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- PRID Kamal Sanghvi

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“Enjoyed the #RotaryTimes @3142 issue. Stories captured the magazine's essence perfectly. Layout and design also impressive, compelling content and visually appealing design  
- PDG Bansi Dhurandhar

### August: A Focus on Membership and Club Development

August is dedicated to strengthening Rotary's global network through member growth and new club formation. We extend a warm welcome to our newest members and encourage them to discover the profound impact they can make as part of a world-changing organization. By exploring the Rotary Foundation and its grant opportunities, members can contribute to and benefit from our collective efforts to eradicate polio and address global challenges.

### Cover Story

Rotary District 3142, has launched a major membership recruitment campaign. District Membership team is embarking on a membership growth initiative focused on diversity, adopting innovative strategies, and enhancing the club's community impact. The cover story provides a comprehensive look at the campaign, including its goals, strategies, and success stories. Essentially, the cover story offers a roadmap for club presidents, membership directors, and their teams to replicate the successful strategies and achieve recognition within Rotary District 3142. Keep sharing all you read inside...

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**EACH ROTARIAN: BRING ONE, KEEP ONE**

**DG Dinesh Mehta**

# Editor's Musings

## August: A Golden Season for Rotary

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## Membership Boost A winning combo!

Ah! August! The golden month. Nature's masterpiece, a time of fullness, a rich harvest. Sounds familiar, doesn't it? Isn't that what Rotary is all about? Planting seeds of service, tending them with care, and reaping the rewards of a thriving community?

Just like a gardener transforms barren land into a blooming oasis, Rotarians create a sanctuary of goodwill. Our clubs are fertile ground where friendships flourish and service blossoms. Our members are like radiant peridots, illuminating hope everywhere. Our leaders, true gladioli, stand tall and proud, guiding us with grace and strength.

Rotary is more than a club, it is a place of solace, like a poppy in a green field. A place to nurture our souls and uplift others. As Paul Harris wisely said, 'we have a duty to influence hearts and minds for good.'

Joining Rotary is like embarking on a transformative journey. Imagine personal growth as abundant as the summer harvest. Come make this August a season of renewal and open our doors, welcoming new members into our sun-drenched meadow of community.

Together, we can write a new chapter in Rotary's story, a chapter filled with the promise of a brighter tomorrow. As the poet Sufi mystic Rumi once breathed, "Let the beauty we love be what we do."

"Abracadabra! Become the membership magician. Your wand awaits!"

**August Presence! August Grandeur!**

*Namrataa*

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### Rotary's Radiant Bloom...

Like farmers tending fields with tender care,  
Rotarians cultivate a garden rare.

Where friendship's seeds in fertile hearts are sown,  
And service blossoms, beauty fully grown.

Our members, peridots of purest hue,  
Illuminate the world with hope anew.

Each facet shines with kindness, grace, and might,  
Dispelling darkness with their radiant light.

Our leaders, gladioli, tall and strong,  
Inspire and guide our steadfast march along.

With dignity and purpose, they unfold,  
A banner bright of courage, brave and bold.

A sanctuary of peace, our Rotary home,  
Where weary souls can find a place to roam.

Like poppies dancing in a verdant sea,  
We find solace, wild and carefree.

With hearts aflame, we nurture and we mend,  
A world in need, our purpose to transcend.

For in this garden, where compassion grows,  
Rotary's spirit eternally glows." - savi...

“ओलंपिक चैंपियन अपने समर्पण से प्रेरित करते हैं।  
रोटरी चैंपियन अपनी सेवा से प्रेरित करते हैं। दोनों  
सकारात्मक बदलाव लाने वाली शक्तियां हैं और उनकी  
सफलता का मूलमंत्र टीमवर्क में दृढ़ विश्वास है”



# RI President's Message

## Fostering Belonging: The Key to Unlocking Rotary's Magic

### A Deeper Dive...



President Urchick's vision for Rotary is centered around creating a welcoming and inclusive environment where members feel a strong sense of belonging. Her message is a call to action for Rotary clubs to reimagine themselves to better serve their communities and members.

*Ultimately, President Urchick's message is a challenge for Rotary clubs to embrace change, focus on member satisfaction, and leverage their collective power to create a better world. By fostering a sense of belonging, Rotary can truly unlock its "magic" and achieve even greater impact.*

#### Customization is key:

The Rotary Club of Beveren-Waas in Belgium is a prime example of a club that has tailored its approach to attract and retain members. By analyzing local professions and offering flexible meeting times, they have created an inclusive atmosphere.

#### Overcoming challenges:

The Rotary Club of Holyoke in Massachusetts faced adversity due to rising costs but transformed it into an opportunity. By relocating to a free community room and offering optional lunch, they've made membership more accessible and attracted new members.

#### Member-centric approach:

Understanding member expectations is crucial. Clubs should actively seek feedback and make necessary adjustments.

#### Innovative models:

Rotary Fellowships like BREW demonstrate the power of alternative approaches. By combining social interaction with a strong service component, they've created a unique and engaging model.

#### Inclusivity as a catalyst:

President Urchick believes that a strong sense of belonging is the spark that ignites Rotary's impact. By focusing on inclusivity, clubs can attract diverse members, enhance collaboration, and increase their effectiveness.



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# A Message from District Governor

## Unleashing the Magic of Rotary

**K**arma's  
Magic  
Touch

### Powering Rotary Membership Ahead

*Dear Fellow Rotarians*

As we prepare to usher in the second month of this Rotary Year, let us reflect a while on our recent achievements and look ahead to the opportunities that lie before us. Your enthusiasm and dedication continues to inspire and drive our collective efforts towards creating a positive impact.

*"You're off to great places !  
Today is your Day !  
Your Mountain is waiting,  
So get on your way" We did.*



### July was a month of remarkable achievements.

#### 1st July : ANNAPURNA Initiative

We kicked off the Rotary Year with our Annapurna Initiative, wherein, we served meals to over 9000 people throughout our Rotary District. This act of service not only addressed immediate hunger issues but also showcased our commitment to alleviating food insecurity issues in our communities. Ann Veneman, Executive Director, UNICEF says that "Few things have more impact than nutrition on a child's ability to survive, learn efficiently and escape a life of poverty"

#### 7th July ; District Governor Installation

I am honoured to have officially assumed the role of District Governor of Rotary District 3142 on the 7th of July. The Installation Ceremony was a testament to our unity and shared vision of the year ahead. I am grateful for the support and the implicit trust you have placed in me.

The same evening at an event organised at Hotel Satkar Residency we felicitated Rotarians who has pledged contributions of US\$ 1000 and more at the hands of P.R.I.D K.R. Ravindran.

#### 21st July : Blood Collection Drive

Our Blood Collection drive was a tremendous success with numerous Rotarians and Community members, braving the heavy rains, to come together and donate blood. As a Blood Donation slogan so poignantly points out. "A Mother's tears cannot save her child's life but your blood can" This initiative significantly contributes to saving lives and meeting the urgent needs of the Healthcare System.

Throughout July I have had the honour and the privilege of being invited as Chief Guest at the Installation ceremonies of Rotary Clubs in all parts of the District. This has provided me with an opportunity to meet with Club Members and also to learn about the Community Service projects and CSR initiatives taken up by these Clubs. It is where I see the Magic of Rotary happening.

**August** in Rotary is designated as **Membership and New Club Development month.**

Membership is the lifeblood of our organisation and this month provides an excellent opportunity to celebrate the values of our members, showcase the global impact of Rotary and infuse new blood by inviting deserving individuals to serve the community and enjoy the fellowship of kindred souls by joining Rotary

I encourage each Club to actively engage in **recruiting new members whilst retaining current ones.** We need to emphasise the benefits of Rotary Membership, including the opportunity to make a difference, build lasting friendships and develop personal and professional skills. Work to create an inclusive and welcoming environment for all.

Additionally, I urge clubs to explore avenues for establishing new clubs in under-served areas. By expanding our footprint, we can increase our service capacity and create a more significant impact in our communities.

Together, we can strengthen our organisation and continue to serve our communities with dedication and passion.

*"What really matters from the point of view of social capital and civic engagement is not merely nominal membership but active and informed membership".*

Thank you for your unwavering commitment and service

Yours in Rotary

*Dinesh Mehta*

**Dinesh Mehta  
District Governor  
2024-25**



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## rom Blood Donation to Bonding

***“Last month, we rolled up our sleeves and showed our commitment to our community with a blood donation drive. It was inspiring to see so many of you step forward to save lives. Your actions truly exemplify the spirit of Rotary – service above self.”***

***- FL Jyoti experienced mixed emotions***

My Dear Family of Rotary!

As we turn the page from July to August, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible impact we can make through simple yet powerful actions.

In July, I had the privilege of donating blood. It was a small gesture, but I believe it exemplifies the spirit of our ‘Action by Deed’ projects.

Every drop counts, and together, we can make a significant difference in the lives of those in need.

This experience reinforced the importance of CPR and COPLS training, which can be lifesavers in critical moments.

I encourage all of you to prioritize these essential skills.

Now, as we step into August, it is time to balance our dedication to service with a little fun and fellowship. After all, as the saying goes, ‘All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy’ – or in our case, we must remember the balance between service and enjoyment.

After all, a little laughter and relaxation can go a long way in recharging our spirits and making us more effective Rotarians.

So it is time to strengthen our bonds as a family by creating opportunities for fun and fellowship, laughter and shared experiences.

I believe that our better halves and our children are integral parts of our Rotary journey. Their support and involvement enrich our lives and our service. I encourage you to involve your families in our activities, creating lasting memories and a stronger sense of community.

"आगामी ऑगस्ट महिन्यात, आनंद, उत्साह आणपिंपरचे जतन करण्यासाठी, आपल्या सर्वांना 30 ऑगस्ट रोजी पारंपरिक मंगळगौर उत्सवातसहभागी होण्याचे नमित्रण आहे. सर्व महिला रोटारयिन्स आणक्लब सदस्यांना, या वशिष दविशी आपल्यासोबत साजरा करण्याचे आवाहनआहे."

Remember, every action, no matter how small, can ripple out and make a world of difference.

***“So, roll up our sleeves, open our hearts, and embrace the spirit of Rotary! What do you say? Are you ready to make this August unforgettable?”***

*Jyoti Mehta*

Jyoti Mehta  
First Lady  
2024-25



# A Magical Rotary Connection

## A Model of Humanitarianism

Margaret Thatcher



### A Story of Awesome Kindness!

#### A Tottle Twist on Membership...

**10** members gathered, hearts aflame with zeal,  
One lost their passion, leaving a vacant spiel.

**09** remained committed, eager to serve,  
But one grew distant, a painful curve.

**08** members rallied, spirits still high,  
Yet one found distractions, a puzzling why.

**07** stood steady, their purpose clear,  
But one sought elsewhere, a different sphere.

**06** souls persisted, a dedicated crew,  
One found new paths, bidding their old adieu.

**05** hearts remained, burning bright and strong,  
But one grew weary, the journey too long.

**04** members forged on, with unwavering grace,  
One found it challenging, a difficult pace.

**03** stood resolute, their focus keen,  
But one faltered, a disheartening scene.

**Two** remained steadfast, a loyal pair,

**One** sought diversion, leaving solitude bare.  
Alone yet hopeful, a flicker still gleamed,  
A chance encounter, a fortunate dream.

**Two** became partners, a purpose reborn,  
Each brought a comrade, a membership morn.

**Four** united, their numbers now grow,  
Each found a soul mate, a fruitful show.

**Eight** stood triumphant, their efforts take flight,  
Inspiring **Sixteen**, a dazzling light.

**A thousand and twenty-four**,  
a future so grand,  
With every new member, a helping hand...savi

A lesser-known chapter in the life of Margaret Thatcher reveals a profound connection to Rotary International. As a young girl of twelve, Thatcher and her older sister, Muriel, were instrumental in saving the life of a Jewish teenager, Edith Muhlbauer, from the horrors of Nazi-occupied Austria.

It all began with a desperate plea from Edith, Muriel's pen pal, who sought refuge from the escalating persecution. The young Thatcher sisters, with unwavering determination, turned to their local Rotary Club for assistance. Their father, a founding member and former president of the Grantham Rotary Club, lent his support, and the community rallied behind the cause. Funds were raised swiftly, enabling Edith to escape to England and find temporary sanctuary with the Thatcher family.

Edith's journey continued with the support of other Rotarians, ultimately leading her to safety in Brazil. Decades later, at Margaret Thatcher's funeral, Edith's daughter, Betina, paid her respects, a poignant testament to the enduring impact of this humanitarian act.

Reflecting on this pivotal moment in her life, Thatcher expressed deep gratitude for the role Rotary played in defeating the forces of evil and saving innocent lives. This extraordinary story underscores the power of human compassion and the enduring legacy of Rotary International.

story gist: courtesy Team GML

(Based on information provided by RGHF Senior Historian Basil Lewis)



# Membership Miscellania

## August's Journey from Seed to Blossom

### Cracking the Membership Code

#### Rotary's Secret to Growth

Steeve....here I am back again, to engage with you on Membership. Let me share the membership figures, ending June 30, 2024. The Excellent year did see the addition of 475 members, however we ended the year with a net growth of only 29 members. In a lighter vein, I think RID 3142 is turning Global in character, in its membership...!!! Seriously, friends, we need to recalibrate our strategy to buck this and get on the growth curve. We need to aim for 10% net growth, year on year.

How do we do this...??? I have been pondering about this and i feel the solution to this will have to be out of the box. The recommended templates of membership growth and retention from RI is very generic and idealistic.

I feel a tweaked approach relevant to our District is required. I would like to share my thoughts for this aspect.

#### COLLABORATE, INDUCT & ASSIMILATE. (CIA)

with a difference are the keys to ensure Sustainable growth in membership.

When I say collaborate, I mean collaboration between serving and incoming Membership teams to visualise sustainable growth strategies and put them into action. These steps need to be continued for minimum 3 years for tangible results. Needless to say that minor course correction can be done after periodic reviews.

Induction of new members needs a serious introspective review. As a principle, New Member Inductions should conclude within the first four months of the Rotary year, leaving the balance for assimilation.

The wise men of Rotary have given us a Template of types of membership which allows clubs to offer associate membership for a term that can be decided by the clubs.

This courtship time will help filter serious Rotary candidates for induction as Member.

This will formally embed the recommended steps of Induction in the club byelaws.

Assimilation of members is the process of shortening the transition time from being a Member to becoming a Rotarian.

The first filter of courtship followed by thoughtful and innovative ways of Engagement, Delegation, and Appreciation will speed up the process of assimilation.

*"I Want to share an outstanding effort in Membership growth at RC NEW KALYAN."*

*They added 18 Members on the day of installation. This monumental effort deserves a pat. Many congratulations..!!*

*Word of caution... ps ensure that you retain 100%.." remarked Ravi.*



PP Ravi Iyer  
DMC 24-25



DG Dinesh Mehta  
District Governor

## Congratulations

### Awesome Presidents

## 202

Members added in July'24

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Clubs added in July'24

# Membership Miscellania

## August's Journey from Seed to Blossom

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## oosting Membership in July & August

### Achievable Targets Ahead

Annual leadership transitions provide clubs with the opportunity to expand their membership base. Incoming presidents often prioritize recruitment to strengthen club resources and facilitate project implementation.

Moreover, the extended tenure affords clubs ample time to cultivate new members and integrate them effectively into the organization.

The current Rotary year has witnessed remarkable growth with the chartering of two new clubs and significant membership expansion in numerous existing clubs, including instances of doubling in size by July 1, 2024. While these accomplishments are noteworthy, the district's focus now turns to member retention and engagement, transforming new members into active contributors to Rotary's mission.

To recognize exceptional membership growth in July and August, clubs will be categorized as follows:

- 1) **Tier-1: Clubs whose Membership are less than 25 as on July 1, 2024.**
- 2) **Tier-2: Clubs whose Membership are 26-50 as on July 1, 2024.**
- 3) **Tier-3: Clubs whose Membership are 51+ as on July 1, 2024.**

The top three clubs in each category will be recognized at the **FIRST District Meet in September 2024.**

*Clubs must submit membership growth data using the provided format.*

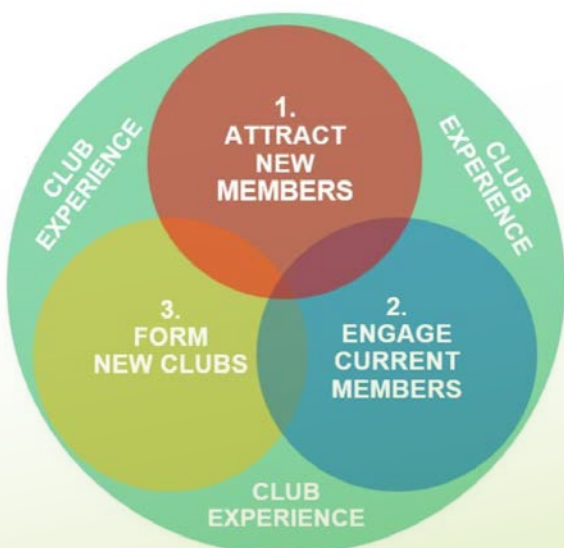
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Au Revoir...

**Ravi Iyer**  
**(DMC) District Membership Chair**



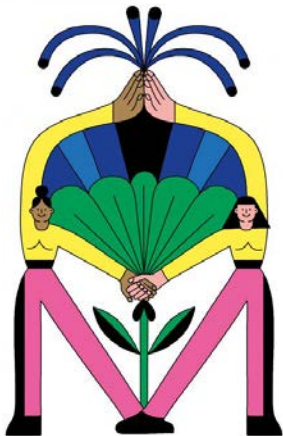
# Crafting Your Ideal Rotary Club

## Inspiring Stories for Awesome Clubs

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on how Ordinary Rotarians can find themselves in extraordinary circumstances. In their own words, they tell us...What it's like

### STORY 01 Meghan Schenker-Fulcher: A Leader in Community Service




 <https://www.facebook.com/HarrisonburgRotary/>

Meghan Schenker-Fulcher, a Harrisonburg educator, identified a gap in service opportunities for working professionals, particularly women. In response, she co-founded the Rotary Club of Harrisonburg-Rocktown in 2019. This satellite club was designed to accommodate the schedules of individuals seeking to make a meaningful impact on their community.

Under Schenker-Fulcher's leadership, the club has flourished. With a strong focus on community service and a commitment to strategic planning, the club has grown to include 36 members, many of whom are women.

### STORY 02 Rotary Club of Singapore: A Model of Impactful Service

 <https://www.rotary.org.sg/page/major-project-2022-23>



The Rotary Club of Singapore has established a strong reputation for implementing high-impact projects. By fostering a culture of engagement and accountability, the club effectively motivates members to contribute to meaningful initiatives.

A prime example is the club's fifteen-year commitment to the Help the Children project in Indonesia. This multi-faceted initiative has expanded from supporting a small group of students to impacting entire communities through improved education and literacy rates. Annual visits by club members to the project site reinforce the club's dedication and provide invaluable opportunities for personal connection and inspiration.

The club's diverse membership, representing 22 countries, is a cornerstone of its success. This global perspective enriches project development and execution, while also creating a strong sense of community among members.

### STORY 03 Rotary Club of Roswell After Hours: A Dynamic Platform for Young Professionals



 <https://roswellrotary.club/project/5779>


The Rotary Club of Roswell After Hours has rapidly emerged as a vibrant community for young professionals seeking to balance personal and professional growth with meaningful service. Established just a year ago, the club has experienced substantial membership growth by prioritizing social connection, professional development, and impactful community initiatives.

By offering a flexible meeting structure and a strong emphasis on networking, the club has cultivated a supportive environment for young professionals. The club's strategic partnership with the Rotary Club of Roswell provides invaluable mentorship and collaborative opportunities, enhancing the club's capacity to drive positive change within the community.

Diverse Voices, Shared Purpose: The Power of Inclusion.

### STORY 04 The Rotary Club of Halifax Harbour: A Model of Membership Excellence




 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XpzZnKsLQQ&t=10s>

The Rotary Club of Halifax Harbour exemplifies a strategic approach to membership development and retention. By merging the strengths of two established clubs and implementing a structured framework, the club has created a dynamic and inclusive environment.

A focus on member engagement, community impact, and financial sustainability has been instrumental in attracting and retaining a diverse membership. The club's commitment to understanding and responding to member needs has fostered a strong sense of belonging and purpose.

### STORY 05 Amy Payne's Transition from Community Member to Rotarian



 <https://blog.rotary.org/2023/09/21/my-rotary-journey-from-member-to-rotarian/>

Amy Payne, a dedicated member of the Scottsville community, embarked on a transformative journey upon joining the Rotary Club of Scottsville. As a pastor and director of the Victory Hill Dream Center, Payne brought a wealth of experience and passion to the club.

Since joining Rotary, Payne has actively contributed to the club's initiatives, embodying the organization's core values of service and community engagement. Through mentorship and collaboration with fellow Rotarians, she has deepened her understanding of Rotary's mission and expanded her professional network.

Payne's experience highlights the profound impact Rotary can have on individuals and communities, fostering a sense of belonging and purpose while driving positive change.

### STORY 06

#### A Transformative Rotary Experience: The Impact of a Single Moment



Rotary Foundation Trustee Dean Rohr's recounts a pivotal experience during a polio immunization initiative in northern Nigeria. While providing healthcare services in a remote and challenging environment, he encountered a community facing severe water scarcity. The sight of young girls walking long distances to collect water, often at the expense of their education, compelled Rohr to take action.

Through a modest financial contribution, he facilitated the construction of multiple wells, significantly improving the lives of the community. This episode underscores the power of individual initiative within the Rotary framework and highlights the organization's potential to create lasting change through targeted interventions.

A moment with Rotary that changed my life courtesy:



<https://blog.rotary.org/2022/09/23/a-moment-with-rotary-that-changed-my-life/>

### STORY 07

#### Paul Mahata's Clean Water Initiative in West Bengal



<https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000004017/en-ca/files/homepage/what-does-service-mean-in-rotary/what-does-service-mean-in-rotary-simple-stories-of-inspiring.pdf>

Paul Mahata, a member of the Mount Airy Rotary Club, spearheaded a clean water project to address the critical health challenges faced by a village in West Bengal, India. The community suffered from a high incidence of waterborne diseases due to a lack of access to clean drinking water.

To mitigate this issue, Mahata initiated a project to provide water purifiers to 170 families. His personal connection to the village, having experienced typhoid fever twice as a child, fueled his commitment to improving the community's well-being.

The project involved careful planning and execution, including the establishment of partnerships with the local Rotary Club of Purulia and a non-profit trust to ensure long-term sustainability. While challenges were encountered, particularly in terms of budget constraints, the project successfully delivered clean water to the community.

Mahata's initiative exemplifies the positive impact that Rotary members can have on global communities through service and dedication.



<https://www.rotary.org/en/rotarian-stories-2018>

### STORY 08

#### Boost Your Club: Steps to Membership Magic



<https://blog.rotary.org/2019/09/24/membership-matters-5-steps-to-club-growth/>

Rotary clubs, like the Rotary Club of St. Andrew, Jamaica, are built on the strength of their members. But growing and maintaining a vibrant membership can be a challenge. The key, it seems, lies in fostering connection and camaraderie. Ainsley Brown, a member of the St. Andrew Rotary Club, shares five strategies that have worked for them:

- 1. Personal Touch:** A simple phone call can go a long way. Reaching out to members personally shows you care and encourages them to stay involved.
- 2. Fun and Fellowship:** Events like game nights and mixers are great ways to relax, network, and strengthen bonds between members.
- 3. Partner Up:** Collaborating with local businesses, like the St. Andrew club did with a financial institution, can introduce potential members to Rotary in a casual setting.
- 4. Friendly Competition:** A membership challenge adds a fun element while incentivizing members to invite friends and colleagues to join.
- 5. Share Your Story:** Members' personal experiences can inspire others. By sharing their Rotary journeys, members deepen their connections and attract new members.

Remember, the heart of Rotary is about building relationships and making a positive impact. By focusing on these core values, you can create a welcoming and thriving club.

### STORY 09

#### Pattie Richey, a member of the Boise Sunrise Rotary Club, had a dilemma

What to do with her late husband's old violin? The violin was no ordinary instrument; it was a priceless piece with a history dating back to 1791!



<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/3864/Stories/violin-finds-a-new-home!>



Instead of selling it, Pattie decided to find a special home for the violin. She gifted it to Borah High School's orchestra. Now, talented young musicians will get to play this historic instrument every year. It is a wonderful way to keep the violin's music alive and inspire future generations of musicians.

Pattie's thoughtful gesture is a perfect example of the Rotary Club's motto: "Leave it better than you found it."

Courtesy : Team GML



## A Stellar Start to the Awesome Year!

### September Highlights Basic Education and Literacy Month: Focus on literacy initiatives.

#### DISTRICT Upcoming Events

##### Event: Overnight District RYLA

- **Day & Dates:** Saturday & Sunday, 14th & 15th September 2024
- **Where:** Kumar Resort, Lonavala.
- **Host:** Rotary Club of Vithalwadi
- **Contact:** For co-hosting / further details  
JDS Nilesh Vazirani (M: +91 9822314100)  
Host Club President, Naresh Varalani (M: +91 9822211982)
- **Benefit:** This leadership development program for young adults fosters critical thinking, teamwork, and personal growth, nurturing the leaders of tomorrow.

##### Hindi Diwas Celebration

\*rescheduled from the original date due to the Ganapati festival.

- **Day & Date:** Wednesday, 18th September 2024
- **Time:** 8 PM onwards.
- **Where:** Dr. Kashinath Ghanekar Auditorium, Thane.
- **Host:** Rotary Club of Thane Premium
- **Contact:**
  - AC-Admin. (Festivals) Durgesh Buxy (M: +91 9820154867)
  - Host Club President Dr. Sonal Bangde (M: +91 9820034009)
- **Benefit:** Celebrates the rich heritage of the Hindi language
- **Contact:** JDS Resham Thanekar (9833667128)

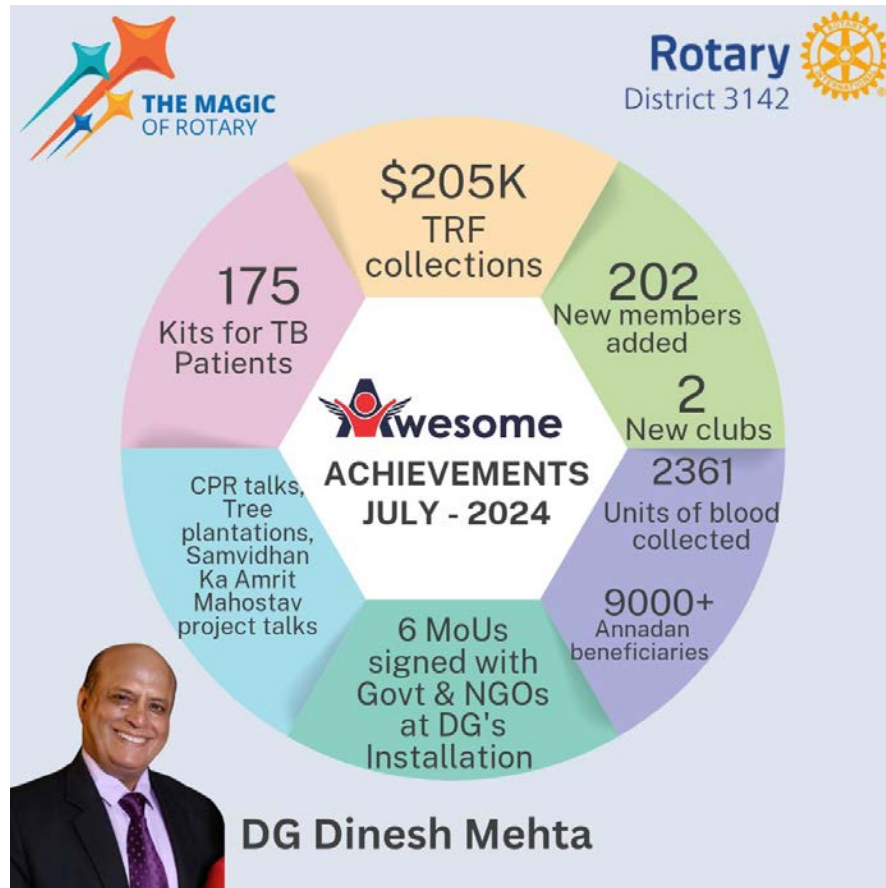
##### Onam Celebration

- **Day & Date:** Sunday, 22nd September 2024
- **Time:** Morning
- **Where:** K.C. Gandhi Auditorium, Kalyan (W).
- **Host:** Rotary Club of Dombivli Sun City.
- **Contact:** Host Club President  
Radhakrishnan K. Mudaliar (M: +91 9833662861)
- **Benefit:** Marks the beginning of our First Festival of Awesome Year with a vibrant cultural celebration.

##### Project Annapurna

\*please ensure to submit your project report to the AG, DS, & JDS

- **Day & Date:** Wednesday, 25th September 2024
- **What:** A monthly food distribution initiative for the needy.
- **Contact:** JDS Resham Thanekar (M: +91 9833667128)
- **Benefit:** Addresses hunger and malnutrition in our community.



- **First TRF Seminar**
- **Day & Date:** Saturday, 28th September 2024
- **Host:** Rotary Club of Thane Hills.
- **USP:** Chief Guest TRF Trustee Chair Mark Maloney.
- **Contact:** For co-hosting or registration details,
  - Convenor DS Nilesh Likhite (M: +91 9892028311)
  - Host Club President Harshad Divekar on (M: +91 9930314912)
- **Benefit:** Provides insights into The Rotary Foundation's global impact and inspires Rotarians to contribute meaningfully.

#### CALL TO ACTION:

##### Expand Your Rotary Network,

August is designated as Membership and Club Extension Month. We encourage members to actively promote Rotary within their networks. By inviting potential members to join, we can strengthen our club and increase our impact on the community.

*Let us work together to grow our Rotary family.*

*Thank you for your continued support.*

**Shirish Songadkar**  
CEO & Chief Coordinator

# District Directory 2024-25

## Takes Off with a Drone Landing!

### A Huge Round of Applause!

**Congratulations to Dr Sanjeev Jain DS Publications & Publication Team, for launching the phenomenal District Directory!**

This “Drone Landing” of the Awesome District Directory is sure to be remembered in the annals of RID 3142.

**A big shoutout goes to Mr. Vinod Thakkar, Founder & CEO of SQUAREFEET- INDIA, for his unwavering support.** His sponsorship has been instrumental in connecting the dots through this comprehensive network of contacts, not just this year but over several years.

**An Awesome Accomplishment!**

**Attention District Members!**

**District Directory 2024-25 Updates** (Refresh pdf shared on WhatsApp AWESOME groups)

This message serves to inform you of important updates made to the District Directory for the 2024-25 term. To ensure you have access to the most accurate information, kindly refresh the directory link previously provided.



### Summary of Updates:

#### Personnel Changes:

- Pages 276/277/278: CC position updated to reflect Vineet Shah.
- Page 159: Designation correction for Chandras Sheety to DSPC/DAFSC
- Page 295: RC Dombivli Regency Anantam - New Club Secretary: Rtn Yogesh Tiwari.
- Page 329: RC Thane Urbania - Club Secretary change to Rtn Shivram Balan.
- Page 310: RC Regency Estate - Updates made to President, Secretary, and Board composition. (Details to be found in refreshed directory.)
- Page 272 - Data of Dombivli Heritage - Updates made to President, Secretary, and Board composition.

#### Data Corrections:

- Page 173: Updates made to Sangram's Wedding Anniversary and spouse's Birthday Date.
- Page 276: Club name - Thane Orion.
- Page 94: Data correction for Suit Gawayi's spouse name and Wedding Anniversary Date

#### New Updates on District Team:

- Governor's Special Aide 24-25: Rtn. Adv. S V Tarte RC Dombivli West
- Copy Editor GML 24-25: Rtn. Reet Kumar RC of Thane East
- Copy Editor GML 24-25: Rtn. Nivedita Chaskar RC of New Regency Estate
- ACC Membership 24-25: Rtn. Vidya RC Hiranandani Legends
- Awesome Club President: Rtn. Chetna Singh RC Hiranandani Ivan
- Awesome Club Secretary: Rtn. Chirayush Shah RC Hiranandani Ivan
- Awesome Club President: Rtn. Vikram Gade RC New Regency Estate
- Awesome Club Secretary: Rtn. Abhishek Kulkarni RC New Regency Estate

#### Special Announcement:

- Chair - ESRAG RID 3142: Rtn. Nilesh Likhite Rotary Action Group for South Asia (ESRAG - Environment Sustainability Rotary Action Group)

Please Note: This summary provides a high-level overview of the directory updates. For complete details, kindly refer to the refreshed directory link shared in JULY. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in ensuring accurate directory information.

**Dr Sanjeev Jain**

**District Secretary Publications & Publication Team**



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## he Cornerstone Of Rotary's Global Impact



<https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/rotary-foundation>

The Rotary Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Rotary International, empowering Rotarians to tackle the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Through the Annual Fund, Rotarians and Rotaractors come together to create lasting change in communities worldwide.

*“Every year Rotarians and Rotaractors contribute to Annual Fund. Your gift to the Annual Fund helps Rotary and Rotaract clubs take action today to create positive change in communities close to home and around the world. Your contributions help us strengthen peace efforts, fight disease, provide clean water and sanitation, save mothers and children, support education, grow local economies, and protect the environment.”- DAFSC*

The Rotary Foundation's **Annual Fund** includes **SHARE**, the **World Fund**, and our **Areas of Focus Funds**.

**The Every Rotarian, Every Year** initiative asks all members to donate to the Annual Fund each year and take part in at least one Foundation project or program each year.

**Annual Fund - SHARE** : Through the SHARE system, contributions to The Rotary Foundation are transformed into grants that fund local and international humanitarian projects, scholarships, vocational training teams, and more.

At the end of every Rotary year, contributions directed to the Annual Fund-SHARE from all the clubs in the district are divided between the World Fund and the District Designated Fund (DDF), after 5% is deducted for operating expenses.

At the end of three years, your district can use the DDF to pay for Foundation, club, and district projects that your club and others in the district choose.

Districts may use up to half of their DDF to fund district grants. The remaining DDF may be used for global grants or donated to PolioPlus, the Rotary Peace Centres, or another district.

**Annual Fund Areas of Focus** : Annual Fund contributions that are directed to the Foundation's areas of focus count toward a club's annual giving goal and per capita giving calculations. They are not included in a district's SHARE calculation and do not increase its DDF.

### Ways to support our Annual Fund :

You can direct your Annual Fund contributions to SHARE, the World Fund, or one of Rotary's areas of focus. All of these contributions will be spent on sustainable, life-changing Rotary projects.

**The most common choice would be SHARE, as it comes back to our district designated fund.**



<https://www.rotary.org/en/get-involved/ways-to-give>  
<https://my.rotary.org/en/annual-fund>

### Become a monthly Magic Maker!

#### Become a Recurring Donor!

You can support the Annual Fund year-round by making a recurring gift. You choose how often and how much you want to give.

It is a simple and secure way to make a big impact. A monthly, quarterly, or annual gift option is available for all online contributions.

**Join the community of change-makers! Support the Annual Fund today!**

### Your Generosity! Our Gratitude!

#### Individual recognitions for TRF contributions



<https://www.rotary.org/en/donate/recognition>

- 1. Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member** when you give \$100 or more per year to the Annual Fund.
- 2. Paul Harris Fellow** when you give \$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant. To recognize someone else as a Paul Harris Fellow, you can give that amount in their name.
- 3. Multiple Paul Harris Fellow** when you give additional gifts of \$1,000 or more.
- 4. Paul Harris Society member** when you elect to contribute \$1,000 or more annually to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant. It is a very popular way to commit oneself to the Rotary Foundation. We have 113 members signed up from our district. We request more Rotarian to sign up for Paul Harris Society this year.

- 5. Major Donor** when your cumulative actual donations reach \$10,000. Major Donors can choose to receive a crystal recognition piece and a Major Donor lapel pin or pendant.

There are four levels of Major Donor recognition.

- I. Level 1 for above \$10,000**
- II. Level 2 for above \$25,000**
- III. Level 3 for above \$50,000**
- IV. Level 4 for above \$100,000.**

### Become a Rotary Legacy Builder!

#### Join the Arch Klumph Society:

Achieve the prestigious **Arch Klumph Society** by donating a cumulative \$250,000. Enjoy exclusive recognition, Enjoy exclusive recognition, including an induction ceremony, and your picture and biography in the Arch Klumph Society interactive gallery at the Rotary International headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA.

You also receive invitations to society events, along with membership pins and crystals that commemorate giving at various levels.

#### Recognition Levels for Exceptional Donors:

**Trustees Circle:**  
**\$250,000 - \$499,999**

**Chair's Circle:**  
**\$500,000 - \$999,999**

**Foundation Circle:**  
**\$1,000,000 - \$2,499,999**

**Platinum Trustees Circle:**  
**\$2,500,000 - \$4,999,999**

**Platinum Chair's Circle:**  
**\$5,000,000 - \$9,999,999**



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## he Rotary Foundation

**Building a Better World,  
One Contribution at a Time**

**Huge congratulations to our top 5 TRF  
contributing clubs in July!**

Your generosity is making a real difference in the world.

**RC Thane Downtown | RC Dombivli East**

**RC Ambarnath North | RC Thane Hills**

**RC Thane North**

**District 3142 has achieved an AWESOME feat  
with a staggering US\$205,000 in TRF  
contributions for July 2024!**

**This incredible accomplishment reflects the heart  
and dedication of our Rotarians.**

**#Rotary #TRF #District3142 #MakingADifference**

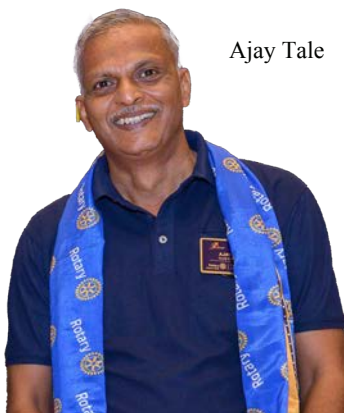
**New Major Donors Honored with  
the "TRF Badge of Gratitude"**  
We applaud our new Major Donors  
for their dedication to the Rotary  
Foundation.

**New Major Donor Level 1  
Ajay Tale RC Ambarnath North**

**New Major Donor Level 1  
Prashant Gujar RC Thane  
Downtown**

**New Major Donor Level 2  
Dinesh Mehta and Jyoti Mehta  
RC Thane Lake City**

**New Major Donor Level 2  
Dr. Sanjeev Jain and Dr. Sunita  
Jain RC Thane Aces**



Ajay Tale

**Please Note:** The above donor list features individuals who donated US\$1,000 or more on July 31, 2024.  
Not all donors are listed; checks received by RISAO but not yet cashed will be included next month.

**Thank you to all donors for your support.**

**Chandras S Shetty  
District Annual Fund Subcommittee Chair**

# Foundation Snippets

## The Magic of a Solid Foundation

### Drumroll, Please... Our July Generosity Heroes

ROTARY CLUB NAME	NAME	USD AMOUNT
Thane Downtown, MH (79059)	Chandras S Shetty	\$15,000.00
Ambarnath North, MH (87604)	Ajay Namdeorao Tale	\$10,000.00
Thane North, MH (15547)	Thane North	\$3,000.00
Ambarnath, MH (15484)	Nitin More	\$2,000.00
Dombivli East, MH (22963)	Mr Madhav Singh	\$2,000.00
Thane Aces, MH (90117)	Dr. Sanjeev Jain	\$2,000.00
Thane Downtown, MH (79059)	Mr. Prashant M Gujar	\$2,000.00
Thane Downtown, MH (79059)	Rajendra Anant Shinde	\$1,300.00
Dombivli East, MH (22963)	Mr Chintan Rameshchandra Joshi, Sr.	\$1,200.00
Dombivli, MH (15511)	Manoj M. Kulkarni	\$1,200.00
Thane Hills, MH (28046)	Anindya Dasgupta	\$1,000.00
Hiranandani Estate, MH (57530)	Ravi Shankar Vobbilisetty	\$1,000.00
Thane Skyline, MH (82471)	Sangita Kamal Kapoor	\$1,000.00
Dombivli Up Town, MH (30547)	Lalit Nemade	\$1,000.00
Ambarnath East, MH (30279)	Mr Bhupendra Shaligram Pandey	\$1,000.00
Ambarnath East, MH (30279)	Derick Harold Sequeira	\$1,000.00
Ambarnath West, MH (87293)	Mr. Rajesh Nambiar	\$1,000.00
Badlapur Industrial Area, MH (53964)	Nitin Arjun Mahajan	\$1,000.00
Badlapur Industrial Area, MH (53964)	Mr. Kapil Dilip Padher	\$1,000.00
Badlapur Smart City, MH (225295)	Dr. Bipinkumar Shrikant Dubey	\$1,000.00
Dombivli City, MH (53966)	Sanjay Sudhakar Mandekar	\$1,000.00
Dombivli Diamonds, MH (90258)	Mr. Rajesh Vinayak Kadam	\$1,000.00
Dombivli East, MH (22963)	Vijay Avhad	\$1,000.00
Dombivli East, MH (22963)	Dr. Madhav Narayan Baitule	\$1,000.00
Dombivli East, MH (22963)	Sachin Chandrakant Dekhane	\$1,000.00
Dombivli East, MH (22963)	Sunil Dumbre	\$1,000.00
Dombivli East, MH (22963)	Mr. Vijay Dumbre	\$1,000.00
Dombivli East, MH (22963)	Mr Prabhakar Gopinath Kharbe, Sr.	\$1,000.00
Dombivli East, MH (22963)	Mr Abhay Ramdas Kulkarni	\$1,000.00
Dombivli East, MH (22963)	Mr Ashoke Mankani	\$1,000.00
Dombivli East, MH (22963)	Mithun Patil	\$1,000.00
Dombivli East, MH (22963)	Mr Rajesh Anantrao Thakare	\$1,000.00
Dombivli Saudamini, MH (85002)	Kirty Hemant Vadalkar	\$1,000.00
Dombivli West, MH (27251)	Manoj Arun Oak	\$1,000.00
Hiranandani Estate, MH (57530)	Hrishikesh Ankush Dalvi	\$1,000.00
Hiranandani Estate, MH (57530)	Arunima Singh	\$1,000.00
Hiranandani Estate, MH (57530)	Pradeep C. Thakur	\$1,000.00
Navi Mumbai Samaritans, MH (223226)	Sundeep Khurana	\$1,000.00
Navi Mumbai Samaritans, MH (223226)	Mrs Shabnam Abid Nagaria	\$1,000.00
Navi Mumbai Samaritans, MH (223226)	Navi Mumbai Samaritans	\$1,000.00
Navi Mumbai Sunrise, MH (76727)	Sanjay Panigrahi	\$1,000.00
Navi Mumbai Sunrise, MH (76727)	Dr. Mita Rajaram	\$1,000.00
Navi Mumbai Sunrise, MH (76727)	Dr. Ramaswamy Rajaram	\$1,000.00
Navi Mumbai Sunrise, MH (76727)	Biswaranjan Sabat	\$1,000.00
Navi Mumbai, MH (15530)	Anil Athri	\$1,000.00
New Regency Estate, MH (226313)	Vikram Tukaram Gade	\$1,000.00
Smart City Navi Mumbai, MH (86915)	Milan Chandak	\$1,000.00
Smart City Navi Mumbai, MH (86915)	Jay Hariharbhai Karia	\$1,000.00
Thana West, MH (15544)	Suchit Gadakari	\$1,000.00
Thana West, MH (15544)	Mr Santosh Anand Kadam	\$1,000.00
Thana West, MH (15544)	Kanwal Tikoo	\$1,000.00
Thana West, MH (15544)	Mrs. Sadhana Suresh Vaze	\$1,000.00
Thane Aces, MH (90117)	Mrs SUNITA SANJEEV JAIN	\$1,000.00
Thane Amigos, MH (224887)	Sanjay Namev Koyande	\$1,000.00
Thane Central, MH (29903)	Mrs. Sheetal Jayant Thorat	\$1,000.00
Thane City, MH (225292)	MR. Shrikrishna Dattatraya Bhat	\$1,000.00
Thane Downtown, MH (79059)	Maresh Gowande	\$1,000.00
Thane Downtown, MH (79059)	Sunil Joshi	\$1,000.00
Thane Downtown, MH (79059)	Bhushan Patil	\$1,000.00
Thane Downtown, MH (79059)	Mrs. Bharti Chandras S Shetty	\$1,000.00
Thane East, MH (15546)	Yatish Kuril ( Ph.D, FMERU, FMERC)	\$1,000.00
Thane Garden City, MH (82480)	Shreekanth Inamdar	\$1,000.00
Thane Hills, MH (28046)	Nilesh Vasant Likhite	\$1,000.00
Thane Hills, MH (28046)	Varsha N. Likhite	\$1,000.00
Thane Hills, MH (28046)	Rtn. Nilesh Puranik	\$1,000.00
Thane Hills, MH (28046)	Mr Adivarahan Subramanian	\$1,000.00
Thane Hills, MH (28046)	Kalita Moraes Subramanian	\$1,000.00
Thane Hills, MH (28046)	Padmanabhan Sundaresan	\$1,000.00
Thane Lake City, MH (30186)	Mr. Dinesh Mehta	\$1,000.00
Thane Mid Town, MH (26976)	Bharati Panandikar	\$1,000.00
Thane Mid Town, MH (26976)	Dr. Datta Manohar Panandikar	\$1,000.00
Thane North, MH (15547)	Santosh Bhide	\$1,000.00
Thane North, MH (15547)	Mrs. Medha Sandeep Joshi	\$1,000.00
Thane North, MH (15547)	Suresh B. Kanakia	\$1,000.00
Thane North, MH (15547)	Dinesh Shripal Koregave	\$1,000.00
Thane North, MH (15547)	Dharmu Vanjani	\$1,000.00
Thane Northend, MH (28708)	Ramesh Natarajan Pallavoor	\$1,000.00
Thane Skyline, MH (82471)	Satish Watve	\$1,000.00
Thane Uptown, MH (28923)	Shikha Nigam	\$1,000.00
Thane Urbania, MH (85221)	Mrs. Tasnim Asif Sayyed	\$1,000.00
Thane Urbania, MH (85221)	Mr Narender Sharma	\$1,000.00
Thane, MH (15545)	Smita H. Mahajan	\$1,000.00

# Rotary International

## News Flash from Around the Globe

*Excited to share a glimpse of a remarkable story from Rotary.org! - Team GML*

Have you heard about...someone who is 91, has a nickname like "Barter Baron," and is absolutely obsessed with recruiting people for a club. That is RRK' Bernie Bregman. This guy is a whirlwind of energy and charisma.

He started out as a door-to-door salesman, which clearly honed his skills in convincing people. Later, he got into the world of barter trading, where he basically traded his way to a pretty sweet life, think vacations, hot tubs, and even artwork.

Bregman's impact extends far beyond the business world. But it is his love for Rotary that really shines. As a dedicated member of the Rotary Club of Eastwood (Syracuse), for over 52 years, he has demonstrated an exceptional talent for membership recruitment. With a track record of inducting over 150 members, his strategic networking and persuasive communication skills have been instrumental in growing the club's membership.

RRK's Secret MAGIC potion? A Dialer and Determination! 'TO PICK UP THE PHONE AND TALK TO ANYONE.' from CEOs to community pillars.

This uncanny ability has transformed his Rotary club, bringing in a diverse mix of leaders and influencers.

His ability to connect with people, combined with his unwavering enthusiasm for Rotary's mission, has made him a valuable asset to the organization.

## Bernie Bregman

### The Barter Baron and The 'RRK' (Rotary Recruitment King)!

*"A dialer and drive, a potent mix, RRK's magic, a brilliant affix.*

*He picks up the phone, with a cheerful hello, A master connector, a showman you know" ...Savi*



The RRK' Bernie Bregman, a 52 year member of the Rotary Club of Eastwood (Syracuse) Image credit: Kate Warren

Bregman's story serves as an inspiration to Rotarians everywhere, showcasing the power of individual initiative and dedication in creating a positive impact on the community.

Even the mayor proclaimed a day in his honor! And guess what? He is still going strong, making calls, and bringing in new members. This man is truly one of a kind.

This story was originally featured in the March 2024 issue of Rotary magazine. To know more about his barter trading days or his Rotary club?



<https://www.rotary.org/en/barter-baron-knack-recruiting-rotary-members>



### रोटरीमध्ये उद्देश शोधणे: एक व्यक्तिगत प्रवास ...मॅजिक ऑफ रोटरी...

इतरही क्लबच्या अनेक कार्यक्रमांसाठी, उपक्रमांसाठी आमचं दुकान हे हक्काचं ठिकाण! यंदा आमच्या क्लबचं रौप्यमहोत्सवी वर्ष सुरु झालंय.... त्यामुळे आज या प्रवासाकडे एक नजर टाकावी असं वाटलं....

रोटरी क्लब म्हणजे पैसेवाल्या लोकांची फोटोग्राफीक समाजसेवा, रोटरी म्हणजे मद्यपान, रोटरी म्हणजे दिखारूपणा असे अनेक प्रवाद कधी कुजबुज म्हणून तर कधीउघडपणे ऐकू येतात. क्लब जॉईन करण्यापूर्वी माझेही थोडेफार असे समज-गैरसमज होतेच. त्यातून मी जॉईन केल्या केल्या माझ्या एका घनिष्ठ कार्यकर्त्या मित्राने "गद्रे , तुम्हालाही रोटरीवाल्यांनी बकरा बनवला वाटतं..."

अशी कोपरखळी मारली होती. एवढं पुरेसं नव्हतं म्हणून की काय मी जॉईन झाल्यावर काही दिवसांतच आमचा चार्टरप्रेसिडेंट डॉ. मंगेश पाटे एका मिटिंगमध्ये सहज म्हणाला की 'रोटरीत येऊन आपलं दुकान टाकायचं नसतं...' त्यामुळे सुरुवातीला, आपण इथे कितपत टिकणार, याचामलाही अंदाज येत नव्हता. (पण डॉ पाटे याने सांगितलेलं ते वाक्य सर्वथा योग्य होतं याचा पुरेपूर अनुभव मी गेल्या वीस वर्षांत नक्कीच घेतला आहे. किंबहुना ती वृत्तीठेवल्यामुळे आमच्याच नव्हे तर इतरही क्लबजी माझ्यावर विश्वास ठेवून अनेकदा शैक्षणिक साहित्य पुरवण्यासाठी मला ऑर्डर्स दिल्या आहेत हे कसं विसरता येईल?) असो.

५ जुलै २००५ ला मी क्लब जॉईन केला आणि जेमतेम तीन आठवडे होतात न होतात तोच २६ जुलै ची आपत्ती आली . मी तेव्हा कल्याणकर होतो आणि व्यवसायाडोंबिवलीत , क्लबही डोंबिवलीचा... त्यापूर्वी संध्याच्या माध्यमातून अनेक कार्यक्रमात भाग घेतला असला तरी रोटरीत नवखाच होतो. वेगवेगळ्या स्तरांवर लोकं जमेल तसंमदतकार्य करत होते. पण आम्ही शाळांकडे लक्ष दिलं. आमचा क्लब तेव्हा जेमतेम पाच वर्ष पूर्ण केलेला क्लब होता. क्लबमध्ये केवळ व्यावसायिक नव्हते तर नोकरीपेशात - पण कॉर्पोरेटमध्ये चांगल्या पोझिशनवर काम करणारे - असे अनेकजण होते. त्यामुळे आपत्ती व्यवस्थापनाचा वेगळा धडा मिळाला. तेव्हापासून आजतागायत असंख्यउपक्रम केले. या उपक्रमांची जंत्री देणं हा या लेखनाचा उद्देश नाही. पण त्यानिमित्ताने एक इन्ट्रोस्पेक्शन जरूर करावंसं वाटतं.

रोटरीत मद्यपान सर्रास चालतं. अनेक कार्यक्रमात हॅपी अवर्स असतात. पण म्हणून कुणावर जबरदस्ती नसते. माझ्यासारखे दारूला स्पर्शही न करणारे अनेकजण आहेतच की...! शेवटी तुमचा निग्रह महत्त्वाचा असतो.

मी कधी बूट-टाय-कोट घातला नाही. शर्टसुद्धा इन केला नाही. त्यावरून माझी मस्करी भरपूर केली जाते. पण त्यानंमला कधी फरक पडला नाही आणि माझ्या क्लबमधल्या इतर मॅम्बर्सनाही एका टप्प्यानंतर काही वाटेनासं झालं.

तुमच्या कामाला, निष्ठेला, सद्बिचारांना दाद मिळतेच. त्यासाठी तुम्ही ब्लेझर घालायलाच हवा असं नसतं. हे स्वातंत्र्य मला मिळालं म्हणूनच कदाचित मी मोकळेपणाने अनेक उपक्रम करू शकलो.

रोटरीत भरपूर पैसा आहे. ही सधन मंडळीची जाता जाता केलेली समाजसेवा आहे असं मानणारे अनेकजण असतील. एका अर्थी ते खरं आहे. पण त्याला दुसरीही एकाबाजू आहेच. गेल्या दहा ते बारा वर्षांत आमच्या क्लबने ठरवून "शाळा सक्षमीकरण" या विषयाला प्राधान्य दिलं. अनेक शाळांशी आम्ही जोडले गेले. कित्येक लाख रुपयेआम्ही गोळा केले. आमच्यावर विश्वास ठेवून आमच्या अनेक मित्रांनी, सप्लायर्सनी, आसेष्टांनी हे पैसे आमच्या हातात सोपवले. त्यातून कायमस्वरूपी चांगले प्रकल्प उभे राहिले. अनेक विद्यार्थ्यांच्या जीवनात आम्ही चार सुखाचे क्षण आणू शकलो. ओल्या जमिनीवर बसणाऱ्या मुलांना शाळेत बेंचवर बसायला मिळण्याचा आनंद काय असतोत अनुभवलं. पाच सहा किलोमीटर चालून शाळेत येणाऱ्या मुलांना नवी कोरी सायकल मिळाली की जो उत्साह त्यांच्या चेहेऱ्यावर येतो त्या क्षणाचं मूल्य सायकलच्याकिमतीपेक्षा कैद पटीने जास्त असतं.

झेड पी नं दिलेलं बजेट शाळा बांधण्यातच संपलं म्हणून कॉन्ट्रॅक्टर शाळेत इलेक्ट्रीफिकेशन न करताच प्रोजेक्ट सोडून गेला. तेव्हाशाळेत आम्ही बसवलेल्या ट्यूब आणि पंख्याचं सुख काय असेल ते बघायला तिथे जायला हवं. तो क्षण कॅमेरात बंदिस्त करणं ही औपचारिकता नसते तर त्यातून अशीप्रोजेक्ट सतत करण्याची प्रेरणा मिळत राहाते.... मैलभर चालून पाणी भरावं लागतं त्या गावात बोरल्ला पाणी आलं. ते टाकीत साठवलं... आणि टाकीचा नळ चालू करून हंडे-कळशी भरता आली की त्या माऊलींच्या चेहेऱ्यावर जे तोंडभर हसू पसरतं ते निरखणं हा शब्दातीत अनुभव असतो. कापलेल्या पायाच्या ठिकाणी जयपूर फूटबसवल्यावर पहिलं पाऊल टाकलं की जो आत्मविश्वास दिसतो तो बधितल्यावर नातेवाईकांच्या डोळ्यात पाणी येतं आणि आपलेही डोळे पाणावतात.

एकीकडे पैसा असलेले तर दुसरीकडे त्या पैशांतून मिळणाऱ्या सुविधांची गरज असलेले असे दोन गट मला स्पष्ट दिसत आहेत. मलाच नव्हे माझ्या अनेक सहकाऱ्यांना तेदिसत आहेत. या "आहेरे" आणि "नाहीरे" मध्ये bridging the gap हे काम आम्ही करू शकलो यापेक्षा अजून समाधान ते काय असणार? कदाचित त्यामुळेच मी इतकी वर्ष या परिवारात टिकून राहिलो असं मला स्पष्टपणे म्हणावंसं वाटतं .

पैसा अनेकांकडे असतो पण दानतही असावी लागते. अगदी सामान्य परिस्थितीतली व्यक्तीही कधी कधी खूप काही शिकवून जाते. २६ जुलैच्या महापुरात अनेक संसारवाहून गेले. त्यात मुलांची दसरही गेली. आम्ही अशा काही मुलांना दसरं दिली. त्यावेळी श्रीजितच्या दुकानात काम करणाऱ्या एका मेकॅनिकने एक दसर स्पॉन्सर केलंआणि पुढच्या चार महिन्यात ते पैसे पगारातून कापून घ्या म्हणून सांगितलं. (एवढं कशाला.. प्रशांत आणि पुष्करच्या मुलांनी आपापल्या ओळखीच्या मुलांची यादी दिलीज्यांना दसरांची गरज होती..) असं काहीतरी द्यायची इच्छा असणाऱ्या माणसाला आपण दिलेल्या रक्कमेचा योग्य तऱ्हेने विनियोग केला जाईल ही खात्री असावी लागते. हाविश्वास, ही खात्री आम्ही देऊ शकलो ही मोठी उपलब्धी आहे .

आजघडीला डोंबिवलीत २२ रोटरी क्लब कार्यरत आहेत. एवढ्या क्लबजी खरंच आवश्यकता आहे का हा मुद्दा बाजूला ठेवू. पण सर्वसामान्य नॉन-रोटरी माणसाला हाफरक माहीत नसतो. बाहेरून बघताना रोटरी क्लब असा सरसकट शिक्का असतो. मी क्लब प्रेसिडेंट असतानाचा किस्सा....

कुठल्या तरी एका रोटरी क्लबतर्फे शालेयविद्यार्थ्यांसाठी काही स्पर्धा होत्या. तिथे आयत्यावेळी आयोजनात बराच गोंधळ उडाला. त्यात पालक म्हणून माझे काही मित्र होते. त्यांनी मला फोन करून त्यांच्या उद्देगालावाट करून दिली. मीही शांतपणे ऐकून घेतलं. त्या क्लबच्या प्रेसिडेंटला फोन करून त्याच्याशी थोडं बोलून परिस्थितीचा अंदाज घेतला. आणि मग पुन्हा माझ्या मित्रांशीबोलून त्यांना शांत करण्याचा प्रयत्न केला. अशा गोष्टी होऊ शकतात. पण यशाचं श्रेय घ्यायचं तसं अपयशाचं अपश्रेयही घ्यायची तयारी ठेवावी लागते. त्यामुळे प्रत्येकालारोटरीचा जो चेहेरा दिसतो त्याप्रमाणे त्याचं मत बनतं. प्रत्येकाचं मत बदलणं शक्य नाही पण अशा किमान तीन चार व्यक्तीचं मतपरिवर्तन मी करू शकलो याचं समाधानवाटतं. आज ही माणसं कायम आम्हाला साथ देतात, प्रोजेक्ट्स साठी निधी देतात ही खरी कमाई आहे.

रोटरी असो , लायन्स असो किंवा इतर कोणतीही नॉन-प्रॉफिट ऑर्गनायझेशन असो शेवटी तिथे सहभागी असणारी मंडळी ही आपल्या समाजातूनच आलेली असतात. प्रत्येकाचे अंगभूत गुणदोष असतातच. अगदी अध्यात्मिक उन्नतीसाठी कार्यरत असणारा ग्रुप असला तरीही समाज म्हटलं की सर्व प्रवृत्तींची माणसं आलीच. जिथे सक्सेसरोटरी आवर्जून सांगितल्या जातात तिथे फेल्युअर स्टोरीही असणाऱ्या . थोडक्यात काय तर "उडदामाजी काळे गोरे..." हा निसर्गनियम आहे. त्याला रोटरी तरी कुठून अपवादअसणार? पण या गलबलाटात आपला नीरक्षीरविवेक जागा ठेवला की गोष्टी बऱ्याच सोप्या होत जातात .

एवढंच कशाला .... करायला गेलो एक आणि झालं भलतंच .... असेही अनुभव येतात. पाच सहा वर्षांपूर्वी आम्ही एका पाड्यावर सोलर लॅम्प दिले. तिथल्या महिलांनापाणी भरायला जवळच्या तळ्यावर जावं लागायचं त्यांच्या वाटेवर हे दिवे बसवले होते. काही दिवसांनी आम्ही तिथे गेलो तर दोन दिव्यांच्या बॅटरी जागेवर नव्हत्या. आम्हीचौकशी केली तेव्हा कळलं की गावात कुणाचं तरी लग्न होतं तिथे बॅंजोवाल्याची बॅटरी डाऊन झाली. त्याने परस्पर या बॅटरी काढून नेल्या आणि लग्नाची वरात धुमधडाक्यातनाचली. तर असेही अनुभव गाठीशी बांधावे लागतात. मागे वळून बघताना असे अनेक प्रसंग डोळ्यांसमोर येतात. लेखनविस्ताराच्या भयास्तव ते सगळे मांडणं शक्यच नाही. पण जमाखर्च मांडायचा तर जमेच्या बाजूला खूपजास्त गोष्टी दिसतील. आपल्या प्रॉफिट अँड लॉस अकाउंट वर चांगले मित्र ही त्यातली अत्यंत महत्त्वाची एन्ट्री.... दिवसभर दुकानात व्यवसाय करून शिणलेल्या माझ्यामंदूला हा वेगळा खुराक ही अजून एक जमेची बाजू.. आणि त्यातही ज्यांच्यासाठी चार सुखाचे क्षण आणण्याची धडपड केली त्यांनी मनापासून दिलेला दुवा हाच शेवटीकामाला येणार ना? मग त्यासाठी तरी हा प्लॅटफॉर्म हवाच हवा.....

*I think as Mentioned by RI President 2024-25 Rtn Stephanie Urchik says this is The Magic of Rotary!!!*  
एक सिंहावलोकन...

by मयूरेश गद्रे, गद्रे बंधू, डोंबिवली २१ जुलै २०२४, गुरुपौर्णिमा

# Light The Torch Of Rotary's Olympic Dream

## To Become A Member, A Service Supreme

### The August Gathering in Paris

#### Ignite Rotary Spirit with Olympic Fire

This month whilst Rotary focuses on Membership and Extension, millions of viewers in India are urging their country men and women to garner glory for the country at the Summer Olympics in Paris. Baron Pierre de Coubertin founded the organisation that conducts the Modern Olympics in 1896 and Paul Harris founded Rotary in 1905. The two organisations have very little in common except that they both began as "Men only" Clubs and grew to be truly global.

Whilst 204 out of the 206 National Olympic Countries are represented at the Paris Olympiad, Rotary has also marked its presence in over 200 Countries

A remarkable feature of the Paris Olympics was that it had achieved Gender Parity, that is for the first time there were as many women participating as there were men. The Olympics allowed participation to women in 1900 and London 2012 was unique in that every country had a woman participant. Rotary opened its doors to women only in 1989. Whilst Gender Parity in Rotary may still take years or decades it would be interesting to discover whether every Rotary Club had a woman member.

The inclusion of a Refugee Team is also symbolic of Rotary's commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Norman Pritchard who was born in Kolkata and studied at St. Xavier's College became the first Asian born Athlete to win an Olympic medal when he won two silver medals in the 200m sprint and the 200m hurdles at the 1900 Paris Olympics. The first individual Gold Medal won after Independence was of course the bronze won in 1952 at Helsinki by K D Jadhav in Wrestling. It was not until 1996 at Atlanta that India's Leander Paes, won for India its next individual medal, a bronze. Four years later at Sydney, Karnam Malleshwari became the first Indian woman to medal at the Summer Olympics, earning a Bronze in Weightlifting.

India dominated Hockey at the Olympics till the switch to artificial turf. The Country has won its first Hockey Gold at Amsterdam in 1928 with the wizard Dhyan scoring a Hat trick in the finals against Netherlands. They won Gold in all subsequent editions till Rome 1960 when they lost to Pakistan in the finals and settled for Silver. Two more Team golds followed in Tokyo 1964 and Moscow 1980. This was interspersed with bronze at Mexico City 1968 and Munich 1972. It was not until Tokyo 2020 that another medal was won, a bronze.

Dhyan Chand and his son, Ashok Kumar have both won Olympic Medals in Field Hockey. Whilst Dhyan Chands formidable collection were all gold, Ashok Kumar won a bronze at Munich 1972. Another Father - Son combination to win Olympic medals is Leander Paes (Tennis) and Vece Paes who won Bronze in Field Hockey at Munich.

There has been much heartbreak too, beginning with Milkha Singh's fourth place photo finish in the 400m at Rome. The race was won by Otis Davis in a world record time of 44.9 seconds, Carl Kaufmann of Germany was second and Malcolm Spence of South Africa took the bronze with a timing of 45.5 seconds. Milkha was clocked at 45.6 The story was repeated at Los Angeles when P T Usha clocked 55.42 seconds in the Womens 400m hurdles and missed out on the bronze by one hundredth of a second. The list of heartbreaks is long and includes wrestlers, Doubles Pairs, Leander and Mahesh Bhupathi, Sania Mirza and Rohan Bopana, Gymnast Dipa Karmakar, Weightlifter Kunjurani Devi, Shooters Joydeep Karmakar and Aditi Ashok in Golf.

London was the First City to host the Summer Olympics on three occasions 1912, 1948 and 2012. Paris followed with 1900, 1924 and 2024. In 2028 Los Angeles will play host for the third time. Rumour has it that India will be making a serious bid to host the 1936 Summer Olympics. TOPS or Target Olympic Podium Scheme along with other nationwide Sports initiatives such as KHELO INDIA have been recognised as improving India's performance at major sporting events.

The Olympics also gives occasion to spruce up on our geography. How many people have even heard of St. Lucia let alone know where it is, till Julian Alfred won the 100m Womens Sprint at Paris. The Olympics is also possibly the only place, where as it happened in Paris, athletes from North Korea and South Korea greeted each other and took selfies together.

It is impossible to single out standout performances but Michael Phelps tally of 28 Medals, 23 of them gold is unlikely to be equalled in our lifetime. However, every individual record that was once thought impossible to surpass has been broken. On 18th October 1968 at Mexico City, Bob Beamon jumped 8.90 m ( 29 feet two inches) in the Long Jump setting a World Record and Olympic Record. Mike Powell beat the World Record in 1991 but no one has surpassed 8.90m at the Olympics to this day

There have been so many other brilliant individual performances, Jesse Owens Four Golds at Berlin in 1936 at Berlin under Hitler's nose, so to say, exploded the myth of Aryan Supremacy. Emil Zatopek at Helsinki won the 5000m, 10,000m as well as the Marathon which led to him being labelled "The Human Locomotive" and Fanny Blankers-Koen, a mother of two who was advised to stay home and look after her children won Four Golds at the London Games in 1948 earning her the sobriquet "The Flying Housewife"

There have been many tales about triumph and disaster and there are many stories about athletes who have not despaired at failure in their first Olympics and come back strongly to attain a podium finish at the next.

The Summer Olympics is above all the greatest Sporting Spectacle on Earth and a test of the Human Spirit In the unforgettable words of Rudyard Kipling from the poem IF, If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster and treat those two imposters just the same, Yours is the Earth and all that's in it and what is more you will be a Man my son.

**Kumar Deshpande**  
(OSD) Officer On Special Duty



# Winning Members

## The Magic of Olympics

### *Ode to India's Olympic Heroes*

*From Ganges' banks to Seine's embrace,  
India's spirit found its rightful place.  
With hearts aflame and spirits high,  
Our champions soared towards the sky.*

*Manu Bhaker's pistol, a golden gleam,  
India's women, a historic dream.  
With Sarabjot Singh's aim, a perfect pair,  
Shooting stars, beyond compare.  
Swapnil Kusale's rifle, a bronze-winning art,  
Igniting passions, a brand new start.*

*Neeraj Chopra's javelin, a nation's pride,  
Silver's luster, where dreams reside.  
Hockey's heroes, with hearts ablaze,  
Harmanpreet Singh's strikes, a winning maze.  
PR Sreejesh's saves, a goalie's art,  
Bronze medal magic, a nation's heart.*

*Lakshya Sen's shuttlecock, a soaring flight,  
Badminton's frontier, a shining light.  
Manika Batra's paddle, a table's dance,  
Sreeja Akula's spirit, a fighting chance.  
Archery's hope, a nation's plea,  
For medals to be, a reality.*

*From shooting range to hockey field,  
India's story, bravely revealed.  
With every medal, a nation's cheer,  
Inspiring millions, year after year.*

*So let us praise these valiant souls,  
Whose courage and spirit, truly consoles.  
For in their triumphs, our nation's pride,  
Forever etched, a glorious tide...Savi*

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## rom Olympic Podium to Service Platform

### A Winning Combination

Olympic champions inspire us with their grit, determination, and the pursuit of excellence. Their stories ignite a fire within, propelling us to reach for extraordinary heights. But while athletes conquer physical challenges, there's another arena where champions are made: **the realm of service.**

Rotary leaders are the athletes of service. Like Olympic champions, they push boundaries, overcome obstacles, and strive for a world-class impact. Their commitment to transforming lives is as inspiring as any gold medal victory.

India's recent triumph at the Paris 2024 Olympics is a testament to the power of human spirit. Our athletes showcased unparalleled skill, determination, and teamwork. It is a performance that echoes the values of Rotary.

From the historic achievements of Neeraj Chopra to the ground breaking feats of Manu Bhaker, our champions have not only brought pride to the nation but have also ignited a passion for excellence in every Indian.

Just as these athletes have elevated India on the global sports stage, Rotary leaders are committed to elevating communities across the country. By joining Rotary, you can become a part of this transformative journey. Together, we can create a world where service is a way of life and impact is our ultimate goal.

**Are you ready to win at service?**

**Join Rotary today and be part of a legacy of change.**

**Imagine being part of a team that wins not Medals, but Hearts!**

**A team that does not just break records, but Breaks Barriers!**

**That's Rotary!**

Our Olympic champions have shown the world what India can achieve when we set our minds to it.

Now, imagine applying that same drive and determination to making a real difference in people's lives.

**That's where Rotary comes in!**  
**#RotaryMembership #GlobalImpact**  
- Courtesy - Team GML



# Paris Olympics 2024

**#Cheer4Bharat**

**#Cheer4Sports**

# Inner Wheel a Circle Strong

## Empowers Women, Righting Wrong!

### A step towards dignity and protection.

Inner Wheel Club of New Bombay Seaside empowers ragpickers. District Chairman Perna Raichur inaugurates a branding project, distributing umbrellas to needy individuals associated with Stree Mukti Sanghatana in Koparkhairane.



### A small act, a big impact.

Empowering independence. Inner Wheel Club of Dombivali, donates wheelchairs to two individuals in need, at the hands of District Chairman Perna Raichur.

#InnerWheel #Healthcare  
#CommunityService



### Witness the Power of Compassion.

Thane Railway Station gets a MEGA Makeover! The Inner Wheel Club of Thane Shining Stars, has transformed Thane Railway Station into a haven of care. Their selfless efforts have touched the lives of 210 beneficiaries. Their generous donations! Included, wheelchairs, stretcher, benches for ladies on platforms 2 and 3, a standing fan, water purifier, medical supplies, and first aid kit donated to CRPF at Thane Railway Station. Essential items including a cupboard, chairs, a standing fan, water purifier, a medical kit, and uniforms provided to 28 station coolies.



*Contributed by*

**Jyoti Kotak**  
District Editor - IW District 314

### Investing in education for a brighter future.

Inner Wheel Club of Thane East brightens young minds. 210 students receive rainy shoes, and Vidyasagar school gets a new whiteboard.



### A ray of hope for those in need.

Restoring sight, transforming lives. Inner Wheel Club of Kalyan Riverside partnered with Isha Netralaya to provide cataract surgeries.



# Club Impact

## Enriching Special Needs Education

# Rotary Club of Dombivli

## The Guide Towards a Glorious Future

In a world that often overlooks, the Rotary School for the Hearing Impaired stands as a beacon of hope. Born from the vision of Rotary Seva Kendra Trust and Rotary Club of Dombivli, this institution has defied limitations and etched a remarkable journey.

It began in 1970 as a whisper of a dream, with just four students. Today, its echo reverberates with the stories of 250+ children and young adults who are not merely learning, but soaring. Equipped with state-of-the-art facilities like computer labs, digital classrooms, and specialized equipment, this school is not just a place of education, but a crucible of potential.

The results speak volumes. A 100% success rate in school and college examinations is not just a statistic; it's a testament to the unwavering dedication of students, teachers, and the entire Rotary family. With over 150 BA graduates and more than 40 alumni contributing to the public sector, the school has become a catalyst for social change. Recognized by the government with a First Class status, it stands tall as a pioneer in its field.

An Interact Club, a rare gem for special children, thrives within its walls. In a radius of 50 kilometres, there is no other institution that can match its holistic approach to education and empowerment.

Under the visionary leadership of trust chairman Omprakash Dhoot, the Rotary School for the Hearing Impaired has transformed lives. With the unwavering support of the Rotary Seva Kendra, dedicated teachers, supportive staff, and the Rotary Club of Dombivli, the school has become a symbol of hope and achievement.

Breaking barriers and building futures. The Rotary School for the Hearing Impaired is making a difference.

#rcddeafschool #education #community #rotary

आवाजाच्या दुनियेला हो  
जरी आम्ही पारखे !  
परिश्रमांनी अन जिद्दीने  
झेपवू यशाकडे !



Rotary School for Deaf Facebook Page Link  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100077360568197>



RC Dombivli – YouTube: Joy of Giving Project  
<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/Q7SjYbkb05o>



RC Dombivli – Instagram – Joy of Giving Project  
<https://www.instagram.com/reel/C9aHfnvId9/?igsh=OWgwZnoxM2oyZ2Q4>



RC Dombivli – Facebook – Cooking Competition  
[https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=508058668434264&id=100076904045391&mibextid=WC7FNe&rdid=CfnZiKkXViYPSrKE](https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=508058668434264&id=100076904045391&mibextid=WC7FNe&rdid=CfnZiKkXViYPSrKE)

# The Rotary Recipe for Change

## District 3142's Food Initiative



### Rotary's Commitment to Ending Hunger!

*A Tale of Two Words: Hunger & Hope...  
Untold story, hopeful scope.*

Imagine a city battling an unseen enemy, a silent killer that creeps into homes, stealing health and hope. This was Thane, until a group of determined individuals decided to fight back.

Led by the energetic District Governor Dinesh Mehta, Rotary District 3142 joined hands with the Thane Municipal Corporation, under the watchful eye of Additional Commissioner Prashant Rode, for a bold mission: a Tuberculosis-free Thane. It was a daunting task, but inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for a Tuberculosis-free India, they were undeterred.

They understood that the battle against TB was more than just medication. It was about nourishing the body to fight the disease. And so, the 'Ni-Kshay Mitra' initiative was born. A lifeline of nutritious food extended to families struggling with the disease, a beacon of hope in their darkest hours.

A city where no one goes to bed hungry. That is what we all dream, right? Well, Rotary is turning that dream into a reality.

Thane's Rotary District 3142 is on a mission to End Hunger! not just feeding people! but Building Hope!

*Launched on July 1st, this initiative fed over 9000 people in its first day!*



It was a symphony of compassion. Social organizations, like willing instruments, reached out to these families, their hands carrying not just food, but the promise of a healthier tomorrow. Rotary District 3142, with its many clubs and members, became the conductor, coordinating this beautiful melody of care.

The first notes of this symphony resonated when 175 families received their first monthly ration. The room was filled with gratitude, the eyes of the beneficiaries speaking volumes of their appreciation. Chief Medical Officer Dr. Chetna Nitil K, the city's healthcare maestro, looked on with pride, her heart swelling with the collective effort. Dr. Prasad Patil, the frontline warrior against TB, saw in this initiative a ray of hope for his patients.



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Past Rotary International Director Ashok Mahajan, a veteran of service, shared his wisdom and experience, inspiring the younger generation of Rotarians. Sachin Bhole, President Dr. Sonal Bagde, and countless other Awesome Club Presidents and Fellow Rotarians, joined the chorus, their voices echoing with commitment.



As the distribution event unfolded, a sense of unity prevailed. The TMC, with Deputy Commissioner Umesh Birari at the helm, stood as a steadfast partner. And Rotary District 3142, with Dinesh Mehta as its guiding star, pledged to reach out to 1000 families in the coming year.

It was a day of celebration, marked by the distribution of Nikshay Mitra certificates to those who contributed to this noble cause. Rotary Club of Thane Premium, the orchestrators of this event, had every reason to be proud.

This was just the beginning. The journey towards a Tuberculosis-free Thane was long, but with each family nourished, with every life touched, hope grew stronger. And in the heart of every individual involved, a dream took shape - a dream of a Thane where the specter of TB is but a fading memory.

*"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."*

- Mahatma Gandhi



CLICK to watch the Tale of Two Words: [https://youtu.be/KU\\_\\_Aeh4AeA](https://youtu.be/KU__Aeh4AeA) | <https://youtu.be/s1Fi4ppDb2k?si=CwGUXGzpbkz-tW5s>

*"Inspire change by sharing our Annadaan stories. Become a Ni-kshay Mitra today!"*  
- appeals Joint District Secretary Resham Thanekar (+91 98206 86319)

#RotaryDistrict3142 #BanishHunger #Thane  
#FeedingHope #CommunityService #HungerFreeThane  
Team GML #RotaryTimes@3142

# Rotary District 3142

## A Collaborative Effort to Address Blood Shortage

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## armonic of Compassion

### Save Lives Through Blood Donation

Thane, Mumbai, Navi Mumbai: In a heartwarming display of unity and compassion, a coalition of 32 Rotary Clubs and 10 partner organizations orchestrated a monumental blood donation drive that spanned from July 1st to 28th, 2024. This extraordinary campaign, which touched the hearts of thousands, resulted in a staggering collection of 2341 blood bags.

Leading the charge were the Rotary Clubs of Thane Premium and Thane Lake City, whose unwavering dedication culminated in a remarkable collection of 313 blood bags. Closely following were RC Thane Hills, RC Thane Horizon, and RC Dombivli City, whose substantial contributions were instrumental in achieving the overall goal.

Beyond the blood donation, the campaign also prioritized community health by conducting extensive thalassemia screenings. A total of 498 individuals were tested, with one positive case identified. The Rotary Club of Thane Premium and RC Thane Lake City spearheaded this initiative, conducting 177 screenings. Their efforts, along with those of RC Thane Central, RC Ambernath City, RC Vitthalwadi, RC Ghodbunder Road, All Rotary Clubs of Badlapur and Clubs of Thane, underscore the commitment to holistic community well-being.

The success of this campaign is a testament to the power of collective action. From the 32 Rotary Clubs, to the invaluable support of Rotaract and Inner Wheel Clubs, and the dedicated efforts of partner organizations such as Shivbhakt Prathisthan Thane, Central Railway Mazdoor Sangh, Gautam Singhania Global School, CHM College, and National Federation of Visually Impaired Persons every individual played a pivotal role.



The campaign's effectiveness was amplified by the strategic placement of 19 blood donation centers throughout Thane, Mumbai, and Navi Mumbai, ensuring optimal accessibility for donors and recipients alike.

As the echoes of this extraordinary campaign reverberate through the community, it is evident that the spirit of humanity has prevailed. The selfless dedication of countless volunteers, the unwavering support of partner organizations, and the overwhelming generosity of blood donors have come together to create a legacy of compassion that will inspire generations to come.

***"Thanks to the incredible support of 32 Rotary Clubs and 10 partners, we have collected a record-breaking 2341 blood bags," Inspire others to join the movement! Share this story and ignite a wave of compassion." says Joint District Secretary Dr. Rajendra Wankhede, (+91 98336 67128), expressing gratitude for the overwhelming response.***

#BloodDonation #RotaryClub #CommunityService #Thane #Mumbai #NaviMumbai



# Rotary District 3142

## A Collaborative Effort to Address Blood Shortage

### PARTICIPATING ROTARY CLUBS:

RC Ambernath North  
 RC Ambernath  
 RC Club of Ambernath East  
 RC Ambernath Industrial Area  
 RC Badlapur Industrial Area  
 RC Badlapur  
 RC Badlapur City  
 RC Badlapur Smart City  
 RC Bhiwandi Central  
 RC Bhiwadi Rural  
 RC Bhiwandi  
 RC Dombivli Diamonds  
 RC Dombivli East  
 RC Thane Down Town  
 RC Thane Premium  
 RC Thane Lake City  
 RC Thane Amigos  
 RC Thane North  
 RC Thane Ghodbunder Road  
 RC Thane Suburban  
 RC Thane City  
 RC Thane Green Span  
 RC Kalyan Diamond  
 RC Kalyan  
 RC Kalyan Riverside  
 RC Kalyan Tigers  
 RC Dombivli Venus  
 RC Central Kalyan  
 RC Kalyan City  
 RC Vitthalwadi  
 RC Link Town Airoli  
 RC Satellite City Navi Mumbai  
 RC Navi Mumbai Garima  
 RC Navi Mumbai Valley Golfers  
 RC Navi Mumbai Hill Side  
 RC Thane Green City  
 RC Hiranandani Estate  
 RC Navi Mumbai Samaritans  
 RC Dombivli Suncity  
 RC Navi Mumbai  
 RC Millennium City  
 RC Amaara Thane  
 RC Thane  
 RC Thane North End  
 RC Thane Up Town  
 RC Thane West  
 RC Thane Smart City  
 RC Vitthalwadi  
 RC Thane Passion  
 RC Thane Skyline  
 RC Thane Horizon  
 RC Thane Connoisseurs  
 RC Thane Riverside  
 RC Thane Titans  
 RC Thane Northend  
 RC Thane Aces  
 RC Thane Urbania  
 RC Thane Garden City  
 RC New Dombivli  
 RC Thane Central  
 RC Hiranandani Ivan  
 RC Ambernath Smart City  
 RC Navi Mumbai Sunrise  
 RC Flamingo City  
 RC Thane Hills  
 RC Smart City Navi Mumbai  
 RC Dombivli Heritage  
 RC Thane Horizon  
 RC Kalyan  
 RC New Kalyan  
 RC New Bombay Sea Side  
 RC Navi Mumbai Sunrise  
 RC Navi Mumbai Bay Side

### ROTARACT CLUBS

Rotaract Club of Thane Down Town  
 Rotaract Club of Kalyan Diamonds  
 Rotaract Club of S K College  
 Rotaract Club of Hiranandani Estate  
 Rotaract Club of New Kalyan  
 Rotaract Club of Achievers College

### INNER WHEEL CLUBS

Inner Wheel club of Ambernath  
 Innerwheel club of Airoli  
 Innerwheel club of New Bombay

### OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Shivbakt Pratishthan Thane  
 Central Railway Mazdoor Sangh  
 CHM College  
 National Federation of Visually Impaired Persons  
 Gautam Singhania Global School



### VOLUNTEERS SET UP CAMPS AT STRATEGIC LOCATIONS

Mohan Suburbia Phase 2  
 RCT PMM Rotary School, Ambernath  
 Chhatrapati Shivaji Udyan, Sargon, Badlapur  
 Jagannath Mandir Hall, Anjur Phata  
 Gautam Singhania Global School, Dombivli  
 Rotary Bhavan Dombivli  
 Orion Business Park, Ghodbunder Road, Thane  
 Shree Thana Vardham Jain, Sthanak Vasi, Thane  
 Boulevard Mall Majiwada, Thane  
 Big Center Mall, GB Thane  
 Vamanrao Oak Blood Bank, Ghantali, Thane  
 Balak Mandir Sanstha Sabhagruha, Kalyan  
 M J B Kanva Vidyalaya, Joshi Bagh  
 Gurusangat Darbar, Section 26, Ulhasnagar  
 Balaji Temple Airoli  
 Old Club House Banquet Hall  
 Shani Temple Nerul  
 Railway Station  
 Candor Foods, Khairane  
 Vamanrao Oak  
 Korum Mall Thane  
 Railway Station  
 NKT College  
 Vijay Vilas Society Club House Thane  
 Gokhale Vidyalaya  
 Kharghar Railway station  
 Belapur Railway Station  
 Fortress Infra Corn  
 Jio  
 Vashi Railway Station  
 Manjunath College  
 Ravishankar Vidyamandir  
 Wangani  
 Kalyan Railway Station  
 NMSA Vashi  
 Nerul Railway Station  
 Balaji Temple, Airoli  
 Bharati Vidvath Dental College



### BLOOD BANKS INVOLVED

Plasma Blood Bank  
 Arpan Blood Bank  
 Chidanand Blood Bank  
 Triumph Blood Bank  
 Tata Memorial Hospital Mumbai  
 Vamanrao Oak Blood Bank  
 Life Line Blood Bank, Kalyan  
 Life Line Blood Center  
 D Y Patil Blood Bank  
 Arpan Thalacemia Centre  
 Oak Blood Bank  
 Vamanrao Oak  
 Raigad Blood Bank Karjat  
 NMMC Blood Bank  
 Triupth Blood Bank  
 Raigad Blood Bank  
 Chidanand Charitable Trust  
 Sai Blood Bank  
 Raigad Hospital

# A Rotary Family Affair

## The Pillar of Fellowship



RC Dombivli Heritage



RC Dombivli Phoenix



RC Thane Passion



RC Thane Greenspans



RC Thane Skyline



*Power out? No problem!*

A night to remember!

**RC Thane Aces**

proved that even in darkness, Rotary shines bright!



*Awesome President Sunita Jain,  
just nailed their candlelight installation!*

Phone torches became stars, and the magic of Rotary shine through.  
The new team were inducted and recognitions marked truly  
unforgettable moments for a lifetime!

# Rotary Club Takes the Helm

A Toast to New Presidents!



RC Ambarnath North



RC Badlapur industrial area



RC Navi Mumbai Jewels



RC Kalyan Riverside



RC Dombivli City



RC Dombivli Regency



RC Thane city



RC Badlapur Smart city



RC Dombivli Phoenix

# Rotary Club Takes the Helm

## A Toast to New Presidents!



RC Navi Mumbai Samaritans



RC Satellite City NM



RC Palava



RC Navi Mumbai



RC New Dombivli



RC Thane Amigos



RC Orion



RC New Regency Estate



RC Palm Beach Navi Mumbai



RC Thane Downtown



RC Thane Suburban

# Rotary Club Takes the Helm

## A Toast to New Presidents!



RC Thane Riverside



RC Titwala



RC Thane Urbania



RC Thane Metro



RC Thane Greenspans



RC Thane Passion



RC Thane Hiranandani Legends



RC Thane North

# Awesome District Governor

on the MOVE

## DG का दौरा:

### गति और उत्साह का संगम!

जुलाई से पंद्रह अगस्त तक, एक दौड़ अनंत,  
हर जगह उनकी उपस्थिति, एक जादुई प्रान्त।

निरंतर संस्थापन, घर-घर का दौरा,  
सभी के लिए समर्पित, एक जीवन का सौरा।

कहानियों की मधुरता, सीखने का पथ,  
कर्म ही सबसे बड़ा, ये था उनका कथन।

सभी के लिए वहाँ रहने का संकल्प,  
एक नेतृत्व का उदाहरण, अद्भुत चमत्कार।

...savi



First Lady K saath



Jai Hind for Cause



On PANEL Discussion



Rotary Sports Circle



Wisdom @EDUCATION CONCLAVE



IFRM 3142



## doonmoon's Nitrous Oxide in Rotary

Mirror, mirror on the wall, doonmoon's... got a Magical call!



"Prez to Inspector: Sir, Please file a FIR! My five Rotarians are missing since 5 months. They haven't paid dues, don't respond to Calls, SMS, Wapp or Emails..."



"This, my Club and I share a special rapport! I join - I leave! I join - I leave! I join again today ... Infact this is my 3rd Induction."

# RID 3142: Rotary Club of Thane

## Bridging Oceans, Serving Humanity

### A Tale of Transcontinental Compassion

#### Restoring Sight in Mauritius



In the heart of the Indian Ocean lies Mauritius, a paradise of pristine beaches and vibrant culture. Yet, beneath this idyllic facade lurked a silent crisis – a growing number of people were losing their vision to diabetic retinopathy, a complication of diabetes that damages the blood vessels in the retina.

The Rotary Club of Thane, India, was acutely aware of this escalating issue. Recognizing the potential for blindness and the limited resources in Mauritius, they partnered with the Rotary Club of Phoenix, (RID 9920) Mauritius, to embark on a mission of hope.

Their shared vision was to bridge the gap in expertise and provide world-class eye care to the Mauritian people. With the support of the Mauritian government, which had invested in state-of-the-art infrastructure at the Subramania Bharati Eye Hospital, Moka Mauritius, the stage was set for a transformative collaboration.



Two renowned Indian ophthalmologists, Dr. Shweta from Behrampur, Orissa, and Dr. Karan from Bangalore, Karnataka, answered the call of duty. They travelled to Mauritius, accompanied by Anand Kale from the Rotary Club of Thane, for a life-changing medical camp.

Over five intensive days, the doctors screened 90 patients, their expertise illuminating the severity of many cases. 40 complex procedures were successfully performed, offering a beacon of hope to those on the brink of darkness.

Beyond the surgeries, the Indian doctors imparted their knowledge to the local medical team, empowering them to become independent in treating these critical conditions. Their dedication extended to conducting comprehensive training sessions for the entire hospital staff, fostering a culture of learning and excellence.



"The training provided by Dr. Shweta and Dr. Karan was invaluable. Their expertise has equipped us to handle these critical procedures with greater confidence."

- Dr. Chandra Prakash, Subramania Bharati Eye Hospital

"I owe a debt of gratitude to the Rotary Clubs and the doctors. Regaining my sight feels like a miracle. Now, I can see my family clearly again."

- Beneficiary (name have been withheld to protect their privacy.)

"This collaboration has been a game-changer for our community. The Rotary Club of Thane's support and the expertise of the Indian doctors have made a profound impact on the lives of countless Mauritians."

- Akhilesh Soorajballi, President, Rotary Club of Phoenix, Mauritius remarked

The Rotary Club of Phoenix, led by President Akhilesh Soorajballi, played an invaluable role in ensuring the camp's success. Their tireless efforts created an environment of support and cooperation, making the entire experience seamless for the visiting doctors.

This remarkable collaboration stands as a testament to the power of human compassion and the enduring spirit of Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self." It is a story of pride, synergy, and action, a tale of restoring sight, one patient at a time, across the vast expanse of the Indian Ocean.

The journey is far from over. The Rotary Clubs of Thane and Phoenix are committed to organizing annual medical camps until the Mauritian doctors achieve complete self-sufficiency. Their vision is clear: a Mauritius where diabetes-related blindness is a fading memory, replaced by a future illuminated by hope and healthy eyesight.

*"A transcontinental alliance, proving that together, we can overcome any challenge."- boasted PP Smita Mahajan, expressing profound gratitude for the successful collaboration.*

### Awesome GML Shines Light on A Rotary Star!

A Special Recognition for a  
Dedicated Rotarian

A heartfelt shoutout to a remarkable member of  
the Rotary Club of Thane!

**PP Smita Mahajan**

Your passion for Rotary's endeavors is truly  
inspiring, and your desire to remain humble is  
a testament to your character.

While you prefer to stay out of the spotlight,  
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# Club 'S'ensational

Where Club Service Takes Off



## *A Crimson Tide of Compassion!*

Ambernath's twins, East and West, unite,  
With Indl Area, a shining light.

Thane Central, City, Suburbans too,  
Uptown, Lake City, Horizon's view,

North End, Urbania, hearts aflame,  
Navi Mumbai's Samaritans, a noble name.

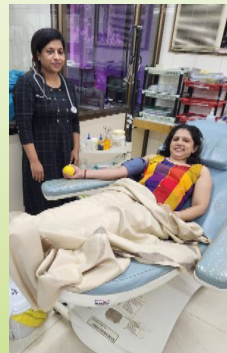
NM Hillside, Bhiwandi's central core,  
Thane Uptown, Greenspans, seeking more.

Rotaract Greenspans, young and bold,  
IWC Ambernath, Hills, stories untold.

Together, a crimson tide they've made,  
Lives transformed, a selfless aid.

Thalassemia's shadow, slowly fades,  
As hope and courage, bravely invade.

Triumph Blood Bank, NKT's might,  
Joined hands for a cause, shining bright  
...Savi



## *CPR & COLS: A Lifeline in Your Hands*

A Heartfelt Plea!

Thane Uptown, NM Hillside, hear the call,  
For lives at stake, when hearts do fall.

FL Jyoti's plea, a lifeline's art,  
Learn CPR, play a vital part.

With just a touch, a precious breath,  
You can conquer death, defy its stealth.

So join the cause, spread awareness wide,  
Be a hero, a life's guide...Savi



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### *Tribute to Vocational Valor!*

Thane Central, NM Sunrise, with hearts aglow,  
Honored CA's and doctors, a splendid show.

Vocational prowess, a community's pride,  
Gratitude expressed, where talents reside.

For service rendered, a heartfelt cheer,  
Inspiring others, year after year.

Let's applaud their efforts, their selfless aim,  
Building a better world, a noble name...Savi



### *TREE' mendously Green Rotarians!*

From Ambernath North to Hillside's green,  
Rotary clubs, a nature scene.

NM Sunrise, Greenspans, Bhiwandi BKC,  
Thane Metro, NM Jewels, what a flick!

Palava and Royales, with spades in hand,  
Planting trees across the land.

A greener Thane, their ultimate aim,  
Rotary's eco-spirit, a blazing flame.

Let's applaud their efforts, a nature's art,  
Healing our planet, a brand new start.

**#RotaryRocks #PlantMoreTrees**



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### *Rotary Clubs Make: A Symphony of Compassion for TB Patients*

#### *A Rhyming Tribute to RID's Compassionate Mission*

Thane Premium, NM Sunrise, a united band,  
Thane City, Lake City, hand in hand.

With Nikshay Mitra, they've sown a seed,  
To heal and uplift, in every deed.

Against TB's shadow, they bravely stand,  
A symphony of hope across the land.

Rotary's heart beats with compassion's art,  
Healing bodies, uplifting the heart...Savi

#NikshayMitra #Rotary #TBFREEIndia



### *Rotary's Hunger Warriors!*

Smart City NM, Ambarnath North, a valiant pair,  
NM Sunrise, Greenspans, with hearts to share.

Navi Mumbai Samaritan, Thane Uptown's might,  
Thane City, Passions, shining ever bright.

Bhiwandi BKC, completing the band,  
Against hunger's foe, they firmly stand.

With every meal, hope starts to bloom,  
A brighter future, dispelling gloom.

Thane's spirit rises, with every deed,  
Rotary's compassion, a nation's creed...Savi

#EndHunger #Rotary #Thane #Community

## Use The Power Of SIP & SWP To Retire Rich

Retirement planning is one of the most important financial goals but is often neglected. And by the time realisation sets in for financial security post-retirement, it becomes too late. At that stage, corrective actions often turn out to be less effective, and the corpus, thus collected, becomes inadequate.

This is where instruments such as mutual funds can play an important role. By investing regularly over the years, mutual funds offer efficient solutions to retire comfortably. The various investment tools available within the mutual fund universe can address not only your monthly cash flow requirement but also aid you in accumulating a sizable corpus to meet any emergencies which may occur. A combination of investment tools like Systematic Investment Plan (SIP) and Systematic Withdrawal Plan (SWP) can comfortably yield the desired result for a comfortable retirement, and at times much more than you expected.

Here is a simple guide to retiring rich by investing through mutual funds.

**Start Early and Invest for Long-Term:** First and foremost, start early. That's the first mantra to generate a sizeable retirement corpus. One must understand that time spent in the market is of utmost importance. The more the investment tenure, the larger the wealth creation probability.

**Prefer Equity:** If investing from an early age, age is on your side which allows risk-taking capacity. Invest predominantly in equity through diversified equity mutual funds which will help generate better risk-adjusted returns in the long run.

**Invest through SIP:** Systematic Investment Plan or SIP is an established and trustworthy way to generate long-term wealth. In SIP, you invest a fixed amount every month for a tenure of your choice. Remember to top up the SIP amount every year as your salary increases. For instance, you can put a top-up of 10% or 20% which will ensure that every year your SIP investment amount increases accordingly.

The powerful impact of SIP can easily be gauged from the fact that if an investor had started a monthly investment of Rs 10,000 without any top-up, say in a diversified equity fund for 30 years, he/she would have invested a total of Rs 36 lakh. Taking the long-term past average return of 15%, the value of this investment would stand at Rs 5.64 crore. In the case of a 10% yearly top-up, the value of the investment would be Rs 12.65 crore on a total investment of Rs 1.97 crore.

This is possible because SIP allows investors to accumulate units across all market phases, thereby averaging the holding cost. Add to this the compounding effect, and the wealth created can be much more than desired.



**Protect your investment:** As you turn 50 years of age, it is advisable to reduce your exposure to equities. At this stage, it is important to protect the wealth from market risks. Basis your risk appetite, you may allocate 50% of the portfolio to debt and the remaining across equity and gold. In case you are unsure how to go about this, shift your corpus to dynamically managed asset allocation schemes. Such schemes allocate money across debt and equity basis the market conditions and help mitigate risk to an extent. At the same time, keep the SIP into equities going as it will help generate wealth.

**Withdraw through SWP:** By the time you reach retirement age, you would likely have a comfortable corpus. At that stage, stop SIP and opt for SWP. This will ensure that you do not have to redeem your investment in one go. To meet your monthly expenses, SWP will ensure you get a fixed amount in your account by selling the required number of units. Meanwhile, the rest of your investment will continue to grow.

Let's assume, the value of your accumulated corpus is, say, Rs 10 crore which is invested in an asset allocation scheme. You wish to have a monthly income of say Rs 1 lakh per month with a top-up of 10% every year. Assuming a return of 8%, by the time you are 80, you would have withdrawn nearly Rs 7 crore through SWP and would still have a balance of roughly Rs 34 crore.

To conclude, the combination of SIP during the investment phase and SWP during the retirement phase is a powerful combination to ease your financial life.

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# DG's Fables

## where Rotary Wisdom meets Whimsy

### एक बगीचे की कहानी: जड़ों से फूलों तक...

एक बार एक सुंदर बगीचा था। इसमें तरह-तरह के फूल खिले हुए थे। बगीचे के मालिक को फूलों की सुंदरता से बहुत खुशी होती थी। लेकिन, एक दिन उसने देखा कि बगीचे में कुछ पत्ते पीले पड़ने लगे हैं और कुछ फूल मुरझाने लगे हैं। उसने चिंता की और अपने बगीचे के एक बुद्धिमान बूढ़े पेड़ से सलाह मांगी।

बूढ़े पेड़ ने कहा, "बगीचे के मालिक, आप केवल फूलों पर ध्यान दे रहे हैं। लेकिन, जड़ें भी उतनी ही महत्वपूर्ण हैं। अगर जड़ें कमजोर होंगी तो फूल भी मुरझा जाएंगे। आपको नए पौधे लगाने के साथ-साथ पुराने पौधों की भी देखभाल करनी चाहिए।"

बगीचे के मालिक ने बूढ़े पेड़ की बात मानी। उसने नई पौधों को लगाने के साथ-साथ पुराने पौधों की भी अच्छी देखभाल की। उसने उन्हें पानी दिया, खाद डाली और कीड़ों से बचाया। कुछ समय बाद, बगीचा फिर से खिल उठा। फूल और पत्ते पहले से भी ज्यादा सुंदर हो गए।

सीख: रोटरी क्लब के लिए नए सदस्यों को जोड़ना जरूरी है, लेकिन पुराने सदस्यों को बनाए रखना भी उतना ही महत्वपूर्ण है। नए सदस्य क्लब को ताज़गी और नई ऊर्जा देते हैं, लेकिन पुराने सदस्य क्लब की नींव हैं। अगर पुराने सदस्य खुश और संतुष्ट हैं, तो नए सदस्यों को भी क्लब में रहने की प्रेरणा मिलेगी।

इसलिए, रोटरी क्लब को न केवल नए सदस्यों को आकर्षित करने पर ध्यान देना चाहिए, बल्कि पुराने सदस्यों की जरूरतों और इच्छाओं को भी समझना चाहिए। इससे क्लब मजबूत और सफल होगा।

### अंतर्मनचा विठ्ठल!

विठ्ठल तुझ्यात आहे शोधा जरा  
विठ्ठल माझ्यात आहे बघा जरा

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विठ्ठल तुझ्यात आहे शोधा जरा  
विठ्ठल माझ्यात आहे बघा जरा

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त्यांच्या जीवात जीव आणणारा  
विठ्ठल तुझ्यात आहे शोधा जरा  
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आपल्यासाठी अहोरात्र पहारा देणारा  
कधी भावूक होऊन माणुसकी जपणारा  
विठ्ठल तुझ्यात आहे शोधा जरा  
विठ्ठल माझ्यात आहे बघा जरा

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कारण ....  
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विठ्ठल माझ्यात आहे बघा जरा

आपल्या रोटरीयन नरेंद्र शंकर धोत्रे यांच्या  
लेखणीतून रोटरी क्लब बादलापूर स्मार्ट सिटी

*"Witness the lyrical brilliance  
of our Rotarian poet"*

### Rotary's Radiance: A Legacy of Unity and Service

In Rotary embrace, we find our call,  
To serve with heart, to stand tall.  
A circle of hands, joined in unity,  
To heal the world, our destiny.

From every corner, every shore,  
We gather, pledge to do much more.  
To fight disease, to quench the thirst,  
In every challenge, we are immersed.

With every meeting, bonds grow tight,  
A beacon in the darkest night.  
Through service, friendship, we ignite,  
A spark of hope, a guiding light.

We build, we teach, we lift, we share,  
With every act, we show we care.  
A global family, strong and true,  
In Rotary, our dreams renew.

So let us strive, with hearts aglow,  
In every path, let kindness show.  
For in our deeds, the world will see,  
The power of Rotary's legacy.

Penned by Rtn. Samir Kant Shamshery

### Summer's Stellar Trio

Cancer, Leo, Virgo  
(July 23 - August 22 - September 22)

### Horoscope: AUGUST

Leo's Lucky Launchpad

Fiery Leo, ignite your passions!

Lucky Numbers: 1, 5, 9

Lucky Days: Sunday, Tuesday

Lucky Color: Golden yellow, orange

Lucky Letters: L, O, F

Gemstone: Peridot

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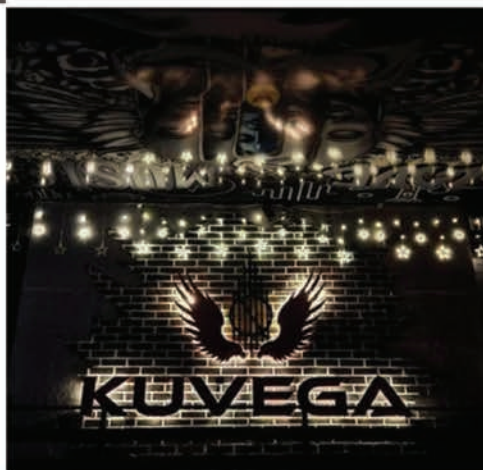
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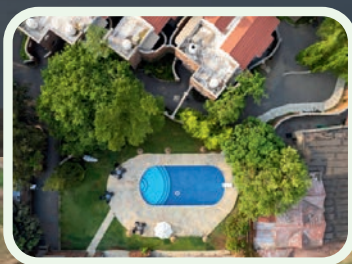
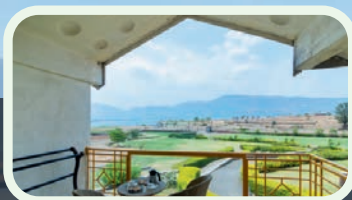
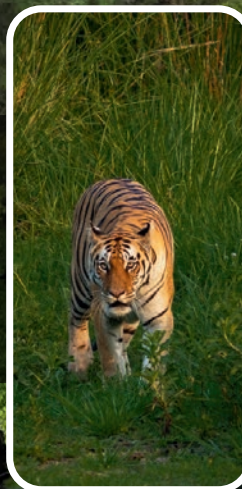
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