



REFLECTIONS

In Giving, We Receive



from the horse's mouth

Rajiv Punater
President

***Happiness is when what you think,
what you say, and what you do,
are in harmony.***

- Mahatma Gandhi

Dear SOBOites,

It is a privilege to be at the helm of a Club that's diverse, has unbounded energy, is enthusiastic about creating lifelong bonds and has a razor-sharp focus on social upliftment and welfare. The unstinted support of our members has given me a fillip to collectively create large scale impact and align our forces for what SOBO stands for, viz **Service Outreach Beyond (the) Ordinary**.

Like to share a short story that I recently read...

One day a man was walking along the beach when he noticed a boy picking up and gently throwing things into the ocean.

Approaching the boy, he asked "Young man, what are you doing?"

The boy replied "Throwing starfish back into the ocean. I'm saving these starfish that are stranded, if I don't throw them back, they will die."

The old man was silent for a few seconds, and he laughed and said, "Do you realize there are miles and miles of beach and hundreds of starfish. You can't make any difference."

After listening politely, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish and threw it into the ocean, then smiling at the man, he said, "I made a difference to that one."

How Often Do You Make a Difference?

The next time you get a chance to make a small difference, don't think of the big picture, just do it, after all, it might not make a difference to you, but to somebody else, it might.

I see the heart of this little boy in everyone here... a ray of hope, the will to make a difference, to inspire... this is what Rotary SOBO stands for.

Continue being the torch bearers for the betterment of society.

Thank you and good wishes.

Rajiv

Conscious Celebrations

- Providing fruits to 50 children of orphanage King George Memorial Vatsalaya foundation.
- Frequency - Every Friday.
- Commitment – Rs.3000/- towards sponsoring fruits once a week.
- Funds commitment till July 2022.



Sobo Vocational team members meeting with Urja



Hunger Warriors – Hot Meal distribution

- Meals received from Ratnanidhi foundation (complimentary)
- Frequency – 2 times a week (Wednesday and Saturday)
- Beneficiaries - Hospitals (Kasturba and Nair)



Project Hunger - Aug 2021 Meals distribution

Date	Location	Number of packets	Volunteers
4th Aug	Nair Hospital	200 meal packets	Priti Doshi, Swati Shah and Heather Kaikini
7th Aug	Kasturba Hospital and streets closer to Kasturba	200 meal packets	Vinodkumar Bagri and Kamad Nigam, Ayushi Nigam
11th Aug	Nair Hospital	300 meal packets	Anjali Adik and Umang Parasrampuriya
14th Aug	Kasturba Hospital	300 meal packets	Shilpi Chandra and Meena Sampat
18th Aug	Nair Hospital	300 meal packets	Vageeshwari and Anita Saraf
21th Aug	Kasturba Hospital	300 meal packets	Sachin Daga and Shweta Kedia
25th Aug	Nair Hospital	300 meal packets	Els Reynaeres, Shama Jaorawala and Shilpa Lakdawala
28th Aug	Kasturba Hospital	300 meal packets	Arvind Ambo and Keyur Acharya

Total 2200 meal packets | Volunteers - 19

Our humble effort at hunger eradication in urban Mumbai continue with a lunch distribution drive that has been planned with varying periodicity, as per the need communicated to us at Nair Hospital and Kasturba Hospital. As per commitment made by our Club. Food packets sourced from Ratnanidhi Charitable Trust at Khetwadi are distributed to people in need at the afore-mentioned locations. Our volunteers are carrying out the distribution in groups of 2 or 3, ensuring COVID-appropriate protocol.

Stationary and Books distribution to Swan and Umang Foundation

Beneficiaries – Children from underprivileged background



Blood Donation Drive

**VOLUNTARY BLOOD
DONATION CAMP**

Dear Residents,
We are pleased to inform you that we are organizing a voluntary blood donation camp in association with the Rotary Club of Mumbai SOBO and Hinduja Hospitals, which we hope will be first of many initiatives at New Cuffe Parade.

The first camp will be on
DATE - 28TH AUGUST 2021, SATURDAY | TIME - 10AM TO 3PM
VENUE - THE GYMKHANA



Pawz – a stray animals initiative

Approach: awareness through engagement

Kick-off event: a dog Walkathon!

Volunteering at shelters: Rotary / Rotaract

- Walk the pets
- Plan school visits
- Painting of the shelters by kids

Prepare a “**Strays-SOS**” directory on SOBO’s website: who to call? which vet? which shelter?

Promotion & aiding the adoption of strays

Promotion of sterilization & vaccination

Obtaining donations in kind (dry animal food)



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**VOLUNTARY BLOOD
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Dear Residents,
We are pleased to inform you all that in association with Rotary Club of Mumbai SOBO and Hinduja Hospitals, we are organising a voluntary blood donation camp which we hope will be first of many initiatives at The World Towers.

Date - 31st July 2021, Saturday | Time - 10am to 3pm
Venue - P6 - Ballroom

The capacity of each camp will be 100 volunteers
For more details, please feel to reach out to us at: 8879007371

Warm Regards,
Saint Amand Team
The World Towers

THE WORLD TOWERS
ABOVE IT ALL

Rotary Club of Mumbai SOBO

President: Rajiv Punater | Secretary: Niharika Malik

Google link & other details below

Rotary SOBO (1st get-together)

Laughter, handshakes and cheer was back! The banquets of St Regis hotel were bustling as we welcomed a bunch of Rotary SOBO members for an evening of fun and games with endless conversation.

The setting was just right - a fabulous place, a scrumptious High Tea and a group of happy enthusiastic people all trying to get to know each other a little better. The evening ended with many new friends in the phonebook and a promise to come back!



Rotary Club of Mumbai SOBO

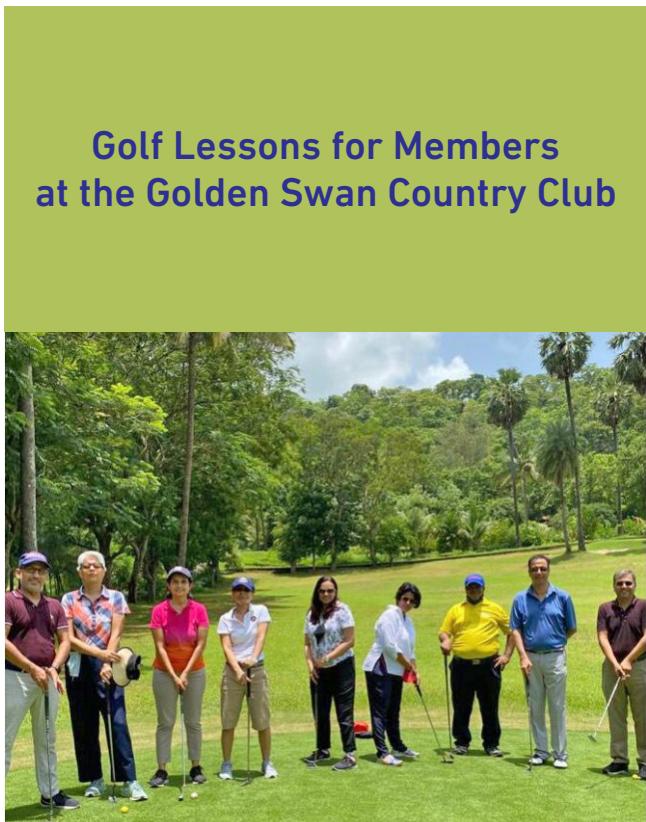
invites you to

a 'No Holds Barred'
repartee with actor,
philanthropist and fellow Rotarian

Dolly Thakore

Thursday 12th August at 7.30pm
Zoom details to follow

President: Rajiv Punater | Convenor: Sargam Thakkar



Book Club

The Rotary SOBO Book Club met to for an absolutely stellar session to discuss Shoe Dog, by Phil Knight, the founder of Nike. Rtn. Dewang moderated the session ably. Some ideas explored included what it takes to make a successful disruptive company; and whether breakout entrepreneurs have similar personality traits.

The sheer happenstance that led to the creation of the iconic Swoosh logo and errors in usage and translation of Japanese were noted as well!

The Book Club meets next on Friday, September 17, 2021; 9.00 pm at the Club House, Chaitanya Towers. We deep dive into The Music Room by Namita Devidayal.

Intrigued enough? For further details on joining meetings contact Bhawna Goel: +91 98200 04198

For an overview on the Book Club, call Amita Kini-Singh: +91 98205 44844 or Niharika Malik: +91 88790 77760.

Interest Groups & Events



TREK - Kondana Caves



Vocational Projects/Visits

TATA ENGAGE Skilling Program for Titli Volunteers



Visit to
TATA Strive
03/07/2021

Visit to Urja 09/07/2021



Visit To
Nade
17/08/2021

FUTURE PROJECTS

Rotary Club of SOBO in collaboration with Kala Ghoda Foundation & Rotary Club of Kalakar, are implementing a pilot project to promote art and preserve the heritage of the city by painting the steps of the Amphitheater.

E-commerce Platform

Our club is also looking at helping artisans to sell their art and products via an E-commerce platform along with the Kala Ghoda Foundation & Rotary Club of KALAKAR

E-Learning Platform

We are also going to provide vocational training via an E-Learning platform

Facilitate Employment

Collect Data on Prospective Candidates and get Organisations to hire.



Ambition 2021 Vision Well Beyond

Mission: To develop strong bonds between like-minded and diverse Rotary Clubs around the globe, forging friendships, transitioning to region-targeted micro initiatives and international projects of scale.

Positioning: Showcasing India not just as an aid recipient country, but as a country with strong roots and a rich culture, offering much to the global community, Promoting local artisans & traditional practices.

Future Initiative: Rotary Friendship Exchange, situation permitting.



Ongoing Interactions with International Rotary Clubs

Rotary Club in which country?	Rotary Club	Activities
Spain	Rotary Club of Marbella-Guadalmina	Sponsored Euro 800 towards COVID relief; Planning a Bollywood-themed fundraiser event
Russia	Rotary Club of Novorossiysk in the Krasnodar region	Attended our Charter Cross-cultural musical program
UK	Rotary Club of Edgware & Stanmore	Connecting with Directors; mutual meeting invitations
Singapore	Rotary Club of Suntec City	Initial introductory emails
Croatia	Contacts still at informal stage	
USA	Contacts still at informal stage	
Belgium	RCBE: Rotary club Of Bruxelles Erasme	Joint Business event to plan.

Youth Services



UNITED NATIONS MODEL UN YOUTH SUMMIT at Akanksha

RoSoBo's New Gen Committee Presents

Project Leads: Mahera Gool, Heather Kalkini
Rotary Avenue: Youth Services

GOAL: to extend the advantages of holistic education, soft skills training and confidence in international forums via Model United Nations global platform
• What is MUN?

PARTNER RECIPIENT: Akanksha Foundation is a non-profit organization in Mumbai and Pune, with a mission to build the largest network of innovative schools (currently at 21), influence systemic reform and empower children to maximize their potential

• Abhyudaya Nagar Mumbai Public School
• Sitaram Mill Compound MPS

ADMINISTRATION: 20 students from Standard 9, over five weeks

Learning Outcomes
Public Speaking | Research | Global Awareness
Teamwork and Collaboration | Leadership | Certificate

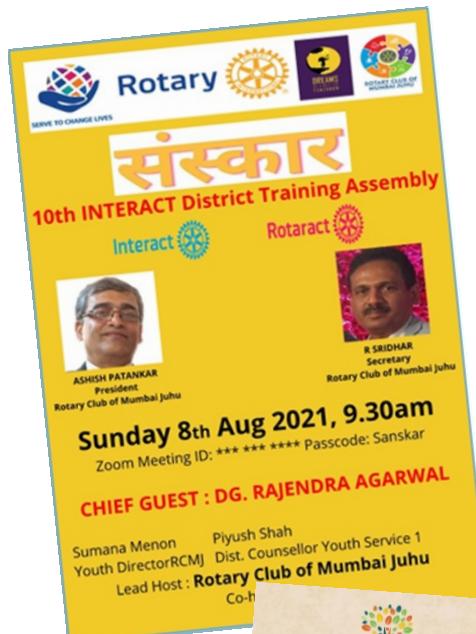



United Nations

MUN Akanksha

Scope for Scale
Akanksha runs 21 schools between Mumbai and Pune, five schools in the SoBo area

UNSDG Alignment
1) UNSDG #4 – Ensuring Inclusive and Equitable Quality Education
2) UNSDG #10 – Reduce Inequality In and Among Countries



Rotary Club of Mumbai SOBO

10th INTERACT District Training Assembly

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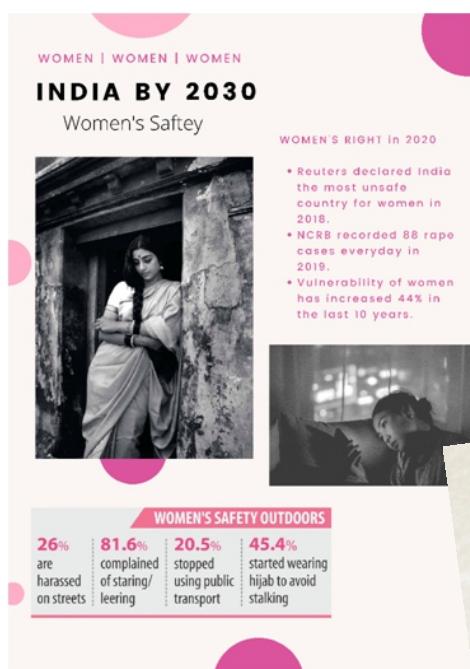
ASHISH PATAKAR
President, Rotary Club of Mumbai Juhu

R SRIHAR
Secretary, Rotary Club of Mumbai Juhu

Sunday 8th Aug 2021, 9.30am
Zoom Meeting ID: ***** Passcode: Sanskar

CHIEF GUEST : DG. RAJENDRA AGARWAL

Sumana Menon Piyush Shah
Youth DirectorRCMJ Dist. Counsellor Youth Service 1
Lead Host: **Rotary Club of Mumbai Juhu**
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INDIA BY 2030

Women's Safety

WOMEN'S RIGHT in 2020

- Reuters declared India the most unsafe country for women in 2018.
- NCRB recorded 88 rape cases everyday in 2019.
- Vulnerability of women has increased 44% in the last 10 years.

WOMEN'S SAFETY OUTDOORS

26% are harassed on streets	81.6% complained of staring/leering	20.5% stopped using public transport	45.4% started wearing hijab to avoid stalking
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Rotary Club of Mumbai SOBO

INTERNATIONAL Youth Day 12th August 2021

On this special day, we are happy to welcome SOBO's first Rotaract Club

Rotaract | Bombay Teachers' Training College

12th August was first designated International Youth Day by the UN General Assembly in 1999, and serves as an annual celebration of the role of young women and men as essential partners in change, and an opportunity to raise awareness of challenges and problems facing the world's youth.

President: Rajiv Punater | Director Youth Services: Mahera Gool



Rotary Club of Mumbai SOBO

We are excited and proud to welcome Goldcrest International School into our family

THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD Today an Interactor Tomorrow a Leader

Certificate of Organization

President Rajiv Punater | Director Youth Services: Mahera Gool
JUNE 2021

