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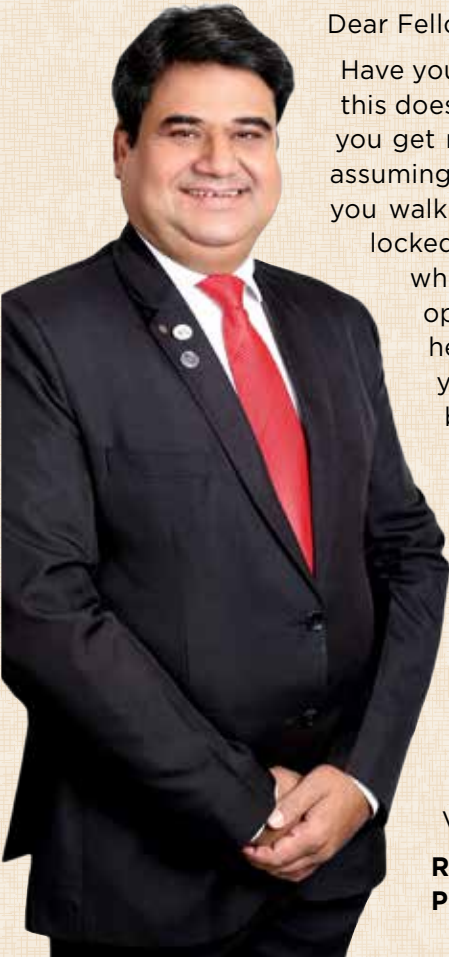
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From the President's Desk



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

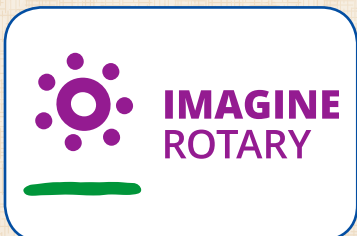
Have you ever noticed that most doors only open when you pull them towards you? However, this doesn't mean that every door opens this way. Some doors slide open automatically when you get near them. Other doors, like garage doors, have to be pulled up. There is danger in assuming that every door will open in the one and the only way you are accustomed to. Before you walk away from the seemingly closed door of opportunity, don't just assume that it is locked. Just because the door didn't open when you pulled it towards you, or upwards or when you walked towards it doesn't mean it is locked. What if the door you're facing only opens by pushing it inside? The door to your destiny often requires that you dig in your heels, flex every muscle, lean against it with all your weight and push it open. Remember you don't need a walkthrough – you need a breakthrough. It is called a breakthrough because some things have to break while you go through. Sometimes you might have to break a few bones while your breakthrough. Therefore, breakthrough disparaging voices, limiting circumstances, and obstacles. Breakthroughs require radical faith and radical action.

There is No substitute for Action. If there is no way, make a way!

Hence, my dear board members, committee members, and all proud Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Bombay West, You Must Dare to Think Big and Do Even Bigger! Don't be afraid to fail. Go All Out for doing more impactful projects in the service of humanity. You are privileged to be a Rotarian who does the job of God on this earth. So, enhance your reach. Increase engagement. Build connections and opportunities that will allow people who share our drive to do the same. And Create Vibrancy!

Rtn. Dharmendra Sharma
President

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PROGRAMMES

27th July 2022 : Open Minds Being Rotarian
6th Aug. 2022 : Chandaben Mohanbhai Patel Rotary Excellence Awards 2022



Shukriya and Club Awards Night

This evening celebrated what Club President Rtn. Gautam Chande and his team accomplished during the year. This was the day that recognised the contributors and “People of Action” that made it possible to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace.

The year transitioned from a Covid-hit era to an era of normalcy with intermittent waves of Covid during the year. In these uncertain circumstances, our Club President Rtn. Gautam Chande and his team did a fantastic job leading the Club through the rocky times, increasing its resilience.

Marking the completion of this significant, memorable and successful Rotary Year 2021-22, our Club President Rtn. Gautam Chande organised a “Shukriya and Club Awards Night” on 29th June 2022. The compère, Rtn. Shardul Kulkarni, and the commère, Rtn. Kamal D’Mello did an impressive job of hosting this event and seamlessly navigating us through the year’s work and achievements





for the Club. Over 100 people attended the event and took the opportunity to congratulate our President and his Team.

The meeting was called to order, followed by the National Anthem. Club Secretary, Rtn. Tejas Sura was asked to conduct the membership meeting for co-opting Kinny Kaul as Joint Secretary by obtaining members' waiver of qualifications approval.

The main event commenced with the announcement of Club Awardees, followed by a recap of the 2021-22 Rotary Year's Exciting Journey by President Rtn. Gautam Chande. A video highlighting the activities of the year was played. He took the opportunity to thank Club Secretary, Board members, Past Presidents, Rotaractors, all Club Members and all District Team Members. He appreciated their wholehearted support in planning, organising and



successfully executing all the Club meetings, Club projects and events for his year.

Next, Rtn. Siddhant Bhide unveiled the Special Bumper Issue, the last edition of Flying Carpet for the Dream Year. The President thanked every member who contributed to the making and publishing of our Flying Carpet. He also thanked and recognised the Donors of RCBW. This was followed by the Felicitation of Achievers of KDN Shruti School by Director Community Service I, Rtn. Shefali Shah. The celebration continued with the recognition of Awardees and the announcement of Special President recognition recipients.

The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks by President Elect Rtn. Dharmendra Sharma and Secretarial Announcement by Rtn. Tejas Sura.



Thank you

Retiring President's Speech

Where is the middle, where is the ending and where is the beginning.....if we pause....do we start from where we were paused or do we start fresh..... **This was the overall atmosphere we stepped into and spent a large part of the year!**

But we did it!

Would like to Thank DG Rajendra Agarwal, AG Praveen Mukim, DS Krishna Kumar and entire district team for the guidance

The entire board who kept their spirits up inspite of the maddening inertia of constantly changing scenario. Tejas was simply superb in his role as club secretary. A few did lose their mojo but eventually did regain it after seeing the enthusiasm and spirit of those who kept their spirits up. The club really came back strong with so many people contributing for various projects. It was amazing to see this **resurgent spirit of donating.**

Some major work was undertaken and taken to near completion. Some of it was started in the previous year by IPP Manoj Patel. The repairs of RCBW Rotary Shruti School were ably handled by Tejas Sura, Manoj Patel and Apurva Nanavati. The repairs of Rotary Centre were started this year and will be finished soon. Apurva Nanavati is spearheading this task. It was amazing to see to how Sandeep Parikh and Apurva Nanavati helped raised funds from our members for the repairs to our beloved Rotary Centre. **Once again**, we are the only Rotary Club in the world to be **blessed with two buildings.** We must nourish these and maximise their use for service to society. TO some of us who may wonder why we spend so much on Shruti...we have some students who have gone on to reach heights that they may not have reached without an institute like our Shruti school.

The **DTA was superbly helmed by PP Aslam and RCBW team!**

As was pointed out we had several Past Presidents who were part of the volunteer group! It truly helped bring the club together!

Siddhant Bhide and the FC team was amazing with their zeal to maintaining a RCBW tradition. I just found an excerpt from the FC in the 80s about my father and I realized the additional value of our beloved FC.

The medical committee of Jayant Sanghvi, Manoj and Bhavna Patel, Kamal D'mello was as reliable as a **heartbeat.** They did vaccination, medical camps, blood donation drives and ran the RCBW medical centre.

When I assumed office I realised the situation we were in because of the pandemic and road repairs before pandemic both of which majorly affected our cash flows. **I am proud that we initiated the two additional pillars of raising funding 1) Crowd funding 2) CSR funding.** These two new pillars as they grow along with the traditionally strong personal donations route will help our club achieve even greater heights. Am happy to share that the team is working hard to get a good deal once again from our caterers comparable to what was last seen a few years ago when I was involved in the obtaining the deal before the economy went south. I am sure here too they will achieve greater heights. I also hope to set up an event based program that our club can use for raising funds....we were in talk with setting up a marathon or running event. I hope to set this up with the support of future presidents.

We were **the first and probably one of the few if not only clubs** to invite speakers from all over the world! We called speakers from Europe, USA and even Bolivia. All thanks to zoom and Pravin Mehta! He was also instrumental in getting donation of 35L for fruit tree plantation....this helped us plant over a lakh seventy thousand trees through our former honorary Rotarian Mayank Gandhi and generous corporate donor Borosil.

The program committee spearheaded by Shardul Kulkarni was

superb in the energy and making programs going in covid times. His presence of mind when the sound system broke down during the Charter night was a revelation.

Darshan Shah, Usha and Dr Himanshu Mehta were great orchestrators of the super successful music fellowship. Here too we turned adversity into a memory by having the first live program where the singers watched themselves perform! Dr Tushar Shahs presence at this program only added momentum to the members desire to restart normalcy! Prashant Patel has always been a fabulous, silent and strong pillar of fellowship!

The stag picnic was another memorable event which was very nicely coordinated and shepherded by Darshan Shah Sandeep Parikh and Apurva Nanavati. Photos of me feeding the tiger have nothing to do with current situation in the state.

Shefali and Rajul were instrumental in starting the Bakery centre. A big thank you to Harehji and the estate of Late Bomi Sorabji Bulsara for their support. Spoken English was very well run by Kavita Rege, Geeta Joshi and Turab Chimtanwalla.

The Rotaractors and Interactors always had lot of energy in their meetings. I will always remember their yells and the lovely video clips they would show. Kudos to Apurv Gangar for managing this portfolio superbly!

The new Rotarians were a breath of fresh air! Adwait Sambhare, Rahul Bhatnagar, Deepal Modi brought good energy. Dear Zoeb was always helpful and made occasions full of laughter and light! He also generously sponsored top end perfumes as gifts several times.

The spirit of past Rotarians has reached out and helped us as always. PP Dwirek Raj family contributed towards handsomely to our club projects as did the families of Girish Mathur and Sukhdev Puri.

One of the other legacy projects was the Layman Housing Seminar series started by PP Anand Gupta.

We ran the **'on the shoulders of giants'** series to recognize Rotarians who had done fabulous work in the past.....The concept being that I as a Rotarian or especially President can see further because I have stood on the shoulders of Giants! Overall there were many amazing experiences and memories that I will cherish!

What a memorable year it was! It was a year of learning unlearning and learning anew! It taught us to be nimble, smart and to focus on what is important. We did phenomenal work considering the overall tight jacket and always changing situation. **Service to humanity is the rent we must pay for the space we occupy on this Earth....**is a line that will remain etched in my mind.

Once again **A big Thank you to the entire Dream Team of Board members, Committee members and RCBWkars.** The Rotary support staff was very helpful. Special thanks to the Trustees. The involvement of the Inner-Wheel, Rotaract and Interact also made the year memorable. I appreciate the guidance by IPP Manoj Patel and would want to wish Dharmendra Sharma, Rajul Doshi and Rahul Goenka all the best in their respective terms!

My father's blessings and my family support was always there and helped make this journey more fun.

The Dream year really was a dream come true! It has made me realise that once the Dream year ends....it will be time for me and my team to **fulfil a bigger destiny!** I feel humbled and privileged to now have a treasure trove of memories and learnings that will nourish me as I chase and hopefully fulfil even bigger dreams! It has made me realise the depth of the following inspirational words....

Khud ko kar buland itna ke har taqder likhne se pehle Khuda bande se khud pooche ... bata teri raza kya hai.

I finally close the speech by announcing a donation towards our Rotary Trust from my mother!

Yours in Rotary
- Rtn. Gautam Chande

The Installation of Alpha President 2022-23



The Installation Ceremony of President Dharmaendra Sharma and his board of directors of the Rotary Club of Bombay West was held on Wednesday, 6th July 2022 at 7:30 pm at Rotary Service Centre in the presence of Past Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee, Chief Guest Sandip Agarwalla, First Lady Malini Agarwalla, IPDG Rajendra Agarwal, College of Governors, other district dignitaries and members of the Club, and Rotaractors, at Rotary Service Centre, Juhu Tara Road, Mumbai.





Dream President Gautam Gande (RCBW 2021-22) installed Alpha President Dharmendra Sharma (RCBW 2022-23) and invested him with collar and pin of the President's office. Also presented him with the RCBW's Charter, gong and hammer.

The gathering were addressed by Dream President Gautam Chande, DG Sandip Agarwalla, PRIP Kalyan Banerjee, AG Twinkle, Alpha President Dharmendra Sharma, past recipient of Peace Fellow, the Vote-of-thanks by PE Rajul Doshi.



President Dharmendra Sharma expressed his gratitude towards the past distinguished visionary leaders of the club who left a strong legacy of permanent projects behind like two prime location buildings in Mumbai - Rotary Service Centre and Surajba Bhavan, a Rotary Medical Centre, the DG Goenka Blood Bank, Rotary Eye Collection Centre and The Bombay West Rotary Institute for the Deaf KDN Shruti School for Deaf, etc. He also recognised several and all the dignitaries in the audience.





President Dharmendra also briefed about the new projects benefitting the underprivileged for their health, education and vocational needs. The club is also starting another Medical Centre, Post cochlear rehabilitation Centre, IT Innovation Labs and Oral Cancer Screening Dental Van benefitting 25000 families across Mumbai and various other rural projects.



President Dharmendra gave a statement of purpose to the Club i.e. "We Create Vibrancy!" and explained that We create vibrancy in the community, we create vibrancy in youth, and we create vibrancy in every walks of life, as our Vision to make the Rotary Club of Bombay West one of the most vibrant clubs in the country.



- Rtn. Rahul Goenka

Inner Wheel-Report of Installation Programme

The Installation was held in 'The Club'. The venue was decorated with President Sejal's paintings and art material. It started with fellowship and formal function began at 11.30 am. After the IW prayer, lighting of the lamp and Invocation song rendered by Swati Patel, there was surprise item, lively dance by the executive committee members. PP Trusha Lathia was the Master of the Ceremony.

IPP Bhavna Pandya gave a review of the year gone by wherein she had done rural school projects along with other social service projects. Then President Sejal was introduced and was adorned with Presidential Collar and given the Club Charter and Prayer. Then the Executive team of the year 2022-23 was introduced. Five new members were inducted into IWC Bombay West family by PDC Dr. Madhavi Pandya and IIWPP Dr. Pallavi Shah by giving them oath and IW pins.

Special Guest IIWPP Dr. Pallavi Shah was introduced by PP Trusha Lathia. IIWPP Dr. Pallavi in her address spoke about how all the members of our Club should aspire to take up the executive posts and rise in the ladder. It helps one develop Leadership skills and team spirit. Indian women have been givers, she said and Inner Wheel gives

tremendous opportunity to give back to Society. Rotary President Dharmendra Sharma was introduced by PP Dr. Kavita Rege, Hon. Secretary of the Club. He spoke about power of women and how Rotary with Inner Wheel can do joint projects. He enumerated the planned projects of RCBW. He also urged that Inner Wheel has such empowered women that they too can join Rotary and help the community more extensively.

Chief Guest PDC Dr. Madhavi Pandya was introduced by our PDC Dr. Shobha Ahuja. PDC Dr. Madhavi Pandya spoke about District Projects and urged the Club to participate in those. She explained this year's District theme "Kalpvriksha" and further enumerated the different Kalpvrikshas which help us to lead healthy life as per our old wisdom. She also spoke about Gurushishya Parampara and that IW allows one to practise Karmayoga. A lucid speaker, she narrated how Guru helps one to reach God. VP Shruti Desai proposed a hearty vote of thanks, thanking the members, President Sejal's family and specially thanking the PDCs and Co-Presidents whose presence made the programme special.

- R/Ann Dr. Kavita Rege

Early Intervention Centre at Rotary KDNS School for Deaf

The Early Intervention centre for hearing impaired children at K.D.N. Shruti school was initiated on 1st July 2022.

Ms. Shradha Shirke has joined as a Special Educator, she is specialised in Auditory verbal therapy & Ms. Kavita Sharma joined as an administrator (Receptionist), she is a qualified Counsellor, she also has depth of knowledge of music. They will be working under the guidance of Mrs. Vandana Hariname, school's Audiologist who is trained under Prof. Ramesh Oza for past 28 years .

16 parents confirmed to take benefit of this facility, 5 parents enrolled yesterday rest will be enrolling by now. (This number will increase soon)



Our aim is early diagnosis of hearing impairment and provide individualised speech & language training and prepare them for mainstreaming.

Rotary Club of Bombay West is making efforts to bring all facilities under one roof, from diagnosis to rehabilitation of hearing impaired children.

PP Dr. Manoj Patel has been instrumental in getting this initiated. Really Appreciate! Early Intervention of hearing impaired and timely treatment is going to transform lives of thousands from this centre in near future. We intend to keep a formal inauguration of Early Intervention and Rehabilitation centre soon.

Anti-natal Care of Women Project - Rtn. Dr. Pratima Kodkani

This project is Anti-natal care of women. In this project Rtn. Dr. Kodkani distributes 110 gm Mung or packet of Glucose biscuits (Rs. 10) and one Banana. She counsels on Nutrition Hygiene Family planning and pre-test counselling of HIV. There is interaction with patients after counselling if they have any queries. This project is joint project with IW and on Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday. Today patients are 15 because of heavy rainfall. HIV pre-test includes about avoiding the disease and breast feeding.



Address at Rotary Club of Bombay BKC

On Gurupournima day i.e. 13th July 2022, Wednesday, our Rotary Ann Dr Kavita Rege was invited by 'Rotary Club of Bombay BKC' to address them on "Youth Development". Club members and Rotaract Members had joined.

Dr. Rege spoke about importance of Gurupournima and Guru Shishya Parampara in youth development. She further spoke about developing communication skills like listening, speaking and writing which impress people more than your academic achievements. Empathy, well rounded personality, your body language, your conduct speak more about you than your paper qualification. Leadership

skills, Problem solving ability, Critical thinking, resource management, people management, good command on different languages, good vocabulary, resilience are very important aspects of a personality in today's world, she said. Good dialogue with parents and elderly people in family and parents' friend circle gives one better insights into choosing a career, developing one's skills and personality. The talk was well received by senior Rotarians and Rotaractors as well which ended with question answer session. Rotarian PP Shirish Rege too attended the programme.

- R/Ann Dr. Kavita Rege

Layman's Education Seminar

Seminar held on 10th July 2022. This was the first seminar renamed housing conference and exhibition, after successful completion of four years of Layman's Education Seminars. PDG Shashi Sharma was the chief guest. Rotarian Hiralal Suthar, Community Service-1, Alpha Director Started the proceedings. President DHARMENDRA SHARMA welcomed the participants and gave details of social service projects and activities of Rotary club of Bombay West and MahaSeva president CA Ramesh Prabhu gave details of the seminars in its new format.

The chief guest PDG Rotarian Shashi Sharma gave details of Rotary as an NGO and also gave his good wishes for the present seminar series. Rotarian Hiralal Suthar handed over charge of the proceedings to the anchor Mr. Sunil Sharma after end of this formal inauguration function. Mr. Sunil Sharma welcomed the participants and introduced of the learned speakers and Panel members for the seminar.

Mr. Anil Darshetkar former Sr. Architect, MHADA gave presentation on Redevelopment on MHADA land, Mr. Navnath Ghadge Ex-Engineer (Building Proposal) gave presentation on redevelopment of BMC land. Other panel speakers were Vijay Thakre former Chief Engineer MHADA, Sandeep Kangutkar senior architect - "one stop PMC", advocate Harish Jain founder BDA Brihanmumbai Mumbai developers Association, CA Ramesh PRABHU chairman MahaSeva and Dr. Anand Gupta Chairman RERA committee of builders Association of India.

The seminar ended with vote of thanks to the speakers and the participants.

PS: The schedule of the seminars to be held during a Rotary year 2022-23 has been finalised and the same is sent here with separately for the members / Rotarians to block their calendar accordingly.

- Rotarian Hiralal Suthar
Alpha Director CS1

RCBW Blood Donation Camps

- Rtn. Mahesh Kokate

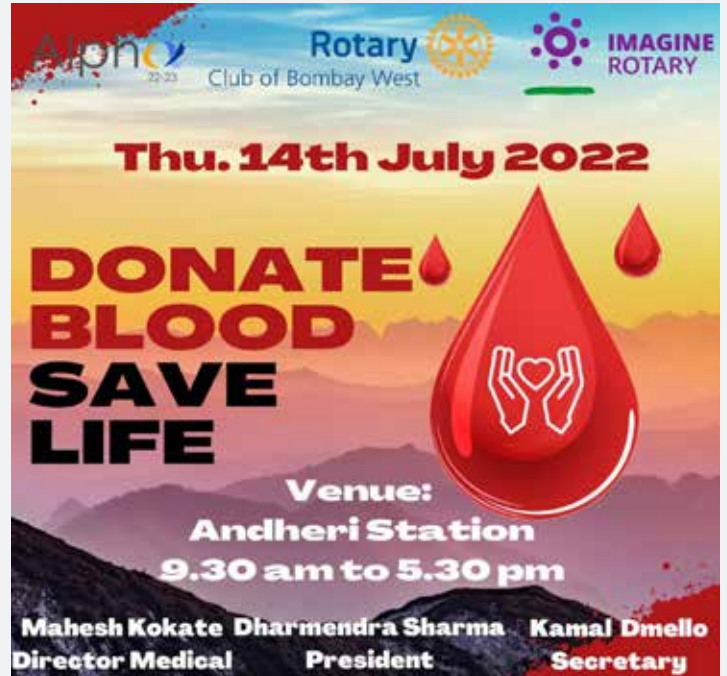
First Camp on 1st July 2022

On 1st July 2022, RCBW held a joint blood donation camp at Andheri Station Footover bridge, on occasion of "Doctor's Day". All the preparation such as arrangement of doctors & other staff from Jagjeevan Hospital Blood Bank. Where 115 units of blood got collected benefiting 345 beneficiaries. The total cost of the project was Rd. 30000. Rtn. Dharmendra Sharma, Rtn. Dr. Kamal Dmello and Rtn. Mahesh Kokate were present along with 32 rotarctors from RCNM, SATHE and RCBW Rotaract Clubs spending 175 manhours. In Mumbai total 8 locations camps were held at various railway stations by Rotary Clubs of District 3141 with collection of 670 units benefiting 2010 beneficiaries. This was an act of great service to humanity.



Second Camp on 14th July 2022

103 units of blood got collected today at Andheri Station, benefitting 309 individuals. The camp was held on the special request of Sion Hospital due to their Urgent demand.



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