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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

For RCMB, the period of November/December 2023 has been the most important part of the Rotary year 2023-24. For the first time in the history of our club, we organized **Rotary Fun Fiesta** from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at Pawar Public School grounds in Bhandup West. It was a power packed program of 3 days which hosted some of the top names in the field of music, humour, acting and film line. It included Ehsan Quereshi, Dinesh Bawra and Raja Ranchoo on the first day who enthralled the audience. On the second day it was Sanjeevini Belande who took the audience to a different world with her magical voice. Also on the day, several film personalities enthralled the audience with their presence. We had a grand fashion show on 17<sup>th</sup>, the final day of the program.

During this program there was another very important event that took place – building of 33 feet tall cardboard Christmas tree at Dina Patil Estate, Bhandup West, which went on to break not only the India Record, but also Asia Record and World Record – this was a joint venture of Rotary Club of Mumbai Bhandup, Crossasyst Infotech Pvt Ltd and venue partner Ms. Rajool Sanjay Patil. The earlier record was a 20 feet tall Christmas tree in London.

Apart from raising substantial funds, the highlight of the event are huge publicity and branding of Rotary Club of Mumbai Bhandup and Worldwide Record, India and Asia Record for building the tallest cardboard Christmas Tree. The crowd during the 3-day event was more than 25000.

It was the herculean efforts by President Jennifer Isaac and her committed team that made this event not only possible but highly successful.

We had our annual meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023, in which our team for the Rotary year 2024-25 under the leadership of Asha Narang was announced. Congratulations and best wishes to PE Asha Narang and her team.

Wish you all a very happy new year.

**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 1000 persons and carried out more than 400 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 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 63 beneficiaries underwent screening out of which 34 were selected for operation. Subsequently they were sent to Bhaktivedanta Hospital and were successfully operated.

In the cataract screening and surgery camp held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023, 81 beneficiaries were screened out of whom 28 were detected to have cataract.



They were sent to Bhaktivedanta Hospital at Mira Road on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and surgery was successfully carried out.

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

Annual Meeting of RCMB was held on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2024 at Guruprasad Hotel Banquet Hall. PP Vinodkumar Aggarwal was the returning officer.

President Jennifer Isaac called the meeting to order and after the normal club meeting formalities, she spoke about the just concluded very successful fund-raising program "Rotary Fun Fiesta" and the forthcoming program of "Fashion Show".

Then she handed over the meeting to returning officer PP Vinodkumar Aggarwal. PP Vinodkumar Aggarwal briefly explained the importance of the annual meeting and its purpose viz election/selection of team for the forthcoming Rotary year. He said that since there are no multiple nominations for any of the posts, there is no need for election. He requested President Elect 2024-25 Rtn. Asha Narang to announce her team.

PE Asha Narang announced her team. After that she briefly spoke about her plans and projects for the coming Rotary year. She spoke about continuation of all the ongoing projects and also about some new projects.



President Jennifer and returning officer Vinodkumar Aggarwal congratulated PE Asha Narang and her team. Secretary Vaishali Savla made the secretarial announcements. Rtn. Seema Kshirsagar, President Nominee 2025-26 proposed the formal vote of thanks.

### **TEAM 2024-25**

President: Asha Narang

Secretary: Sujatha Sanil

Immediate Past President: Jennifer Isaac

President Elect 2025-26: Seema Kshirsagar

Vice President: Seema Kshirsagar

Treasurer: Uday Shetty

Sergeant-At-Arms: Ajesh Shetty

President Nominee 2026-27: Vaishali Savla

#### **DIRECTORS:**

Club Administration: Rajiv Shah

Membership: Bipin Shah

Public Relations: Manpreet Singh

Vocational service: Rashmin Shah

Community service medical: Ramakrishnan C. R.

Community Service Non-medical: Vaishali Nair

Youth service: Sachin Neswankar

The Rotary Foundation: Vinodkumar Aggarwal

District Thrust Area: Lata Jha

Club Trainer: Narayana Shagrithaya

Polio Plus: Sudhanshu Sharma

E-Administration: Natarajan T. R.

CSR: Jennifer Isaac

### **ROTARY FUN FIESTA 2023**

Rotary Club of Mumbai Bhandup organized Rotary Fun Fiesta 2023 from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at MCGM grounds adjacent to Pawar Public School in Bhandup West. This is the first time that the club has organized such an event.

Rotary Fun Fiesta 2023 was not just an entertainment event but a means to connect entertainment and families and bring awareness to the cause and also raise funds for the cause. The event gave an opportunity to people to enjoy and spend a good weekend outside their homes.

The participants in Rotary Fun Fiesta 2023 included many well-known celebrities like singers Sanjeevani Bhelande, Kunal Kaushal, Comedians Ehsaan Qureshi, Dinesh Bawra, Raja Rancho, actor Amar Upadhyay and veteran Marathi and Bollywood actress Smita Jaikar, Sonica Handa, Aleeza Khan, Nishikant Sadaphule and Mumbai Karaoke Club – Shoma Banerjee and Jyotika kotian.



The audience was enthralled with many programs like comedy night, Musical evening, Fashion show by Dr. Chatur Singh Khalsa's Zen Asia Foundation with models



wearing outfits designed by Designer Rtn. Seema Kshirsagar, Founder of AIFT, Play – back theater with Divya Doshi and team.

During this program, Rotary Club of Mumbai Bhandup, Crossasyst Infotech Pvt Ltd and venue partner Ms. Rajool Sanjay Patil came together to make the 33 feet tall Cardboard Christmas Tree on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at Dina Patil Estate, Station Road, Bhandup West, Mumbai – 400078. With this, we have broken the Worldwide Record and India Book of Records and Asia Book of Records. The last world record of 20 ft tall cardboard Christmas Tree was held in London.

This record will be a matter of pride to us club members, Bhandupkars, Mumbaikars and to all Indians.



This event is the initiative of Club President Jennifer Isaac and event chair T. R. Natarajan. President Jennifer said that the main aim and message of Fun Fiesta revolves around helping the underprivileged by raising funds for the projects. We have been able to raise substantial funds through sponsors and stall bookings. Despite this being our first event, we are thrilled by its success, and it has motivated us to plan more such events in the future.



The team behind the scenes who made efforts for the success are President Jennifer Isaac, Event Chair T. R. Natarajan, Secretary Vaishali Savla, Treasurer Dr. Shraddha Nate, Rotarians Rajendra Mokal, Uday Shetty,

Ganesh Waradkar, Designer Rtn. Seema Kshirsagar, Dr. Chatur Singh Khalsa from Zen Asia Foundation and Mr. Bhushan Dholas team. Rtn. Kunal Kaushal did the hosting during the entire 3-day event along with other hosts.

Apart from raising substantial funds, the highlight of the event are huge publicity and branding of Rotary Club of Mumbai Bhandup and Worldwide Record, India and Asia Record for building the tallest cardboard Christmas Tree. The crowd during the 3-day event was more than 25000.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting was held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at Playce, Mulund West. The main discussion was on the forthcoming Rotary Fun Fiesta program to be held from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at Pawar Public School grounds in Bhandup West. President Jennifer Isaac gave the updates on the project, information about the sponsorship already received and those in the pipeline. She also explained about the challenges ahead in execution of the project. She told that a 33 feet high cardboard Christmas Tree will also be built at Dina Patil Estate, Bhandup West, during the Rotary Fun Fiesta Program. This is a joint initiative of Rotary Club of Mumbai Bhandup, CrossAsyst Infotech Pvt and venue partner Rajool Patil. This is a world record, India book of record and asia book of record breaking event. President Jennifer told that this will bring of lot of publicity to our club.

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The sixth BOD meeting was held on 29<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at PP C. R. Ramakrishnan's house in Mulund West. There were discussions on Fashion Show Program to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and Income and expenses details of Rotary Fun Fiesta and semi-annual dues.

### **LOOKING BACK**

The meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 was regular meeting coupled with Diwali celebrations. The theme of the meeting was "Know Your members". The members spoke about themselves, about their family and about their business. Members thoroughly enjoyed the session. The meeting was followed by Diwali celebrations and sumptuous dinner.

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In our regular club meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023, **Ms Neeta Srinivas and Mr. Thomas** from Kotak Education Foundation gave an introduction to the various interventions. They appealed for the digital requirements to the Kotak partnered schools and also support for green cover to few schools and support for providing first aid equipments.

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



The club meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 was a special meeting called for the discussion on the forthcoming important fund raising program “Rotary Fun Fiesta” to be held from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023, at Pawar Public School grounds in Bhandup West.

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The regular club meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 was mainly dedicated to discussion on the forthcoming important fund raising program “Rotary Fun Fiesta” to be held from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Rtn. **Aleksandr Molodin, Past President of Greenbelt Rotary Club, USA** was the chief guest of the program. President Jennifer Isaac and PP Alexander Molodin exchanged their respective club flags on the occasion.



## KNOWING YOUR NEW ROTARIANS

### KAMESH PHUMATIYA

Proposed by: Rtn. Ganesh Waradkar

Classification: Security and allied services

Rtn. Kamesh Phumatiya has a BMS (Bachelor of Management Studies) degree to his credit. He is running his own company named “**Amphibous Security and Allied Services**”, which is into the business of security and allied services. They provide security guards, housekeeping experts and deep cleaning services in over all pan India. Kamesh is a resident of Mulund East in Mumbai.

Kamesh was a bachelor when he joined Rotary and later he got married to **Aarti** on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023.



PP Aleksandr Molodin spoke about himself and his company Moovert and also about the activities of his club on the occasion.



PP Aleksandr Molodin is participating in the Rotary Fun Fiesta program with a stall of his company Moovert who are specialising in immigration services.

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The Audition for the 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 24 **ROTARY FACE OF THE YEAR 2024** was held on 29<sup>th</sup> December 2023 from 1 to 6pm, at the venue “Take It Easy Papillon Park, D. N. Nagar, Andheri West”.



Aarti has a Bachelor of Management Studies (BMS) degree in Human Resource to her credit. She is working as an HR It recruiter at Ampcus Tech Pvt Ltd.

While Kamesh likes playing cricket and singing, Aarti loves dancing.



## **PUSHPARAJ MENDON**

Proposed by: Neelmani sabat

Classification: Printing & Packaging



Rtn. Pushparaj Mendon is a resident of Thane and has his business premises in Bhandup West. He is Proprietor of “**Padmavati Art Prints**” which is into the business of manufacturing printing and packaging.

Pushparaj is married to **Sheela** who is a housewife. The couple are blessed with two children. Son **Dhanesh** has a graduate degree to his credit and is in business. Daughter **Prapti** is studying in 10<sup>th</sup> Std.

Pushparaj says joining Rotary will help him in personal growth and development. He feels that it will also give him business development opportunity, he will get opportunity to meet new people and also help development of ethics.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

To Rtn. **Kamesh Phumatiya**. Kamesh got married to **Aarti** on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

## **SCHEDULE OF CLUB PROGRAMS.**

4<sup>th</sup> November 2023: **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.

16<sup>th</sup> November 2023: **Ms. Neeta Srinivas and Mr. Thomas** to speak on “**Various Interventions of KOTAK EDUCATION FOUNDATION**”. Time: 6.30 to 8 pm. Venue: Guruprasad Banquet Hall, Mulund West.

27<sup>th</sup> November 2023: **Regular Club Meeting**. Topic: Discussion on “**Rotary Fun Fiesta**”. Venue: The Playce, Mulund West.

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023: **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.

14<sup>th</sup> December 2023: Regular club meeting. Discussion **Rotary Fun Fiesta**. Flag Exchange with **Rtn. Alexander Molodin, PP of Greenbelt Rotary Club, USA**.

15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023: **ROTARY FUN FIESTA**. Venue: BMC Ground, Next to Pawar Public School, Bhandup West.

21<sup>st</sup> December 2023: Annual Meeting. Returning Officer: **PP Vinodkumar Aggarwal**. President Elect **Rtn. Asha Narang** to announce her team and her plans for the year 2024-25. Venue: Hotel Guruprasad Banquet Hall, Mulund West.

29<sup>th</sup> December 2023: Audition for the 14<sup>th</sup> February Fashion Show Program “**ROTARY FACE of the YEAR 2024**”. Time: 1 to 6pm. Venue: Take It Easy, Papillion Park, Opp. Star Bazar, D. N. Nagar, Andheri West.

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

6<sup>th</sup> 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.

18<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT/RI PROGRAMS.**

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

28<sup>th</sup> January 2024: **Alpha Year District Awards program**.

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

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

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

## **BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

### **NOVEMBER**

02	BD	SON	Dhanesh Pushparaj Mendon
06	BD	DTR	Prapti Pushparaj Mendon
08	WA		Jennifer & Isaac Soundarpandian Nadar
09	BD	RTN	Biju Babu
09	BD	DTR	Meepsha Savla
11	BD	ANN	Riya Doshi
14	BD	RTN	Ramakrishnan C R
15	BD	SON	Tanish Nate
18	BD	ANN	Varda Khanzode
19	BD	RTN	Jennifer Isaac
20	BD	RTN	Vijayam Krishnan
21	BD	DTR	Hatvi Rashmin Shah
23	BD	SON	Rudra Narang
24	WA		Rajesh & Shalini Saksena
24	BD	ANN	Vinaya Ganesh Waradkar
27	WA		Jayant Kumar & Jyoti Raina
27	BD	SON	Mohan Ganesh Waradkar
29	WA		Kirti & Alpa Shah

### **DECEMBER**

05	BD	ANN	Janani Natrajan
06	BD	SPOU	Ashok Narang
06	WA		Rajiv & Preeti Shah
07	BD	SON	Kabir Singh
07	BD	DTR	Disha Patil
07	BD	SON	Subramanian Krishnan
08	BD	RTN	Shraddha Nate
09	BD	RTN	Pushparaj Mendon
10	BD	ANN	Soniya Shetty
13	BD	RTN	Sunita Aggarwal
17	WA		Parag & Prutha Bane
19	BD	RTN	Parag Bane
24	BD	SON	Nikhil Aggarwal
28	BD	DTR	Pushpa Krishnan
28	WA		Biju Babu & Preethy Biju
28	WA		Taranjeet Singh & Rajveer Kaur
29	WA		Vaishali & Ravikumar Nair
31	WA		Shraddha & Mandar Nate

### **Laugh it off!!!**

Wife to hubby: Darling, in pictures of Shiva Parvati, Shiva has a Trishul, in pictures of Vishnu – Laxmi, Vishnu has a Chakra in his hand, Sita's Husband Rama holds a bow. But in the case of Krishna-Radha, Krishna has only a flute. Why?

Hubby: You see, dear, the three Gods you mentioned first are with their wives. Krishna is with his girlfriend, so he doesn't need a weapon.

### **Perception**

THE SITUATION: In Washigton DC, at a Metro station, on a cold January morning in 2007, this man

with violin played six Bach pieces for about 45 minutes. During that time, approximately 2000 people went through the station, most of them on their way to work. After about 3 minutes, a middle aged man noticed that there was a musician playing. He slowed his pace and stopped for a few seconds, and then he hurried to meet his schedule.

About 4 minutes later: The violinist received his first dollar. A woman threw money in the hat, and without stopping, continued to walk.

At 6 minutes, a young man leaned against the wall to listen to him, then looked at his watch and started to walk again.

At 10 minutes, a 3 year old boy stopped, but his mother tugged him along hurriedly. The kid stopped to look at the violinist again, but the mother pushed hard and the child continued to walk, turning his head all the time. This action was repeated by several other children, but every parent without exception forced the children to move on quickly.

At 45 minutes: The musician played continuously. Only six people stopped and listened for a short while. About 20 gave money, but they continued to walk at their normal pace, The man collected a total of \$32.

After 1 hour: He finished playing and silence took over. No one noticed and no one applauded. There was no recognition at all.

No one knew this, but the violinist was **Joshua Bell**, one of the greatest musicians in the world. He played one of the most intricate pieces written ever, with a violin worth \$3.5 million. Two days before Joshua sold out a theater in Boston where the seats averaged \$100 each to sit and listen to him to play the same music.

This is a true story. Joshua Bell, playing incognito in the D.C. metro station, was organized by the Washington Post as a part of the social experiment about perception, taste and people's priorities.

This experiment raised several questions:

\*In a common place environment, at an appropriate hour do we percieve beauty?

\* If so, do we stop to appreciate it?

\* Do we recognize talent in an unexpected context?

One possible conclusion reached from this experiment could be this: If we do not have a moment to stop and listen to one of the best musicians in the world, playing some of the finest music ever written, with one of the most beautiful instruments ever made.....

How many other things are we missing as we rush through the life?

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