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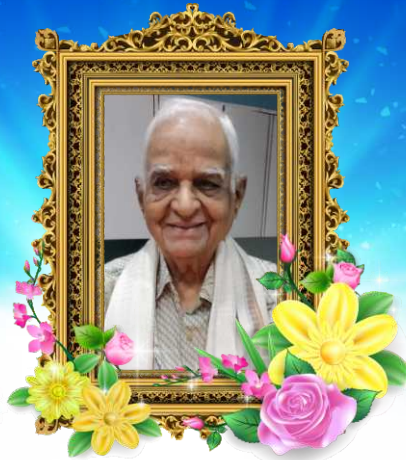
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PRESIDENT'S EULOGY FOR
MOHANLAL JI GUPTA



Rtn Mohanlal Ji Gupta. A name synonymous with Rotary for over half a century... almost 55 years. He has been a Rotarian longer than I have lived on this Earth. He has done more major club projects than the number of Purnimas or Full Moons I have lived through.

With his fellow Rotarians he has executed more Community Service projects than number of weeks I have had the privilege to live as a Human. With his late wife, Smt Madhu Lata, a member of Inner Wheel Club of Bombay West, Mohanlal ji has touched and impacted more lives through Rotary projects than the number of sunrises or days I have experienced as a person.

In the last few years, I got to know him as a Rotarian. He kept guiding and mentoring me for my role as the President in his own unique way. It was so subtle and yet impactful. He was the one constant in Rotary Club of Bombay West. He was present in every meeting of the club. He was one of the early to congratulate any members for projects done and motivate others to serve the community better.

He was also in-sync with fellowship in the club. I recollect it was year before last that he attended a fellowship program and participated in Musical Chairs. I wondered how a 90+ year old person would participate in a fast and physically challenging game... He not only actively participated but ended up winning the game. This showed that, though he aged physically, he was still young in mind and heart.

His health prevented him from taking a more active role this year and continue to guide us. I missed him this year and will continue to miss him evermore as a Rotarian and as a Benefactor Citizen of our Community.

A mentee and fellow Rotarian,
 Rahul





TRIBUTE TO LATE MOHANLAL GUPTAJI



Dear Kinny,

It is with profound sadness that we learned of the passing of your beloved father, Rtn.Mohanlalji. Please accept our deepest condolences on this heartbreaking loss.

Your father was a cherished member of our Rotary Club for over five decades, dedicating his life to the service of others with unwavering commitment and passion. His legacy of kindness, generosity, and tireless work for the community will forever be remembered and cherished by all of us who had the privilege of knowing him.

During this difficult time, we want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. May you find comfort in the treasured memories of your father and the immense impact he had on so many lives. His spirit of service and dedication to the Rotary's ideals will continue to inspire us all. We stand with you in grief and are here to support you in any way possible. Please do not hesitate to reach out if there is anything we can do for you.

With deepest sympathy,
Shahin n Rtn. PP Aslam Merchant

Respected Mohanlalji though Senior young at heart, set an example of Dedication towards Society specially Senior citizens, Woman empowerment, being friend philosopher & Guide. Lived his life making others happy. Hundred % attending our Rotary meetings, Senior Citizens Picnic & Projects. Taking part in Fancy dress competition when I was Giants President in 2009 becoming Chana Chore garam wala total transformation getting first prize. God of Senior Citizens had given us Many Groups, Planning activities for them. He had also guided me for increasing Clubs attendance. "Om Shanti" Pious soul is in Shreeji Saran. Praying Kinny & Other family members get strength to bare this Irreplaceable loss. Jay Shree Krushna

Rtn. PP Samapti Patel



Dear Kinniben, very very shock-ing and very sad news of our spirited leader Mohanlalji left for another journey in the world. We could not instantly believe. Since many years we had close association in various projects along with late Madhubenji for skill training either in YMCA Andheri, YMCA Bombay or at far distance in rural area over and above for seniors events organised in our club so smilingly organised. He had a passion for helping all. Pravina joins me in praying for peace to noble departed soul and heartfelt condolences to you personally and family in grief...

Rtn. PP Arvind Shah



Such sad news

MLG sir was a stalwart Rotarian and an ever smiling and encouraging personality. May his soul rest in eternal peace with the Almighty. Will miss his jovial, enthusiastic and happy presence in the musical fellowships a lot. Deepest condolences to Kinny and family. Om Shanti

Rtn. Usha J



भावपूर्ण श्रद्धांजली Heartfelt condolences to Kinny and her family.

Mohanlalji was a senior Rotarian. Very kind-hearted and a committed Rotarian who regularly attended and actively participated in meetings with enthusiasm.

He had the heart of a poet and used to write poetry in Urdu with which he was well versed, having stayed in Pakistan and Lucknow. He was also related to another of our ex-Rotarian couple late Ajit and late Niranjana Marfatia through their grandchildren. For years, Mohanlalji was the face of our programmes for senior citizens. He organised it along with Past Rotarians late PP Nandlalji Chawla and late Shanti Grewal.

We will miss Mohanlalji

Rtn. PP Shirish Rege



Rotarian Mohan Lal Gupta, a deeply dedicated and esteemed senior member of the Rotary Club of Bombay West, will always be remembered for his unwavering commitment and inspiring contributions. My heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Kinny and her family on the profound loss of her beloved father. May his soul rest in peace, and may the family find strength and solace during this difficult time.

Rtn. Apurva Nanavati



Respected Mohan Lal Gupta ji , a deeply dedicated and esteemed senior member of the Rotary Club of Bombay West, will always be remembered for his unwavering commitment and inspiring continues contributions.

My heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Kinny and her family on the profound loss of her beloved father. May his soul rest in peace.

Rtn. PP Anand Gupta

Extremely saddened to know about the demise of our beloved and senior Rotarian Shri Mohan Lal Gupta Sir.

I had the privilege of meeting him a few times. It was quite heartwarming to note his zest for life and his unwavering commitment to social/ community service.

I offer my deepest condolences to @Kinny Mam and the entire family and pray that God gives them strength to bear with this irreparable loss.

Om Shanti

Rtn. Kanwar Dang



Dear Kinny, It is very unfortunate to hear about the demise of Guptaji. A very devoted and committed Rotarian. He lived a full life till the end. May Almighty accept him in His Lotus feet. Pallavi joins me in expressing our heartfelt condolences and May God give you strength to bear the loss. OM SHANTI, SHANTI SHANTIHI

Rtn. PP Dr Tushar Shah

We have lost today yet another GEM of our club. A Rotarian who stood the test of all times. Always forthcoming for any project. Ever smiling, loving to all the members. We will miss his presence.

Our heartfelt condolences to Kinny jee and family for this irreplaceable loss. May his soul rest in peace and the almighty receive him with open arms. Losing 2 members in space of a few days is very saddening and that too at the start of the year

Waheguru

Manpreet + Rtn. PP Harmindar



GOLDEN ERA OF CARE AND SERVE

A Great Soul!

A Great Visionary!

A Great Leader of People!

An Entrepreneur!

Above All... a Great Human Being!

We all know, that to become a "saint" is perhaps easier, but to become a real human-being in the real sense requires effort and dedication and a genuine love in one's heart and here was a person who had that!; he was naturally endowed with this quality – a God's give to him. Well, his worldly name was Mohan Lal Gupta, in short MLG, as he used to write for himself. To me he was an elder brother and a benefactor and a saviour. He is no more in this mortal universe, but his presence can be felt by anyone who came in contact with him. Such a great personality he had that he will remain unforgettable. He printed his genuine humanly conduct on any person who came in his association. What a Great Soul!

I started knowing him when with another person we started having Sunday morning Bhagwat Gita reading satsang at Menaka (Guptaji's residential place). During one of those encounters, he mooted the idea of starting an alternative therapy center – he himself was a Pharmacist, well versed in the nuances of medicines and their effects and side-effects as also having worked with world renowned Pfizer Company. The idea behind his proposal was twofolds: first, to discourage dependence on medicinal usage and also to provide a hangout place to the retirees and people looking for some company as well as a stream to contribution and service. In short, the seed for starting "Swasthya Kendra" (SK) was sown by Guptaji and today that seed has blossomed to be a huge tree giving shade and fruits to many a people. Incidentally, Swasthya Kendra is the name of clinic working under the Umbrella of "Golden Era Care & Serve" of which MLG as the founder Trustee-Chairman.





SK as baby was borne in a rather dilapidated place in Aram Nagar, 7 Bungalows, Mumbai, allotted to Late Shri Lala Lajpat Rai (as I understood) by the Bombay Collector. MLG was instrumental in repairing and refurbishing it to give a decent look and start the Acupressure services there, which remains a flagship service of SK till date. As we know, with his involvement and influence, he mustered support from the Rotary Club ----- and Inner Wheel Club and many Rotarians personally. Even after SK moved from Aram Nagar to Lokhandwala Garden No. 4 (courtesy: Celebration Club, Lokhandwala), Guptaji's involvement remained, in fact multiplied. His vision to start more services at SK resulted in adding some very prestigious services like Physiotherapy and Homeopathy, etc.

His love for special-needs and underprivileged people was also equally touching and unmatched. I have numerous examples of that too, but let me just say that the way he greeted and embraced my son Gaurav (a Down Syndrome man) was divine.

I believe these examples are enough indicators of MLG's spirit of service-to-humanity and dedication to support sick, lonely and suffering individuals. Incidentally, at SK, we also provide, Sajog, Magnetotherapy, Counselling (Career, Relationships, Food & Nutrition), Acupuncture (besides Acupressure), etc. MLG's personal and professional support has been the backbone for Team SK to manage, maintain and advance in all directions.

Gopal Sehjpal
Current Chairman
Golden Era Care & Serve Trust

Golden Era Trustees and Team SK will continue to cherish the love and support MLG provided and will continue to draw from his unfading enthusiasm and spirit of dedication and contribution to humanity.

Like many of you, I also know about his love for Urdu literature (he was my guru to translate some Urdu verses (shers) – haha!). In the last years of his life, he was fond of one Gazal (Aaj Jane ki Zid na karo), which I sang for him many a time! Besides that we both used to spend time recalling some Urdu Sher's and also some known/unknown Gazals! Where are you Guptaji? I miss you for those small, sweet sessions over a cup of coffee!

For all the above and also his invitations to me to his home when he made tea for both of us, and many more short sweet meetings we had together, I remain ever so indebted to his love and support extended to me whenever I approached Guptaji for that.

Friends! I can go on ... I do feel overwhelmed with his memories but as we all know, one day we all have to leave his mortal body but the legacy we leave behind remain alive for a long time to come and MLG has left a rich legacy. He will never die in our memories and those will be our source of inspiration to continue the great work he has done in his life-time.

I close with a short prayer to Almighty God to continue to hold MLG in His Benevolent Lap and keep him in Eternal Peace.

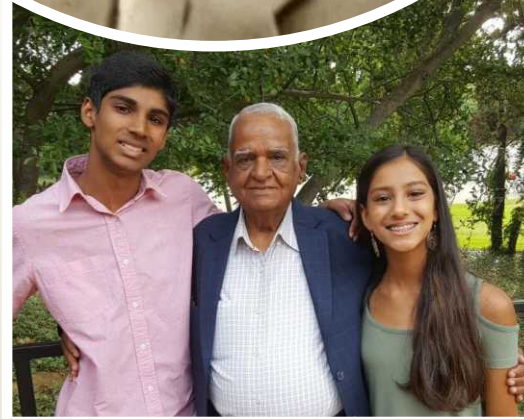
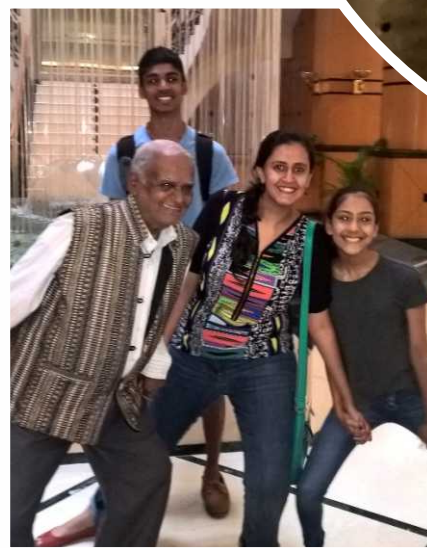
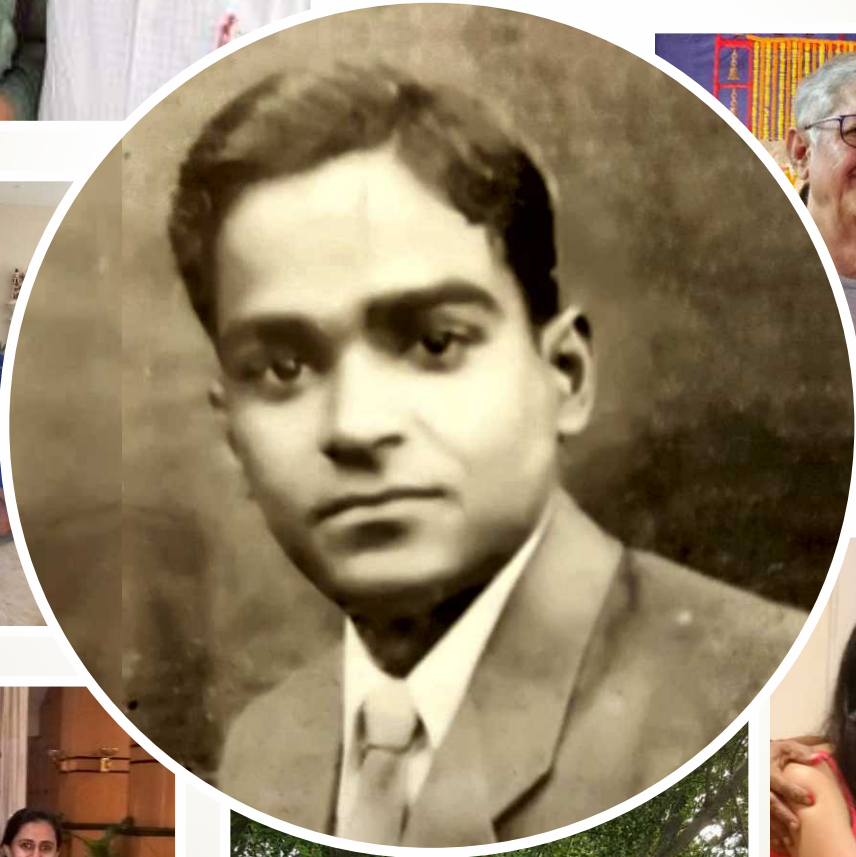
Om Shanti!



Vijay Mahajan
Current Managing Trustee
Golden Era Care & Serve Trust

On Behalf of Team Gold Era and Team SK Management

MOMENTS WITH HIS FAMILY





PRAYER MEETING OF LATE RTN. MOHANLAL GUPTAJI



