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A Month of...

Rememberance

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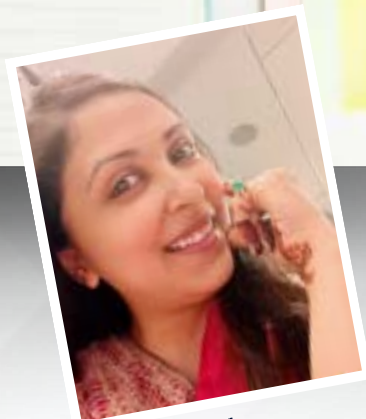




Shilpa



Akshay



Neha

EDITOR'S NOTE

"November deepens its hushed radiance..."

Welcome to the November edition of Magnum Ink Magazine — where gratitude, quiet renewal, and luminous gathering meet. As festivities glow lingers and the month unfolds, we step into days of reflection, warmth, and renewed intention.

In the quieter dawns, the final light of dusk, may these pages feel like a gentle lantern — guiding, embracing, and inspiring. Whether you find yourself in ritual, in conversation, or in solitude by the window, may this issue sit beside you in the shifting light.

In every whispered memory, every soft flame, and each shared breath — our bond endures.

Here's to gratitude, deeper connection, and November's silvered calm — together."

Know Your Member

GAURAV BATHLA



Discipline & Time
Management

The Family Man



The Traveller



I, as the Managing Director of Amar Enterprises, have had the privilege of building a career in the leather trading industry.

My journey began in 2000, right after completing my 12th grade, when I joined the family business. I pursued my graduation from Loyola College, attending evening classes while working in the mornings.

This balancing act taught me discipline and time management.

My educational foundation was laid at DAV School, Gopalpuram, where I developed a strong base.

I'm grateful for every moment in my life and thank God for His blessings. I'm married to Khushboo and I am blessed with two daughters Anaisha & Sanaya.

When I'm not working, I love traveling and spending quality time with friends and family. Each day presents new learning opportunities, and I embrace them with enthusiasm. My work often takes me to Ranipet and Vaniyambadi for sourcing leather materials, which are key locations for our business.

I had joined Rotary in 2014 and being a charter member the last 11 years have been amazing. It's like having a new extended Magnum Family.

Know Your Anne

HETAL SANGOI



Hyderabad
Vibrance

Social Work

travel and music



I am Hetal Sangoi, 44 years old, born and brought up in the vibrant city of Hyderabad.

I hold a Bachelor's degree in Marketing Management, and over the years I have been actively involved in supporting my family business, gaining both experience and perspective in the process.

Alongside this, my heart lies in social work, which is why I am associated with Shraddha Manu Foundation, an NGO that works towards providing education and opportunities to underprivileged children. Being part of this cause has been deeply fulfilling and has given me a chance to contribute to society in a meaningful way.

I am blessed to have a loving and always encouraging husband, Hardik Sangoi, and two wonderful daughters, Krisha and Triya, who are more like my friends than just daughters. Their energy, laughter, and companionship keep us young at heart and fill our lives with joy.

On a personal front, I find joy and balance in music, traveling, gardening, and spirituality. Music uplifts me, traveling opens new horizons, gardening connects me with nature, and spirituality keeps me grounded.

I truly believe in lifelong learning and continue to explore new experiences that enrich both my personal and professional journey.

5th October

DIWALI ROYALE

A Night to Remember



Diwali Royale





Diwali Royale

Rotary International District 3234 celebrated this Diwali in true royale style with an evening that beautifully blended devotion, glamour, and joy — Diwali Royale!

Spearheaded by the Rotary Club of Madras Magnum, under the dynamic leadership of Diwali Chairman Rtn. Gaurav Jain, the event brought together over 1200 Rotarians and guests from across the district for a spectacular celebration of lights, laughter, and fellowship.

The presence of District Governor AKS Rtn. Vinod Saraogi and First Lady Rtn. Usha Saraogi added grace and warmth to the evening. The event was ably supported by District Club Service Chair Rtn. Sanjay Dhurka, whose guidance helped make the celebration truly grand.

Just moments before the festivities began, a sudden spell of rain threatened to dampen the evening — but neither the spirit of the organizers nor the enthusiasm of the guests wavered. With umbrellas in hand and hearts full of excitement, everyone embraced the drizzle — and soon the skies cleared, making way for a night of unforgettable celebration. The celebration was powered by Title Sponsor Bally's Entertainment from Sri Lanka, adding a touch of international flair to the evening.

The night began on a spiritual note with the mesmerizing Ganga Aarti, performed by a team of priests specially flown in from Varanasi, coordinated by Twinkle and Lata. The sound of conch shells, the rhythmic ringing of bells, and the sacred chants created an atmosphere of divine serenity. As the priests performed the ritual with large brass lamps under the golden glow of countless diyas, the venue transformed into a living vision of the ghats of Varanasi. The fragrance of incense filled the air, and as guests joined in with folded hands, the moment radiated peace, devotion, and unity — a truly divine start to Diwali Royale, masterfully curated by the Rotary Club of Madras Magnum.

From spirituality, the evening transitioned to splendour and fun — the Vegas-Style Family Casino, led by Siddharth Daga, brought a wave of excitement to guests of all ages. Curated by professionals from Nagpur and managed seamlessly by Ajit Nair and Shrenik Vaid, the space recreated the thrill of Vegas with a warm, family-friendly twist — laughter, cheers, and friendly competition filled the air. The Casino Chips Counter, managed by Saket along with Anchal, Karishma, Bhavesh, and Ketan, kept the tables buzzing, while the Casino Gifts Counter, handled by Gaurav Bhatla with Vipin, Tejus, Raveen, Shilpa, and Khooshbu, added to the excitement with fabulous prizes.





Diwali Royale

The charming Chandni Chowk zone, beautifully curated by Neetu, Shivani, and Shivangi, captured the soul of Indian festivity. Guests enjoyed mehendi, tarot readings, ice golas, and bangle counters, surrounded by colour, laughter, and sparkle. Entertainment, led by Siddharth Bhaiya, featured energetic Dandiya organized by Nishi and Reema, a breathtaking fusion sitar performance from Goa, and stunning fireworks coordinated by Sid Daga and Srivatsan.

A lavish spread featuring over 70 varieties of food, managed by Amit Mehta and his team — Bhavik, Kaushik, Amit Kankaria, and Vishal — delighted every palate. The nostalgic Ice Gola and popular Chai Gully kept guests refreshed throughout the evening. The bar, managed flawlessly by the Rotary Club of Madras Central, ensured that the spirits remained high. Over 100 exciting gifts were given away through raffles and casino wins, coordinated by Jaya, Tapasya, Pooja Vaid, and Khushbu Sanghi — including a bumper prize of an iPhone that sent cheers echoing through the night!

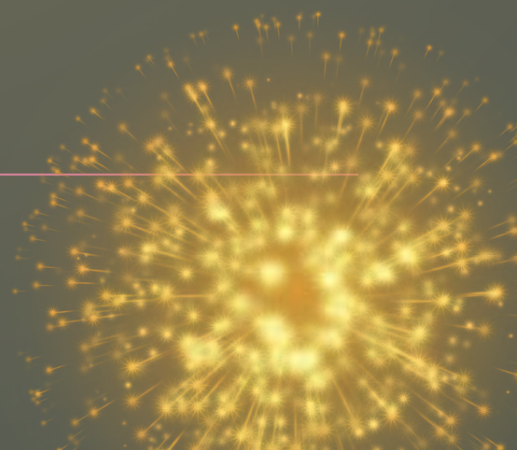
Behind the scenes, Event Coordination by Akshay Seth and Sid Bhaiya, Registration handled by Mukesh, Srivatsan, and team, and Finance managed by Mukesh and Shrenik, ensured seamless execution of every detail. AV and Emcee coordination, led by Akshay Seth with Sujatha and Priti, kept the evening flowing smoothly, while PR, headed by Shrenik, ensured that every highlight sparkled beyond the venue.

Dressed in their most elegant festive attire, guests lit up the venue with colour, charm, and joy — embodying the true essence of Diwali.

The evening stood as a shining example of how “Teamwork makes the dream work.” The unwavering dedication and creativity of the Rotary Club of Madras Magnum team turned a vision into a resplendent reality — one that will be remembered for years to come.

Diwali Royale truly lit up District 3234!

– Risha Jain



Cinema

The Taj Story



What a fantastic evening we had watching "Taj" with Rotary Magnum at PVR on October 31st. It was an super fun evening , especially with the delicious treats like popcorn, pizza, puffs, and Pepsi to munch on.

Paresh Rawal is a fabulous actor that he is, his portrayal in "Taj" was no exception. The movie revealed surprising unknown facts about the Taj Mahal that caught my attention. The evening ended with a group pic.. Ice cream at Baskin and shopping at Miniso.

The evening ending with dosa for some and Seesha for some.

- Shweta Bansal



The Mirror: Where Respect Begins (Part 1)

When I was young, I thought respect came from titles and trophies — the corner office, the neat house, the polite nod at social functions. Now, I see it differently: respect starts inside and the world simply reflects what you show it.

Think of it like a neighbour's gate. If you leave it open every day, people stroll in; if you close and lock it, visitors knock. Your actions are that gate. Say yes to everything, swallow your "no," and others will learn that your time and feelings are optional. Honour yourself first and others will learn the rules. This does not mean you become anti-social but you have to pick/choose what works for you and what does-not.

A small story: Rajesh, a long-time friend, was the office "fixer." He stayed late, took on others' tasks, never complained. People praised him — but rarely thanked him. Then one season his elderly mother fell ill. Rajesh couldn't keep covering everyone and the gratitude vanished. It hurt him and he learned a lesson many of us do the hard way: kindness without boundaries becomes invisibility.

Self-respect is quieter than bravado. It's keeping promises to yourself — getting enough sleep, saying no when you must, speaking up when something crosses a line. It's not rude; it's clear. It's the calm "I can't do this" said with courtesy, or the gentle "I deserve better" whispered to yourself before you accept less.

People will test you. They always do. Your responses create the pattern they follow. If you tolerate disrespect once, it becomes an option for them again. If you respond with dignity and a boundary, they rethink their behaviour.

So start small. Practice saying, "I'll get back to you," instead of an automatic yes. Put aside five minutes each morning for something that matters to you. Notice how you feel when you honour yourself — lighter, steadier, more likely to be treated as you wish. Respect isn't given; it's grown, quietly, from the inside out.

~Anonymous Member



Magnum Smiles

Credits: Shweta Bansal



2nd October 2025

EGG DONATION

Rotary Club of Madras Magnum donated 150 eggs to Can Kids T Nagar where there are 55 underprivileged children living while they undergo the treatment for cancer. Its they home away from home. Eggs are a vital part of their diet during treatment.

Thank you dear Vinita Palsani for your kind donation.

15th October 2025

FOOD DONATION



Rotary Club of Madras Magnum donated full days meals at Sai Old age home at Kondrathur where 65 old age people live. The above donation was made by kind and generous Rtn. Mukesh Saraf.

Magnum Smiles

Credits: Shweta Bansal

21st October 2025

RATION DONATION



What an incredible feeling! This Diwali celebration was truly special as we made a difference in the lives of 500 families in Chidambaram and Cuddalore.

The ration distribution spread happiness and support those in need. 500 families receiving essential groceries like rice, dal, aata, sugar, salt, and oil brought smiles to many faces.



Magnum Smiles

Credits: Shweta Bansal

24th October 2025
CANCER TREATMENT



A child named Sabareesan who is 7 months old suffering of
Cancer type: LCH needed medical help with
medicines costing Rs. 45000.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays



Siddharth Daga



Siddharth Khicha



Dinesh Baid



Pooja Vaid



Shweta Bansal

Anniversary



Siddharth & Shivangi Daga



Kaushik & Priti Sarawgi



Saket & Anchal Lath



Aashish & Sakshi Kukreja



Ketan & Mansa Chordia

Annette's Birthdays

Aarna Srikanth

Manvi Khicha

Gansh Lath

Samaira Bansal

Pranav Jain

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UPCOMING

EVENTS

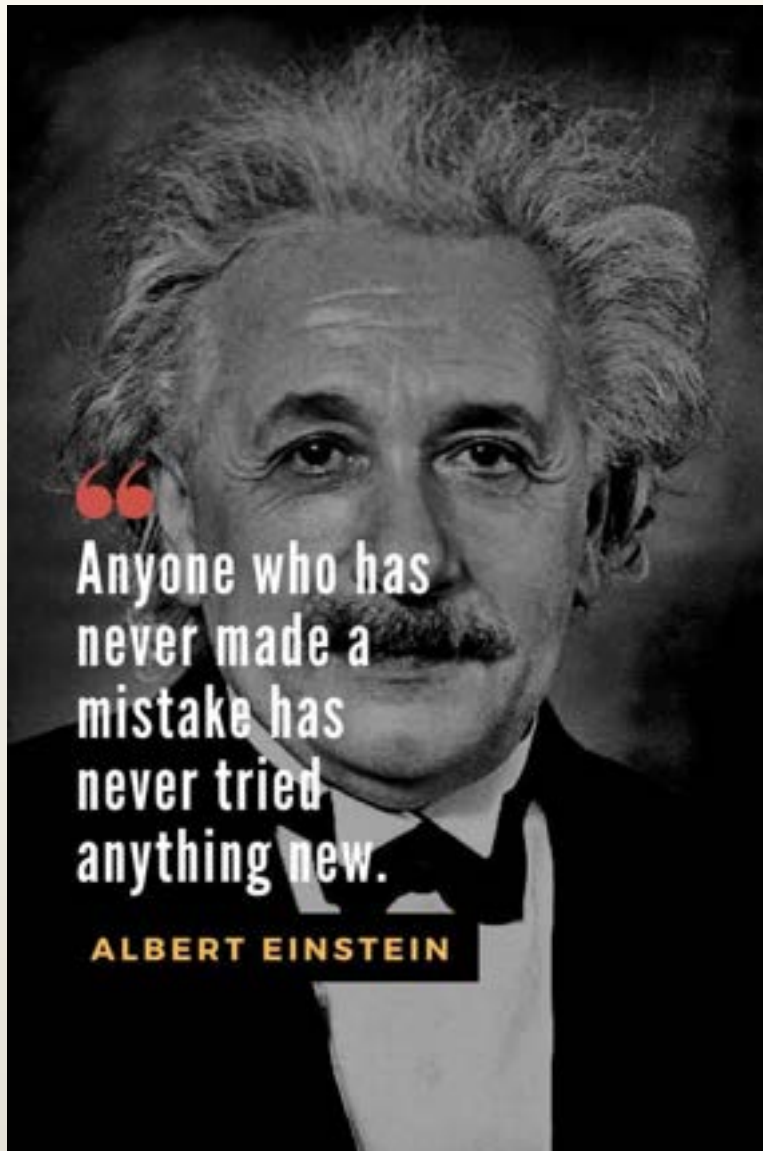
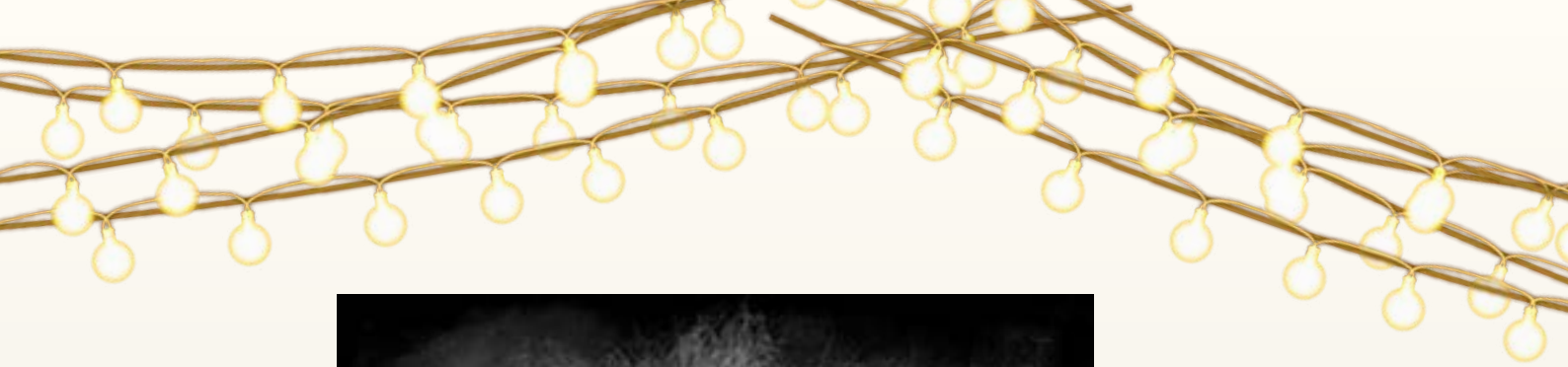
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Fellowship

Fri
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Speaker Meet

Looking Forward



Thank you