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From the President's Desk

Dear RCBW Members &
Fellow Rotarians,

August has always been a special month in the Rotary calendar, as it is dedicated to Membership & New Club Development.

It is a time to remind ourselves that the strength of Rotary lies in its members — their passion, commitment, and willingness to serve. Let us take this opportunity to reach out, connect, and inspire more like-minded individuals to join us in our journey of service.

This Rotary year, our guiding theme is “Inspire” — a call for us not only to act but also to motivate others through our words, deeds, and collective spirit. Every project, every initiative, and every act of kindness should inspire change and create a ripple effect in the community we serve.

I am delighted to share that our Club will soon celebrate two of its most awaited recognitions — the SUPA Farm Rotary Excellence Awards and the CMP Rotary Excellence Awards. These events will once again provide us the opportunity to showcase and honor excellence, innovation, and dedication in their respective fields.

Equally heartening was our Independence Day celebration at K.D.N. Shruti School, where the students' spirited and flawless performances filled us with pride. Adding to this joy, an Eco-Friendly Workshop was also hosted at Shruti School this month, encouraging children to create their own sustainable Ganesha idols — blending tradition with responsibility towards the environment. Initiatives like these truly embody the spirit of Rotary and inspire us to build a better tomorrow.

As we move ahead in this Rotary year, let us keep the flame of inspiration alive and continue to make a difference — together.

Yours in Rotary,
Rtn. Jayant Sanghvi

From the Editor's Desk

Once I asked God – “Why do I feel stuck even when I try so hard?”

He gently smiled and said – *Because stillness isn't always weakness. Sometimes, I pause your path to prepare your power. I never said progress would be fast, I said it would be right. Your delay is divine, even the moon takes time to shine in full.*

Trust the process – even the remover of obstacles waits for the right moment!

Wishing the RCBW family greetings on the occasions of Ganesh Chaturthi, Paryushan festival & Samvatsari, Onam and Eid-I-Milad!

In Rotary Service,
Rtn. CA Siddhant Bhide



**HAPPY
GANESH
CHATURTHI**



**HAPPY
PARYUSHAN**



**HAPPY
ONAM**



**EID I
MILAD
MUBARAK**

PROGRAMMES

10th Sept. 2025 : “Holistic Approach to Skin Care”
– Rtn. Dr. Kalpana Sarangi

**LET'S
INSPIRE !**

**UNITE
FOR
GOOD**

Updates from Rotary KDN Shruti School

Installation Ceremony of Interact Club



The Installation Ceremony of the Interact Club was held on 08th August 2025, at KDN Shruti School, creating an inspiring and memorable occasion. The proceedings were officially called to order by Master Shrijit Singh, President for the year 2024–2025.

The ceremony was graced by esteemed guests from the Rotary Club of Bombay West, including Youth Director PP Rtn. Dr. Samapti Patel, Trustee President-Elect Rtn. Tejas Sura, Trustee Rtn. PP Dr. Manoj Patel, Community Service 1 Director Rtn. Mahesh Kokate, Rtn. Hiralal Suthar, Rtn. Dr. Usha Jayachandran, Rtn. Dr. Shaan, and Rtn. Het Karia from RCUPG.

The outgoing President shared reflections on the impactful work carried out during his tenure, before announcing Misbah Khan as the Incoming President for 2025–2026. She was collared and delivered an energetic speech outlining her vision for reforms and exciting new projects. This was followed by the induction of her team.

The PTA Committee of KDN Shruti School also organized a felicitation ceremony for the SSC Std. 10 students, where all fifteen achievers were honored by the guests. Tokens of appreciation were presented by Rtn. Dr. Usha Jayachandran.

Notably, PP Rtn. Dr. Samapti Patel and Rtn. Dr. Usha Jayachandran extended monetary contributions to support upcoming Interact projects. President-Elect Rtn. Tejas Sura delivered a motivational speech, encouraging students to excel in service and leadership.

The event concluded gracefully as President Misbah Khan formally adjourned the ceremony.

Independence Day Celebrations



On Friday, 15th August 2025, KDN Shruti School celebrated the 79th Independence Day with great enthusiasm. The ceremony began with the flag hoisting by President-Elect Rtn. Tejas Sura, followed by the national anthem sung proudly by all. Teachers, staff, and guests dressed in tricolor, adding to the patriotic spirit.

Students showcased their talent through a series of performances, including a march past, Tali Yoga, patriotic songs, a dance performance, and a skit depicting India's freedom struggle with powerful dialogues of freedom fighters. The highlight was the enactment of Amitabh Bachchan's poem, which captivated the audience.

Oreo biscuits, provided by Mondelez Ltd. through Rotary District 3141 and India Humanity Foundation, were distributed to students.

The event was attended by esteemed guests from RCBW, including PE Rtn. Tejas Sura, PP Rtn. Shirish Rege, Trustee PP Rtn. Dr. Manoj Patel, and Inner Wheel President R/Ann Brinda Desai. They praised the efforts and performances, making the day truly memorable for all.

Eco-friendly Ganesha Idol Making Workshop



On 21st August 2025, the Rotary Club of Bombay West organized an Eco-friendly Ganesh Idol Making Workshop in association with Community Director Rtn. Nilesh Samant and Director Rtn. Mahesh Kokate. The workshop was conducted by MeetaKriti Art Studio, where Meeta Ma'am and her assistant Jyoti Ma'am guided the students in making Ganapati idols using DIY kits.

A total of 25 students enthusiastically participated, spending one and a half hours creating idols while learning traditional techniques in an enjoyable manner. Adding to the spirit of the workshop, Rtn. Nilesh Samant, Rtn. Mahesh Kokate, and Rtn. Dr. Usha Jayachandran also took part in idol making alongside the students. RCBW President Rtn. Jayant Sanghvi graced the session with his presence, motivating and encouraging the participants.

The students were also sensitized about the importance of using eco-friendly materials like terracotta clay, emphasizing how such practices safeguard the environment while preserving cultural values.

The workshop concluded with the message of celebrating Ganesh Chaturthi responsibly. Oreo biscuits, sponsored by Mondelez Ltd. through Rotary District 3141 and India Humanity Foundation, were distributed to all students.

– Reports by **Ms. Pradnya Vedak**, Principal Rotary KDN Shruti School



Down Memory Lane Profiling RCBW's Past Presidents

Robin Nath

Past President (2004-05)

Asst. Governor – Rotary District 3140 (2010-11)

Asst. District Trainer – Rotary District 3140 (2013-14)

Trustee – Rotary Public Charitable Trust (2016 -2020)



PP Rtn. Robin Nath is an Electrical engineer gaining his degree from the University of Roorkee and Advance Automation Systems from Germany. He worked for thirty-five years with Siemens and specialized in "Automation Systems" and "Information Technology" and is quite at home to speak inn German! He subsequently worked in Germany for over two years and did several large projects in Europe and thereafter for nearly one year in Thailand.

PP Robin joined the Rotary Club of Bombay West in 1999 and in only four and a half years of being a member became the President in 2004-2005 (Centennial Year). Serving the Club's Board ten times and three times as the Club Trainer, PP



Robin was the Assistant Governor in 2010-11 and District Assistant Trainer for 2013-14. For over fifteen years he was active in the Rotary District as Chair / Co-Chair in various avenues. During his Presidential year, RCBW won five Trophies and eleven Certificates while competing with over a hundred Clubs in the District.

As Club Administration Chairman for seven years which included HR functions for all staff including the Medical Department, Medical Committee Chairman for three years, involved in the Loan scholarship program for many years and trying to promote the same in various Clubs and also giving talks on the same at various District functions, a Trustee of the Rotary Public Charities Trust for four years, Robin has held a

huge and varied portfolio in the Rotary space.

Robin is the founder President of the ALM in his locality and is the Chairman of his Housing Society. He was the Trustee and Chairman of Bandra Bandstand Residents Trust (BBRT) which is responsible for bringing up the Bandra Bandstand Promenade and Bandra Land's End Fort area. He is a philanthropist and has been always interested in specially helping the needy youth. His wife Suneeta is a portfolio manager and his daughter runs a business involving Pet sitting and Pet food and accessories.

At age 83, our young PP Robin keeps himself active with yoga, swimming, and travelling abroad, especially to Germany and Austria since he knows the language and has a valid German driving license for life! He spends a lot of time indulging in Photoshop and creating movies. PP Robin has a zest for life which is infectious, a smile that touches the heart and his company is happy and jolly!

– Rtn. Dr. Usha Jayachandran



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“The true teachers are those who help us think for ourselves.”

– Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

“Happy Teacher's Day” 05th September 2025

Celebrating Rotary Membership Month - August

“Each new member represents a new idea, a new strength, and a new hope for Rotary’s future.”

August is not just another month; it is celebrated worldwide as **Membership and New Club Development Month** in Rotary International. It is a time of profound significance, a time to reflect on what it truly means to be a Rotarian, to honour those who have joined our journey of service, and to welcome new members with open arms.

What Does It Mean to Be a Rotary Member?

I was introduced to Rotary by PP Rtn. Harmindar Singh Patheja, along with 2 other members – Shefali Shah & Vijay Zaveri. In my membership acceptance speech, I looked forward to contributing my time & profession for community service and developing new friendships. I was also excited to send my daughters on the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. I attended a dinner for new members hosted by IPP Rtn. Ashok Deorah in 2013. Over time, I not only accomplished what I stated in my acceptance speech, but much more.

A Rotary member is much more than a name on a roster. Every Rotarian commits to:

- **Fellowship & Networking:** Building lifelong friendships while connecting with professionals across vocations.
- **Service Above Self:** Contributing time, talent, and resources to projects that transform lives in local communities and across the globe.
- **Ethical Leadership:** Upholding the Four-Way Test in personal and professional conduct.
- **Continuous Learning:** Growing through leadership roles, training, and exposure to global perspectives.
- **Ambassadorship:** Carrying the Rotary spirit into society, inspiring others to join in making a difference.

In essence, a Rotary member is expected to engage actively – not just attend meetings, but to *belong, contribute, and lead*.

Membership Trends – Global vs. Local

Membership is the heartbeat of Rotary. Let’s look at how numbers have evolved:

- **Worldwide:** Rotary has remained steady but slightly declining in recent years, moving from 1.16 million in 2021–22 to about 1.12 million in 2025–26.
- **District 3141:** Our District mirrors these fluctuations but shows encouraging resilience, bouncing back to 6,310 in 2025–26 after a dip in the previous years.
- **RC Bombay West:** Our own Club has seen membership decrease gradually from 135 in 2021–22 to 115 in 2025–26.

These numbers remind us that while Rotary globally faces challenges in sustaining growth, *our district is rebounding strongly* – a sign that with the proper focus, our Club can reverse the trend.

The gender composition:

Worldwide & in District 3141, females account for almost 30% of total membership, whereas RC Bombay West is trailing at nearly 15% indicating a definite scope for bridging the gender gap.

The age distribution:

Age Distribution	World	Dist. 3141	RCBW
Young members less than 40	11%	8%	4%
Middle-aged members 40-59	42%	45%	31%
Senior members 60 and above	23%	35%	65%
Unreported	24%	12%	0%

Our Club urgently needs to induct young and middle-aged members to ensure a diverse and vibrant future. We could offer membership schemes that attract member spouses and youth, including Rotaractors, to join.

Engaging and Retaining New Members

Attracting new members is only the first step. The real challenge lies in **engaging and retaining them**. Here are some strategies that can help us in this crucial task:

- **Meaningful Induction:** Make every new member feel valued from Day One by sharing Rotary’s history, culture, and the Club’s legacy.
- **Mentorship:** Pair new members with experienced Rotarians who can guide them into active participation.
- **Involvement in Projects:** Encourage hands-on participation in service projects to create an immediate sense of belonging.
- **Leadership Opportunities:** Assign roles – however small – that give members responsibility and recognition.
- **Family Involvement:** Invite spouses and children to events, building an authentic Rotary family culture.
- **Celebrating Achievements:** Recognise contributions publicly in meetings, newsletters, and social media.

A Call to Action

As we celebrate Membership Month, let us pledge to:

- **Strengthen RC Bombay West** by re-engaging existing members.
- **Reach out** to community leaders, young and middle-aged professionals, and change-makers who resonate with Rotary’s values.
- **Be inclusive and diverse**, reflecting the true spirit of our city.

Membership is not just about numbers – it is about *energy, participation, and commitment*. As the person responsible for membership, I, along with the Attendance, Membership and Fellowship committees, endeavour to grow and engage our membership by providing opportunities that our members would love to participate in. Together, we can ensure that RC Bombay West continues to be a beacon of fellowship and service in District 3141.

– PE Rtn. Tejas Sura

SHRADDHANJALI

Mrs. Katie Bhathena, mother of Mr. Zoru Bhathena and mother-in-law of Rtn. Neevia Bhathena passed away on 19th August 2025. May the departed soul attain peace with the Almighty. Heartfelt condolences to Zoru, Neevia and the family! Om Shanti!

UPCOMING EVENTS

27th Aug. 2025 : Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration at Rotary KDN Shruti School

30th Aug. 2025 : 9th Organ Donation Training and Awareness Seminar at Rotary Service Center, Juhu, 9:30 am onwards

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Rotarian Birthdays

30-Aug.	Rtn. Mangla Dembi
31-Aug.	PP Rtn. Mohan Joshi
01-Sep.	Rtn. Rajiv Dave
01-Sep.	Rtn. Advait Sambhare
06-Sep.	Rtn. Mohanlal Gupta
07-Sep.	Rtn. Darshan Shah

R/Ann Birthdays

31-Aug.	R/Ann Ameeta Sandeep Welling
09-Sep.	R/Ann Asha Kamal Narsaria

Anniversaries

03-Sep	PP Rtn. Aslam Merchant & Shahin
05-Sep	PP Rtn. Robin Nath & Suneeta

