

R.I. PRESIDENT:	STEPHANIE URCHICK	DISTRICT GOVERNOR: CHETAN DESAI
CLUB PRESIDENT:	ASHA NARANG	EDITOR: NARAYANA SHAGRITHAYA
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Establishing a positive club culture is crucial for the success and sustainability of any club.

Get Members Involved:

Encourage active participation by engaging members in activities, decision-making processes, and events. This helps members feel valued and integral to the club's success.

Give Members responsibility:

Empower members by assigning them specific roles or tasks. This fosters a sense of ownership and helps develop leadership skills within the group.

Create a Sense of Belonging:

Cultivate an inclusive environment where every member feels welcomed and part of the community.

Build Trust: Establish trust by being transparent, reliable, and fair. Trust is fundamental for collaboration and positive atmosphere within the club.

Acknowledge Success and Effort:

Recognise and celebrate the achievement and efforts of members, both big and small. This boosts morale and motivates continued participation.

Communicate Well and Regularly:

Maintain clear, consistent, and open lines of communication. Keep members informed about club activities, goals, and any changes, ensuring everyone is on the same page.

By focussing on these aspects, here I end my second month.

Asha Narang

R I THEME 2024-25



CATARACT FREE BHANDUP CAMP

As a part of our ambitious project "Cataract Free Bhandup", cataract screening and eye check up camps are organised on the first Saturday of every month. It is going on from August 2022 regularly.

We meet every Thursday at Hotel Guru Prasad, Link Road, Mulund at 7.00 PM.

Presently it is being organised at Datta Mandir, Near Hotel Gopalashram, Near Mulund Checknaka, Thane. So far we have screened more than 1600 persons and carried out more than 700 cataract surgeries. This is in association with **Bhaktivedanta Hospital and Research Institute, Mira Road and Billawar Association, Bhandup.**



In the cataract screening and surgery camp held on **6th July 2024**, 74 beneficiaries were screened and out of them 36 were detected for cataract.

They were sent to Bhaktivedanta Hospital at Mira Road on **8th July 2024** and surgery was successfully carried out.

In the cataract screening and surgery camp held on **3rd August 2024**, 62 beneficiaries were screened and out of them 32 were detected for cataract.



One person dropped and 31 beneficiaries were sent to Bhaktivedanta Hospital at Mira Road on **4th August 2024** and surgery was successfully carried out. Also 5 persons were given spectacles.

INSTALLATION PROGRAM

Installation program of **President 2024-25 Asha Narang and her team** was held on **24th June 2024** at RNeat Banquets, Next to Hotel Gopalashram near Mulund Checknaka, Thane. **District Governor 2024-25 Rtn. Chetan Desai** was the chief guest. 6.30 to 7pm was registration and fellowship.

The meeting started at 7pm with **President Jennifer Isaac** calling the meeting to order. National anthem followed. Master of ceremony **R/Ann Dr. Soniya Shetty** then formally welcomed the guests and members. **Ms. Madhuri and her team** of three dancers presented a beautiful invocatory **Bharatanatyam dance "Ganesh Vandana"**, which set the stage for the further proceedings.



President Jennifer Isaac presented her report for the Incredible year 2023-24 with a PPT. Introduction of Vibrant President Asha Narang was done by her brother **Mr. Gulshan Vashishtha** in a beautiful way. This was followed by Installation of the President. President Jennifer Isaac presented the Presidential collar and pin to PE Asha. She also presented the club charter, Gong bell and hammer. DGE Chetan Desai presented the President's badge to Asha. President 2024-25 Asha Narang presented the IPP pin to Jennifer.



President Asha Narang in her acceptance address, thanked the club members for reposing the confidence in her and giving this unique opportunity. She presented her plan of programs and projects for the year through a PPT. In addition to the various new projects being undertaken, she said that the ongoing projects like cataract Free Bhandup, Pink Auto and Skill Development Program will continue.



President Asha Narang introduced her team of Board of Directors and they were formally installed by DGE Chetal Desai by offering the pin. This was followed

by release of inaugural issue of **club bulletin Kaleidoscope** by DGE Chetan Desai.

The new member induction program was conducted by **AG Rtn. Rajiv Shah** who introduced the new Rotarians one by one. They were inducted by DGE Chetan Desai by giving them the Rotary pin and the membership kit. **PP Narayana Shagrithaya** was presented "**Agewell Excellence Award**" on the occasion.

Assistant Governor Elect Ameeta Vora was introduced by **IPP Uday Shetty**. AGE Ameeta Vora in her address congratulated President Jennifer Isaac for her commendable performance during the year with some excellent programs. She wished PE Asha Narang for a great Rotary year 2024-25 and assured that her help will always be available. She then introduced DGE Chetan Desai to the audience.



DGE Chetan in his address complimented President Jennifer Isaac for the excellent programs and projects during the year and also congratulated her for adding eleven new members during the year.

Secretary Elect Dr. Sujatha Sanil made the secretarial announcements and **President 2025-26 Seema Kshirsagar** proposed the formal vote of thanks.



The program was followed by a magic show and a sumptuous dinner. Also all the participants were given a beautiful gift. The program was beautifully compered by three persons, **R/Ann Dr. Soniya Shetty, Rtn. Sudanshu Sharma and Asha's son Kushagra**.

More than 80 people participated in the successful program which consisted of Rotarians, guests from the District, Co-Presidents of Asha, Inner wheel Club members, Rotaractors and other guests which included Asha's children, her mother and brother SE Sujatha's mother.

Blood Donation Drive "VIBRANT LIFE SAVING EXPRESS"

A blood donation drive "Vibrant Life Saving Express" was organised on 1st July 2024 from 9.30am to 5pm, at Mulund West Railway Station premises. This was a joint effort of **Rotary clubs of Mulund and Bhandup and Inner Wheel Club of Mulund Hills in association with Central Railway**. It was ably supported by **Rotaract District 3141**, with active participation of large number of Rotaractors. Lead Host club was **Rotary Club of Mulund Hill View** and other participants were **Rotary Clubs of Mumbai Bhandup, Mulund, Mumbai Mulund South, Mumbai Greens, Mulund Hills, Mumbai Salt City and Inner Wheel Club of Mulund Hills**.



This was a District project and a total of 16 camps were held all over the District in which 105 clubs participated. A total of **1028 bottles** of blood were collected. Our Mulund center collected **88 bottles**.



From our club President Asha, Secretary Sujatha, PP Narayana Shagrithaya, PP Uday Shetty, PP C. R. Ramakrishnan, PP T. R. Natarajan, PP Rajiv Shah and Rtn. Jitendra Patel attended the camp. President Asha, Secretary Sujatha and Rtn. Jitendra donated the blood.

Ms. Sukhvinder Kaur Mukhtiar on "INNER WHEEL".

In our very first club meeting of Rotary year 2024-25 on Thursday 4th July 2024, Ms. Sukhvinder Kaur Mukhtiar, President of Inner Wheel Club of Mumbai Bhandup was the chief guest. She spoke on **"Know an organization who create Friendship, Service and Understanding – Inner Wheel"**.

President Asha Narang called the meeting to order and national anthem followed. An AV of the prayer for the start of the year in praise of Lord Ganesha

was played. President Asha welcomed the guests and members. PP C. R. Ramakrishnan recited the 4 – Way Test. President Asha then spoke about the projects done and also the forthcoming projects.



Chief guest Ms. Sukhvinder Kaur was introduced through an AV. Ms. Sukhvinder is a cancer survivor and it was great to know about her incredible achievements in spite of the unsurmountable difficulties she faced.

In her talk Ms. Sukhvinder spoke about Inner Wheel in general like its history, the work it does and also about the works done by Inner Wheel Club of Mumbai Bhandup.



An interesting question and answer session followed the talk. Treasurer **PP Uday Shetty** made the Treasurer's announcements and Secretary **Sujatha Sanil** made the secretarial announcements. **Rtn. Ajit Sankaran** proposed the formal vote of thanks in a very nice way.

Rtn. Ajesh Shetty on "Unlock the Secrets of the Star"

In our regular club meeting of Thursday 18th July 2024, it was our Sargeant-At-Arms Rtn. Ajesh Shetty who made a brilliant presentation on **"Let's Bridge between who you are NOW and who you have the POTENTIAL to be"**.

President Asha Narang called the meeting to order. It was followed by National Anthem. President Asha welcomed the members. **PP Narayana Shagrithaya** presented **"Rotary Gyan"**, wherein he gave a bird's eye view of the projects and programs done by our

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club over the years. He covered the period 1990-91 to 1999-2000 in his talk with a PPT.

Following this, President Asha spoke about the projects and programs done during the month so far and also the projects and programs planned for the future. Speaker Rtn. Ajesh Shetty was introduced by **Rtn. Vanaja Shetty**.



Rtn. Ajesh In his presentation spoke about the importance and effect of birth numbers in our life. Birth numbers are based on our date of birth.

Birth No. 1 – People born on dates 1, 10, 19 and 28 of the month. They are courageous, authoritative, they rise in the ranks and they are leaders.

Birth no. 2 – People born on dates 2, 11, 20 and 29 of the month. They are gentle people, very supportive and they also like to have support, they have flickering mind and they are good hosts.

Birth No. 3 – People born on dates 3, 12, 21 and 30 of the month. These people are knowledgeable, they have imagination and creativity, they make good teachers and preachers and they are ambitious.

Birth No. 4 – People born on dates 4, 13, 22 and 31. They are very disciplined, are logical and scientific, are rebellious and they are secretive in organising.

Birth No. 5 – Those born on dates 5, 14 and 23. They are balanced – emotionally and in relations, are lazy, always successful and are freedom lovers.

Birth No. 6 – People born on dates 6, 15 and 24. These people are very diplomatic, luxurious people, they like to travel and are caring and compassionate.

Birth No. 7 – People born on 7, 16 and 25. They are wise, good in education centers, good in politics and sports and are spiritual.

Birth No. 8 – Those born on dates 8, 17 and 26. They are strugglers, they believe in themselves, it is very difficult to make them understand and they are ready to face challenges.

Birth No. 9 – People born on dates 9, 18 and 27. They are driven by mood, unpredictable in behavior, argumentative and they are best soldiers.

Rtn. Ajesh also spoke about compatibility of numbers. He gave examples of very successful people who follow numerology – 1. **Mukesh Ambani** – JIO (selecting the name & date of launch); Mumbai

Indians(selecting the name and colour of team jersey). 2. **J. C. Chaudhry** – A firm believer of Numerology and founder of Aakash Educational services Ltd (AESL) which was later sold for Rs. 7300 crores. He has currently ventured into other businesses. 3. **Ajay Devgan & Suniel Shetty** – adding/deleting alphabets in their names which led to successful careers in films and business.

The presentation was followed by a very engaging and enthusiastic interactive session. Treasurer's announcement by PP Uday Shetty and secretarial announcements by secretary Sujatha Sanil followed. **Rtn. Sachin Neswankar** proposed formal vote of thanks.

CLUB ASSEMBLY

The regular club meeting of Thursday 1st August 2024 was a club assembly. **Assistant Governor Ameeta Vora** was the chief guest of the day. **President Asha Narang** called the meeting to order and after the national anthem she welcomed the chief guest and the members. **Secretary Sujatha** presented the project calendar for the month of August.



This was followed by presentation of plans and projects by the directors. On the request from Assistant Governor/President the directors made presentation of their plans and projects for the year.



Chief guest AG Ameeta Vora was introduced to the audience by **PP Rajiv Shah**. AG Ameeta Vora complimented the President and the Directors/Chairmen for their ambitious plans for the year and wished all success. She appreciated the

readiness of the club and offered complete cooperation. She gave her guidance to the club for the year ahead.

Treasurer's announcement by **PP uday Shetty** and Secretarial announcements by secretary **Sujatha Sanil** followed. **Rtn. Swati Joshi** proposed the formal vote of thanks.

PROJECT ANNAPURNA

On 4th August 2024, our club participated in a unique project which takes place every Amavasya (New Moon) day at **Yogi Hills cooperative Society premises in Mulund West** from 7am to 11am. This has been going on for the last more than 12 years and large number of NGOs participate in this. Grocery and other food items, sanitary items and many other items of day to day use, are donated to **blind persons** who come from all over Mumbai and Maharashtra. More than **1200 to 1500** blind persons visit and take advantage of this every month. Many other individual donors and groups come here to donate and offer help to the blind people who attend this event.



This is being organised by **Sushila Sitaram Trust**. It was founded by **Shri. Sitaram Chaudhary** in memory of his late wife **Sushila chaudhary**.



President **Asha Narang**, Secretary **Dr. Sujatha Sanil**, **Rtn. Vaishali Nair**, **Rtn. Seema Kshirsagar**, **Rtn. Rashmin Shah**, **Rtn. Bhavin Gudhaka**, **PP T. R. Natarajan**, **Rtn. Sudhanshu Sharma**, **Rtn. Ajit Sankaran** and **PP Uday Shetty** from our club attended the event. It was an overwhelming experience to all those who attended, who spent around two hours there distributing grocery items..

Our grateful thanks for the following for their generous contributions to the Annapurna Project:

1. **Rachana Soni** (Friend of **Rtn. Sujatha Sanil**): Rs. 5000.

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2. **Nitin Vaswani** (Friend of **Rtn. Sujatha Sanil**): Rs. 10000.

3. **President Asha Narang**: Rs. 5000.

4. **Rtn. Capt. Aniket Khanzode**: Rs. 10000.

5. **Rtn. Dr. Shraddha Nate**: Rs. 5000.

6. **Rtn. Sudhanshu Sharma**: Rs. 1000.

PINK AUTO PRE LAUNCH PREPARATIONS

On 7th August 2024, all the beneficiaries of the second batch of **PINK AUTO** project were invited at **Hotel Guruprasad, Mulund West**. Around 12 of the 20 identified beneficiaries attended and all reaffirmed their resolve for going ahead with this initiative. They were asked to submit all the required documents for a smooth progress.



Rotarians from **RC of Deonar Rtn. Alka Murli** and **Rtn. Shivani Bansal** were present to guide the team. Our Vocational Director **Rtn. Vaishali Nair** and our external coordinator **Shri. Shashikant Ghosalkar** were also present.



PP Natarajan, who is in charge of this prestigious project, explained the entire process and the timelines to the beneficiaries and also answered all their queries. Similarly **Rtn. Alka** and **Rtn. Shivani** alongwith **Rtn. Vaishali** and **Rtn. Asha** encouraged the entire team with their past experiences by saying that we would support them throughout this journey.

PINK AUTO 2nd BATCH LAUNCH

On 11th August 2024, the launch of the "**PINK ANGELS**" project was undertaken at **THE PLAYCE, Mulund West**.

Representatives for Inner Wheel District 314 and RI District 3141 attended in large numbers. Total attendance was around 70.



Rotary District 3141 and Inner wheel District 314 have joined hands and formed ***SYNERGY***, an entity that plans to take up projects, and **"Rotary Pink Auto Project"** has been chosen as one of the projects that they want to take up under "SYNERGY". It is a joint initiative of both the Districts and they have named it as **"PINK ANGELS"**.



Rtn. Vidhya Subramanian from RC Deonar is the **District Coordinator** for this initiative. RC Deonar was chosen as the Lead Club to take this project forward and accordingly interested clubs came forward with sponsorship commitments of Rs. 25,000 per beneficiary for 20 beneficiaries. So the total amount committed by the sponsors is Rs. 5,00,000.



There are 10 Inner wheel clubs and 4 Rotary clubs who have together contributed the money for the 20 beneficiaries. **IWC Mumbai Nariman Point** sponsored 12 beneficiaries and there are five clubs who have come together to sponsor one beneficiary each. From Mulund-Bhandup area, there are 3 Rotary clubs and four Inner Wheel clubs who participated in the project including **IWC of Mumbai Bhandup**.



All the 20 beneficiaries were present and second batch was successfully initiated.

PP Rtn. Natarajan, Director of special projects from our club initiated the proceedings and explained the entire project in detail. Subsequently all the sponsors spoke and encouraged the beneficiaries.

Rtn. Prof. Chitra Kelkar on "Enhancing Prosperity" and Felicitation of Rotary Children

On the occasion of our regular club meeting on Wednesday 14th August 2024, there were two important events organized. The first one was the felicitation program of children of our Rotarians from Rotary Club of Mumbai Bhandup.

President Asha Narang called the meeting to order. It was followed by National anthem. President Asha welcomed the chief guest, Rotarians and children.

Rtn. Rashmin Shah shared insights on how our national anthem was written and brought to the current status through a nice video. The interesting story was well appreciated by the Rotatarians and children.

The children of our Rotarians were then felicitated for their success and achievements in the areas of academic excellence, sports, vocational excellence etc. Chief guest and our guest speaker Prof. Rtn. Chitra Kelkar handed over the trophies to the children with words of appreciation for their efforts and achievements.



It was a well organized and well conducted program which was thoroughly enjoyed by the children and Rotarians. The project was a brainchild of our vocational Director **Rtn. Vaishali Nair** and President **Asha Narang**.



After this event was over, **Rtn. Ajit Sankaran** introduced the speaker **Rtn. Chitra Kelkar** to the audience. Prof. Chitra is an expert in Executive Coaching, Mindfulness, CBT, Marital Counselling, Premarital Coaching and also a Prosperity Coach. She spoke on a very interesting topic **“Enhancing Prosperity”**.



Prof. Rtn. Chitra kelkar lifted the mood and spirits of the evening to a different level with her mesmerizing talk and activities on prosperity, mindful awareness concept which included circle of influence, circle of control and circle of concern.

President Asha Narang then gave a brief update on the various projects carried out like grocery donation as a part of the **Annapurna Project** at District level, launching of the Synergy Pink auto project along with other Rotary Clubs of the District and Inner wheel clubs of District 314, Cataract Free Bhandup project etc. She also spoke about the upcoming projects like visit to Old age Home, Book donation project, cataract surgery camp at Hashiware, Alibaug, Medical camp in association with Fortis Hospital etc.,



This was followed by announcements by treasurer **Uday Shetty** and secretary **Sujatha Sanil**. **Rtn. Rashmin Shah** proposed the formal vote of thanks. The meeting ended with a sumptuous dinner which was enjoyed by one and all, especially children.

EYE CHECKUP CAMP – CATARACT FREE HASHIWARE

On 16th August 2024 an eye check up camp as a part of our attempt for “Cataract Free Hashiware” was organized at Hashiware, near Vittal Rakhubai Mandir at Alibaug in association with Bhaktivedanta Hospital and Shri Vittal Rakhubai Trust from 10am to 1pm.. This was on the initiative and responsibility taken by our member **Rtn. Rajendra Mokul**.



120 persons were checked, out of which 20 persons were detected to have cataract. Out of these 16 were selected for surgery as 3 were unwilling and 1 was unfit. 1 was detected for Glaucoma, 3 for retina problems, 1 for cornea problem, 1 squint, 1 DCR and 2 PTR. 16 were given free spectacles.



The persons selected for surgery were sent to Bhaktivedanta Hospital on Sunday 18th August 2024.

VISIT to MUKTAJIVAN OLD AGE HOME

On 18th August 2024, our members visited Muktajivan Old age Home at Thane which is being managed by Society of St. Mary. Our members found that this is a different kind of old age home. Usually in old age homes, you come across inmates who are old and who look sad and lonely. President Asha found that the inmates in this home are always so

happy and are busy with their daily chores either helping themselves and their fellow members.



President Asha Narang also took this opportunity to felicitate our Rotarians' children **Prapti Mendon** and **Vinayak Sabat** who were not present during the 14th August meeting. The lunch for the day was sponsored by our Rotarians **Pushparaj Mendon** and **Neelmani Sabat**.



President Asha Narang, Rtn. Neelmani Sabat, Rtn. Pushparaj Mendon, his daughter Prapti Mendon, R/Ann Dr. Shalini Saksena and 3 guests attended the program.

BOOK DONATION PROJECT

A book donation project jointly with **Inner Wheel Club of Mumbai Bhandup** was organised on Saturday 24th August 2024 at **IDBUS Uttar Bharti Hindi School, Bhandup West**.



We distributed notebooks, drawing books and crayon colours to more than 250 students of the school. It was such a pleasure to see the smile on children's face on receiving the books and crayon colours. It was wonderful to watch students performing environmental awareness skits and enacting historic leaders who played major roles in our freedom movement.

President Asha Narang and **Rtn. Vaishali Nair** spoke on the occasion about Rotary and created awareness amongst parents about our club's Cataract Free Bhandup project, Pink Auto project, Breast Cancer awareness project etc. President Asha Narang and Rtn. Vaishali Nair from our club and President **Ms. Sukhvinder Kaur** and **Ms. Nina Panchal** from Inner Wheel club participated in the program.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

In this issue I thought of sharing with you my journey with our club bulletin "Kaleidoscope". My first brush with Kaleidoscope was in 1994-95 when I was the club secretary of the club.. Although I was not the editor, I used to give inputs to the editor/President – 12 issues were brought out that year. Then in the year 1996-97, I became the editor, and we brought out 5 issues. In 1998-99 I edited 3 issues April, May and June 1999. In 1999-2000 when I became the President, we used to publish fortnightly bulletins, and we brought out 27 issues without any break. Although there was an editor for namesake, it was I, with the help from Jayashree who brought out all these issues. Next year President Rajesh Saksena repeated this feat with help from R/Ann Shalini. Then there was a break and when I became the President again in 2004-05, we brought out 12 monthly issues. Again there was a break for 2 years.

From 2007-08 onwards, I have been continuously editing these bulletins until today. These are monthly, bimonthly or quarterly, depending on the content available. Quite until recently, we used to bring out printed versions and now it has become soft copy. You may ask me how it is that I have continued to edit it for such a long time without any break. It is purely out of my passion for writing. I have a passion for writing though I have not published any book so far except 3 books on Rotary quiz. I am doing this simply to ensure that the club has some record of what has been happening over the years, so that it may be useful to the future generations.

I am keenly looking for someone to take over this job, but somehow it has been not happening so far. In this issue, I got inputs from 2 Rotarians, Ajit Sankaran and Vaishali Nair. I requested them to help me with the matter, as I was out for quite some time during this period. Ajit's contribution has been fantastic, and Vaishali's has been no less. With their involvement, I am finding the light at the end of the tunnel, and I hope I will get the relief soon.

Months of July and August have been quite happening for the club. The club meetings have been great with President Asha infusing new energy to the meetings. We have had some excellent speakers, including some of our own members. Projects have

been great too. Ongoing projects like Cataract Free Bhandup and Pink Auto are in full swing. We are collaborating with District 3141 and Inner wheel District 314 for Pink Auto project. Other projects like Blood donation camp, visit to old age home, Annapoorna project, Book distribution project etc have been great. President Asha has planned many more projects in the coming days.

The festival season is coming. Shrikrishnashtami is just over, and Ganesh Chaturthi is round the corner. With festival greetings and best wishes to you all.

PP Narayana Shagrithaya

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The first Board of Directors meeting of Rotary year 2024-25 was held on 25th Jul y2024 at 6pm online. The various points discussed in the meeting are roles and responsibilities of directors, agenda for the forthcoming club assembly meeting, projects for the month of August with timelines, discussion on pending SAD dues, Membership drive, District Grant project, change of bank for club account etc.

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The second BOD meeting of the Rotary year was held on 29th August 2024 at residence of **PP C. R. Ramakrishnan**. Before the start of the meeting we all had sumptuous snacks and tea which was organised by President Asha Narang and PP C. R. Ramakrishnan. **President Asha** welcomed the directors. She gave an account of the various projects that were carried out during the month. Discussions were held regarding the pending SAD dues, Membership development, loan scholarship to a candidate Ms. Shravani Rane referred by PP C. R. Ramakrishnan, adoption of Anganwadi District project, upating of data and projects on social media platforms and club website, health checkup camps in September, Rotary Mela project, Revival of Rotaract club of Vikhroli and starting a new Rotaract club, formation of new Interact club, new member orientation program etc.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DATA

As on 31st of July 2024

Rotary International Districts: 524.

Rotary Clubs: 36524. Members: 1,150,248.

Zone 4:

Districts: 12 Clubs: 1328. Members: 46,252.

CONGRATULATIONS

* To **Rtn. Palvi Aggarwal** daughter-in-law of our **PP Vinodkumar Aggarwal** who has been installed as **President of Rotary Club of Mumbai Lakers for the year 2024-25**. Our best wishes to Palvi.

*To **Rtn. Vaishali Nair**. Her daughter **Anuprita** got married to **Jaideep** on 14th July 2024 at Detroit,

We meet every Thursday at Hotel Guru Prasad, Link Road, Mulund at 7.00 PM.

Michigan, USA. Congratulations and best wishes to Anuprita and Jaideep.

* To **Rtn. Vaishali Nair** for visiting **Rotary Club of Lake Orion Sunrise in Michigan USA** and exchanging our flag with **Rtn. Jimmy Johnson**, the current year **President** of the club on 6th July 2024.



*To **President Asha Narang** for anchoring RMB District 3142 Corporates Chapter # 62 for Vocational Excellence awards.



* To **Rtn. Rashmin Shah** for being inducted as Director of **SAMA**.

* To **IPP Jennifer Isaac** for being inducted as **Secretary of RMB Andheri**.

* To **IPP Jennifer Isaac** for being successful in getting **RI President's Citation** for the club for the Rotary year 2023-24.

* To **Rotary District 3141 and IPDG Arun Bhargava** for being the **top District in TRF contributions** in the whole world during Rotary year 2023-24.

Our grateful thanks

* To **PP Vinodkumar Aggarwal** for his contribution of US\$238.10 to The Rotary Foundation.

* To **Rtn. Capt Aniket Khanzode** for his very generous contribution of Rs. 40000 for the Pink Auto Project (For one beneficiary).

2026-27 RI PRESIDENT

Sangkoo Yun, of the **Rotary Club of Sae Hanyang, Seoul, Korea**, is the selection of the nominating committee to become Rotary International's president for 2026-27.

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president for 2026-27. He will be officially declared the president-nominee on 15 September if no other candidates challenge him.



Yun received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the Syracuse University School of Architecture in the U.S. and an honorary doctoral degree from The University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He is the founder and CEO of Dongsuh Corp., which engineers and markets architectural materials, and the president of Youngan Corp., which operates in real estate and financial investment. He is involved in many civic organizations and has a special interest in the preservation of cultural heritage.

A Rotary member since 1987, when he was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Sae Hanyang, Yun has served Rotary International as a director, trustee, committee member and chair, and RI learning facilitator. He served for eight years as co-chair of the Keep Mongolia Green Project, by Korean members of Rotary. His RI committee roles include the Board Administration Committee (2013-15, vice chair 2014-15), the International Assembly Committee (vice chair, 2020-21), and the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee (regional vice chair, 2023-27). He also served on The Rotary Foundation's Executive Committee (2019-22, chair 2020-21) and Programs Committee (2019-22, chair 2020-22).

Yun received The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award in 2021-22. He was appointed an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II, awarded the Friendship Medal by the president of Mongolia, and recognized for distinguished services by the president and prime minister of Korea. He is a veteran of the Republic of Korea Army and an emeritus elder at Andong Presbyterian Church.

Yun and his spouse, Eunsun, are Rotary Foundation Benefactors, Major Donors, and members of the Arch Klumph Society, the Paul Harris Society, and the Bequest Society. They have two children.

Sangkoo was born on 29 October and raised in Seoul, Korea. He has been married for 44 years to Eunsun with one son, one daughter, two grandsons, and two granddaughters.

SCHEDULE OF CLUB PROGRAMS/PROJECTS.

1st June 2024: **Cataract Free Bhandup Program – The Celebrations.** Time: 10.30 to 11am. Venue: Datta Mandir, S. G. Barve Marg, Near Hotel Gopalashram, Near Mulund Checknaka, Thane-400604. Chief Guest: **Shri. Sunil Kumar**, Head – CSR & Sustainability, ACG World.

6th June 2024: **Shukriya Night.** Time: 6.30 to 8pm. Venue: Guruprasad Banquet Hall, Mulund West.

15th June 2024: **Launch of “Rotary Pink Auto Project”.** Time: 11am to 11.30am. Venue: Next to Pawar Public School and Dreams Complex, Bhandup West. Chief Guest: **Shri. Ketan Vallabhaji Gada**, Director, Vikas Constructions.

24th June 2024: Installation Ceremony of **Rtn. Asha Narang as Vibrant President (2024-25)** along with the Board of Directors and Club Officers. Time: 6.30 to 8.15pm followed by dinner. Chief Guest: **Rtn. Chetan Desai, District Governor 2024-25.** Venue: RNeSt Banquets, Jaydeep Emphasis, Next to Hotel Gopalashram, Near Mulund Checknaka, Thane.

4th July 2024: Regular Club Meeting. Speaker: Inner Wheel Club President **Sukhvinder Kaur Mukhtiar.** Topic: Know an Organisation who create Friendship, Service and Understanding.

6th July 2024: **Cataract Screening and Surgery Camp** in association with Bhaktivedanta Hospital and Research Center. Venue: Datta Mandir, S. G. Barve Marg, Near Hotel Gopalashram, Near Mulund Checknaka, Thane-400604.

18th July 2024: Regular Club Meeting. Speaker: **Rtn. Ajesh Shetty.** Topic: **“Unlock the Secrets of the Star”.** Time: 6.30 to 8pm. Venue: Banquet Hall, Hotel Guruprasad.

25th July 2024: **Meeting of Board of Directors.** Time: 6pm. Online meeting.

1st August 2024: **Club Assembly. Chief Guest: Assistant Governor Ameeta Vohra.** Time: 6.30 to 8pm. Venue: Hotel Guruprasad Banquet Hall.

3rd August 2024: **Cataract Screening and Surgery Camp** in association with Bhaktivedanta Hospital and Research Center. Venue: Datta Mandir, S. G. Barve Marg, Near Hotel Gopalashram, Near Mulund Checknaka, Thane-400604.

4th August 2024: **Project “Annapurna”.** Time: 7am to 11am. Venue: Yogi Hills Coop. Society premises, Mulund west.

7th August 2024: **Initial meeting with Pink Auto beneficiaries.** Venue: Hotel Guruprasad

11th August 2024: Inauguration of **First BATCH OF Pink Angels.** Time: 2 to 4pm. Venue: The Playce, Marathon Maxima, Mulund West.

14th August 2024: Regular club meeting. **Felicitation of Rotary kids. Prof. Rtn. Chitra Kelkar** to speak on **“Enhancing Prosperity”.** Time: 6.30 to 8pm. Venue: Guruprasad Banquet Hall, Mulund West.

18th August 2024: Visit to **Muktajivan Old Age Home**, Thane.

24th August 2024: **Book Donation Project**. Time: 1pm. Venue: Uttar Bharti Hindi School, I. D. U. B. S., Bhandup Station West. A joint project with Inner Wheel Club of Mumbai Bhandup.

29th August 2024: **Board of Directors Meeting**. Time: 6.30 to 8pm. Venue: PP Ramakrishnan's residence. 103, Ameya Apts, Opp. Balaji Mandir, Mulund West.

1st September 2024: **Enchanted Club Training Program Workshop**. Time: 10am to 12 noon. Venue: 401, Lake Superior, Lake Homes, Powai. Faculty: DCC Rajendra Datye & DLF PDG Harjit Singh Talwar.

5th September 2024: **Regular club meeting**. PP Narayana Shagrithaya on "Rotary Gyan".

SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT/RI PROGRAMS.

29th June 2024: **Incredible Shukriya Night**. Time: 8pm onwards. Venue: Imperial Room, St. Regis, Mumbai. Registration charges: Rs. 3200 per head.

30th June 2024: **Installation Ceremony of DG 2024-25 Chetan Desai**. Time: 11am to 1pm. Venue: Mukesh Patel Auditorium, Vile Parle West.

13th September 2024: **VIBRANT TRF SEMINAR**. Time: 6pm. Venue: Jade Garden Banquets, Nehru Center, Worli, Mumbai-400018. Host club: Rotary Club of Bombay Powai.

27th September 2024: **Vibrant Rotary CSR Enclave & Awards**. Time: 5pm. Venue: National Stock Exchange, BKC. Host Club: RC of Bombay Pier..

1st & 2nd March 2025: **DISCON 2025long with District 3142**. Venue: Jio Convention Centre, BKC, Mumbai.

THE HISTORY OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

The world's first service club, The Rotary Club of Chicago, was formed on 23rd February 1905 by Paul P. Harris, an attorney who wished to capture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The Rotary name was derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

Rotary's popularity spread, and within a decade, clubs were chartered from San Francisco to New York to Winnipeg, Canada. By 1921, Rotary clubs had been formed on six continents. The organization adopted Rotary International name a year later.

As Rotary grew, its mission expanded beyond serving club members' professional and social interests. Rotarians began pooling their resources and contributing their talents to help serve communities' needs. The organization's dedication to this ideal is best expressed in its motto Service Above Self.

By 1925, Rotary had grown to 200 clubs with more than 20,000 members. The organization's distinguished reputation attracted presidents, prime ministers, and a host of other luminaries to its ranks – among them author Thomas Mann, diplomat Carlos P. Romulo, humanitarian Albert Schweitzer, and composer Jean Sibelius.

The Four Way Test

In 1932, Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor created The Four Way Test, a code of ethics adopted by Rotary 11 years later. The test, which has been translated into more than 100 languages, asks the following questions:

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it bring GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Rotary and World War II

During World War II, many clubs were forced to disband, while others stepped up their service efforts to provide emergency relief to victims of the war. In 1942, looking ahead to the postwar era, Rotarians called for a conference to promote international educational and cultural exchanges. This event inspired the founding of UNESCO.

In 1945, 49 Rotary club members served in 29 delegations to the UN Charter Conference. Rotary still actively participates in UN conferences by sending observers to major meetings and covering the United Nations in its publications.

"Few there are who do not recognize the good work which is done by Rotary clubs throughout the world", former Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Great Britain once declared.

Dawn of a new century

As it approached the 21st century, Rotary worked to meet Society's changing needs, expanding its service efforts to address such pressing issues as environmental degradation, illiteracy, world hunger and children at risk.

In 1989, the organization voted to admit women into clubs worldwide and now more than 26% of members are women. This year's RI President is Stephanie Urchlik and she is the second woman RI President.

After the collapse of the Berlin Wall and the dissolution of the Soviet Union, Rotary clubs were formed or established throughout Central and Eastern Europe. The first Russian Rotary club was chartered in 1990, and the organization underwent a growth spurt for the next several years.

More than a century after Paul Harris and his colleagues chartered the club that eventually led to Rotary International, Rotarians continue to take pride in their history. In honor of that first club, Rotarians have preserved its original meeting place, Room 711 in Chicago's Unity Building, by recreating the office as it existed in 1905. For several years, the Paul Harris 711 Club maintained the room as a shrine for visiting Rotarians. In 1989, when the building was

scheduled to be demolished, the club carefully dismantled the office and the salvaged interior, including doors and radiators. In 1993, the R.I. Board of Directors set aside a permanent home for the restored Room 711 on the 16th floor of RI World Headquarters in nearby Evanston. Today, nearly 1.2 million Rotarians belong to over 36,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

RELIGION and SPIRITUALITY

A learned man was once asked to explain the difference between Religion and Spirituality. His response was profound:

- * **Religion** is not just one, there are many.
- * **Spirituality** is one.
 - * Religion is for those who sleep.
 - * Spirituality for those who are awake.
- * Religion is for those who need someone to tell them what to do and want to be guided.
- * Spirituality is for those who pay attention to their inner voice.
 - * Religion has a set of dogmatic rules.
 - * Spirituality invites us to reason about everything, to question everything.
- * Religion threatens and frightens.
- * Spirituality gives inner peace.
 - * Religion speaks of sin and guilt.
 - * Spirituality says, "learn from an error."
- * Religion expresses everything which is false.
- * Spirituality transcends everything, it brings you closer to your truth!
 - * Religion speaks of a God; it is not God.
 - * Spirituality is everything and therefore, it is in God.
- * Religion invents.
- * Spirituality finds.
 - * Religion does not tolerate any question.
 - * Spirituality questions everything.
- * Religion is human. It is an organization with rules made by men.
- * Spirituality is divine, without human rules.
 - * Religion is the cause of division.
 - * Spirituality unites.
- * Religion is looking for you to believe.
- * Spirituality you have to look for it to believe.
 - * Religion follows the concepts of a sacred book.
 - * Spirituality seeks sacred in all books.
- * Religion feeds on fear.
- * Spirituality feeds on trust and faith.
 - * Religion lives in thought.
 - * Spirituality lives in inner Consciousness.
- * Religion deals with performing rituals.
- * Spirituality has to do with the inner self.
 - * Religion feeds the ego.
 - * Spirituality drives to transcend beyond.

- * Religion makes us renounce the world to follow a God.
- * Spirituality makes us live in God, without renouncing our existing lives.
 - * Religion is a cult.
 - * Spirituality is inner meditation.
- * Religion fills us with dreams of glory in paradise.
- * Spirituality makes us live the glory and paradise on earth.
 - * Religion lives in the past and future.
 - * Spirituality lives in the present.
- * Religion creates cloisters in our memory.
- * Spirituality liberates our Consciousness.
 - * Religion makes us live in eternal life.
 - * Spirituality makes us aware of eternal life.
- * Religion promises life after death.
- * Spirituality is to find God within us during the current life before death – We are not human beings, we go through a spiritual experience.

BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

AUGUST

05	BD	SON	Chinmay Mokal
07	BD	RTN	Bhadresh Mehta
10	BD	SON	Rudra Ganesh Waradkar
12	BD	SON	Tejas Rajiv Shah
13	BD	RTN	Aniket Khanzode
15	BD	RTN	Sujatha Sanil
15	BD	RTN	Vishwas Sardar
18	BD	ANN	Ruchira Mokal
19	BD	RTN	Chitra Ramakrishnan
22	BD	DTR	Anuprita Nair
23	BD	RTN	Kamesh Phumatiya
26	BD	RTN	Sumeet Savla
29	BD	SON	Justin Isaac
30	BD	RTN	Asha Narang

Laugh it off!!!

In a class for training salesmen, one participant asked, "We manufacture household goods for ladies. How should I reach my client?"

"You do like this" advised the course expert.

"Address all your letters to the husbands and mark them private and confidential".

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After 6 months at a factory, the new superintendent developed a feeling that he was not popular, so he called aside his foreman,

"How is it that the workers don't like me? Why, at my last place they gave me a tea set when I left."

"Only a tea set?," said the candid foreman "If you decide to leave this place, we'd present you a silver set."

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