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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN...



December was a month of impactful initiatives for the Rotary Club of Bombay Airport (RCBA), as we continued to uphold our motto of "Service Above Self."

A key focus remained on building a brighter future for underprivileged children. On December 22nd, we inaugurated six new classrooms at Ranshet Ashramshala, Dahanu, complementing the ongoing Phase II of the project, which will create a much-needed community hall and kitchen. These expanded facilities will benefit 1250 students, fostering a stronger sense of community.

Beyond infrastructure, we launched a pilot project to provide shelter for stray animals, extending compassion to our furry friends. We also celebrated the installation of our 25th Computer Learning Centre at the Govardhan Skill Centre in Wada, a long-term project realized in partnership with Chingari, an NGO.

Our commitment to combating cardiac arrest continued with the installation of 34 AED machines and the launch of the 'Revive CPR' mobile app.

Youth engagement was another priority. We partnered with the Rotaract Club of ML Dahanukar College for their fundraiser, Open Stage 3.0. Our Interact club conducted sessions at BPM School on cyber security and wellness, and we promoted environmental awareness through youth education on responsible plastic waste collection.

We achieved a significant milestone for our flagship project, Gift of Life, which provides free pediatric heart surgeries, with the approval of a Global Grant for USD 282,608.

Our Annual General Meeting on December 16th saw President-Elect Pragna Mehta present her board, and we extend our best wishes for their term. Preparations are also underway for the 7th Juhu Half Marathon on February 9th, 2025, promoting health and Rotary's public image. We also strengthened club fellowship through informal fireside meetings.

We were saddened by the passing of former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh, whose tenure as Finance Minister (1991-1996) was pivotal in India's economic history.

As Swami Vivekananda said, "Help and not fight, assimilation and not destruction, harmony and peace and not dissension." This principle of harmony and service guides our actions. As we enter Vocational Service Month in January, RCBA is committed to delivering impactful projects in this area. We warmly welcome our new members to our vibrant club and look forward to continuing to make a difference together.



President - Rtn. Apurva Patel

EDITOR'S TIDINGS



As the year 2024 comes to an end, I stand with deep gratitude and reverence, thanking the Supreme Power for granting us the privilege of experiencing yet another year. Each year brings its own unique blend of highs and lows, joys and sorrows, successes and setbacks. This year has been no exception.

It was a year filled with moments of great joy and celebration, as well as times of deep grief and tragedy. It was heartbreaking to lose some of the legendary people this year.

Yet, this is the essence of life. The universe teaches us to find fulfillment in our successes and happiness and develop resilience and strength during challenging times. These diverse experiences shape our character, make us wiser & gives meaning to our lives.

In Rotary too, each year offers its own unique set of experiences and learnings. Every new Rotary year, beginning in July, brings with it the distinct flavours of two dynamic presidents. This diversity in leadership enriches us, with different perspectives, allowing us to experience new ways of working.

We touch the lives of different kinds of people & try to bring smiles to as many as possible. I feel, we are blessed to be Rotarians. We are the choicest ones who gets a platform to serve the underprivileged. Yet, we are a family of like minded friends who have fun together & enjoy every possible occasion.

As we look back on the year gone by, let us carry forward its lessons and step into the new year with hope, strength, and a renewed commitment to make even a bigger difference in the betterment of the society. Together, let us pray & serve.

Wishing each one of you in my RCBA family, a very healthy & prosperous 2025! Stay blessed & stay happy always.

Rtn. Ajanta Rath Mishra



IPP DR. AKSHAY MEHTA- THE SILENT CRUSADER



In this month of December, AED Machines were installed in Mahim, Ulhas Nagar, Kandivali & Masjid Bundar railway stations. 34 AED machines have been already installed by our Immediate Past President Dr. Akshay Mehta & the list seems to be endless. He's a silent crusader who has taken up this as a mission. Our Rtn Ann Dr. Snigdha Mehta, his better half & a heart marshal, makes sure that she's always by his side in this journey.



CPR Training was given by IPP Dr. Akshay Mehta to the employees of Vimal company at their sports day. This company is owned by our very own rotarian Bimal Shah. The employees were so moved with the CPR Training that , more than 40 of them showed interest to become Heart Marshals.

Rtn Bimal Shah too donated 5 AED machines.



REVIVE CPR APP was formally launched by Celebrity actor Kajol at the Jio World Centre. Dr. Akshay spoke & created awareness by talking about cardiac arrest & how to save lives using this app. This app locates the nearest AED machine available in case of a cardiac arrest. This app also has much more information than just locating the nearest AED machine



FLAGSHIP PROJECT: NEW CLASSROOMS FOR RANSHET ASHRAMSHALA

Six new classrooms at Ranshet Ashramshala were constructed in record time and inaugurated on December 22nd by our club's AG, Rtn. Kala Sridhar. The event was graced by the President, First Lady, and several Rotarians. Special appreciation to Community Service 1 Director, Rtn. Sanjay Merchant, for his relentless efforts in ensuring the timely completion of the project. Congratulations to Rtn. Nina Bhatia for her exceptional design work and her hands-on involvement in coordinating, guiding the contractor, and frequent site visits alongside Sanjay. Kudos to the team for making this impactful project a success!

Our Club extends heartfelt gratitude to the gracious donor, Mr. Nayan Dalal

In March 2024, Mr. Nayan Dalal was introduced to us by Rtn. Hiten Dalal as we sought support for the Ranshet Ashramshala – New School Building project. From the very first meeting, Nayan's enthusiasm and encouragement were remarkable. Understanding the project's potential to transform education for underprivileged children, he committed an unprecedented matching donation of ₹1.10 crores for the construction. Additionally, he extended invaluable cash flow support until the club raised the required funds. Today, the new facility is complete, and children are already benefiting from this transformative initiative.

Mr. Nayan Dalal, a philanthropist and successful entrepreneur, is the CEO of TLI Home and founder of The Dalal Family Foundation, US. Born in Mumbai, Nayan moved to the U.S. 30 years ago to pursue his MBA and founded TLI Home in 1992.

Inspired by his parents and a deep desire to give back, Nayan established The Dalal Family Foundation in 1997, focusing on education, women's empowerment, senior care, and medical welfare.

Nayan has been saving a portion of the profits from his business for many years to build the corpus for the foundation. Nayan's belief is very simple yet Profound. It's "Profit with purpose" and "Growth with goodness,"

The Foundation, with offices in the U.S. and Mumbai, has supported numerous impactful initiatives in India, including:

1. Pravin Dalal College of Entrepreneurship and Family Business Management, NMIMS - Juhu Vile Parle
2. Jyoti Dalal College of Liberal Arts, NMIMS – Juhu Vile Parle
3. Jyoti Dalal Medical Centre – Borivali west
4. Jyoti Dalal Dialysis Centre in Sanjeevani Hospital – Lonavala
5. Jyoti Dalal School of Commerce and Management in Vanita Vishram -Surat.

Guided by Winston Churchill's belief, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give," Nayan exemplifies a life dedicated to meaningful impact.



YOUTH SERVICES 1 (ROTARACT) AVENUE DIRECTOR: RTN DR. YOGINI SHETH



Open Stage -A talent show was held in M.L.Dhanukar college to raise funds for the education of 50 children of visually impaired parents. RCBA donated Rs 50,000 & co hosted this program.



Project Udaan is a blend of Rypen & Ryla . This is a leadership program for the young minds & was held with great success over 20 schools benefiting almost 8000 children. This was done by RC of Wada & RCBA



YOUTH SERVICES 2 (INTERACT) AVENUE DIRECTOR: RTN VAISHALI PARANJPE



Talk on 'Girls Rise & Thrive' at Chandulal Nanavati Vinay Mandir (CNVM) with 160 beneficiaries.
Speaker: Our own member, Rtn Derrick Angelsz



Talk on 'Boys R Factor' at CNVM benefiting 160 boys.
Speaker: Rtn Derrick Angelsz





Talk on 'Cyber Security' for the children of 5th to 9th grade at BPM School , Khar (west). It benefited 200 students. Speaker was Mr. Brijesh Patel



Question & Answer Session at BPM School, Khar (west) which benefited 200 students. Speaker was Dr. Jagruti Sanghvi



Presentation on Plastic waste & paper collection was given in BPM School for their students, teachers & staff. Out of our 12 interact schools, we have started plastic waste collection drive in 6 schools. This project has been very ably supported by our environment director, Rtn Rahul Patel.



Inaguration of Govardhan Computer Centre at the Eco Village in Wada with zero cost to our club. This is the 25th computer skill centre & has a cordless cctv camera & matching router for 24x7 for remote monitoring amongst other necessities. Kudos to PP Rajesh Agarwal for putting in all the efforts to make it possible.



CLUB SERVICES I & II
AVENUE DIRECTOR: RTN DHRUTI SHAH



Annual General Assembly (AGM) of our club was there on 16th of December. It went on well. The Returning officer of the nomination committee, PP Rtn Suketu Jariwala introduced the board of PE Pragna Mehta. The Chairman of the nomination committee, PDG Bansi Dhurandhar congratulated the board.



RCBA Domestic Trip to Tehri & Rishikesh was from 27th to 1st December. It was a great bonding time for our members & partners in the scenic & breathtaking views of Tehri & Rishikesh. The Ganga Aarti, adventure sports & river cruise were icing on the cake. The trip was very well planned & organised by both the Chairmen, Rtn Dr. Kanir Bhatia & Rtn Dr. Amrish Mehta, the team involved along with the travel agent, The Journey n Beyond.



New year Bash at Vario Tapas Lounge in Bandra. It was very meticulously organised & every minute detail was well planned by the Director Rtn Dhruti & Chairman Rtn. Amita Timbadia. People let their hair down & tapped to excellent music with great ambiance, food & decor.



VEGAN TIRAMISU

Ingredients

STRONG BREWED COFFEE

- 1 Tbsp instant coffee
- 1 Tbsp hot water

PUDDING

- 1 cup raw cashews
- 1/3 cup canned full-fat coconut milk
- 1/3 cup maple syrup
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 Tbsp strong brewed coffee (from step 2)
- 1 pinch sea salt

GANACHE

- 1/3 cup finely chopped vegan dark chocolate
- 1/3 cup canned full-fat coconut milk

Instructions

- **CASHEWS:** Soak the cashews for 20-30 minutes in hot water
- **COFFEE:** Prepare super strong coffee by adding instant coffee and hot water
- **PUDDING:** In a blender add the soaked and drained cashews and other remaining ingredients for the pudding. Blend until creamy and smooth.
- Divide the pudding between 8 small serving glasses (shallow, wide dessert glasses are best). Set in the refrigerator to chill.
- **GANACHE:** Meanwhile, add the finely chopped dark chocolate to a medium mixing bowl. Pour slightly hot coconut milk directly over the chopped chocolate. Do not stir. Cover with a lid or a piece of aluminum foil to encourage it to melt. Let the chocolate sit, covered, for ~5 minutes to melt.
- After 5 minutes, uncover then whisk to combine. The mixture should be entirely melted and smooth. If it's not, heat in the microwave in 20-30 second increments until entirely smooth and no chunks remain.
- Remove the pudding glasses from the refrigerator and add a thin layer of ganache on top of each spreading with a spoon until smooth.
- Transfer to the refrigerator for at least 45 minutes, until the pudding is chilled and the ganache is semi-firm to the touch. To make it look prettier add cocoa powder to a fine mesh strainer and shake gently over the dishes to add a light dusting.
- Enjoy chilled for best texture/flavor! Store leftovers covered in the refrigerator for up to 4-5 days.



Mukta Dedhia

Forthcoming Events in the month of January :

- 6th - Club Meeting
- 13th - Club Meeting
- 24th - Republic Day Celebration



Did you know?

The northern most Rotary Club of the world is RC of Barrow in Alaska, above the Arctic Circle



One Fireside meeting was hosted by Dr. Priti & Pankaj Doshi at their residence. It was well conducted by PDG Bansi Dhurandhar

The second fireside meeting of the month was hosted by Rtn.Paresh & Priti Bhagat at their residence. It was conducted very nicely by CDG Rahul Timbadia

Thanks to the Chairman, PP Rtn.Bharat Dhanki & the Director Rtn.Dhiren Shah for meticulously organising these fireside meetings.



Raising a Toast...



Birthdays

01 Haresh Jhaveri	07 Darshana Jhaveri	16 Manoj Shah
01 Satish Mandhana	08 Medini Tirodkar	26 Tehmina Khandwala
01 Apoorva Shah	10 Rajesh Shah	28 Meena Joshi
03 Jyotika Batra	13 Phoolchand Jain	29 Samina Habibulla
03 Sanjay Udeshi	14 Rashida Gadiwala	30 Kulvinder Bansal
05 Amita Salian	15 Sudhir Kalia	
07 Anil Salian	16 Babulal Jain	

Anniversaries

06 Harshad & Archana	24 Bakul & Parul	30 Kevin & Marise
16 Bimal & Shilpa	25 Pankaj and Priti	30 Dr. Praveen & Priya

MUMBAI ON MY PLATTER



1. Taj Mahal Tea House
2. Chantilly
3. Boojee Cafe

4. Love Fools
5. The village shop
6. Bokka Coffee

Cafeterias, Bandra West Edition