

Hill Echoes

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*Why fit in when
you were born to stand out?*

RI President Jennifer Jones' Message

Rotary



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I congratulate you on your installation to the office of club President at Rotary Club of Thane Hills, Maharashtra, India.

The upcoming year promises to be one of the most joyful and rewarding years of your life.

As club and district leaders, you have such an important role to play. You can do so much to help create club experiences that are welcoming, inclusive and enjoyable for each and every member – and you can extend that same warmth and belonging to every participant who wishes to engage with our clubs.

If we serve our members, we serve our communities. And if we provide comfort and care for our members, they will truly come to understand the power of Rotary.

We all feel the impact that Rotary service and Rotary values have on us ... now it's our opportunity to share that feeling with others. This is a year to *Imagine Rotary* by envisioning a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing we can make a difference. We don't imagine yesterday, we imagine tomorrow.

We imagine a world without polio, with clean water for everyone. We imagine a world free of disease and where every child learns to read. We imagine kindness, hope, love, and peace.

It is honor to work beside you as we guide our fellow Rotary members to another successful year. I am relying on you as we commit ourselves to *Imagine Rotary*.

Warmest regards,



Jennifer Jones
President, Rotary International 2022-23

FAB DG's Message



My Dear FAB President Jayram Mendon & Members of RC Thane Hills,
Rotary Pranaam!!

"Effective communication is 20% what you know and 80% how you feel about what you know." – Jim Rohn

Our FAB Year is all about feeling, acting-upon & believing that whatever we have set out to do and howsoever we have Imagined Rotary to be in the FAB Year, WE WILL ACHIEVE.

Club Bulletin is a very effective tool and certainly a milestone in the direction of reaching out to the club members and communities alike and making dreams come true, by giving shape to our Imagination.

Therefore, it gives me immense pleasure in writing this message for your 1st Club Bulletin of the FAB Year. It's giving me a sense of togetherness and bonding with you and your club. I am sure you and your members will be equally pleased to read this message through your club's mouthpiece.

We, the FAB Team, have a single ideology around which we have planned the entire FAB Year and that is "To add vibrancy, excitement and faith of being a Rotarian, we need to adopt a single mantra i.e. LTD Unlimited (Loyalty, Transparency & Democracy)". I implore all the club presidents and Rotarians of D-3142 to extend that mantra to our clubs.

Enhancing our Rotary's Public Image is not just an idea or a task but also our prime responsibility and so another flavor of the year, which we all should experience, is community service in our own communities, our neighborhood. It's our bound duty that we all should make Rotary visible in our communities by creating lasting changes. I would further suggest that you should make this brilliant piece of communication, a vehicle for reaching out to the various segments of the givers and beneficiaries, of your neighborhood.

At the outset let me congratulate you and your club for this FABulous beginning and I am sure you will build up on this to bring unprecedented glory, not only to your club or our district but also to our organization that we are so passionate about, that is our ROTARY.

Darshna joins me wishing you and all members of RC Thane Hills a Happy FAB Year!!

Yours in Rotary

Kailash Jethani

District Governor 2022-23

RI D-3142

Message from AG



'Rotary Club of Thane Hills from the Assistant Governor's perspective'

The First time I encountered RCTH was at the 2008-09 ROTAL and the succeeding IFCR Cricket Tournament. Even then, I was amazed to see the Club's enthusiasm, broad participation and sporting spirit.

I am pleased to see that even today, RCTH is able to maintain its culture & philosophy and is a shining example of well knit it association of committed Rotarians. I have been closely following the Club and its structure, functioning and overall development.

This Club with great potentials has always been on the forefront while executing well thought and large sized various social projects within the defined Rotary International Thrust Areas.

It is an age old proven fact, that one should not flatter someone in his / her front which may lead to low performance in the future. Hence I restrict myself here. I expect the Club to flair with its full potentials and keep on the bar raised of their Social and Large sized projects in the new Rotary Year commencing from 1st July, 2022.

My sincere good wishes to the President Jayram and his BoD in their quest to add laurels in their year to commence.

Needless to say, as an AG of your Club, it is my duty and I am bound to extend my assistance and guidance as and when required.

Best Always,

Rtn Satish Kothare

Message from IPP



Hillars, It is with great satisfaction, joy and happiness that I handover the baton of this dynamic club to Incoming president Jayaram. Friends the kind of humanitarian work done by Triumph foundation is truly inspiring. The camaraderie amongst Hillars is what brings out the best amongst each of us. I believe we are on the right track be it membership, TRF, fellowship or projects. We crossed the 100 member mark. We also completed EREY after many years. We have surpassed TRF records and also launched an Endowment fund for the first time in RCTH. We hosted two big events - Smile ROTAL and FAB DTA each of which required huge efforts and commitment. On project front we completed the Shenve school and also did projects such as Check dams, UV light machines, blood bank ambulance, Triumph Fun, education scholarships, Konkan relief, blood donation camps, health check up for special kids, Vocational awards and Ashakiran. Our ongoing blood bank project is running smoothly with the support of Birla foundation. On the fellowship front we did Membership event, Holi party, Diwali party, haldi kumkum cum Rotal, overnight picnic, Charter Nite and Shukriya. While we began the year in a confused state of mind due to lockdown, we successfully emerged and could do all this great work only due to the support of strong Hillars. I am happy to handover the charge to Jayaram who I believe will help RCTH scale newer heights.

God bless RCTH.

Varsha Likhite

Message from President, Innerwheel Club of Thane Hills



Warm Greetings to President Varsha Likhite for her wonderful Rotary Year and Incoming President Jayram Mendon for a beautiful journey ahead. Inner Wheel Club of Thane Hills completed glorious 25 years with landmark projects like the Sick room at Ashramshala Wakdi, Roti making machine at Bal Snehalaya, Taking care of senior citizens of Shree Ganesh vrudhasham at Vasai by fulfilling their needs example : groceries, veggies, medicine and utilities. We're eager to work hand in hand with Rotary Club of Thane Hills. Ready for all service oriented projects throughout the Year. Apart from our ongoing projects we are planning to have a program for Senior citizens group to show case them their talents ,Funding for out of school children , For Old age home - if possible help them to move them in their own place.

Radhika Tamne



Message from Club President



Rotary Pranaam to all Hillers....

I always believed in destiny and it is my good Karma of some life that i could get such a wonderful extended family in the form of Thane hills. Spent most of the professional life abroad which in turn brought success but not friends. Thought of joining some social club or NGO after returning to India and the quest of joining an NGO made me meet my best friend Sharath Ail. We all know what Sharath Ail was. It took only one meeting and I became a proud Rotarian. He convinced me that the Rotary platform is best suited to do large scale projects.

During the year of Anindya we could conceptualize Virtual Eye, thanks to Anindya and Radhika. And year after under Nilesh Puraniks Presidency, we launched Mission for Vision. I got complete support from Rakesh Wadhwan, PP Ranganathan Iyer, Pawan, Prashant and Satish Shetty. PP Chandru encouraged us to go all out on this. Both Projects adopted by the club and going on till date. I have witnessed very closely how President Varsha Likhite handled the club. The peak of Covid couldn't undermine her will to do good for the society. Women are multitasking and it was very well evident in President Varsha. The transition is very smooth and got all advice from her of handling day to day affairs of the club.

The success of the projects gave confidence to take the presidency and push myself to do more in the field of Autism. This year our signature project will be Triumph autism center. PP Vijay Shetty and Club secretary Samir Limaye have been working with me on this since last one year. On the Medical front got proper advice from PP Dr Suhas Kulkarni. Our Project outline is ready and already presented to the club. We are working on final Budgeting and will be ready with a report of all the required finance during our First General Assembly.

RCTH will go hand in hand with the District on various FAB projects. This year's theme is Feel Act Believe (FAB). We are working with TMC on improving the infrastructure of Thane city for disabled. This will be inline with happy street FAB projects. Our project team has completed their study on a couple of water projects. Designs are based on the Initial ideas of PP Rajesh Salaskar. In time we will release the complete report.

Present members of the club are a great mix of knowledge & Talent. Their Vocations are coming handy in all the club affairs. This year our goal will be reaching members along with our partners in service to do the best for the club and society at large. Me and my board will be showcasing utmost transparency and explore all possibilities in bringing like minded clubs together.

Shubha, My better half is a fashion designer. Though she is new to the city but ready to involve herself in all the projects. My evergreen daughter Aakanksha is 9 year old and she loves to be part of all the programs of the club. To serve this club unconditionally is an absolute honor to me and my family .

Editorial



Dear friends, another fresh Rotary Year begins, with new enthusiastic team to take us ahead.

The month saw the opening ceremony of the school in Shenve in memory of our very good friend Rakesh Wadhwan who left us suddenly last year. He was true man of all seasons. We knew him because of Rotary. The school ensures he remains in our hearts. His good qualities and our love have taken a concrete shape of a school that will benefit so many village children. Could there be a better tribute to a friend? All this was possible because we are part of this great organization whose only motto is to increase better understanding between humans of whole world that ultimately would result in world

peace. The friendship that develops trust automatically generate good work, good project worldwide.

It's our duty as members to get involved and make more friends in Rotary and outside to enrich our lives and become a better evolved human being. I don't think there is any better high we can achieve by any other means.

The bulletin is full of the activities and projects that are planned for the FAB year. Anyone can participate in any of the project or activity and enjoy. Even if you don't like any project, no problem, just attend weekly meetings and meet your friends. You will also enjoy the weekly speaker and enhance your knowledge.

- Rajesh Salaskar

Rotary Club of Thane Hills Presents

Board of Directors for the Rotary Year 2022-23




'Innovation' is his middle name!!

Jayaram Mendon
Club President



The man with a radiant smile and melodious voice!!

Samir Limaye
Club Secretary



In times of need, this 'Joshi' man is the last man standing with you.

Anil Joshi
Club Treasurer



A catalyst who connects all!

Anindya Dasgupta
Vice President



Diligent, affable and silently assertive with a will of steel!

Varsha Likhite
IPP and Director - International



Smiling and ever-green ambassador

Govind Khetan
President Elect



Bold and dynamic

Vijay Shetty
Director - TRF



A fearless 'fighter' with a heart of a child

Radhika Bhondve
Club Trainer



The cool calibrator

Harshad Divekar
Director - Club Administration



A thought leader!

Rajeev Tipnis
Director - Vocational



Man of perseverance

Bijay Yadav
Director - Medical

Rotary Club of Thane Hills Presents

Board of Directors for the Rotary Year 2022-23



A man with a golden heart

Pawan Adnani
Director – Thrust Area



Evergreen 'Action' leader

Sucheta Rege
Director – Partners in Service



An articulate and able administrator

Ranish Jaiswal
Director - PR



An energetic enabler

Sylvester Kunder
Director - Polio



The caring warrior

Nilesh Lad
Director – Community Service



Perfect planner and an effective executor

Sunil Gwalani
Director - Membership



A man for all seasons

Satish Shetty
Director – Non Medical



Young Turk

Saket Gadkari
Director – Youth Services



An Iron lady!

Madhumita Ghosh
Seargent-At-Arms



Soft and strong!

Milind Suryawanshi
Director – Special Projects



A gentle soul

Rajesh Salaskar
Bulletin Editor

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31					1 Blood Donation Camp	2
3	4	5	6	7 Club Assembly	8	9 Tree Plantation
10	11	12	13	14 Guru Pournima Celebration Weekly Meeting	15	16 BOD Meet Trust Meet
17	18	19	20	21 Weekly Meeting	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Weekly Meeting	29	30



PROJECTS TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN FAB! YEAR

