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MEMBERSHIP AND NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH

"Just as Rotary itself can never keep its place unless it is constantly growing, so each individual Rotary club cannot afford to stand still while the stream of life moves onward." Past RI President 1940-41 Armando de Arruda Pereira

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"NEVER STOP SERVING"



STAY INSPIRED
BOD OF RCTH - RY24-25



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At the outset, let me welcome the new members - Sarita, Vaishnavi and Dr Geeta to the Hiller family.

Friends, It is very easy to keep oneself apprised of the happenings around the world through Social Media and especially WhatsApp. But it is equally easy to get lost in the tsunami of messages and flood of information. That is why this old and tasted method of communication through Club Bulletin not only still survives but also thrives.

This is the first issue for the Rotary Year 2024-25 and you will have to bear with me for next 12 issues as your bulletin editor ! As this is the monthly bulletin of Rotary Club of Thane Hills, it is your bulletin and it intends to give a bird's eye view of what we all have collectively achieved as RCTH family in particular and how Rotary is impacting our lives and lives of the community around us in general.

I hope you will find this monthly club bulletin interesting and informative. We are changing the format this year. Besides giving a top view of what and how we served in various focus areas of service, we also intend to provide valuable insights , helpful tips and information of various achievements that our members of Hiller family want to share from their own vocation / personal life / sphere of knowledge.

For example, the articles from Rtn Madhumita about the History of AI evolution , or the article 'Mental Health Matters' from our own Dr Seetha may provide greater insights on various trending topics. I recommend that you may please read these article with interest. PP Atul Bhide has a new column too. Its called 'Me-My-Mine' - It will provide us with a greater insight about the qualities of our fellow Rotarians and will bring opportunities for greater bonding.

Last but not the least, your contribution as well as feed back on the contents, matter. Please do not hesitate to write to me with your comments and suggestions as well as content that you wish to publish in the next bulletin.

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INSIGHTS AND REFLECTIONS!

Harshad Divekar

Club President 24-25



Reflecting on Leadership: A Path Forward for the Rotary Club of Thane Hills

As I cross the threshold of leadership, and take the helm of the Rotary Club of Thane Hills, I find myself reflecting on the essence of what it means to lead our institution. The recent installation function was not just a celebration of our club's achievements—our robust portfolio of projects, our significant commitment to The **Rotary Foundation (TRF) of \$50,000**, and our ever-expanding membership—it was also a moment of realization. It was a recognition of the 'Shiv Dhanushya' that I am about to string as I step into the role of President.

The Honour of Leadership

To lead a club composed of distinguished group of leaders is an honour of the highest order. Each member's journey is marked by a tapestry of accomplishments, woven from threads of diverse experiences. As I embark on this journey, I am acutely aware of the gravity of leading leaders—a task that demands a nuanced approach, one that differs from conventional leadership paradigms.

Empowerment as Our Guiding Principle

The leadership I envision is rooted in empowerment. It is about entrusting the right person or team with a vision, setting the direction, and then allowing the space for individual expertise and creativity to flourish. This philosophy encourages a culture of innovation & empowerment leading to solutions that not only serve our community but also redefine what we can achieve together.

Aspiring Beyond the Horizon

In the pursuit of excellence, I believe we must aim beyond the horizon.

It means to scale our existing projects but also to seek out and initiate projects that hold the promise of significant impact.

Bring innovation, passion and the "it" in our meetings and events. Our goal is to create a club that buzzes with innovative meetings, events and projects, where every one of our 116 members feels compelled to contribute. By fostering active involvement, we not only strengthen our club's fabric but also elevate our collective aspirations.

The Imperative of Transparency

With the growth of our balance sheet comes a greater responsibility for transparency, fiscal prudence and compliance. As we navigate the complexities of larger and larger Projects, it is imperative that we adhere to due processes and maintain an open dialogue with our donors, members and stakeholders alike. Transparency is the cornerstone of trust, ensuring that we remain attuned to our members' needs and aspirations.

Cultivating Partnerships

The journey ahead calls for collaboration. Building partnerships—within the club, with district teams, other clubs, NGOs, and service partners—will be pivotal in extending our reach and amplifying our impact. It is through these alliances that we can truly embody the spirit of Rotary.

The End Goal: A Sense of Belonging

Ultimately, our leadership must culminate in an enriched member experience, instilling a deep sense of belonging and pride within our ranks. As we navigate this path of service, innovation, and fellowship, let us do so with a shared commitment to the values that define us as Rotarians & Hillers

SECRETARIAL MUSINGS!



A.S.Kumar

Club Secretary 24-25

“The beginning is the most important part of the work”

As the curtains were being drawn on the Installation Ceremony of Awesome President and his Board on 30th June, Hillers quietly and with a great sense of humility embarked on their Awesome Year with a Annadhan and Tree plantation Drive on Day One of RY 2024-25

In July, Monsoon spells its Magic all over as Nature Blushes its Green, As Young Minds Dare to Dream, Elders and Poor rekindle their Hope and Expectations. As a Catalyst, we Rotarian endeavour to bridge the space between Hope and Expectations through our intent, commitment and vocation.

As I reflect on our Journey for the month of July, I can't help but recall words of a great traveller that resonates with what we Hillers as Rotarian or as Givers are known for.

“Money is not the only commodity that is fun to give. We can give time, we can give our expertise, we can give our love, or simply give a smile. What does that cost? The point is, none of us can ever run out of something worthwhile to give.”

For Hillers, it is all about “Tan, Mann Aur Dhan” psyche as we brought Cheers to -

- 1160 poor students of schools in Nashik & Thane with School Kits/Books
- 2700 poor by donating them food packets mainly to blind and elders
- 56 Girl Children by Vaccinating them for HPV-Cervical Cancer
- 80 plus Thalassemia Children by 310 units of Blood
- Mother Nature by 360 trees planted in the City of Thane - Plant a Life Project
- Unknown faces by committing USD 50000 to TRF

48 members of Hillers Family participated in the Art of Giving, not just money, that had a outlay of Rs.14 lacs plus contributed by Hillers only. We also had a record attendance of 75 members /Anns in our Member Led Meeting with 10 of our Story Tellers.

For me, the best highlights of the month were couple of instances where a

- A tour of School Children to our Blood Bank led to a collection of 160 units of Blood and Rs.57000 Donation. No words are enough to express our gratitude to the students of Sri Sri Ravi Shankar School at Mulund who encouraged their parents, Project Chair Nilesh Pitale and Ann Radhika Padmanabhan for their role.
- Two of our Anns, Subha Mendon and Lata Gwalani, visiting Our Dr. V Subramaniam Autism Center and helping the students in building new skills.

Month of August is full of Action as we would be cheering for our Olympians to bring more laurels while testing our **Olympic Knowledge, A Freedom Festival** on Independence Day and **A Great Debate**, perhaps, on what we don't Know. We would also induct two new members while we continue to Scale Up our projects and giving.

As Builders Say, Larger Stones do not Lie without the Lesser --- we look forward to all the Hillers participating in at least 5 of the club initiatives year on year by making a small yet impactful contribution.

ROTARY INDIA



Rotary at a glance

Rotary clubs	:	36,978
Rotaract clubs	:	10,634
Interact clubs	:	14,613
RCCs	:	13,460
Rotary members	:	1,181,186
Rotaract members	:	162,325
Interact members	:	336,191

As on June 17, 2024

RI District	Rotary Clubs	No of Rotarians	Women Rotarians (%)	Rotaract Clubs	Rotaract Members	Interact Clubs	RCC
2981	140	6,033	6.03	73	504	32	254
2982	87	3,923	6.07	44	909	86	186
3000	145	6,121	11.89	106	1,815	214	217
3011	137	5,154	30.29	87	2,452	159	39
3012	167	4,207	24.67	78	1,139	101	61
3020	84	4,879	8.05	41	818	112	351
3030	101	5,770	16.66	56	1,000	480	386
3040	98	2,404	14.23	40	809	54	214
3053	74	2,992	16.71	27	414	39	131
3055	78	3,207	12.63	70	1,089	46	378
3056	87	3,840	24.58	34	450	68	201
3060	103	5,215	15.95	67	2,305	66	144
3070	119	3,282	15.51	49	570	55	63
3080	109	4,384	12.61	66	1,925	166	126
3090	128	2,707	5.87	21	374	258	166
3100	112	2,222	10.76	13	58	34	151
3110	141	3,825	11.84	18	127	55	109
3120	89	3,788	16.00	48	587	25	55
3131	144	5,808	33.40	131	3,181	258	151
3132	93	3,819	14.04	44	638	102	214
3141	116	6,419	27.87	141	6,046	170	241
3142	110	3,989	21.84	64	2,275	108	97
3150	110	4,352	13.69	101	2,012	113	130
3160	80	2,639	8.75	32	258	95	82
3170	149	6,717	15.24	126	2,020	172	180
3181	89	3,730	10.86	47	505	88	121
3182	86	3,717	10.71	48	249	86	103
3191	94	3,489	18.14	70	1,940	132	35
3192	86	3,612	21.59	89	2,431	145	40
3201	176	6,865	9.96	139	2,606	101	95
3203	96	5,049	7.31	50	933	115	39
3204	79	2,606	6.75	24	237	14	13
3211	161	5,274	8.72	9	97	22	135
3212	125	4,770	11.66	102	3,799	185	153
3231	96	3,487	7.11	42	569	39	417
3232	188	6,569	20.99	128	4,500	127	102
3240	104	3,553	17.17	47	709	44	234
3250	108	4,212	21.94	63	1,003	58	191
3261	100	3,422	23.50	26	275	26	45
3262	117	3,907	15.64	81	830	642	287
3291	145	3,912	26.41			78	751
India Total	4,651	175,870		2,542	54,458	5,000	7,088
3220	70	2,041	17.49	97	4,242	115	77
3271	112	1,548	21.51	196	2,061	275	28
0063 (3272)	129	1,499	17.88	97	1,233	22	49
0064 (3281)	332	7,081	17.65	249	1,701	117	214
0065 (3282)	180	3,512	9.94	179	1,305	24	47
3292	157	5,613	18.99	185	5,435	110	137
S Asia Total	5,631	197,164	15.98	3,545	70,435	5,663	7,640

INSTALLATION!

30th June 2024



The Grand Ceremony of the installation of the New President Rtn Harshad Divekar and his Board of Directors took place at TMA Hall , Wagle Estate. We were privileged to have PDG Gurjeet Sekhon as the Chief Guest for the function. He is one of the most renowned speakers in the Rotary world and it was indeed a pleasure to hear his words of wisdom.

IPP Govind handed over the reigns of the club to the new President Harshad after successfully completing so many service projects during the year 23-24. We are all sure that the club will continue to reach newer heights every year. We all wish very best to President Harshad and his team.

The AI Journey

The term Artificial Intelligence (AI) is already widely used in everything from smartphone to self-driven car to robotic surgery and has come a long way from science fiction stories to practical uses.

Artificial intelligence simulates human intelligence using machines that learn from past experiences and imitate human thinking. AI enables computers to perform various advanced functions, including analysing data, understanding verbal and written language, ability to see, making recommendations etc.

The concept of AI has been around for almost a century. We can better understand the future of artificial intelligence by tracing its past trajectory to understand how artificial intelligence has evolved since those early days.

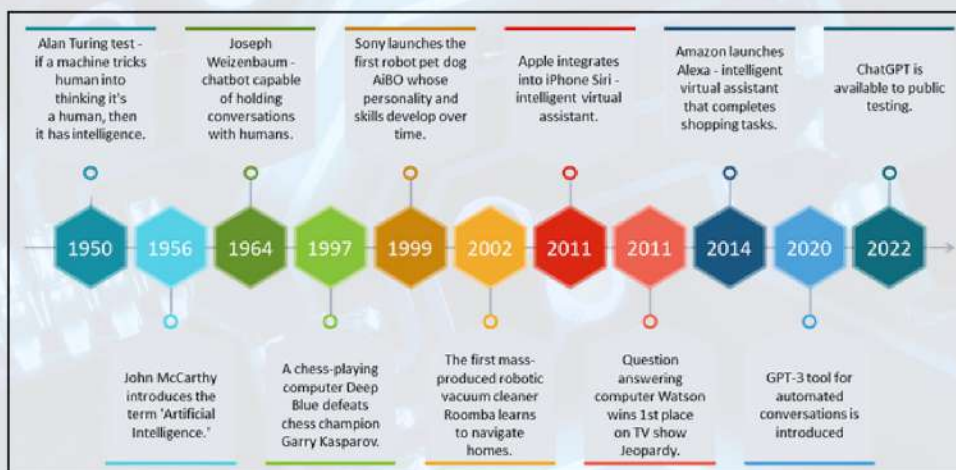
Early AI aimed to mimic human thought using logic and symbols. Limited resources and processing power hindered progress with slow development of AI systems. Decade 1970s witnessed the development of expert systems, which were intended to capture the knowledge of experts in a variety of domains.

Data Scientists created rule-based systems that, could use pre-established guidelines to address certain issues. Due to their inability to handle ambiguity and complicated circumstances, these systems had a limited range of applications.

TECH DISRUPTIONS!

A period of decline in the 1980s, called the "AI Winter," was followed by a return to machine learning approaches in the 1990s.

The 2000s and 2010s were marked by the AI boom with the initiation of deep learning and neural networks, which are loosely modelled on the human brain. This led to breakthroughs in areas like speech recognition, natural language processing, financial analysis and computer vision.



Artificial Intelligence Development History Time line

The 21st century, witnesses the rise of profound learning encouraged advance in discourse acknowledgment, and Multi-layered neural systems exceeded expectations in ranges such as – picture acknowledgment, deep learning, NLP and gaming.

New Era (GPT) – A breakthrough in Languages models

A novel advancement in recent times is the use of Generative Pre-trained Transformers:

- **Generative:** can generate human-quality text, translate languages, write different kinds of creative content, and answer the questions in an informative way.
- **Pre-trained:** are trained on massive amounts of text data, allowing them to learn patterns and structures of language.
- **Transformer Architecture:** underlying architecture enables them to process information efficiently, capturing dependencies between words in a sentence.
- GPT -1 has now evolved up to the most advanced GPT-4

Future of AI is further smarter machines with new possibilities. However, While we reap the benefits of AI, Ethical AI development is very essential for human well-being.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



The best way to retain a member is to engage him / her!

plans and goals for RY 2024-25.

Sunil Gwalani - Director : Member engagement

As a Director - Member Engagement, my primary and foremost goal will be to ensure that Hillers feel motivated to attend projects and fellowship meetings. In order to do so, we plan to do the following.

One, we have categorised Hillers based on their current engagement levels into three categories - Highly engaged, moderately engaged and less engaged. We plan to have one-on-one and small group conversations with the less engaged members to understand what are they looking for in RCTH and in which areas would they like to get involved. This will give us clarity in designing and planning various events.

Two, we have planned monthly events titled 'Member Led Meetings'. These will be debates, panel discussions, Story-telling events, Ann's programs, etc. A small team of Hillers will lead these programs and a large number of Hillers can participate. This for sure will increase attendance and engagement.

Three, we plan to invite good speakers on various topics of interest to Hillers. We will also have regular communication with all members to create awareness and buzz around all meetings to encourage them to attend.

I am sure all these initiatives will help us increase attendance and engagement and RCTH meetings will 'look and feel' like a district event.



Rotary fosters and supports the application of the ideal of service in the pursuit of all vocations!

Samir Limaye - Director : Vocational Service

At the very outset let me thank Club President Harshad for bestowing upon me this responsibility of Director Vocational Services. Vocational service is Fundamental Avenue through which rotary members contribute to community. Recognizing value of all professions and using their skill to serve other makes impact in the world. Under vocational services our RCTH is ready with interesting programs during awesome year.

It is true that names are given to us by parents/family but identity is carved thru our profession and vocation by each one of us. As we all know members join rotary clubs across world with specific vocational classification, however over period of time we tend to forget and leverage it. We plan to use this opportunity during awesome year.

During awesome year there are many initiatives being planned to engage members and to understand their vocation and profession. Our goal is to listen to them and develop insights about each vocation and how it is helping community. We also plan to have vocational recognition program at suitable time. These engagements build goodwill and are beneficial to all.

Let us create magic with rotary project by serving communities thru vocations.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



Together, let's build a healthier world!

Disease Prevention and Polio Strategic initiatives for RY 2024-25.

Dr Anagha Karkhanis - Director Disease Prevention and Polio

As the Director of Disease Prevention and Polio, I am honoured to outline our strategic initiatives for the year ahead. Building on the Rotary's ethos of service and leveraging my vocational skills, I am dedicated to enhancing community health and well-being through several impactful projects.

In the Awesome year, our primary focus will be on cervical cancer prevention and HPV vaccination among girls aged 9-14. This vital initiative aims to benefit over 5800 underprivileged beneficiaries. We are planning vaccination camps across various locations in Thane, Mumbai and beyond to ensure widespread coverage.

Alongside, we plan to conduct comprehensive health check-up camps for both adults and school children to screen and address various medical conditions promptly.

We will continue our robust efforts against polio through the NID program. This initiative remains crucial in our mission to eradicate polio globally, ensuring every child receives the polio vaccine.

In addition to these clinical efforts, community education will be a cornerstone of our approach. We will conduct various health awareness programs covering topics such as Women's Health, Breast Cancer Awareness, Cervical Cancer Prevention, HPV Vaccination, and Menstrual Health & Hygiene. These programs will empower the community with knowledge and proactive health practices.

Through these initiatives, we aim not only to mitigate the burden of disease but also to foster a culture of preventive healthcare and community well-being.



Congratulations to Dr Amit Karkhanis !



Dr Amit Karkhanis has been appointed as a 'Cadre' in the "Disease Prevention and Treatment" and "Maternal and Child Health" sectors of The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers.

In this role, Dr Karkhanis will contribute to global efforts to prevent and treat diseases and improve health outcomes for mothers and children.

His expertise will support the Foundation's mission to enhance health and well-being around the world.

Healthy Talks!

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS



Dr Seetha Raju

How often have we heard people saying that they were wanting to retire and lo and behold what happens when they really do?

After a honeymoon period of a few months, they are bored and their social interaction reduces leading to an array of symptoms reflecting their mental health. Mental health is as important as physical health and needs to be nurtured from an early age.

In childhood a strong base is built through strong emotional support. In adolescence body image, self esteem and peer pressure become significant concerns. In adulthood stress, anxiety and depression arises from work, relationship and responsibilities. Health concerns, ageing parents and midlife crisis adds on. In old age (remember 80 is the new 60) being socially engaged can promote healthy ageing.

Few tips to help deal with this:



- **Practice selfcare:** Take steps to remain physically healthy. Diet, exercise and sleep are all equally important.
- **Manage stress:** There is a very fine line between stress and distress and only you can delineate the two. Always try to be joyful but this more easily said than done.
- **Social Interaction:** The children grow up and leave the nest and fly away and in old age we nurse the empty nest syndrome.

its important to have good friends from early in life. Because they are the ones for you in good times and bad.



- **Stay Positive:** Practice gratitude. Believe me, this truly helps. We need to focus on the good things in our life. Bad times do not last forever. In the same breath I would say practice kindness.
- **Stay Engaged:** Pick up a hobby early in life which you can nurture into your later years. Whatever gives you joy should be done. Age is no limitation.
- **Ask For Help:** Reach out for help and IT will be available. It is no longer a stigma to seek help for your mental health.
- **Set Boundaries:** There's always a limit to what one should do under pressure. So limit yourself in that aspect and learn to say NO. Its ok to say no – even to your children.

I set boundaries to respect myself, not to offend you.



• Practice Mindfulness:

Focus on the present and let go off past worries and stop worrying about the future. No one is indispensable.



- **Take Breaks Often:** Spend on yourself. You've earned it. Take holidays and get physically and mentally recharged.
- **Stay Informed:** The thirst and yearning for knowledge should never die. Try and pick up new hobbies, learn new languages and indulge in arts and crafts.



Help people through social support groups. In short – **JOIN ROTARY!**

Be happy always!



District Project Coordinator
PP Anindya Dasgupta

Project EmpowHer Our Fight Against Cervical Cancer DISTRICT MEGA PROJECT



Lead Club – Rotary Club Of Thane Hills

In India, Cervical Cancer is the 2nd most common cancer in women and kills more than 77,000 women every year in our country.

'Project EmpowHer' - the flagship project of Rotary Club of Thane Hills during 2023-24, has now been taken up by our entire district as a mega project. District Governor - Rtn. Dinesh Mehta has announced receipt of CSR grant to vaccinate over 50,000 Girls between the age group of 9 - 14 years.

CERVICAL CANCER needs our attention

Every **8 minutes** 1 women dies of **cervical cancer** in India caused by **HPV**

HPV & Cervical cancer



Quadrivalent Human Papillomavirus (HPV Types 6, 11, 16, & 18) Vaccine (Recombinant).



Covers 83.2% of cervical cancer associated with HPV.



Offers protection against HPV causing cancers and Genital warts in females and males.

Age : Male and Female aged 9 - 26 years

Dosages :

9 - 14 Years : 2 Dose (schedule 0,6 months)

15 - 26 Years : 3 Dose (schedule 0,2,6 months)

Acknowledged as 'A silver bullet for Cervical cancer' by editorial of Lancet journal*



Developed with Scientific support from:
WHO-IARC,
BMGF,
DBT, BIRAC,
CDC etc.

India's first Indigenously Developed and manufactured HPV vaccine



Government is also supporting the Vaccination.



Together let's EmpowHer &
save her future from
Cervical Cancer

**THANK
YOU**

SERVICE PROJECTS BY RCTH

ENVIRONMENT

Date : 1st July

Project: Tree Plantation

(Project Director - Rtn Satish Shetty)

Supported by Rtn AS Kumar)

Planting trees at Mumbai University campus
in Thane

Number of Trees Planted : 350



Hilliers with Dy commissioner Sachin Pawar TMC@
Mum university Thane

DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

Date : 3rd July

Project: Blood Donation Drive 🩸

Supported by : Nilesh Pitale,
Govind, Satish Shetty Virendra
Tomar, Dr Anagha, Dr Amit, Kumar,
Harshad, Prachi, Dr Atul Gupte and
Sanjiv Deshpande

Location : Fortress Infra.

Thanks to the incredible spirit of
giving

No. of Units collected : 42

*This precious blood will directly
support thalassemic patients
through Triumph Blood Bank. Each
drop makes a difference. ❤️*



SERVICE PROJECTS BY RCTH

DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

Date : 3rd July

Project : HPV Vaccination

Supported by : Govind Khetan,
Dr Anagha & Dr Amit Karkhanis,
Harshad Divekar, Ravjit Singh Khurana,
Satish Shetty, Manjari Limaye,
Vidyadhar Naik, and Radhika Paddy
vaccination camp at: TMC School
near Mental Hospital

Number of Beneficiaries : Fifty-three
girls received the HPV vaccine,
safeguarding them against cervical
cancer.

*Why It Matters: By immunizing these
young lives, we're creating a healthier,
brighter future. Prevention is our shield,
and compassion our strength. ❤️*



DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

**5th July - Blood Donation Camp at
JIO campus**

- Drop of Life: our blood donation camp,
led by Saket Gadkari, and Prashant &
Vidyadhar Naik has achieved an
incredible milestone!

Number of BloodBottles collected :

101

—a century of life-saving contributions.



SERVICE PROJECTS BY RCTH

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Date : 5th July

Project : Annapoorna project at Yogi Hills,
in collaboration with "The Help the Blind Foundation."

Contributions of Rs 1.2 Lakhs from :

Pawan & Natasha Adnani, Radhika, AS Kumar, S. Padmanabhan, Prashant Ojha, Prachi Divekar, Yamini Kundetkar

Heartfelt gratitude to : Pawan and Natasha Adnani, Prashant Ojha – Annapurna Chair, Satish Shetty, Dr. Raju and Dr. Seetha, Aneetha Shetty, Harshad Divekar, Prachi Divekar, Radhika Padmanabhan, Nilesh Pitale, Ruby, Govind Khetan, Yamini Kundetkar, Mrs. KOSHY JOHN, and her daughter

Project Chair: Prashant Ojha

Number of Beneficiaries : Around 1000 blind individuals from nearby districts gather at yogi hills every new moon day, and our generous donors provided food packets and groceries. These essentials will sustain them and their families.



Storytelling Session at Dr. V Subramanian Autism Center



We are delighted to announce that our very own Lata Gwalani is starting a storytelling session at Dr. V Subramanian Autism Center.

This is a wonderful commitment from her, and we are excited about the positive impact it will have on the children.

Thank you, Lata, for your dedication and passion.

We invite other hillers to also participate in skill building / training at our Autism center



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SERVICE PROJECTS BY RCTH

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Date 13th July

Project : School Bag distribution at Nashik School

Location : Adivasi School in the rural areas of Nashik

We Distributed school bags with educational provisions for the year

Number of Beneficiaries : over *1100 children* from various Adivasi communities.

Supported by : Dedicated teachers of the school and Abhas Seva Group

Generous contributions: Rotarians of RC Thane Hills to support this project

Priceless : The joy on the children's faces when they received their bags

A great PR project for Rotary



ENVIRONMENT

Date - 15th July

Project : Tree Plantation Camp: CM Harith Thane Abhiyan in collaboration with TMC

Location: Mhada ground near Edenwood Complex.

Chief Guest : Shree Sudhir Gaikwad (Dy City Engineer) and Mr. Phadtare (Executive Engineer). TMC

Supported by

President Harshad Divekar , Satish Shetty, Paddy, Govind Khetan, Yamini, Gururaj, A S Kumar and Ann Aneetha Shetty

No of Trees Planted : 50 trees, (including Bakul, Taman, and Kanchan,)+ 10 trees at Unaati Garden



SERVICE PROJECTS BY RCTH

EDUCATION

Date -23rd July

Project : Education Book Distribution

Joint Project with Rotary Club of Thane Horizon

RC Thane Hills donated textbooks to students for grades 3, 4, and 7.

RC Thane Horizon donated Textbooks for grades 1 and 2.

Location : Navjivan School (Majiwada and Gandhi Nagar branches) from economically weaker sections.

Major Contributor : Club Sec. Kumar and family

Also supported by Rotarians Satish Shetty and Pawan Adnani (Director – Educational Projects).

RC Thane Horizon: Rotarian Radhika Padmanabhan

Why It Matters: The smiles on the students' faces were priceless, as they received the resources needed for their education.



'Ashadhi Ekadashi'
celebrated
by children of Dr. V
Subramanian Autism
Center



SERVICE PROJECTS BY RCTH

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Date -27th July

Project - Blood Donation

Joint Project by Rotary Club of Thane Hills and Rotary Club of Thane Horizon

Location : Shree Ravishankar School at Mulund

The school had conducted a workshop where the students prepared artifacts from waste and sold. The collection of Rs45000 from the sale was donated by the school to Triumph Foundation.

Project Initiated by : Ann Radhika Padmanabhan.

Blood donation by: Parents of the School children

Our Rotarians who donated blood: Sunil Gwalani and Aniket Kanade

Supported by: Ravi Iyer and Ann Usha Iyer, Govind, Satish Shetty, Dr Anagha, Sujit Uchil, Madhavi Kanade and Pawan

Total collection for Triumph: 160 units of Blood and Rs 57000

... amazing response of Parents who are donating. Unique concept..

40 children from the school visited the Blood bank, motivated their parents, prepared lot of art work displaying different aspects of Blood Donation. The trick... Blood Donation organised on Parents Teacher Meeting Day!!! Concept by Radhika Paddy...our Ann and a Member of RC THANE HORIZON.. Great work....



ROTARY FELLOWSHIP GROUPS NEWS

Installation of Rtn Sujit Gawayi as Chair of IFRM Thane Chapter

IFRM is a fellowship group of rotary International where like minded passion collides for better learnings and new openings for Rotarian Music Lovers Installation of Chairperson Rtn. Sujit.V.Gawayi from Rotary club of Thane Hills for the RY 2024/25 and his board of directors was held at Kuvega The Space and Music Enclave on 19th july'24 in the august presence of Rtn.paddy Iyer Vice Chair India /Srilanks and Rtn.Dinesh Mehta -District Governer Dist 3142 and was also lighten up by the presence of PDG Dr.Ashes Ganguly ,PDG Kailash Jethani & Shri.Prabhanjan Marathe. The Installation was followed by an authentic south Indian meal on banana leaf and a feast of music and singing by the star singers of IFRM



RCTH WEEKLY MEETINGS

04.07.2024 - First General Meeting followed by Club Assembly
(attended by our Assistant Governor - Rtn Jayanta Dey)



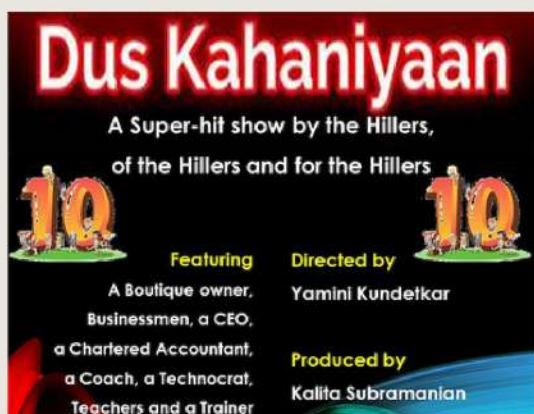
11.07.2024 - Second Weekly meeting (Hybrid Meeting)



RCTH has now adopted the Hybrid meeting format where in the physical meeting can also be attended online by those members who are unable to physically attend the meeting. Attendance on online attendees is also recorded. This is in line with the new meeting formats being promoted by Rotary International.

RCTH WEEKLY MEETINGS

18.07.2024 - 3rd Weekly meeting



Everyone has a story!!

And on 18th August, we had ten Hillers sharing their story. It was for the first time that organised Dus kahaniyan at RCTH. Ten Hillers spoke about their experiences in life in different situations in a very engaging and enlightening manner. They were straight from their hearts to the audience's soul and it was evident in the pin-drop silence with which the audience listened to the stories. The stories touched the audience's heart and a lot of them could relate to what was shared.

The meeting room at Thirani was jam-packed with 75 Hillers and Anns, making it possibly the highest attended weekly meeting in the history of RCTH.

This is just a beginning of many more interesting and engaging events to follow in the Awesome year.



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RCTH WEEKLY MEETINGS

25.07.2024 - 4th Weekly meeting

When he spoke, Mumbai listened!!

Come and listen to this Ex-Radio Jockey who has trained many in the business. He will share his thoughts with us on

Empowering Voices

Ravi Iyer

Writer, Producer,

Director, Voice Coach



RCTH @ DISTRICT 3142



Our PDG Dr. Ashes at Avagat - Training program for JDS/AG/ALF for 2024-26. He is nominated as District Chief Advisor for 2025-26



Membership Growth and Membership Retention is the major concern for the entire Rotary World today.

District Membership Chair - PP Ravi Iyer is making all out efforts to reach every club of the district with the message and support for growth as well as retention and results have started showing with New Club formations and Growth of over 200 members already !



District Coordinator TRF Program (RY-25-26) Nilesh Ikhite presenting (Topic - District Events Formal-Informal & Innovative Club Meetings-Innovative Fellowships.) In Avagat Training Session.



Installation of District Governor - Rtn Dinesh Mehta on 7th of July 2024 was presided over as chief guest by Past Rotary International Director - Rtn K.R. Ravindran from Sri Lanka. RCTH has a large presence in the district and this photo of some of our district team members was clicked with PRID Ravindran on that day

ME-MY-MINE



Vocation plays important role in Rotary membership. Through this new column, we will get to know our fellow Hillers beyond his/her profession. It's all about personal likes, dislikes and core aspects that shape our character.

Welcome to a journey to re-discover a friend.

Conceived and curated by:

Atul Bhide

Club President 2013-14



Name **SARITA BAHL**

RCTH Member since:

01.07.2024

Invited to RCTH by

Rtn: **SAMIR LIMAYE**

1. **A family activity I enjoy the most:** Watching movies with son
2. **My favourite book:** How to win friends and influence people
3. **Movie that I can see again and again:** Waqt and Yaadon ki Bharaat
4. **My fav movie actor M & F:** Liam Neeson & Katrina Kaif
5. **Sport that I love to play:** Badminton
6. **My fav sports star(s):** Vijay Amritraj
7. **My first stage appearance:** In school at a play when I was 14 years old
8. **My favourite way of relaxing:** Watching thrillers
9. **Best Gift I have ever received:** Books gifted by my son
10. **Fav subject during school & fav teacher:** English, History teacher
11. **Professionally, I would have loved to be:** A doctor
12. **One quality I wish to imbibe in me:** More patience
13. **I am inspired by:** Osho
14. **Two things that I like about myself:** My smile and confidence
15. **My greatest high-five moment:** When I got my first level coaching credential
16. **The craziest thing I have ever done:** Trekking up to the Tiger's Nest at Bhutan
17. **If given a chance, I would love to make a call & speak with (dead or living person):** Lady Diana
18. **I joined RCTH because:** To network and make new friends
19. **This year as a Rotarian I plan to:** Bring at least one speaker
20. **When was the last time you did something for the first time and what was it:** Toured Sydney in 2019
21. **My Vocation:** Coach, Mentor, CSR professional



Name: **Dr Mansi Baviskar**

RCTH Member since: 01

/02/2024

Invited to RCTH by

RTN: **SAMEER LIMAYE**

1. **A family activity I enjoy the most:** Travelling
2. **My favourite book:** The Magic Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton
Angel and Demon by Dan brown
Ravan by Amish Tripathy
3. **Movie that I can see again and again:** Die Hard series
4. **My fav movie actor M & F:** Bruce Willis
5. **Sport that I love to play:** Walk
6. **My fav sports star(s):** Roger Federer
7. **My first stage appearance:** School
8. **My favourite way of relaxing:** Tea and Drive
9. **Best Gift I have ever received:** a 'Best Mommy' card from my daughter
10. **Fav subject during school & fav teacher:** Science and Miss Mary Fernandes in 2nd std
11. **Professionally, I would have loved to be:** I am where I am supposed to be
12. **One quality I wish to imbibe in me:** To be more patient
13. **I am inspired by:** My dentist
14. **Two things that I like about myself:** Logical, simple
15. **My greatest high-five moment:** still waiting
16. **The craziest thing I have ever done:** Did not bathe for 15 days when we trekked during basic Himalayan mountaineering course
17. **If given a chance, I would love to make a call & speak with (dead or living person):** Micheal Jackson
18. **I joined RCTH because:** hope to help people using my strength and profession
19. **This year as a Rotarian I plan to:** To be around
20. **When was the last time you did something for the first time and what was it:** Couple of years ago trying hydroponic farming at home
21. **My Vocation:** Paediatric Dental Surgeon

ME-MY-MINE

Conceived and curated by:
Atul Bhide
Club President 2013-14



Vishal Wadhwani
RCTH Member since: 18th
August, 2023
Invited to RCTH by Rtn:
Pawan Adnani



CA Prasad Bhagwat
RCTH Member since: 09/11/2023
Invited to RCTH by Rtn: **Sunil
Joshi** [RC Thane Downtown]

1. **A family activity I enjoy the most:** Traveling & Shopping
2. **My favourite book:** Atomic Habits
3. **Movie that I can see again and again:** Pushpa
4. **My fav movie actor M & F:** Anil Kapoor & Kangana Ranaut
5. **Sport that I love to play:** Tennis
6. **My fav sports star(s):** MS Dhoni
7. **My first stage appearance:** 1982 (During my school)
8. **My favourite way of relaxing:** Never did one
9. **Best Gift I have ever received:** Bicycle from my Dad
10. **Fav subject during school & fav teacher:** Moral Science (Shroff Teacher)
11. **Professionally, I would have loved to be:** Realtor (I am one already)
12. **One quality I wish to imbibe in me:** Art of Saying NO
13. **I am inspired by:** My Late Granny
14. **Two things that I like about myself:** Patience & Positive Attitude
15. **My greatest high-five moment:** When ever I close deal
16. **The craziest thing I have ever done:** Can't remember any
17. **If given a chance, I would love to make a call & speak with (dead or living person):** My Granny
18. **I joined RCTH because:** I wanted to give back to the society and learn to give more from great givers
19. **This year as a Rotarian I plan to:** Not much this year as I will be out of country most of the time
20. **When was the last time you did something for the first time and what was it:** I tried to learn to make Instagram reels, around 2 years back.
21. **My Vocation:** Real Estate Advisory

1. **A family activity I enjoy the most:** Travelling to places
2. **My favourite book:** 'who moved my cheese'
3. **Movie that I can see again and again:** Jo Jeeta Wahi Sikandar, Sarafarosh, Phantom
4. **My fav movie actor M & F:** None
5. **Sport that I love to play:** Cricket, Chess, Badminton
6. **My fav sports star(s):** Sachin, Virat, V.Anand
7. **My first stage appearance:** Tabla - school days
8. **My favourite way of relaxing:** Travel, Playing Keyboard [music], 'Youtubing'
9. **Best Gift I have ever received:** My parents letting me choose my own career
10. **Fav subject during school & fav teacher:** Maths. Teacher - Shri Aratkar Sir
11. **Professionally, I would have loved to be:** If not CA then a sportsperson or Umpire or a Musician
12. **One quality I wish to imbibe in me:** Audacity
13. **I am inspired by:** Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, Sachin
14. **Two things that I like about myself:** Commitment and Integrity
15. **My greatest high-five moment:** Clearing CA in 1st attempt at 22 even before completion of Articleship.
16. **The craziest thing I have ever done:** Driving at 163km/hr on superb BRO road at Longewala Post.
17. **If given a chance, I would love to make a call & speak with (dead or living person):** Sachin Tendulkar
18. **I joined RCTH because:** Serve the society, learn new things from people around.
19. **This year as a Rotarian I plan to:** learn Rotary.
20. **When was the last time you did something for the first time and what was it:** writing this 'Me-My-Mine' for the first time and I enjoyed a lot.
21. **My Vocation:** Practicing C.A. @Thane - last 18 years.

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LAST BUT NOT THE LEAST !

TRF Contribution during July 2024

TRF Contribution

Date	Name	Amount	Fund
15 Jul 2024 07:52 PM	Saket Gadkari	250.00	1
06 Jul 2024 07:51 PM	Harshad Divekar	500.00	1
06 Jul 2024 07:50 PM	Nilesh Puranik	1000.00	1
06 Jul 2024 07:50 PM	Varsha Likhite	1000.00	1
06 Jul 2024 07:49 PM	Nilesh Likhite	1000.00	1
29 Jul 2024 07:48 PM	Padmanabhan sundaresan Iyer	1000.00	1
29 Jul 2024 07:48 PM	Anindya Dasgupta	1000.00	1
04 Jul 2024 07:47 PM	Vidyadhar Naik	1094.00	1
02 Jul 2024 07:46 PM	Ranish Jaiswal	1000.00	1
04 Jul 2024 07:46 PM	Vasant Bhat	1000.00	1
29 Jul 2024 07:44 PM	V Chandrasekaran	2000.00	1
05 Jul 2024 07:43 PM	Kalita Subramanian	1000.00	1
05 Jul 2024 07:42 PM	Adivarahan Subramanian	1000.00	1

Club Calendar for August 2024

AUGUST 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Speaker Meeting Drug Awareness	2	3 2nd BOD Meet
4 PI and PR Seminar Annapurna Tree plantation	5	6	7 Drug Awareness Talk	8 Speaker Meeting	9	10 District Picnic
11 District Picnic	12	13	14 Blood Donation- Luna Technologies	15 Anand Mela	16	17
18	19 Raksha Bandhan	20	21	22 MLM – The Big Debate	23	24 District RYLA
25 District RYLA / A to Z of Rotary Sem.	26 Janmashtami	27	28	29 Speaker Meeting	30	31

