

ELEGANT EXPRESS

INCREDIBLE TALES OF PASSION, PURPOSE & EXCELLENCE



MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ALKA CHATURVEDI

Dear RCME Club Members, as we reach the midpoint of our Rotary year this December, it's a moment to reflect on the progress we've made and the journey still ahead. Your unwavering dedication to 'Service Above Self' continues to drive our club's impactful work in the community. This festive season, let's celebrate our collective achievements while also looking forward with anticipation to the opportunities and challenges the next half of our Rotary year will bring. Our commitment to making a meaningful difference remains at the heart of all we do, and I am immensely thankful for each of you who contributes to our mission. During this month of joy and giving, let's uphold the spirit of Rotary by extending our service and fellowship with even greater fervor. This newsletter not only shares our accomplishments but also binds us in our shared goals and aspirations. As we close out the calendar year and embrace the holiday season, I am inspired by the potential of what we can accomplish together in the coming months. Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm. Wishing you all a wonderful December and a season filled with peace, joy, and purposeful service.



MEHFIL- E-SHAAM: DIWALI PARTY FOR RCME COUPLES

'Mehfil-E-Shaam' at Elegant: A Resplendent Diwali Celebration Amidst a kaleidoscope of lights and laughter, we gathered on November 3rd to mark a Diwali like no other. The night was a spectacle of elegance, with each moment shining brighter than the last. Immense gratitude to Jaya for weaving a grand decor that mirrored the stars, Reshma & Jaideep Patel for their LED magic that lit our paths, and Yogita, whose energy was the heartbeat of our festivity. A special toast to Rachna, Bela, Nidhika, Sangeeta, Poonam, and our esteemed BOD for their magnanimous support, making this celebration not just a party but a memory etched in our hearts. Our 'Mehfil-E-Shaam' was more than a gathering; it was a symphony of joy, unity, and sparkling spirits. As we basked in the glow of Diwali's embrace, we were reminded of the light we carry within. Here's to a year filled with prosperity, happiness, and the enduring light of togetherness.

UPCOMING EVENTS

7 DECEMBER
TRAVEL BINGO & ANNUAL MEETING

10 DECEMBER
PROJECT FOOTPRINTS

21 DECEMBER
ARTISAN SUTRA

22 DECEMBER
ARTISAN SUTRA

BIRTHDAYS

- 07 DEC: POOJA JAIN
- 10 DEC: YOGITA JAIN
- 11 DEC: DR NIDHIKA BAHL
- 12 DEC: NEHA BAJAJ
- 12 DEC: SHILPY BANSAL
- 13 DEC: ANJU BAFNA
- 17 DEC: RITU RUIA
- 20 DEC: SEJAL SHAH
- 21 DEC: SEEMA GANERIWAL
- 21 DEC: NINA J
- 23 DEC: MINU AGARWAL
- 25 DEC: ADITI VASHI
- 26 DEC: KAJAL KUMAR
- 29 DEC: PRACHI AJMERA
- 29 DEC: MADHUBALA VIJAN
- 31 DEC: PRATIMA SHAH

ANNIVERSARIES

- 02 DEC: PRACHI AJMERA
- 02 DEC: SUNITA GOYAL
- 03 DEC: DIPTI KOTHARI
- 03 DEC: ANITA PANSARI
- 03 DEC: SHWETA PARASRAMPURIA
- 03 DEC: RANI WANKAWALA
- 04 DEC: MINU AGARWAL
- 04 DEC: SHWETA MALPANI
- 04 DEC: SEJAL SHAH
- 08 DEC: DISHA BATHIJA
- 09 DEC: POOJA RAISURANA
- 09 DEC: SANGEETA RATHOD
- 10 DEC: ANITA KHANDLWAL
- 11 DEC: RITU RUIA
- 12 DEC: SHILPY BANSAL
- 13 DEC: MADHU GUPTA
- 14 DEC: ROCHNA AGARWAL
- 14 DEC: HARSHA SETH
- 15 DEC: ANJALI CHAPHEKAR
- 15 DEC: SANGITA RATHOD
- 17 DEC: NEETA PAREKH
- 20 DEC: RIPPY DHINGRA
- 29 DEC: INES GUPTA

RHEA CHAKRABORTY



RHEA CHAKRABORTY IN CONVERSATION WITH SONIA SHENOY

An Evening to Remember: 24th Nov with Rhea Chakraborty
Our recent speaker event was nothing short of magical! We were honoured to host the sensational Rhea Chakraborty, a renowned actress and VJ. A heartfelt thank you to Sonia Shenoy, our honorary member, for beautifully orchestrating an informal yet captivating dialogue. Delving into 'On Screen & Beyond: Life, Actions, and Aspirations,' the evening was filled with enriching insights and heartfelt stories. See the pictures to catch a glimpse of these unforgettable moments!

SPEAKER MEET

AARJU

Supporting Aarju Foundation: A Commitment to Inclusivity

We're proud to highlight our collaboration with the Aarju Foundation, a commendable organization led by Mansi Laxmi, dedicated to supporting sexual minorities in Maharashtra. This Community Based Organization, active since 2005, focuses on health, rights, education, and mental support for the Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender communities. With 17 individuals currently in their shelter, the Aarju Foundation faces the ongoing challenge of meeting basic daily needs. In response, the Rotary Club of Elegant, led by President Alka, and thanks to the generosity of donor Madhulika Agarwal, has stepped in to provide monthly food grains and essentials. Our heartfelt thanks go to Club Admin Rani Wankawalla for her pivotal role in coordinating this project. This support to the Aarju Foundation reflects our club's commitment to inclusivity and community support. Together, we're making a real difference.



NOVEMBER PROJECTS

ANNA DAAN

On the auspicious occasion of Gurpurab, we embraced the profound principle of nature - 'As you give, so shall you receive.' Celebrating this day of giving, our Project Anna Daan was a resonating success, embodying the spirit of selfless service and charity. A big thank you to our generous donors - Disha, Rippy, Chhaya, Deepa, Ruchika, Sonia, Nidhi, Aditi, Nitika, Sarita, Pratima, Nidhika, Madhubala, Sushita, Anita Khandelwal & Ayushi Chaturvedi. Your contributions have made a significant impact, truly exemplifying that giving food is an act of charity that goes beyond - it brings prosperity and supports the basic needs of shelter and clothing. Special thanks to Beeba, Alka Doshi, Alka Modi, Asha, Sapna, Sujata, Ninaji, Dr. Arlene, Aditi, Poonam Tibrewal, Ruchika, Neeta Parekh, Anika, Nidhika, and Sarika for being present at the Gurudwara, adding to the warmth and spirit of the occasion. Your overwhelming response and presence have made this initiative a memorable one. Let's continue to spread kindness and compassion.



SERVICE ABOVE SELF

FIRESIDE *BELA JAIN*



DIWALI SPARKLES AT TREASURER BELA JAIN'S RESIDENCE

On the evening of November 2nd, 2023, Rotary members experienced an enchanting Diwali celebration at Treasurer Bela Jain's residence. This Fireside gathering was a true festival of joy, filled with the essence of Diwali. The house resonated with melodious tunes, sumptuous cuisine, and the infectious laughter of our RCME family. We danced, shared heartfelt conversations, and toasted to the future of RCME over delicious cocktails. The evening was made even more special with takeaway gifts for everyone. Treasurer Bela Jain's warm hospitality and the vibrant Diwali spirit made this Fireside one for the books. It was a night that reinforced our bonds and rekindled our commitment to the Rotary cause. Thank you, Treasurer Bela Jain, for this memorable Diwali celebration that will remain etched in our hearts.



PRE OCV

WITH AG DHARMESH BOTHRA

On November 16th, our club had the pleasure of an enlightening pre-OCV meeting with Assistant Governor Dharmesh Bothra. His expertise brought invaluable insights, enriching our understanding of Rotary's core values and practices. The session was notably enhanced by the active participation of our Rotaractors, adding a vibrant dimension to the discussions. Their curiosity and engagement were a testament to the strength and diversity of our Rotary family. We thank AG Dharmesh for a truly interactive session filled with learning, and appreciate all members and Rotaractors who contributed to its success. This meeting has undoubtedly set a positive tone for our upcoming Official Club Visit, reinforcing our commitment to growth and service.

OFFICIAL CLUB VISIT

OCV WITH DG ARUN BHARGAVA

Our recent Official Club Visit (OCV) was a testament to the dedication and unity within the Rotary Club of Mumbai Elegant. We extend our profound gratitude to District Governor Arun Bhargava for his invaluable guidance and wisdom. His leadership and insights have been instrumental in enlightening our path. Our sincere thanks also go to all the distinguished district dignitaries whose presence and contributions greatly enriched our discussions. We are particularly grateful to DS Nilima Inamdar and AG Dharmesh Bothra for their steadfast support and encouragement. A special acknowledgment is due to Tehmina Khandwala for her motivating presentation on the Artisan Sutra project, which has significantly inspired our members. Our heartfelt commendations to our President, Alka Chaturvedi, for her visionary leadership. The insightful reports presented by Priya, Sangeeta Jain, Aditi Vashi, PE Nidhika Bahl, and Anika Shah have been pivotal in highlighting the progress of our initiatives. Special appreciation is warranted for Club Secretary Rachna Agarwal for her meticulous creation of the OCV manual and her excellent management of the event. The commitment and participation of every club member have been the cornerstone of our success. This Official Club Visit has been more than a mere assembly; it was a celebration of our collective aspirations and the significant impact we aim to achieve. As we continue on our journey, we are encouraged by the shared commitment to making a positive change in our community. We thank each member and participant for their contributions to making this event memorable and look forward to future endeavors with renewed vigor and collaboration.



Thank YOU!

TEAM NOVEMBER

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

Alka Doshi	Neha Bajaj
Alka Modi	Neeha Khetan
Anusha Agarwal	Nidhika Bahl
Asha Kedia	Nina J
Chhaya Parikh	Pooja Jain
Deepa Vohra	Poonam Tibrewal
Disha Bathija	Rani Wankawala
Jaya Bakhru	Reena Agarwal
Kajal Kumar	Rippy Dhingra
Komal Shah	Shweta Malpani
Madhu Gupta	Sunita Mehta
Manisha Saraf	Swati Kotak
Neeta Parekh	Vibhuti Ohri
	Yogita Jain



NOVEMBER DONORS

The joy of giving is unmatched; it touches lives and spreads happiness.

Alka Chaturvedi
Aditi Vashi
Anita Khandelwal
Ayushi Chaturvedi
Chhaya Parikh
Deepa Vohra
Disha Bathija
Madhulika Agarwal
Madhubala Vijan
Nidhi Lohia
Nidhika Bahl
Nitika Arora
Pratima Shah
Rippy Dhingra
Ruchika Suri
Sarita Jhunjunwala
Sonia Kapoor
Sushita Gupta

STAR OF THE MONTH

NOVEMBER

JAYA BAKHRU
BEEBA GHURA

This accolade is presented each month to monthly team members who have made the most significant contributions during that specific month.

