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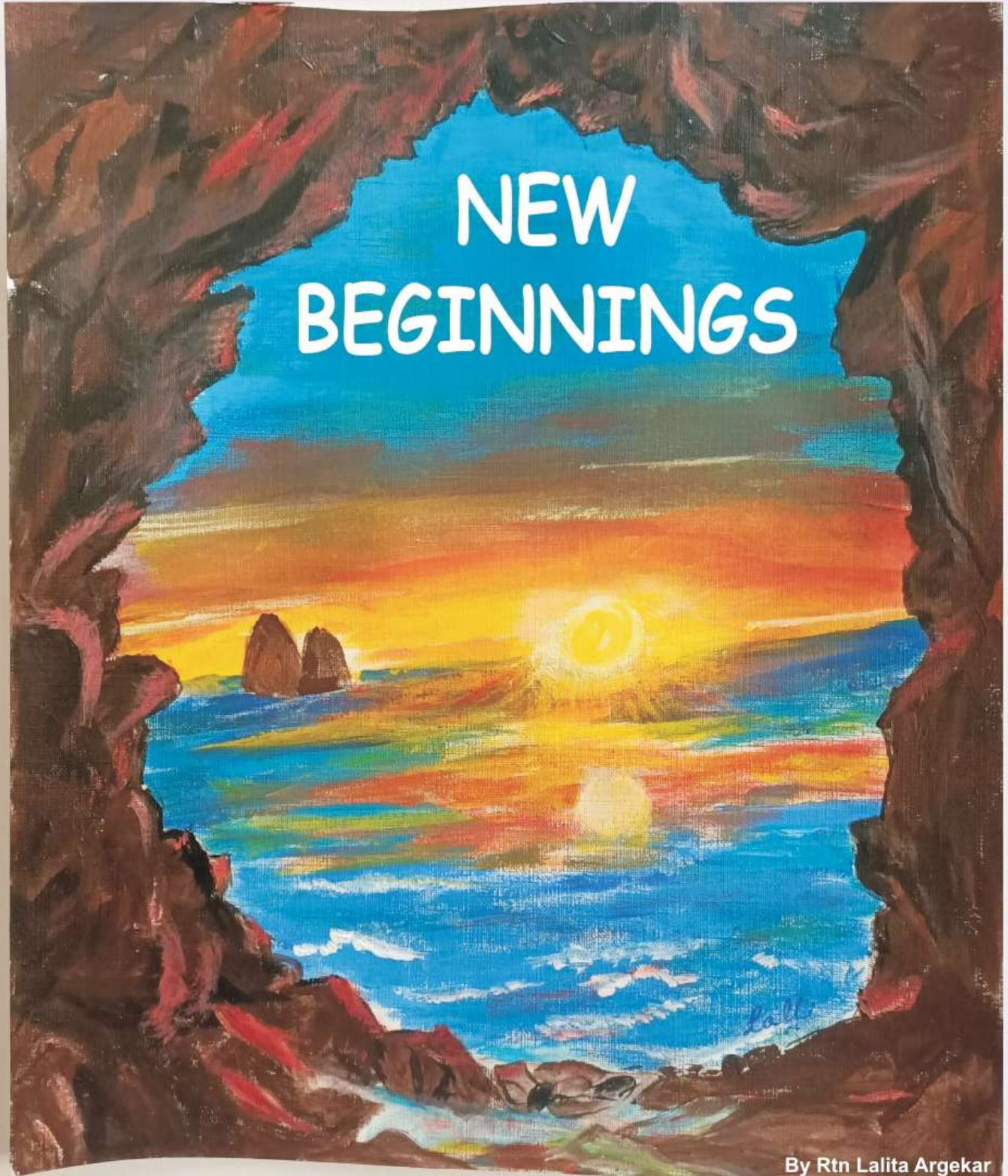


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NEW BEGINNINGS



By Rtn Lalita Argekar

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Dear fellow Rotary leaders:

As we begin a new year of service, let us not forget the importance of every one of Rotary's members.

We need your leadership now more than ever if we are to make every club and district an irresistible experience. Rotary has a chance to capture the world's attention and realize possibilities beyond our expectations. But we must build on the work that has come before us if we are to reach our goals, such as defeating polio and unlocking the power of girls and women.

Rotary offers people of action a chance to connect and find belonging, and this fellowship gives us the potential to improve our communities and the world. By following Rotary's Action Plan and helping make sure all members feel a sense of belonging in their club, you have a special opportunity to inspire members to new heights of service.

Our ability to create lasting change begins with our family of Rotary. Together, it is within our power to bring healing in a divided world.

Join me in making Rotary a source of strength for those who need it most, within and beyond our membership. Let this be the year we harness *The Magic of Rotary*, and let Rotary be known as an organization that takes care of its members as well as the people we serve.

It is within your power to help make Rotary a beacon of goodwill and fellowship in every community.

Remember that your work can and will change the world with *The Magic of Rotary*.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Stephanie A. Urchick'.

Stephanie A. Urchick
Rotary International President, 2024-2025



Rtn Stephanie A. Urchick

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From The Desk of Awesome District Governor

Dear Awesome President A. M. Kumar and members of the Rotary Club of Thane uptown

Greetings to all of you!!!

As we approach the end of another remarkable and Excellent Rotary Year, we prepare to welcome new leadership and embrace fresh opportunities to serve. Rotary's strength lies in its ability to adapt, evolve and inspire through the commitment of its members.

July 1st, 2024 marks the advent of a new Rotary year - the Awesome Year. It was legendary American President Abraham Lincoln who said " If you give me six hours to chop down a tree, I will spend the first four hours sharpening the axe " This is what Rotary Learning Facilitates for all of us. It prepares us for the Leadership role we are about to take on in the new Rotary Year.

Let's begin the year with renewed energy and dedication. We now have goals and plans in place and it is now time to execute them to perfection. Friends, Only if there is Magic in Rotary, will you find it awesome to be a Rotarian and only though Awesome service will there be Magic in Rotary. I urge you, therefore to develop an Awesome Mindset for yourself to create the Magic in Rotary

The District has designed an awesome 31 Ready Made Projects , which every Club is free to chose from
These are

1. The Eight MEGA Projects
2. The First Lady led COLS CPR Project
3. TB MUKT RID 3142, An initiative of GOI
4. The unique 12 Amrit Mahotsav Challenges
5. The Mega Mental Health, unique, initiative
6. The Eight JDS led Events
7. The Annapurna Project that commences 1st July 2024

In addition, in our drive to create Magic in Rotary, we should strive to ensure that every Rotarian donates atleast \$ 75 to the Rotary Foundation and enthuses atleast one new member to ask to be invited to join Rotary The Key is not the Will to Win, ... everybody has that. To be a Winner, you must Plan to win, prepare to win and expect to win and to remember that Success is not final, Failure is not fatal but it is the courage to continue that counts.

I truly believe that nothing of major significance is achieved by doing small acts of kindness. It is though impactful projects that make a substantial and visible difference to the life of the community that Rotary will truly gain respect.

As President, learn to embrace the journey, trust the process and believe in your abilities. Dream Big, work hard and surround yourself with good people. Always remember that the only impossible journey is the one you never began and that what you do has far greater impact than what you say Jyoti joins me in wishing you and the members of the Rotary Club a truly AWESOME Year.

Yours truly



Rtn Dinesh Mehta
Dist Governor, RID 3142

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From The Desk of Excellent President

Dear Friends,

The "EXCELLENT Year 2023-24 swiftly went since it began on 1st July 2023, and never realized how quickly it ran and now reached 'not to an end', but to a new beginning on 1st July 2024.

I feel, it is the time not to recapitulate, but to express humble gratitude to all. I also have the tremendous feel of satisfaction of fulfilling the responsibilities, while passing the baton to the next team which is ready with full of vigor and enthusiasm. I am confident that the new team will take the club forward in the new AWESOME year further, and so on.

My association with the district team, co-presidents, and especially with EXCELLENT DG Rtn.Milind Kulkarni, was truly EXCELLENT. It cultivated & strengthened the personal bonds, not only with me, but equally so for Deepali. Her association with the first lady Madhavita, along with the group of eminent ladies & anns, formed forever during the year. We both got a very enriching experience, gathering unforgettable memories during the EXCELLENT Year 2023-24.

I am personally very proud in saying that the uptown team with my BOD, could heighten the glorious brand value of RCT Uptown. The confidence displayed by MILAN Labs, offering whopping CSR for doing many school projects, especially the development of a model school at DHASAI, and by NEOGEN Chem, and many individual donors, for Para Teacher project, was extremely overwhelming to me & the team. Very challenging Service week projects, polio vaccination, medical camp, distribution of education app, smart TVs, three blood donation camps for Thalassemia major children, RYLA, MIPS, Cyber security, Science lab, School children fees, etc. all happened only because of the supportive & cooperative touch, by all combined. I sincerely thank all the club members for supporting the year that took the club to a new height. I also cannot leave this page without thanking all uptowners, especially the anns & annas, for overwhelmingly supporting & participating all club activities like speaker meetings, family nights etc. Throughout this year the club displayed a wonderful picture of togetherness which I will cherish in my heart for the rest of my life. The efforts put in for the GG Demetia project (though it could not be realized), and the unconditional support from the district, gave me a great satisfaction. The extra ordinary push and the efforts exhibited by Rtn Raj Khankari of RC Maple Grove, including his visit with us to the Dementia Day care center, can never be forgotten about, and I will remain saluting Rtn Raj forever for supporting our club undoubtedly till the end.

I wish all the very best to the new AWESOME team & president Kumar, and look forward to take our club to another level, to a new height in the year 2024-25.

Thanking forever,



Rtn Haresh Deshpande

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From The Awesome President's Desk

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Wishing you all a successful and exciting Rotary year

24-25. I am truly humbled and honoured to serve as your president this year as our fellow Rotarians have shown their confidence in me. I look forward to working with you to achieve goal settings for this year, and make this year really vibrant and AWESOME.

Connecting clubs worldwide and developed a better essence of friendship among clubs and districts. Rotary as I say is an ocean of opportunity, It is up to us that how much we take from it. It is place to learn, to take up leadership, to expand our horizon, to make friends worldwide and ultimately develop ourselves

Rotary is recognised for the good work it does, good work that will continue to grow, to endure, to go from strength to strength—making a difference to our communities. I can surely say that we will able to meet all the challenges on its way most effectively with our exemplary dedication, devotion, commitment and leadership qualities giving our very best to make it happen THE MAJIC OF ROTARY

Our District Governor set some 8 impactful projects as MEGA PROJECTS and also set goals to achieve the Amrit Mahotsav Challenge to meet the goal before Amrit Republic day 25 th Jan 2025

We have accepted the challenges and will work forward to meet it successfully. We unite because we know that we are far stronger than we could ever be alone. We take action because we are not day dreamers but we work hard to achieve those dreams and make them come true. We work together to create lasting change that will endure and impact lives of millions.

Last but not least I would like to congratulate for the launch of Club Bulletin and all the efforts taken by the Bulletin editor Rtn. Murali Ganapathy for making it one of the most unique club bulletins I've come across and I give my best wishes for the upcoming club activities. I am sure that our club will keep on achieving new height in the coming year and making impressions in our District and Rotary International.

Thanking you.



Rtn. A.M.Kumar
President 24-25

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Dear Uptowners,

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Few days back, I received a call from Murali Ganapaty saying that he is going to be Bulletin Editor next year and whether I can share some thoughts /message as an outgoing editor.

First of all, Murali Hearty Congratulations to you for accepting this position for yet another time. While I was talking to him, my mind started wondering in this year's activities.

Last year around this time, Pres. Haresh called me to check whether I can take up the Editor's responsibility for EXCELLENT year. I agreed to him on the conditions that the bulletin will be published monthly and along with regular club activities (like project work reporting, recognizing member's achievements, rotary information etc), bulletin will also have good literary content. Our idea was to kindle the minds of members and make them try this unexplored field of 'Writing'. Our enthusiastic members Madhavi Kharote, Medha Muley, Deepali Deshpande and Murali Ganapaty agreed to write regularly for Bulletin.

We decided to have four 'Article series' to be continued every month. Deepali decided to write on Women in History, Madhavi selected to write on history of Art, Medha opted to write on Food Awareness and Murali chose to write on Green Habits. There are so many beautiful places in India which are unexplored and not visited by many. So we appealed uptowners to write about such places. It was kicked off by Vijaya Murlidharan by writing about Thanjavur. Lalita offered to write Quiz and poems.

The year started well and as the months passed by, many members started contributing their poems, pictures drawn by them or their kids. I am sure the members who contributed the write up for the first time also enjoyed this idea. With a great pleasure we released Bulletin on every Family night barring a few exceptions where it could not be released due to unavoidable reasons.

Here we must acknowledge the efforts taken by our designer and printer Mr. Sumeet of Aksharjyoti who managed well the write up of amateur writers and also giving a Nice, Eye catchy and Presentable Bulletin every time.

I take the pleasure to thank President Haresh, all writers and Uptowners for their support and I am sure this legacy will continue in Murali's year and the years to come.

Again wishing Murali All the very Best for his tenure as an Editor.

Let us also wish President elect Kumar and his team fantastic coming Rotary year.

Wishing you Happy Reading.

With Warm Rotary Regards.



Rtn. Anand Ghate.

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Message from Incoming Editor

What should be the content and look and feel of the bulletin so that the members find it worthwhile to take time from their busy schedule to browse through it when most of the information is available on a real time basis in the social media? My mind is grappling with the above question as I take over the mantle of the editor of the club bulletin for the year 24-25.

My goal is to ensure that the members eagerly look forward to the next edition of the bulletin. The bulletin should also serve as a good PR for the club and Rotary in general This is something which I cannot do alone. The support of the members either in the form of suggestions, contributions to the bulletin, constructive feedback is very critical

Let us work together in ensuring that the time spend on reading the bulletin is time well spend by the members.



Rtn Murali Ganapathy

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Excellent Year 24-25- Projects and Fellowship

Mental Health & wellbeing Seminar at School in Shahapur



Interact Installation



Education App distribution to students



Health Check up Camp



Cyber Security Project



Ganpati Aaras Spardha



Yuva Mahotsav-Road Safety & Accident Prevention seminar



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Blood Donation



Sports Health & Wellness – Seminar



Maati Mahotsav – Exhibition on Soil



Tree Plantation



Rotal



Skill Development Girls



Success Mantra for JEE & NEET



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The Model Indian Parliamentary Session

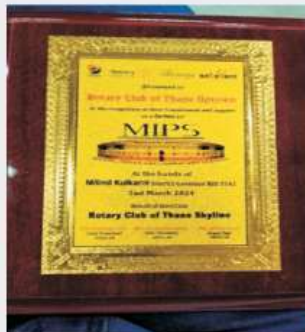
Distribution of E-Learning Kits



Pulse Polio



Record Storing Facility to a Police Station



Borewell Project



Provision of Science Lab



Family Night

