

# Bayview Express



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## From the President's Desk



**Rtn. Rajni Barasia**  
**President 2024-25**

Hello Friends!

Wishing each and every one of you a Joyous Diwali and a Prosperous New Year! As we celebrate this season of lights, it's also a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the great time we've had over the past four months of this vibrant Rotary year.

Thanks to the unwavering support and tireless dedication of my Board members—many of whom are fresh faces—we've turned every event into a resounding success. By focusing on the essentials, we've

strengthened our foundation, maintained regular speaker meetings, organized fireside gatherings, and kept everyone updated through our bulletins.

Here are some highlights:

- **Speaker Meetings**: With the efforts of the Club Admin-2 team, we've hosted inspiring monthly speaker meetings featuring distinguished figures from a variety of fields.
- **Fellowships**: The Club Admin-1 team has exceeded expectations with every event like the Installation, Mexican Night, and Sufi Nights, all meticulously planned. Having RI Director Raju Subramaniam as our Chief Guest for the Installation was a particularly memorable first!
- **Sports Fellowship**: Our Sports Director and team organized Tele-match 2.0, where over 125 members and their kids reconnected with their playful side, enjoying friendly competition and camaraderie.
- **Fireside Meetings**: We've hosted five fireside gatherings, creating an informal space for both new and long-standing members to connect. With over 125 members and spouses attending, these meetings have been invaluable for integrating new members and strengthening bonds within our club.
- **"Service Above Self"**: Our Community Service Directors and their teams have successfully completed over 100+ impactful projects, valued at over ₹1 crore and touching 23,000 lives. These projects span education, healthcare, water management, hunger relief, animal welfare, and support for folk musicians etc. We are especially excited about larger initiatives, ranging from ₹15–35 lakhs, that are currently underway.
- **Interact Club**: Thanks to the dedication of our New Generation Core Team, we proudly launched the "Interact Club of Fazlani L'academia Globale."
- **IFRM**: Spearheaded by our RCBB family, the International Fellowship of Rotary Musicians (IFRM) recently launched its South Bombay Chapter, uniting 25+ members from our club and other South Mumbai clubs.
- **Rendezvous**: We formed informal groups of new members, each led by a seasoned member, encouraging casual outings that foster friendships and deepen the club's spirit.
- **Bayview Travels**: Our members are eagerly looking forward to an exciting six-day trip to Bhutan this November. Plans for a weekend getaway closer to Mumbai early next year are also underway.
- **Activity Groups**: We've initiated interest groups for activities such as trekking, cycling, badminton, and music. Recently, a trek to Gaimukh Point in Borivali National Park brought together 45 members and spouses.
- **Social media and Bulletin**: Thanks to the efforts of our PI Team, our online presence remains active. Monthly event calendars and our bulletin, "Bayview Express," keep everyone informed and engaged. Bayview is featured in the local newsletter regularly and Bayview was covered in the **Editorial of Rotary News** for the good work we do along with a 7 page article covering our rural projects.
- **Board Meetings**: We've resumed in-person Board meetings, fostering open discussions and welcoming ideas from both new and seasoned members.

- **Membership**: Although we initially lost 18 members, I'm delighted to share that we've warmly welcomed 20 enthusiastic new members after thorough consideration. All new members have already assimilated very well in the club.

- **Flag Exchange**: Members have shared flags during their national and international travels, building friendship and fostering cultural exchange. We encourage everyone to serve as ambassadors for RCBB, sharing our flags and goodwill around the world.

With the love, support, and enthusiastic feedback from our members, we're committed to making this year even more memorable. Here's to ensuring that every member feels like an essential part of our Bayview family!

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# Sufi Nite Fellowship

Club Event

@20th Oct, MCA Lounge.



**Club Reporter: Sps. Mona Babla**

Last night, I had the privilege of attending an event that truly touched my heart, all thanks to the Vibrant President and her brilliant team. Every detail was meticulously planned, radiating warmth and care by **Club Admin Rtn. Sonali Shah and her team** - from the venue to the thoughtfully crafted menu. You could feel the excitement in the air, as everyone eagerly awaited the surprise that would unfold.

The moment we stepped through the entrance, the delicate gajras and the enchanting Sufi hats set the perfect tone, evoking a sense of tradition and tranquillity. As we walked down the red carpet and posed for photos, we felt like we were part of a special event.

Then, the magic of the evening began. The band, blending Sufi melodies with Bollywood beats, created a harmony that filled the room and touched our souls. We couldn't help but hum along, letting the music wash over us. As the lights softened and the rhythms deepened, something stirred within me. The melodies were so powerful, so pure—it was impossible not to get lost in the moment, swaying with the music, feeling every note in my heart. The entire room came alive, and some of us couldn't resist dancing.

The bar menu, with its charming Sufi-inspired names, was a delightful surprise. And the food! It was delicious—especially the dim sums and pizzas.

It was the perfect start to the Diwali celebrations—a night that captured the spirit of the season and filled our hearts with joy. I truly enjoyed every moment of this beautifully curated evening, and I'll carry the warmth and magic of it with me for a long time.

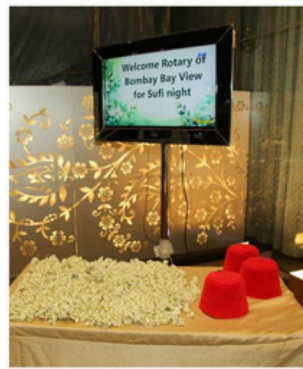
The memorable Sufi Night Fellowship, attended by **167 members** of the RCBB family and distinguished District 3141 guests, **DG Rtn. Chetan Desai** and **Principal Aide Rtn. Deepak Jiandani** too.



**Club Reporter: Sps. Payal Sheth**

At our recent Rotary Fellowship of Sufi music and **Karva Chauth celebrations**, despite the elusive moon! When we couldn't spot the moon, the spirit of community brought us closer as a friend's cousin held a video call for us to complete the Pooja in another city. Rtn. Pawan Barasia spouse of our president Rajni Barasia was kind to hold the phone up of the video call so we all could do our Pooja smoothly.. ..

The bond grew stronger, with the shared fasting, laughter, and rituals which concluded with a delicious feast of a huge spread of food and delectable crispy hot jalebis and super yummy paan ice cream satiating our hunger. Was a memorable evening. Thank you to everyone who made it so special.



# Interact Club Installation



**Club Reporter: Rtn Apurva Shah**

**AND A STAR is BORN** - on 14th October Bayview chartered the **Interact Club of FLAG (Fazlani L'Academie Globale)** and installed Interactor **Navya Bafna** as the President and her core team in a crisp Installation ceremony blessed by **Rtn Pankaj Phatadphod - District Avenue Chair for Youth Services 1**. In their first community service endeavour they organized an International food event at the School premises and collected a sum of Rs. 50,000 which was donated to the ROTI Bank Project. This is indeed a huge moment of pride for Bayview.

A huge shout out to the team that got this fuelled and going: the FLAG School head and our member **Rtn. Arwa Baldiwala** for personally ensuring all the required school support for this initiative and overlooking this venture, **Rtn Rajni Barasia** for her vision to start a new Interact Club, **Rtn. Urvi Mody** for taking up the responsibility of being the Interact Advisor , **Rtn Apurva Shah** for handholding the orientation and **Rtn Rackhee Mehta** and **Sps. Insiyah Jasdewalla** for always being there supporting the entire process. Thanks to our **IW President Tanvi Parikh** for being there for this important occasion.

The event was wonderfully planned and immaculately executed by the Students and their palpable energy and unbottled enthusiasm were a sure treat to experience and relish. With a new partner in progress we wish them the very best and stand in support, always.



**Interact**  Rotary club of Bombay Bayview  
Club of Fazlani L'Academie Globale



# Member Appreciation

We are proud of our member, **Rtn. Arwa Baldiwala**, whose dedication to youth empowerment spans over two decades. Embracing innovative pedagogy and international curricula, Rtn. Arwa has shaped young minds from her impactful tenure at The Somani Group of Schools to her current role as Head of School at Fazlani L'Academie Globale. Recently honored by actor Divya Dutta with a Certificate of Appreciation, Arwa continues to inspire and uplift the next generation, guiding them confidently through today's complex world.





# IFRM

President Rajni Barasia with IFRM members at the Charter Installation on 13th October 2024.



# Rotary Wisdom

C.L.F ( Club Learning Facilitator)

Your title doesn't  
make you a **leader**

These are the 6 things that do:



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