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President's Message



Dear Friends,

Projects, Meetings, Fellowships, Planning..... the schedules are unrelenting and the jobs in hand endless. But then, all this is not without its share of excitement and fun. It is the joy of meeting so many people, most of them wonderful; working together as a team, the camaraderie, and the satisfaction of collective achievement, that makes

Rotary tick. All this is the essence of Rotary and in fact, with time, our service is truly getting more refined and focused. Rotary is definitely flourishing.

I only wish that more of our Members would realize and appreciate these aspects of Rotary. I am sure that however busy or complete we may be in our personal & professional lives, a touch of Rotary would add more fulfillment.

Considering the wide range of activities and projects that we carry out during the course of the year; it would not be very difficult for each one of us to associate ourselves with a cause that we feel passionately about. In this way, we can, not only enjoy what we are doing but also identify with a cause that we can evolve and take forward in the long term.

Community service activities were aplenty in the last month. The community team did a lot of justice to the month designated as a community economic and development month. This month is dedicated to the Rotary Foundation. We need to learn more about TRF, its inception, its growth and all the different activities and projects that it supports. Because, it is by learning about TRF that we will be able to appreciate it and support it whole-heartedly. In line with this thought, let us all participate in the Regional Seminar on TRF this month. Let's contribute to this Fund and pay our tribute to the founder of Rotary by becoming a Paul Harris Fellow. We would have the satisfaction of having contributed to a cause which supports activities as varied as Scholarships, Group Study Exchange, World Community Service, Matching Grants, Special Grants, Polio Plus etc.

Nilufer Rana

Editorial



A well-oiled machine simply needs to keep on rolling. It functions very well, doesn't make much noise but gets the work done efficiently. Our club is one such beautiful machine. Churning out projects and program week after week ably guided by President, the board and executed by chairperson(s). The month gone by was one such hectic

month. Projects under all avenues of service are getting executed.

Fellowship is one important part of Rotary. In fact, it all started with an idea of fellowship, realized that fellowship will only get you upto a point. The higher purpose has to be found to make an organisation create a legacy and sustain in the long run. Thus, the service part was incorporated. The rest as they say is history. We had our Diwali fellowship this month. Do read about it, go thru the pictures and relive the fun time everyone had.

Along with fellowship and Service, vocation is another important pillar of Rotary. To put simply, it is to serve the community thru the expertise in your chosen vocation.

October is a month when everyone expects major announcement for declaration of Nobel prize. It is heartening to know that a Rotarian Anton Zeilinger from Vienna, Austria won the Nobel in Physics, awarded by Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Stockholm, Sweden. What an honour for the organisation.

The focus on new generation has been increasing in Rotary. Right from catching them early at Interact Clubs or in colleges thru Rotaract or shaping young minds by exposing them to world thru youth exchange program or making future leaders thru RYLA, Rotary has made its intentions very clear that the future needs to be nurtured. The club fortunately has a very active and strong team who take care of this aspect. The induction of new teams of Interact and Rotaract clubs continues.

Do share your feedback. Did you like it? Is there scope of improvement (there has to be) and finally take a pen and paper (or your fingers on keyboard). Share your thoughts with us. The board look forward to your views, we look forward to carry it here. Eagerly waiting for your mail, SMS or Whatsapp. Till then cheers and have a good time.

Parag Paranjpe



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Diwali Celebrations

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Rotary



Austrian Rotary member Anton Zeilinger wins Nobel Prize in physics

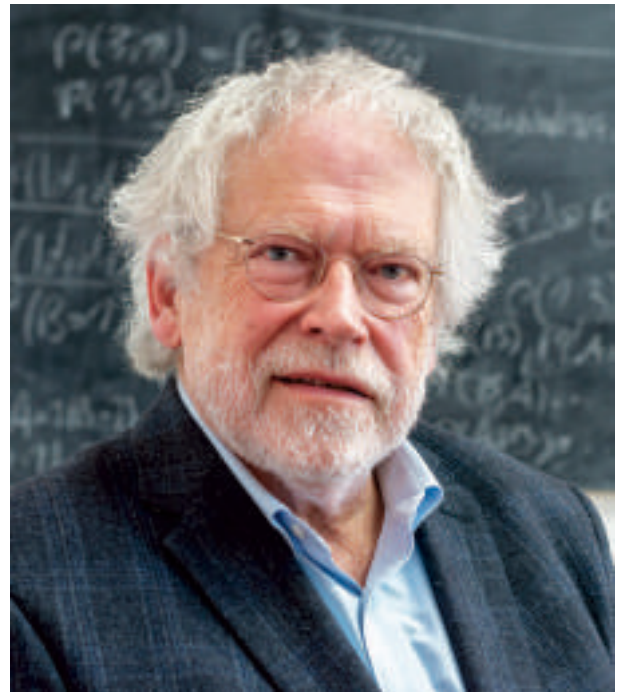
Anton Zeilinger, member of the Rotary Club of Wien-West in Austria won the 2022 Nobel Prize in physics.

Anton Zeilinger, a member of the Rotary Club of Wien-West in Austria, was among three physicists who were announced as the winners of the Nobel Prize in physics on 4 October for their experiments in quantum mechanics. Their research laid the groundwork for rapidly developing new applications in computing and cryptography.

Zeilinger, a professor at the University of Vienna, shared the award with French physicist Alain Aspect and U.S. physicist John F. Clauser. Their experiments explored quantum entanglement, a phenomenon that occurs when two particles behave as a single unit, even when separated. The three scientists will share the prize of nearly US\$900,000.

"I'm still kind of shocked, but it's a very positive shock," Zeilinger told reporters in Stockholm, Sweden, shortly after learning that he won. "I was actually very surprised to get the call."

He also acknowledged the contributions of more than 100 students who had worked for him over the years. He advised young people, "Do what you find interesting, and don't care too much about possible applications."

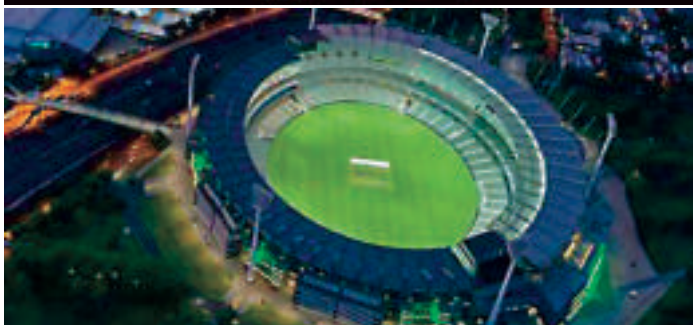


The Nobel Prizes are announced every October and November by committees in Sweden and Norway for ground-breaking contributions in chemistry, economic sciences, literature, peace work, physics, and physiology or medicine. In December, Zeilinger and the other laureates will accept their award in Stockholm.

Zeilinger has been a Rotary member since 2001.

Invitation

YOU ARE INVITED



International Convention at Melbourne



District Conference at Shegaon

Rotary Youth Exchange Seminar

The District Rotary Youth Exchange Committee organized a Rotary Youth Exchange Seminar on 30th October 2022 at Sai Sabhagrah Shankar Nagar, Nagpur. The seminar was hosted by Rotary Club Nagpur Elite in association with the Rotary Club of Nagpur, Rotary Club of Nagpur West, and Rotary Club of Nagpur Ishanya.

DG Anand was the chief guests of this Rotary Youth Exchange Seminar. Rtn Mamta Jaiswal is District RYE Chair and was coordinator for the program. The program was also graced by PDG Kishor Kedia and DGN Rajinder Khurana. DG Anand in his address shared idea behind this wonderful program. He informed young audience and their parents that this is an excellent program by Rotary aimed at unlocking true potential to develop lifelong leadership skills, learn new language and culture, built lasting friendship and become a global citizen. Rotex committee and their members shared their experience on the exchange they had with different countries.

DGN Rajinder Khurana shared nuts and bolts of the program. The tenure of short term and long term exchange and cut off dates for applying this program. The first and foremost concern that parents have is about safety of their wards. He dispelled all the apprehensions on the safety part. He informed how the hosts are selected. How Rotary members screen the background of hosts and only when they are absolutely sure about the host, are they allowed host kids. Both in bound and out bound students are briefed about their roles and responsibilities. He shared information on financial aspect, which countries are open for exchange etc.

PDG Kishor Kedia shared his personal experience of youth exchange. He persuaded his daughters, relatives and neighbours to take up this program. All of them had great time. Apart from



expanding the world view, the kids had long lasting family friendship with host.

In bound students presented well-choreographed musical and dance performance much to the amazement of audience.

Rtn Tarun Patel chaired the panel discussion with past outbound participants of both long term and short term exchange. They shared their experience. All of them had fond memories of the program and are still in touch with their host.

Due to COVID this program was suspended for two years and now that its open for all eligible youngsters, It's an opportunity of a lifetime for students of classes 9th, 10th, and 11th i.e. 15-18 years. The seminar was attended by large number of students and parents to understand more about the exchange program and to meet current/former exchange students. In the seminar, a special session on New Generation Service Exchange was organised for students aged between 19-30 years.



Rotary Imagine Impact Tour

Four brave lady Rotarians Rtn Shivabala Rtn Suchitra, Rtn Shrikala and Rtn Preetha embarked on across the nation 'Rotary Imagine Impact tour' to spread awareness on gender discrimination. The Car Rally started from Chennai. These lady Rotarians are from Rotary Club of Chennai Meraki who came to Nagpur via Amravati and the next stop was Chhindwara (MP). They had brief stop at Nagpur where they had lunch with President Nilufer. They visited vocational training centre at Rotary Centre Providence School. President Nilufer shared club's various projects with them. Rtn Manisha Rathi Hon Secretary Rotary Club of Nagpur

Ishanya and Rtn Ritika Singhvi Hon Secretary of Rotary Club of Nagpur Vision were also present to felicitate them and wished them the best for the journey onwards.

Team GO.



Weekly Meetings

Business Meeting

The business part took center stage in the first weekly meeting. The final accounts for the Rotary year 2021-22 which were circulated earlier to members was put up for discussion and approval. Few queries and observations by members were duly answered by outgoing President Jerestine and Hon Treasurer Ashok Mrig. The



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accounts were unanimously approved. Best chairperson awards for the month of Sept were given. The vocational excellence award was deservingly given to Rtn Rajan Mulani. President updated the house on important decisions taken by the board.



Age is only a number!

This message was so well put in front of the Rotary Family by our own Rtn Dr Anne Wilkinson and Rtn Alok Khandelwal in our regular meeting on 13th October.

Rtn. Dr. Anne Wilkinson and Rtn. Alok Khandelwal had an empowering session on "Adventure After 50" where in they shared their life experiences about how to keep yourself energetic and healthy post 50.

Rt. Alok Khandelwal shared his trekking journey with the audience who were amazed by the peaks the Alok Ji went to. The photos

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shared by him brought a smile on everyone's faces and motivated the crowd.

Rtn Anne Wilkinson shared her marathon journey. Her will made her achieve new milestones. She also shared her cycling journey of 400kms which amazed the crowd.

The meeting was attended not only by Rotarians but also by 20+ Rotaractors who were thrilled by hearing the inspiring stories.

Harshit Jain



The weekly meeting of 20th October also witnessed scholarships distribution to 12 girl students from Pandhurna. These scholarships are generated from corpus generously contributed by Singhvi family. Rtn Ritika Singhvi and Mrs Singhvi were present on this occasion. Scholarships was also given specially abled children from Maimoon trust. Dr. Nisreen Maimoon was present to give away scholarship. Aryan Agrawal gave information IYE seminar and invited all to attend it.

This was followed by weekly meeting aptly titled "Ye Diwali Movie Wali" a quiz on Bollywood songs. Everyone participated with great enthusiasm, singing songs and enjoying the quiz. Along with fun all the Rotarians and Rotary Anns learned great trivia's about Bollywood. With great singers of our club it was indeed a melodious evening. Winners were awarded prizes. The quiz was conducted by Mamta Singh and quiz presentation was made by Rocky Batra.

Mamta Singh



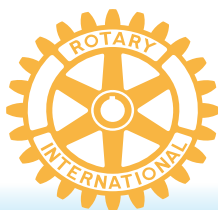
Interact Club Installation

Jamali School

Installation ceremony of Interact Club took place at Jamali English School recently. The Interact Club of Jamali English School, Husamiah Girls High school and Husamiah Boys High school was installed. The program was graced by the President elect Rtn. Namita Sharma, Director New Generation Rtn. Dr. Nisreen Maimoon and the Past President Rtn. Khushnoor Chugh. The Principals of the three schools were also present on the occasion. Rtn. Namita Sharma congratulated the newly elected members and encouraged them to take initiatives for the betterment of the society.



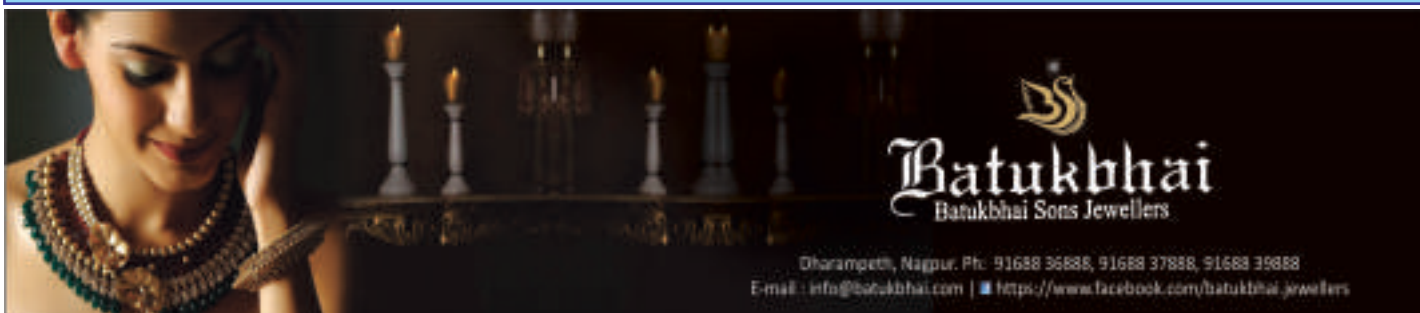
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The Four-Way Test

of what we think say or do

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendship?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



Visit to Old Age Home

On the occasion of Diwali, Rotaractors from Sadabai Raisoni Women's College decided to devote their time and spend it with the respected senior citizens of the old age home "Prem Daan".

Objective was to show love and affection towards the elderly people. The only things they need in old age are your love and support. Kindly do not leave your parents or grandparents in old age home, they looked after you and now it's your turn to look after them and take care of them.

The senior citizens were greeted with the gift packs, snacks and surprise present created by the students. The students also made

rangolis and burnt firecrackers.

Gifts were distributed to the elders followed by lunch.

It was a great learning experience for the students. The meet ended with hugs and goodbyes with promises of visiting again. They also responded with the same warmth and feelings.

The students and the teacher in charge Samiha Khan worked hard to make the event a grand success.



KhushiYali 2.0



Diwali Greetings to all. Wishing you happiness, glory, prosperity and blessings. The Rotaract club of Nagpur has been organising KhushiYali, a project to spread happiness & joy. Diwali is the time that brings smile and happiness. The next in the series #KHUSHIYALI 2.0 was wonderfully executed this Diwali.

On 23rd October (Sunday) We Rotaractors of Rotaract Club of Nagpur visited Bal Sadan a home for children from underprivileged section of the society. We lit handmade lamps and 21 "diyas" at Balsadan and celebrated the festival of lights with the kids. We also distributed sweets, snacks and biscuits which brought happiness on their faces.

On 25th October (Tuesday) we visited slum area of Subhash

Nagar. With the aim to bring happiness, we distributed more than 50 juice packs, laddoos and chivda to the children and spent quality time with the resident. It was a wonderful day for us to serve the society.

Thanks to everyone who donated valuable gifts under the banner of KHUSHIYALI 2.0. We would also like to thank Rtn. Harshit Jain for joining us and for constant support from the Rotaract committee. Thanks to each and every member of Rotaract club for their support and co-operation.

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Sinjara Celebration

Sinjara a pre-Karva Chauth celebrations by Ladies Committee of Rotary club of Nagpur in association with Parekh Brothers was planned on 11th of October 2022. Babita and Rtn Bharat Parekh opened the doors of their beautiful business house, a mix of old and new construction, for the celebrations. The event was open for the ladies from the club as well as those outside as well. The beautiful decor by Reema Sial brought festival vibrations to the venue. More than 65 glamorous ladies registered for the event and were given food Coupons and housie ticket. The stunning ladies of our club turned up in ethnic, traditional dresses, wearing vibrant tomato red, effervescent yellow, resplendent blue and eye-catching orange Sarees, suites, shararaas and lachas. The place look like a rainbow of colours. The day before the event and on morning also the rain god tried to deter our plans but an email was sent to God and cc to the devil by Reena Singh. Encouragement and collective vibrations stopped the rains and the atmosphere became favourable. Lovely lively vibrant hued decor and ladies made the MAHAUL very colourful. Ladies were enthusiastically waiting for their turn to put mehndi & bangles on the hands. The area of entertainment was

taken care of by Fatima, Urvashi and Neerja Kartik. More than 50 gifts were distributed in housie and different games. Ladies danced to the tunes of Bollywood music and folk songs sung by the ladies with Dholki. We had an exhibition of stalls of jewellery, beauty and home care products, Karva Chauth items, Diwali gifts, cakes and cookies, home-made pickles and squashes by Rotarians and non-Rotarians. One stall was put up by our Microcredit beneficiary from Dongargaon and it was heartening to see them successfully doing their business. A big thank you to our sponsors for Sinjara, Babita Parekh, Parekh Brothers, Batukbhai Jewellers, Fatima Shakir, Jumana Shakir, Tauby, Neeta Singh, Rina Sinha, Geeta Rao, Saniya Rao, Monica Bhagwagar, Khushnoor Chugh, Harshit Jain and Sangeeta Chabra. Methodical and meticulous planning was done by Reena Singh and Mamta Kahai for making this event a great success. All this was possible because of the constant support by Advisor Rina Sinha and Director Anjali Minocha. Last but not the least Thank you ladies for participating wholeheartedly and making it a successful and grand show.

Mamta Kahai



Diwali Nite

□ The much awaited Diwali fellowship was held on 16th of October at Centre Point Hotel. It was a casino themed event. The Rotarians attended in good numbers and enjoyed this gala event. Some old and new members collectively took time out of their busy schedules and rehearsed for a fabulous dance performance. Our choreographer Madhumita Gubre open heartedly allowed us the use of her dance academy for the same. It turned out to be a superb performance. Participants were Mohammad Master, Tari Chawla, Ishan Batra, Rahul Choudhary, Ruchi Chowdhary, Rajeev Singh, Alka Singh, Dr Aditya Deo, Bhagyashree Deo, Samina Wagh,

Sourabh Bansal, Ritika Bansal, Anupama Jandial, Deepali Manani, Mamta Singh, Camille, Elias, Inna, Grace After this all enjoyed the glorious evening along with rocking live music by band ZeroMile. The fun frolick Tambola(housie) by Rtn Navneet Jain was another added attraction.

The Director of the fellowship Anjali Minocha gave the chairpersons a free hand in organising the whole event.

The chairpersons were Kritika Choudhary, Archana Jain, Chetna Singhal, Ruchi Uppal. Rtn Rocky Batra gratefully performed the Master of ceremonies. **Archana Jain**





Happy Diwali at Adasa

Celebrating Diwali at Adasa with the Inmates is almost like a dream come true, it ignites your soul within.

Just a regular visit and an informal discussion with the management at Adasa was an eyeopener that they got what people wished to give and not what they actually needed so the aim was very clear lets do something that they needed not what we wished for, It was almost like life coming full circle as I had bought a chocolate what my 11 year old daughter doesn't eat so had to return it an get what she wished for , also the fact that People in their late innings are almost like children was imbibed so hard that the aim was clear let's do it.

In a regular Thursday meeting Rotary Members and Rotarians were in for a Surprise what Inmate sat Adasa needed was on Display and as they say rest is History.

Simple request of a south Indian meal of Dosa's, Idli & Sambarwada served with Yumm Chutneys and Moongdal Halwa to finish it of was the request and a cupboard for the 61 Inmates at Adasa.

With the Power of Rotary at its best display in the first Meeting Itself it took less than 60 Minutes for the members to confirm the

61 Cabinets among themselves.

The day came true on a winter evening among Lavni performance again an inmates request and the satisfaction of good times Was visible on every face it was so soul satisfying. Thank you, Rotary. As they say it's just the beginning the best is still to come. In a regular Thursday meeting Rotary Members and Rotarians were in for a Surprise what Inmate sat Adasa needed was on Display and as they say rest is History.

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Happy Diwali at Adasa



Scholarship

Project Smiling Faces...A support to underprivileged but deserving students to prevent dropouts due to financial constraints!!!

This noble project was initiated in the Presidential year of Late Rtn. Arun Bhargava. Rtn. Rajiv Behel our member then was the one to bring this idea of supporting school children. The club highly appreciated the project and continues to aid Hundreds of students year after year. St Ursula's girls' high school was the first and only beneficiary of this Programme in 2006-07. With every passing year the committee became stronger under the leadership of PP Rtn. Sandeep Dhodapkar and the Presidents who came as successors to Rtn Arun Bhargava. Today Our club supports about 500 students from various schools. The beneficiaries today are from St. Ursula's girls high school, St. Michaels, Shri Guru Gobind Singh School, Bishop Cotton, Providence Girls high school, Tribal

students from Hislop College, students from villages who come and put up at Shri Ram Krishna Matt and also students referred by Rotarians who belong to registered schools but are unable to pay their annual fee due to constrained situation at home. The scholarship committee works at ground level with school authorities in verification of these students and their need. It is one of the most satisfying projects of Rotary Club of Nagpur which brings smile on the faces of both the donor and the beneficiary. During previous Rotary year (2021-22) under the leadership of President Rtn. Dr. Jerestine Watchmaker the club has distributed scholarship to all the above institutions and fulfilled its noble responsibility of supporting the deserving underprivileged student. The work shall continue under the leadership of President Nilufer with equal vigor.

Rtn. Ann. Geeta Rao



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PP Sandip Dhodapkar

Meticulous and unassuming, multilingual, amazing sense of humour... some of the qualities that describe PP Sandip Dhodapkar. Born in Indore and brought up in Asansol, where his father was serving in the steel plant in Burnpur, he adopted Nagpur as his home and joined Rotary Club of Nagpur in 2008.

PP Sandip had the unenviable task of leading our club at the peak of COVID times and he passed this test of endurance, during those excruciatingly gut wrenching, emotionally taxing times, with flying colours.



Savita Mokha

When we think of architectural achievements we tend to look at modern marvels like the Sydney Opera house and the Burj Khalifa but all these buildings are a step in a long history of architectural achievements, building on the lessons learned thousands of years ago.

Rtn Savita Mokha is an Architect and interior designer by profession at their firm AM Architects and has years of experience. She has written and published 5 English books recently and also is an author too. She was born in Pune and later on moved to Nagpur. She has done her schooling from Mt. Carmel School and college from the prestigious VNIT Nagpur. She has travelled to various countries and has immersed in their diverse cultures. She is passionate about reading fiction and watching movies. Self-motivated and disciplined soul always keen to upskill herself by learning new things whenever she gets a chance.

Her strengths are her analytical approach, appreciable communication and presentable skills and believes in being realistic. Her husband is Mr. Ashok Mokha a renowned architect of

Sandip is a top notch Chartered Accountant having served in top managerial capacities in leading organizations of the city, and Rita his better half is the Principal Technical Officer and Science Secretary at NEERI, and is constantly on the move advising corporations and countries on water and waste management. She is presently in Sydney on an official visit in an advisory capacity. Their son Jayesh is an engineer and a corporate honcho settled in Mumbai with his beautiful wife Bhagyashree who is a designer by profession.

Over Coffee and muffins, PP Sandy recalled his tenure as President with fondness and nostalgia. His most vivid memory was that of setting up the Covid helpline for the Nagpur population and the satisfaction that the entire team of Rotarians got by helping when it was needed most. In fact so good was the project that the Nagpur Municipal Corporation took it over and replicated the Rotary model on a larger scale.

A president is only as good as his team and he was all praises for his team and the club Secretary Parag Date who ably supported him in all his endeavours.

He also mentioned that the guidance and encouragement of the seniors in the club proved to be invaluable; just as the enthusiasm of the new members which was very infectious, and the dynamic energy of the Rotaractors took the club projects to a different level altogether. He felt very blessed to have had their unflinching support in those difficult times.

The one suggestion that he felt would ease the burden of future presidents was that there should be a separate standing compliance team to take care of the regulatory filings such as GST, it returns etc so as to not be in contravention of the same, as well as maintain the continuity of dialogue with the relevant authorities.

He also complimented the current President Nilufer Rana on her extra efforts in keeping the members bonded and connected with her many new initiatives.

RCN is indeed privileged to have PP Sandip as an esteemed member and one of its leading luminaries.

Vinita Bahri

the city with his own firm. Her elder son did his MBA from abroad and is working with the Solar group in Australia and her younger son did his Masters from New York, USA. Akshay is 35 years old and Aditya is 33, married to Yamini and Sneha respectively.

Although not exactly new to Rotary club as her association with the club is pretty old. Her father in law was a die-hard Rotarian till his last breath. Naturally she too got initiated in Rotary movement from very early age. Her husband Ashok Mokha is also Rotarian. She loves the selfless service rendered by Rotarians. She believes Rotary is a chance to do something for someone else with pride. Rotary according to her a fulfilling & rewarding endeavour.

Club is richer with your presence Rtn Savita...welcome to the club.



Bhawana Arora

Jama Masjid, Mominpur, Nagpur



Mominpura is known as the Chandni Chowk of Nagpur. And rightly so, we can shop to our hearts content, haggle till the shopkeepers down their shutters, and after the extremely strenuous job of shopping, binge on the most lip-smacking street food one can find in the city.

Right at the centre of this very pracheen locality, is the famous Mominpura Badi Masjid which got a new look and name on **March 6, 1960** when Haji Hafeez Khaleel Ahmed Saheb laid the Sang-e-bunyaad (foundation stone) : it then came to be known as the Jama Masjid. It is one of the biggest mosques in Nagpur and Vidarbha region. The construction of this beautiful monument took more than fifty years, with more and more additions being done to the original structure. The mosque has an attractive dome in the centre surrounded by four minarets. There is a beautiful garden too, which gives it an additional charm. It has a capacity of more than 2000. And the huge hall where the namaz is offered has no pillars or columns, an architectural marvel in itself. Its entrance is very

beautifully carved in marble with inscriptions from the Holy Q'uran adorning the main door.

Originally it was Built in 1837, and close to it is the Mohammad Ali Sarai and the Muslim Library apart from book shops and numerous eateries surrounding it. Once Nagpur had thousands of looms and it was a hub of textiles. Even today, power looms exist in this part of the city. The Momin community, which has traditionally been a weaver community were busy working on the 'taana baana' i.e. 'the warp and the weft', as traditional saris and other fabrics were being woven artistically, though in many families the next generation is not too keen to take over the intricate, tedious and hard work that this job needs.

The small bye lanes are good enough for just walking, so come prepared for the walk. Eid Bazar during Ramazan month is definitely the best time to visit, especially in the evening.

So next time you visit Mominpura, do pay your respects at the Jama Masjid... because Prayer is powerful.

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“How many times I need to tell you? I want you to be an engineer from IIT, not a painter. Whole life is there for painting. Focus on your tuition or you will end up a clerk like your father. Let baba return, I'll settle today.” Kshitij's mother was furious when she returned from the market and found him painting. Kshitij's father (Vinod) was a senior clerk in a cooperative bank in Andheri. They lived in Thane.

“Let's decide first what you want to make your son, then only I'll serve tea.” Asha, Kshitij's mother, put the question as soon as Vinod put his bag on a table.

“Of course, engineer; that's why I enrolled him to the best IIT coaching.” He replied removing his shoes. “Then why he's painting?” “Relax, it's just a hobby.”

Kshitij was listening. Painting was his passion; not just a hobby. He wanted to be an artist. However, chances were remote.

“One more time I see him painting, both you see what I do,” Asha warned.

Kshitij was a prodigy. He was popular in his school for his artworks. His works had been rewarded on several forums. However, like many around, Asha didn't even consider painting as a career choice. She had a dream of making him an engineer from IIT. Kshitij was reasonably good in maths but not enough to crack JEE. Vinod supported him but he was also not convinced with painting as a core career.

Kshitij was fed up with frequent altercations in the family. He had less than two years for JEE. Those altercations were distractor. Ten days after Deepawali on an evening when he returned from tuitions, he found his parents ready.

“We are going to Ulhasnagar in a marriage and will return tomorrow evening. I have prepared dinner and lunch. You keep your mobile on.” Asha kissed him on his forehead and they left. Once they left, Kshitij took out all his paintings. He tied them together in a group of three or four and wrapped each group with newspapers. He left with one of them. On his two-wheeler, he searched for a secluded place. He found one. He stopped, looked around, kept the bunch on a bench and left. He dropped all his painting at different locations. Finally, he threw the packet containing brushes and paints in a pond.

Three months later, on an evening, the family was watching news together and having dinner. Suddenly Asha exclaimed, “Kshitij, these are your paintings.” Kshitij noticed but ignored. Vinod raised the volume of TV. A senior police officer was holding a press conference and paintings were showing one by one. Police found those paintings at different locations. When notices were not responded, they auctioned them. Hariom Patel, a diamond merchant from Mumbai and a connoisseur of artwork, bought all of them for a

crore and twenty-five lakhs' rupees. The money was to be used for renovation of a police colony.

“What did you do with your paintings? How they got them?”

“I threw them all. They were distracting me.”

Afterwards, a pin drop silence followed that evening. Next morning, after Vinod left, Asha asked Kshitij to accompany him to the police station.

“Inspector sir, we saw a news on TV. You sold my son's paintings.”

“Not sold but auctioned,” the inspector corrected, “how do we believe your son painted them?”

Asha looked at Kshitij but he didn't say a word. Asha continued, “They had his signature.” The inspector took out a paper and asked him to sign. The inspector opened his mobile and compared the sign. Kshitij couldn't believe that his mother was aware that he signed his paintings.

“Let me talk to Commissioner sahib.” Inspector said. “Please give me his address. I'll meet him” The inspector gave them address and informed the commissioner. The commissioner informed Hariom Patel, who was eager to meet the artist. Asha and Kshitij had to wait till the evening.

“How do I believe that you painted them, anyone can match those signs?” Police commissioner asked Kshitij.

“I have a painting still with me.”

“Can you bring that painting tomorrow?” Hariom Patel intervened.

By the time they returned home, Vinod was back from the bank. Asha had already narrated the day on phone. With a torch in hand, Kshitij took them to the roof top of the apartment building. He went behind four water tanks and lying on the floor drew a painting. He opened the painting which he wrapped carefully with layers of plastic. He was happy that his painting was intact. When Kshitij was unwrapping, Vinod noticed tears in Asha's eyes.

Vinod, Asha and Kshitij were watching Hariom Patel in the commissioner's office. Vinod has taken leave. Hariom Patel was Holding the painting in his hands and observing keenly. In a forest, a boy (Kshitij himself) was painting the surroundings and animals; a deer, a rabbit, a tiger, a monkey and a bear, sat patiently watching him painting.

“Beautiful! Marvelous! I love the imagination.Can you sketch me holding this painting?” He requested the commissioner to give him a paper and pencil. Kshitij took just ten minutes.

“I'll buy this painting for fifty lakhs.” “Fifty lakhs!” Both Asha and Vinod exclaimed. “But I'll pay as a scholarship. Get him admitted in the best art school of the world. I will bear the expenses.” Asha and Vinod looked at each other and Kshitij looked at them in a hope.

Ultimately Kshitij's parents agreed. Her mother, however, had a regret left that her son would never be an engineer.

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It is a hearty robust dish relished by the Parsi community consisting of mutton or sometimes chicken pieces cooked in a dal or gravy made with three different lentils (dals) served with caramelised brown rice and a side salad of chopped onions tomato chilli coriander and a dash of lime called Kachumbar.

While Dhasak has earned nearly cult like status among devout foodies, it's a staple you'll find in most Parsi households every Sunday for lunch. Typically, this is a meal eaten as a sign of mourning after the 4th day of the passing of a loved one as the family abstains from meat till then. So technically this is not a celebratory meal so you will never find it on a menu at a wedding or to celebrate any happy or festive occasion.



Ingredients:

- 500 grams mutton pieces
- Ginger Garlic paste
- Salt
- 3 Chopped Onions
- 3 Chopped Tomatoes
- 1 Teaspoon Red Chilli Powder
- 2 Teaspoons Turmeric Powder
- 3-4 Teaspoons Dhansak Masala Powder
- 1 Small Brinjal (eggplant/aubergine)
- 1/2 Small Yellow Pumpkin
- 1/2 Cup chopped Methi (Fenugreek) or a teaspoon of the seeds
- 1 Cup Tur Dal
- 1 Cup Moong Dal
- 1 Cup Masoor Dal

For The Rice

- 1 Cup Basmati Rice soaked
- 3-4 Onions sliced
- 3-4 Teaspoons of Sugar
- 2-3 Teaspoons Salt

Method:

- Marinate the mutton pieces in a bit of salt and ginger garlic paste

for a minimum of an hour

- In a pressure cooker, sauté the onions till they turn slightly brown then add in the chopped tomatoes. Add the turmeric powder, chilli powder, dhansak masala powder and some salt along with a cup or so of water so everything mixes well and blends together. Add the marinated mutton and cook in the pressure cooker for 15 minutes

- Once it cooks and cools down a little, open the

cooker and transfer all the cooked meat into a pot and keep it aside

- In the same cooker, add in all your vegetables that is the brinjal, pumpkin, methi leaves and the three dals that have been soaking along with a cup or two of water or till the cooker is filled with water. Add 2-3 teaspoons of salt along with a teaspoon of turmeric and about another teaspoon or two of the dhansak masala

- Mix it all and then pressure cook this for 15-20 mins

- Once cooked and it cools a little open up the cooker and gently with either a potato masher or even an emulsion blender, mash and blend the dal and vegetables till you get a smooth consistency. If the dal is too thick you can keep adding water to thin it out.

- Transfer this cooked dal into your pot and add in the cooked mutton as well. Mix both these two together and the dal will turn into a nice brownish colour. Again, you can keep adjusting the consistency of the dal by adding water to hit as it heats and comes to a boil.

- In a pot add oil and your sliced onions along with 3 teaspoons of sugar. I've only added 3 teaspoons but most recipes ask for 6. Once the onions have caramelised and turn brown along with the sugar add in your soaked rice and water along with a lot of salt and some cardamom powder. Cook the rice for about 7 mins or until it is cooked, drain it and serve. This whole process should give you a brown-coloured rice.

- Serve the rice and dhansak dal and enjoy!

Mrs. Meheroo Watchmaker is the mother of Rustom, Roshan and Cyrus Watchmaker. She has had a passion for cooking food – her Parsi cuisine specialty – for as long as she can recall. Her delicious food is extremely well-known among the Parsi community in Nagpur.



Hi friends, A very Happy Diwali to all of you. October has been a great month of celebrations and festivities all around. It has been a really fast moving month with cleaning homes and Diwali shopping and decorating homes and so on. With the winter setting in quietly we are all getting into a warm and cozy mood. Here's what new our members are doing...

A wonderful article on the importance of mental health was published by our Rotarian and psychiatrist, Dr. Pritam Chandak in Lokmat times. Congratulations and a big thank you for 'this' much needed information.

Our Rotarians are now becoming stars... Heartiest congratulations to Rotarian Dr. Rozina Rana for winning the title of Mrs. India in GammOn beauty pageant at Phuket, Thailand. Keep Shining Rozina.

We grieve the demise of Mrs. Chanchal Khurana, mother of Rtn. Ragini Sahu. Our heartfelt condolences to the family.

Our Rotary Ann Dr. Rita Dhodapkar is the editor of a book on "Photo and Electrical treatment of water" for the removal of contaminants focussing on drinking water and waste water treatment. This is being published by the Royal Society of

Chemistry and will be released in January 2023. Congratulations to you Dr. Rita for this amazing work. A big applause to you for your contribution towards conservation of resources.

Our Members Shruti and Sahil Jain have opened a Bata store in Wardhaman Nagar. Congratulations to them for their new venture.

Shuban Sengupta son of Dr. Rajasi and Dr. Shantanu Sengupta was felicitated by IMA Nagpur for his spectacular achievement in CBSE class Xth. Many Congratulations to Shubhan and the proud parents. Keep going Shubhan and wish u the very best for the future.

Congratulations to Rtn Saloni Bhagwani for successfully moderating the 69th edition of EEMA (Event and Entertainment Management Association) which took place in Lake Como, Italy.

-That's all for now folks. We'll keep buzzing and letting u know what's happening in our members lives. If you want to share any stories please do call me at this number.



Anupama Jandial

Birthdays

Mohammed Master	15th Nov
Shashank Pande	15th Nov
Farzin Malak	15th Nov
Harpreet Singh Uppal	17th Nov
Ritika Gadkhel	17th Nov
Humaira Khan	17th Nov
Anita Jain	17th Nov
Rajiv Choudhary	18th Nov
Rajeev Javery	19th Nov
Navpreet Kaur Tuli	20th Nov
Supreet Kaur Suri	20th Nov
Saroj Agrawal	20th Nov
Daveendeep Dhingra	22nd Nov
Pratibha Fulzele	22nd Nov
Alok Khandelwal	23d Nov
Poonam Sedani	23rd Nov
Savita Mokha	23rd Nov
Nisreen Maimoon	24th Nov
Krishnendu Shaw	24th Nov
Nilufer Rana	25th Nov
Sameer Gade	27th Nov
Prashant Pimpalwar	27th Nov
Meena Chand	29th Nov
Bhaskar	29th Nov
Sharukh Master	30th Nov
Mayank Jain	30th Nov

Anniversaries

Harneet Singh & Supreet Kaur Suri	16th Nov
Sunil & Manju Bhatia	17th Nov
Abhay & Neeta Chandurkar	17th Nov
Sumit & Sarbani Halder	18th Nov
Harpreet Singh & Ruchi Uppal	18th Nov
Nitin & Rucha Alshi	20th Nov
Manish & Mohini Sanghvi	20th Nov
Mamta & Aman Singh	21st Nov
Deodutta & Mrunalini Dasture	22nd Nov
Sameer & Shweta Gade	22nd Nov
Sandip & Rita Dhodapkar	23rd Nov
Amit & Garima Makhija	23rd Nov
Dr Sameekha & Sanjog Singh	23rd Nov
Taubenda & Naushad Bhagwagar	24th Nov
Akash & Maitry Garg	26th Nov
Daveendeep & Grishma Dhingra	26th Nov
Jerestine & Cyrus Watchmaker	26th Nov
Dinesh & Priti Chhabra	28th Nov
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