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FROM THE EDITOR’S DESK.

The most important program held during the January/February period was **Fashion Show “Rotary Face of the Year 2024”**, which was held on Valentine’s Day on 14th February 2024 at St. Andrews Auditorium at Bandra. It was a grand program conducted very professionally with the help of **Zen Asia Foundation**, who have a long-standing experience in conducting such events.

There were eighteen models in all. There were three rounds and at the end of two rounds ten models were selected. After the final round 3 models were chosen as 2nd runner up, 1st runner up and winner. They were given away handsome prizes. This is a first such event taking place in our club and has been really a great experience for all the members.

Then there was the most important program of the year for the District – **DISCON – Darpan – The Reflections** which this time was a one day affair. Number of our members attended the program.

Then of course, we had another very important program, **“New Member Orientation and Induction Program”** which was addressed by a very eminent speaker **PDG Dr. Ulhas Kolhatkar**. Five members, including the two newly joined members **Sudhanshu Sharma** and **Jitendra Patel** were inducted on the occasion.

During the period three new new members joined the club, **Sudhanshu Sharma, Jitendra Patel and Swati Joshi**. A very warm welcome to all of them.

Wishing you all a great time,

PP Narayana Shagrithaya

RI THEME 2023-24



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. Presently it is being organised at Datta Mandir, S. G. Barve Marg, Near Hotel Gopalashram, Near Mulund Checknaka, Wagle Estate Starting Road, Thane-400604. So far we have screened more than 1200 persons and carried out more than 500 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 January 2024, 96 beneficiaries were screened out of whom 56 were detected to have cataract.



They were sent to **Bhaktivedanta Hospital** at Mira Road on the subsequent days and surgery was successfully carried out.

In the cataract screening and surgery camp held on 3rd February 2024, 122 beneficiaries were screened out of whom 75 were detected to have cataract.



They were sent to Bhaktivedanta Hospital at Mira Road on the 11th(25) and 13th(50) and surgery was successfully carried out.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The 7th BOD meeting of the Rotary year was held on 29th January 2024 online. Discussions included semiannual dues pending to be paid by the members and about the forthcoming Fashion Show program.

The 8th BOD meeting was held on 29th February 2024 at the office of IPP Uday Shetty at 122, Anandraj Industrial Estate, Bhandup West. Discussions were held regarding the launch of the Pink Auto Project, re-launch of Cataract Free Bhandup Project, pending semiannual dues payments from members and other matters.

LOOKING BACK

In the regular club meeting held on Thursday 4th January 2024, Mr. Jesson Jose, a representative of a unique Sports NGO based in Mumbai spoke on the topic "Sports Mentoring Infusion".

President Jennifer Isaac called the meeting to order. After the National anthem, PP C. R. Ramakrishnan read the Four way Test. President Jennifer then welcomed the Chief Guest and all the Rotarians/R/Anns and guests present. After this, President Jennifer spoke about the forthcoming important program of Fashion Show which is scheduled for 14th february 2024.



Following this Mr. Jesson Jose was introduced to the audience. Mr. Jesson Jose spoke about the activities of the unique NGO which he represents. They focus on working with underprivileged and sex workers' children in the Red Light Area.

Following this, there was discussion on the progress of some of the club projects. Secretary Vaishali Savla made the secretarial announcements and PP Lata Jha proposed the formal vote of thanks.

In the regular club meeting of Thursday 8th February 2024, President Jennifer Isaac spoke about the Fashion Show Program to be held on 14th February 2024. She also invited feedback from members about the Rotary Fun Fiesta held from 15th to 17th December 2024.

On 13th February 2024, a medical check up camp was organised at Heaven Old Age Center, Gaondevi Road, Bhandup West, Mumbai – 400078, for the inmates of the center.

This was a project in association with Rotary clubs of Mumbai Cuffe parade and Mumbai Chembur West.



President: Jennifer Isaac, Secretary Vaishali Savla, R/Ann Dr. Shalini Saksena, PP C. R. Ramakrishnan, IPP Uday Shetty, PP Natarajan T. R. and Rtn. Rajendra Mokal participated in the program.

Rotary Club Mulund organized Deepak Rao's Amazing "Extra Sensory Perception" session on 17th February 2024, at Rotary Kunjal Kishore Auditorium, Friends academy, LBS Marg, Mulund West. It was a unique and interesting program. From our club PP Narayana Shagrithaya, PP C. R. Ramakrishnan, PP T. R. Natarajan, Rtn. Chitra Ramakrishnan and Rtn. Aniket Khanzode attended the program.

In the club meeting held on Thursday 22nd February 2024, President Jennifer Isaac gave an opportunity for our Rotarians and R/Anns to share their experiences in Rotary. Rtn. Jayashree Shagrithaya, Rtn. Vijayam Krishnan and R/Ann Dr. Shalini Saksena spoke on the occasion.



Rtn. Jayashree Shagrithaya has been associated with the club right from its inception in 1990 as her husband Rtn. Narayana Shagrithaya is a charter member of the club. She became a Rotarian in 2018. As in our club R/Anns are also invited for the club meetings, she has been attending the meeting all through along with her husband. She shared her pleasant experiences in Rotary and also in Inner wheel Club. She is a charter member of Inner wheel

Club of Mumbai Bhandup and has been its President twice.

Rtn. Vijayam has been attending the club meetings since 1999 when her husband Late R. Krishnan became a member of the club. After the demise of Rtn. Krishnan, Vijayam became a Rotarian. Now she is an honorary Rotarian. At 86 years, Vijayam is one of the most enthusiastic members of our club and she attends meetings regularly. She spoke about her wide-ranging experiences in Rotary.

R/Ann Dr. Shalini Saksena has been attending our club meetings right from the inception of the club, as her husband Rajesh Kumar Saksena is a charter member of the club. She spoke about her experience of 33 years with the club. Dr. Shalini attends the meeting very regularly with her husband. Dr. Shalini is a charter member and charter President of Inner Wheel Club of Mumbai Bhandup and has been President twice again. She has spoken in our Rotary club a number of times on various topics.

Rtn. Jayashree was introduced by PP Narayan, Rtn. Vijayam was introduced by PP C. R. Ramakrishnan whereas R/Ann Shalini introduced herself.

PREPETS 2024-25

Pre-Pets "GYANOTSAV" for the President Elects of Rotary year 2024-25 was held from 27th to 29th October 2023 at Hotel Fariyas, Lonavala. It was hosted by RC of Mumbai South. **RI Director T. N. Subramanian (Raju)** was the guest.



President Elect Asha Narang who attended this program says "We had wonderful power packed Pre-Pets Gyanotsav, under the leadership and the competent direction of the **District Learning Facilitator Harjit Singh Talwar and his team**. All the three days were filled with learning. Gyanotsav surpassed all expectations. Skit on the second day and the preparation was a great occasion for bonding and bonhomie!! Eagerly looking forward to further build on the camaraderie with my co-presidents and take it long way."

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION AND INDUCTION PROGRAM

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

A new member orientation and induction program was held on Sunday 18th January 2024 at Hotel Guruprasad banquet hall. **PDG Dr. Ulhas Kolhatkar**, who is considered as an Encyclopedia of Rotary was the chief Guest. He was the Governor of the undivided District 3140 in 2007-08.



The purpose of this important meeting was to impart information about Rotary to a large number of our Rotarians who are new to Rotary.

Meeting was called to order by **Incredible President Jennifer Isaac**. After the national anthem, **PP C. R. Ramakrishnan** recited the "Four Way Test". President Jennifer then welcomed the chief guest and other Rotarians and guests. She explained the purpose of the meeting and gave updates about our club's forthcoming project "**Fashion Show - Rotary Face of The Year 2024**" to be held on 14th February 2024 at St. Andrew's auditorium at Bandra.

Rtn. Rashmin Shah made a power point presentation on the work and projects done by our club so far.



Thereafter, two senior members of our club, **PP C. R. Ramakrishnan and IPP Uday Shetty** shared their experience as a Rotarian and what they felt about Rotary.

Two new Rotarians **Rtn. Bhadrash Mehta and Rtn. Manpreet Singh** expressed their views as to why they have joined Rotary and what they felt about Rotary.

Thereafter new member induction program was conducted by **AG Rtn. Rajiv Shah** who has conceptualized and organized this program. **PP**

Natarajan T. R. introduced the new members and chief guest PDG Dr. Ulhas Kolhatkar inducted them into Rotary by giving them the Rotary pin, Certificate and also few Rotary publications. PP Natarajan also read the induction speech. Five new members were inducted on the occasion.

Following this, AG Rtn. Rajiv Shah introduced chief guest PDG Dr. Ulhas Kolhatkar to the audience.

Dr. Ulhas Kolhatkar in his powerful address gave profound details of the Rotary organization, and the wonderful work it has been doing for the last nearly 120 years. He made this through a Power point presentation. PDG Dr. Ulahas Kolhatkar mesmerized the audience with his powerful and charming oratory and got a standing ovation at the end of his presentation.

Dr. Ulhas had all appreciation to our projects like "Cataract Free Bhandup", Fashion Show etc.

Secretary Vaishali Savla made the secretarial announcements and **PE Asha Narang** proposed the formal vote of thanks.

The program was followed by a sumptuous dinnere.

DISCON 2024 – Darpan – “The Reflections”

DISCON 2024 – Darpan – “The Reflections” was held at NESCO Banquets on 10th February 2024. It was a one day District Conference.

The day started with the Presidential march led by **DG Arun Bhargava**. This was followed by the National anthem and an invocation dance. Convener **Sandip Kedia** then welcomed the delegates and guests. **DLF Dilip Mulay** delivered an impactful opening address. DG Arun Bhargava then gave an account of the district's achievements so far and complemented Rotarians of the District for their excellent work.



RI President's representative RI Director Lena Mjerskaug of Norway then spoke and expressed her privilege of being the representative for this prestigious District. **Brigadier Vinod Negi and Ms.**

Abida war spoke about the transformative “**Project National Integration**” which has become the beacon of hope and empowerment for the young Kashmiri girls.

Retired judge, **Justice S. J. Kathawala**, regaled the audience with his tales of judicial wisdom and compassion. **Polar woman Dr. Madhubala Joshi's** enthralling narrative of her **Antarctic expedition** captivated the audience, offering a glimpse into the challenges and triumphs of scientific exploration. She spoke about her experience as the only doctor and only lady at the 36th Indian scientific expedition to Antarctica.

Dr. Radhakrishnan Pillai of Chanakya Neeti fame, spoke on family culture and importance of joint families and how grand parents can mould grandchildren. He also spoke of how Indians are good at money management.

DGE Chetan Desai and his team made the announcement of DISCON 2025, which will be a 2-day affair and for first time in the history of our District 3141, will be jointly hosted along with District 3142.

Mr. Santosh Nair, in his powerful delivery, asked us to ponder over two things – future of management and future of our life. **Sarika Jain**, the Joint Commissioner of Income Tax, Mumbai gave us reflections and insights into her field of mastery. Some of the **PDGs Ashok Mahajan, Bansi Dhurandhar, Rajendra Agarwal and Kishore Jobalia** were then recognized. A dance recital by **Smrithi Soni** livened the proceedings.

A panel discussion chaired by **Jhankar Gadkari** for honoring 3 sport coaches gave us a glimpse of hard work that goes into winning sporting accolades.

Dinesh Lad, receipt of Dronacharya award spoke about the moulding of cricketers. Amongst the wards he coached are India's Captain across all 3 formats, **Rohit Sharma**, star all rounder **Shardul Thakur** and many upcoming cricketers. What was touching is he has been allowing needy children accommodation in his house while they study for their academics. Not many coaches would make such selfless sacrifices. **Pravin Sawant** whose obsession with archery saw him open an academy when his personal dream of being an archer was dashed due to paucity of funds. Wards trained by him won seven medals in the recently concluded Asian Games held in Hangzhou, China. **Raju Koli** coached his son to become an acclaimed open water swimmer. He had to sell his house and use his Provident Fund money to finance the swimming ambitions of his son.

Dr. Ankit Shah, a geo-political prediction expert who is said to have accurately predicted Article 370 and 35A removal, Dhokla issue closure and the exact

week when Russia would invade Ukraine, gave his view on various topics.

Lifetime achievement awards were conferred on **Film Director Shyam Kaushal** and singer mimicry artist **Sudesh Bhasale**. **Priyavrata Mafatlal**, a fifth-generation entrepreneur from the Mafatlal group who as an angel investor has supported the start-up ecosystem in India espoused his thoughts in the future of business.

DGN Manish Motwani in his disarming address gave a glimpse of what we could envisage in future in Rotary. He was very forthright and candid in his views. **DRR Astha Parekh** then spoke. **Friendship Exchange team** was recognized.

This was followed by concluding remarks by DG Arun Bhargava and RIPR Lena Mjerskaug. After lucky draw and vote of thanks, live entertainment and dinner followed.

President Jennifer Isaac, AG Rajiv Shah, AT Lata Jha, PP Vinodkumar Aggarwal, PP C. R. Ramakrishnan, PE Asha Narang and Secretary Elect Sujatha Sanil from our club attended the program.

ROTARY FACE OF THE YEAR 2024

On 14th February 2024, on the occasion of Valentine's Day Rotary Club of Mumbai Bhandup presented the coveted event "Rotary Face of the Year 2024", which was organized by **Dr. Chatur Singh Khalsa's Zen Asia Foundation** at St. Andrews Auditorium, Bandra West.



The show opened with stylish and elegant Bridal Wear Collection from **Fair Lady**, an Exclusive Bridal Wear & Sider Wear Boutique. It was followed by Bridal Collection from **BAWAREE** – Glorifying Indian Culture globally and then there was a round of exquisite Diamond Collection presented by **Rtn. Arpit Thakkar** from **Shreeji Jewels** – Real Gold and Diamond Jewelry.



The rounds were interluded with songs from **Rtn. Kunal Kaushal**, a member of Rotary Club of Chandivali Mumbai. We also had a **Sweet Sixteen round** which was performed by Inner Wheel Club members from District 314 including some members of our own Inner Wheel Club, Inner wheel Club of Mumbai Bhandup. The round displayed outfits from across the length and breadth of our country. The Grand finale Gown round showcased designs by our own **Rotarian Seema Kshirsagar**.

The theme of the event is not just promoting Fashion, Beauty & Womanhood, but also playing a major role in creating a social impact while promoting Women Empowerment, Skill India, Make In India, Making it Global and so on. During the show, Perfect Blend of Fashion and Culture was depicted nicely.



The Makeup and Hair Partner was **Krishna W**; The Grooming was done by **International Groomer Simon Davidson**; Event Choreography was done by **Vinu Mishra** and Sweet 16 round was choreographed by **Chaira Fernandes**. Gift Hamper Partners were **OLIVIA, REAL LIFE and NIMMCO SOAPS**.



Zen Asia Foundation has been organizing this event every year since 1997 and this year they did it for Rotary Club of Mumbai Bhandup.

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ZAF provides a platform to newcomers, showcases the talents of Models mainly focusing on their Makeup and Hair, Attire, Modelling and mental strength. In short, a beauty in toto. Participants can have a great chance to enter the Mega field of Beauty Admiration all over the globe. Top style Trend Designers & Celebrities judge the participants, so as to encourage them and provide opportunity to display their skills. The objective is creating platform for Indian Talents to Showcase their skills in the domain of Fashion and Beauty and get accepted by the fashion and modelling Industry.



The top three winners of the Fashion Pageant – Rotary Face of the Year 2024 were:

1. Winner – **Ms. Angel Bhat**
2. 1st Runner Up – **Ms. Shivani Jha**
3. 2nd Runner Up – **Ms. Vriddhi Tiwari.**

Jury members for the event were:

1. **C. Singh**, International fashion Designer
2. **Mrs. Geeta Thorat**, Brand ELMASS, Celebrity Fashion Designer
3. **Mr. Simon Davidson**, Entrepreneur & International Groomer
4. **Dr. Karen Terry Raza**, Fashion Model, Entrepreneur, Philanthropist, Image Consultant
5. **Shalini Serpes**, Mrs India Empress 2023

6. **Roopa Shastry**, International Model, Founder and Owner of Arvee Entertainments.



A large crowd cheered the participants continuously through the program lasting nearly 3 hours. A number of our club members participated in the program. This includes President Jennifer Isaac, Secretary Vaishali Savla, Program Chair Rtn. Seema Kshirsagar, Rtn. Arpit Thakkar, PP Natarajan T. R., PP Vinodkumar Aggarwal, Rtn. Aniket Khanzode, PP Narayana Shagrithaya, Rtn. Jayashree Shagrithaya, Rtn. Rajendra Mokal, R/Ann Dr. Shalini Saksena and others. Rtn. Jayashree Shagrithaya and R/Ann Dr. Shalini Saksena were participants in the sweet 16 round. Apart from this President Simmi Mohan of Inner wheel Club of Mumbai Bhandup and some other members of Inner Wheel Club took part in the Sweet 16 round.

Overall, it was a grand memorable program, highly entertaining and first of its kind for our club.

Our Special Thanks

To **Shri. T. N. Rangarajan** father of PP T. R. Natarajan, for his very generous donation of Rupees one lakh for the project “**Education of Children**”.

KNOWING YOUR NEW ROTARIANS

SUDHANSHU SHARMA

Proposed by: Rtn. Asha Narang

Classification: Technology Consulting

Rtn. Sudhanshu Sharma holds an engineering degree in Agriculture and an MBA in Marketing and Strategy, which he says, has given him a well-rounded perspective on the challenges and opportunities facing business today. Throughout his career, he has worked with clients/teams in India and across the globe, helping them to develop and implement innovative digital strategies that can help improve their efficiency, productivity, and customer experience. He is a strong leader with proven record of success and he is confident that he can bring valuable skills and experience to Rotary.



Currently he is an Associate Partner at IBM India, a leading global technology company where he advises and consults financial services clients for their digital transformation journey. Over the last 22 years, he has worked in various industries and sector (FMCG, Consulting, Financial Services and IT) and he is passionate about using technology to make a positive impact to ways of working at organization and society at large.

Outside of work, Sudhanshu is an avid sports fan and enjoys playing tennis and swimming. He also likes to read and is always looking for new ways to learn and grow.

Sudhanshu is happily married to **Sharmishta** who is a post graduate in cosmetic technology (M. Tech), and is a home maker. They are blessed with a daughter **Tanishka** who is currently studying in 9th Std. Sudhanshu says that family is very important to him, and he cherishes the time he spends with them.

Talking about why Rotary, Sudhanshu says as he reflects on his life and career, he has become increasingly drawn to the idea of giving back to community. He believes that everyone has a responsibility to make the world a better place, and he is looking for an organization where he can use his skills and experience to make meaningful difference.

Rotary's commitment to service, its global reach, and its focus on making sustainable impact are all values

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that Sudhanshu deeply resonates with. He is particularly interested in Rotary's work in areas such as Education, Health, and Economic Development. He believes that these are some of the most critical challenges facing our world today, and is eager to join forces with other Rotarians to find solutions and act upon them.

Sudhanshu says that he is confident that he can contribute to Rotary in a number of ways. He says that his professional experience has given him a deep understanding of the business world, and he is skilled at problem solving, project management, and team leadership. He says that he is also a good communicator and he is confident in his ability to build relationships and work effectively with others.

Sudhanshu says that he is excited about the prospect of joining Rotary and becoming a part of something bigger than himself. He believes that together, we can make a real difference in the world.

JITENDRA PATEL

Proposed by: Rtn. Bipin Shah

Classification: Manufacturing and Trading of Ice Cream



Rtn. Jitendra Patel has done his Sy B.com. He is a resident of Mulund East. He is the partner of **Prabhu Ice Cream Parlour** located in Mulund West. It is a very popular place for Ice Cream for the last many years attracting large number of customers.

Rtn. Jitendra says that in his career he initially managed their family business, a tobacco and general shop in Mulund. In 1991 they started the ice cream parlour at the same place and in 2009 they joined as a partner with Vasant Ice Cream co and set up their second factory at Mulund in 2017.

They are manufacturers of ice cream, kulfi, frozen dessert, basundi and many more items. They supply to hotels, restaurants and caterers all over Mumbai.

Jitendra is happily married to **Tarlika** who is a B. Com. and is a house wife. They are blessed with son **Mantra**, who is a B. Com, CMA and is in service. Jitendra likes trekking and traveling. He says that he wants to join Rotary to meet new people, learn new things, networking and grow business along with doing social activities.

SWATI JOSHI

Proposed by: Rtn. Bipin Shah

Classification: Numero and vastu Consultancy
Rtn. Swati Joshi is a Commerce Graduate of Bombay University. She also has done her PG Diploma in Travel and Tourism from SNDT Women's University, Mumbai. She is also a **Reiki Grand Master and Karuna Reiki Master**.



She is a practising **Numerologist, Vast Consultant and Healer** for more than 10 years.

Swati is happily married to **Sudhir** who is a B. com and is retired from service. They are blessed with son **Tanay** who is a student.

As to the reason for joining Rotary, Swati says that Rotary is a recognised and stable platform to pursue her passion, while doing business, to help individuals to lead a healthy life and to achieve this to tune their mind, body and soul accordingly.

Swati's hobbies are traveling, reading and acting. Sudhir likes reading and listening to old Hindi movie songs, while son Tanay's interests are in traveling, filming and Video editing. .

OUR AMBASSADORS

PE Rtn. Asha Narang participated in the District Rotary Quiz Contest held for the Central Zone at Rotary Center Ghatkopar on 7th January 2024.

PP Ramakrishnan participated in the Incredible Rotal 2023-24 held on 20th January 2024.

CONGRATULATIONS

To **President Jennifer Isaac** for her excellent work which has resulted in our club receiving "**ROTARY CLUB DIGITAL EXCELLENCE AWARD**", from Rotary India.

To **President Jennifer Isaac** for being chosen as the **Moderator** for the Panel Discussion at **CSR Conclave 2024**, Abhyuday IIT, Bombay on 20th January 2024 at IIT, Mumbai.

To **IPP Uday Shetty** for getting the **2nd Runners Up Trophy for the youngest club by age for clubs up to 50 members** during Alpha District Awards program held on 28th January 2024 at Lonavla.

To **DG Arun Bhargava**, District 3141 for receiving the award for "Big Impact Creator in the category of Community Service", by Big Impact awards 2024.

To **President Jennifer Isaac** for bagging the "**Best Women achiever Award**" from Rotary Club of Juhu, Mumbai.

To **Rtn. Seema Kshirsagar**. Her **Bhandup Sonapur Skill Development Center** got affiliated with **4 Star rating**.

Rotary Theme 2024-25

THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

Rotary International President Elect Stephanie Urchik announced that the 2024-25 Presidential theme is "The Magic of Rotary" and called on members to recognise and amplify the organisation's power to save lives.



"Don't misunderstand me – we are not going to end polio or bring peace to the world by waving a wand and saying some funny words," Urchik told incoming District Governors at the Rotary International Assembly on January 8. "It is up to you. You create magic with every project completed, every dollar donated and every new member."

Urchik, a member of RC McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA, said she saw the Magic of Rotary on display when she was helping install water filters in the Dominican Republic. Two boys were watching as

dirty water entered the filter, then ran out clean at the other end.

"One of the boys grabbed my sleeve and said, "Show me the magic again," she said. "Obviously the water filter wasn't magic. We worked hard to transport those filters, install them, and work with community leaders in the area to maintain them. But those boys knew that easy access to clean water would change their lives. Knowing that I played a small part in that certainly changed my life."

Prioritising peace

Urchik urged members to champion Rotary's Action Plan. Find a balance between continuity and change, and work for peace. She plans to host a presidential peace conference in 2025 with the theme "**Healing in a divided world**".

Rotary has a long history of promoting peace through its network of peace centres, Urchik noted. Located at top universities around the globe, the centres have trained nearly 1800 peace fellows who are now working in more than 140 countries. The newest centre, located at **Bahcehir University in Istanbul, Turkey**, will welcome its first class of fellows in early 2025.

"The Rotary Peace fellowship began more than 20 years ago to equip peace and development professionals from communities around the world to become effective catalysts for ending and preventing conflicts," Urchik said. "This conference will focus on Rotary's peace efforts and provide opportunities to learn together."

In addition to emphasising peace building, Urchik reiterated Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio. She urged the incoming governors to join or initiate PolioPlus Societies in their districts and do all they can to help to end the disease.

"Contact elected officials and other government leaders. Remind them that polio is still a threat. Push them to support polio eradication," she said. "Polio remains our top priority and requires our fullest commitment, but there is so much important work to do."

Balancing Continuity and Change

Urchik also underscored the necessity of balancing continuity and change, both of which animate Rotary's Action Plan. "The plan is all about building on our best ideas, not abandoning them," she said. "We face a tough balancing act. We must change ourselves and stay true to who we are." She asked the governors to do whatever is needed to make the club experience irresistible to members.

"That might mean changing how things are done in your district," she said. "If your district has been doing things one way for 50 years, it is probably time

to reassess. If a club in your district isn't active or is losing members, may be it is time to start a new club that fits better with the community. Just because a club or district hasn't changed in a while doesn't mean no one is hungry for change."

One way to make positive change, she said, is to embrace the principles of diversity, equity and inclusion within clubs. "I hope you will join me in opening your arms to future people of action, even if – and in some cases, especially if – they don't look or act like the typical member of your local club," she said. "With DEI, it is easier to be united in a common purpose. It's in those moments when we are committed and focused that we are the most effective and relevant."

SCHEDULE OF CLUB PROGRAMS.

4th January 2023: Regular Club Meeting. **Mr. Jesson Jose** to speak on "**Sports Mentoring Infusion – A unique Sports NGO based in Mumbai, India.**"

6th January 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, Wagle Estate Starting Road, Thane-400604.

18th January 2024: **Regular Club Meeting.** New Member Orientation and Induction Program. Chief Guest: **PDG Dr. Ulhas Kolhatkar.** Time: 6.30 to 8 pm. Venue: Hotel Guruprasad Banquet Hall, Mulund West.

3rd February 2024: **Cataract Screening and Surgery Camp** in association with Bhaktivedanta Hospital and Research Center. Venue: R Nest Banquets, Near Datta Mandir, S. G. Barve Marg, Near Hotel Gopalashram, Near Mulund Checknaka, Wagle Estate Starting Road, Thane-400604.

8th February 2024: **Regular Club Meeting.** "**Update on Fashion Show and Feedback on Fun Fiesta**". Time: 6.30 to 8pm. Venue: Playce, Mulund West.

13th February 2024: **Medical camp at Heaven Old Age Care Center, Gaondevi Road, Bhandup West, Mumbai-400078.** Time: 11am onwards. A project in association with Rotary Clubs of Mumbai Cuffe Parade and Mumbai Chembur West.

14th February 2023: **Rotary Fashion Show Program "ROTARY FACE OF THE YEAR 2024"**. Time: 3pm onwards. Venue: St. Andrews Auditorium, Bandra West. Program Partner: **ZEN ASIA Foundation**

22nd February 2024: **Experiences in the life of Rotarians and Anns** by **Rtn. Jayashree Shagrithaya, Rtn. Vijayam Krishnan and R/Ann Dr. Shalini Saksena.** Time: 7 to 8.30pm. Venue: The Playce, Mulund West.

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29th February 2024: **Board of Directors Meeting**.
Time: 6pm. Venue: 122, Anandraj Industrial Estate,
Bhandup West..

2nd March 2024: **Cataract Screening and Surgery
Camp** in association with Bhaktivedanta Hospital and
Research Center. Venue: R Nest Banquets, Near
Datta Mandir, S. G. Barve Marg, Near Hotel
Gopalashram, Near Mulund Checknaka, Wagle
Estate Starting Road, Thane-400604.

7th March 2024: **Rtn. Swati Joshi** on “**Numerology
– The Play of Numbers**”. Time: 6.30 to 8pm. Venue:
Banquet Hall, Hotel Guruprasad, Mulund West.

21st March 2024: **Rtn. Aniket Khanzode** on
“**Growing our Club – Some thoughts and Ideas**”.
Time: 6.30 to 8pm. Venue: Guruprasad Hotel
Banquet Hall.

27th March 2024: **Board of Directors Meeting**
Online. Time: 7pm.

4th April 2024: **PP Narayana Shagrithaya** to speak
on “**Know Rotary, How to Grow in Rotary,
Benefits of Rotary**”. Time: 6.30 to 8pm. Venue:
Banquet Hall, Hotel Guruprasad, Mulund west.

SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT/RI PROGRAMS.

20th & 27th January 2024: **Incredible Rotal 2023-24**.
Time: 8am to 8pm. Venue: Veer Savarkar
Auditorium, Shivaji Park, Dadar, Mumbai.

28th January 2024: **Alpha Year District Awards
program**.

10th February 2024: **DARPAN – The Reflections:
Incredible DISCON**. Venue: NESCO Banquets,
Goregaon East. Host Club: RC Mumbai North end.
Registration Charges: Rs. 6500.

17th February 2024: **Deepak Rao’s Amazing “Extra
Sensory Perception” Session**. Time: 7pm onwards.
Venue: Rotary Kunjal Kishore Auditorium, Mulund
West. Hosted by: RC of Mulund.

14th April 2024: **Vibrant District Learning
Assembly and Grant Management Seminar 1**.
Time: 9 am to 5 pm. Venue: The Lalit, Near Sahar
Airport, Mumbai. Registration Charges: Rs.
2950/3500.

25-29 May 2024: **Rotary International Convention**.
Venue: Singapore.

1st and 2nd March 2025: **DISCON 2025**. Along with
District 3142. Venue: Jio Convention Centre, BKC,
Mumbai. Registration charges: Starting from Rs.
15500 plus GST

BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY

01	BD	ANN	Jyoti Raina
01	BD	SON	Devarsh Kshirsagar
05	BD	SON	Rohit Saxena
10	BD	SPOU	Mandar Nate

13	BD	SON	Deepak Shagrithaya
13	BD	RTN	Ganesh Waradkar
19	WA		Natarajan & Janani
21	BD	ANN	Rajveer Kaur
21	BD	DTR	Deepa Ramakrishnan
24	WA		Vinod & Sunita Aggarwal
25	BD	RTN	Vaishali Savla
25	BD	DTR	Deepti Jha
25	BD	SON	Aditya Jha
26	BD	DTR	Pallavi Shagrithaya
26	BD	RTN	Jitendra Patel
28	WA		Ramakrishnan and Chitra
28	BD	DTR	Shubham Mokal
30	BD	SON	Abhishek Rashmin Shah

FEBRUARY

01	BD	RTN	Natarajan T.R
04	BD	SP	Isaac Soundrapandian Nadar
08	WA		Sumeet & Vaishali Savla
10	WA		Seema & Shekhar Kshirsagar
15	BD	SPOU	Bhavesh Gandhi
19	BD	RTN	Seema Kshirsagar
19	BD	DTR	Avisha Bipin Shah
21	WA		Rashmin & Varsha Shah
23	WA		Vanaja & Appaya Shetty
23	BD	ANN	Richa Mehta
25	BD	RTN	Sudhanshu Sharma
26	WA		Jitendra & Tarlika Patel
27	BD	DTR	Riddisha Ajesh Shetty

Laugh it off!!!

An elderly gent was invited to his old friend's
home for dinner one evening.

He was impressed by the way his buddy
preceded every request to his wife with
endearing terms – Honey, My love, Darling,
Sweetheart, Pumpkin etc. The couple had been
married for almost 70 years and, clearly, they
were still very much in love.

When the wife was in the kitchen, the man
leaned over and said to his host, "I think it is
wonderful that, after all these years, you still call
your wife those loving pet names. The old man
hung his head, "I have to tell you the truth," he
said, "I forgot her name about 10 years back."

Think it Over

Generosity is giving more than what you can,
And pride is taking less than what you want.

Kahil Gibran

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