patro  
Club Secretary



CP Uday Bhagwat  
Treasurer



Sucheta Bhirud  
Jy. Treasurer



PP Prachi Vaidya  
Club Trainer



Archana Joshi  
Director - TRF



Jyoti Kalantri  
Director-Club E-Admin.



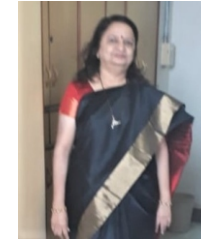
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Director - Medical Projects



Sumir Sahni  
Director - PR &  
Club Bulletin Editor



PP Anil Joshi  
Director - Membership  
Retention

## WE TRACK OUR PROGRESS

### Annual Membership tracker

Current members – 49  
Net additions this month - 2

### Annual TRF tracker

Target – \$ 8000  
Committed this month - \$ 2800

### Monthly Project tracker

Project	Nature	Budgeted	Sponsorship	Actual Spent
Grocery kits - Annadaan	One-time	35000	105870	73818
Blood Donation Camp - Drop of Hope	On-going	10000	0	2112
Afforestation - Aranya Habitats	On-going	180000		16400
Plastic & E-waste drive	On-going			400
Flood relief for Mahad	One-time		38000	40600
Monthly medicines at JPS	On-going	100000	10000	11008

“This is a changing world:  
we must be prepared to change with it.  
The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again.”  
- Paul Harris