

ELEGANT EXPRESS

INCREDIBLE TALES OF PASSION, PURPOSE & EXCELLENCE



MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ALKA CHATURVEDI

Warm greetings to my dedicated and inspiring RCME Club members as we joyously embark on October! The positive energy and unwavering commitment that everyone has shown in the past months have been nothing short of extraordinary, and it fills my heart with boundless gratitude and pride. October marks yet another opportunity for us to unite under our enduring motto, 'Service Above Self', and I am excited to see the myriad of ways in which we will uplift our communities through our endeavors this month. The stories of our resilience and the impacts of our projects shared in this newsletter underscore the incredible journey we are undertaking together. Our club continues to be a beacon of hope and a hub of transformative actions, thanks to your diverse talents and relentless passion. I encourage each one of you to immerse yourselves fully in the upcoming projects and fellowship events, adding to the rich tapestry of our shared experiences and accomplishments. Let's continue to spread the Rotary spirit, cultivating a richer and more compassionate world!



SPIRITUAL VS RITUAL

SPEAKER MEET WITH HG SURDAS

KRISHNA JANMASHTAMI @ ISKCON KHARGHAR

5th September 2023 : An incredible day of spiritual enrichment at ISKCON Kharghar with HG Surdas Prabhu. From exploring the nuanced relationship between the spiritual and the ritualistic, to immersing ourselves in the lush 8-acre sanctuary set against the Sahyadri Hills, it was a transformative experience that went beyond our imagination. Here, we didn't just visit a temple; we connected with a holistic cultural epicenter that brings Vedic wisdom to life.

UPCOMING EVENTS

3 OCTOBER
ROTARACT CLUB INSTALLATION
(SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL)

3 - 8 OCTOBER
BALKANS INTERNATIONAL TRIP

12 OCTOBER
DANDIYA WITH CLUB GEN-X

14 OCTOBER
WOMEN HYGIENE PROJECT

20 -21 OCTOBER
NAVRATRI IN BARODA

26 OCTOBER
RANGOLI COMPETITION FOR
UNDERPRIVILEGED STUDENTS

BIRTHDAYS

2 OCT: DR ARLENE GHOSH

3 OCT: SWETA GOEL

5 OCT: KOMAL SHAH

6 OCT: DISHA BATHIJA

9 OCT: ANJALI CHAPHEKAR

12 OCT: ANITA GUPTA

17 OCT: PALLAVI AGARWAL

17 OCT: ANJULI SARAWGI

20 OCT: BEEBA GHURA

21 OCT: DEEPIKA GUPTA

25 OCT: PRITI PAREKH

27 OCT: SARIKA SUREKA

31 OCT: SAVITA DALMIA

ANNIVERSARIES

NONE THIS MONTH

SEPTEMBER PROJECTS

ECO VISARJAN SEVA

Celebrating a Green Goodbye! Eco Visarjan Seva 2023 was a symbol of sustainability and unity. A heartfelt thanks to all our members and our esteemed guests, MLA Ameet Satam, DG Arun Bhargava, and Fardeen Khan, for making this event a memorable one! Special shoutout to: Kavita, Chhaya & Poonam for donations, Anita Gupta for the food boxes for helpers, Sapna Agrawal for the helper T-shirts, Sarita Jhunjunwala for chai toast, Shweta Malpani for the Dholwaala, Ruchika Suri for Vada paav, Shweta Murarka for arranging the pandit. Big applause to Nidhika Bahl for the fabulous backdrops and social media coverage, and kudos to Prachi, Pooja, and Rachna for flawless program arrangements!



SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Bright Screens

Celebrating World Literacy Day with Impact On September 8th, 2023, RCME marked #WorldLiteracyDay by donating a computer to Grace Foundation in Kamathipura. This gift will be a cornerstone in educating the children of Kamathipura women, opening new doors of opportunity for them. A heartfelt thank you to our incredible donors, who make the world a better place one gesture at a time: Sangeeta, Anika, Paakhi (Alka Modi), Naina, Nitika, Reena, Yogita, Rachna, Alka Doshi, Manjari, Vinita, Sarika, Nidhika, Pankti, Manisha Saraf, and Rani Wankawalla. Special applause to Rani Wankawalla for identifying this crucial need and coordinating the project seamlessly. Your dedication amplifies our mission!



SEPTEMBER PROJECTS

Toilet Tune-Up

Big applause for Rani Wankawalla our unsung hero! She didn't just spot a need—she filled it, taking a local school from 'urgent repairs needed' to 'mission accomplished.' Today, we celebrate upgraded boys' urinals, complete with repaired tiles, new fixtures, and revamped water tanks. It's more than just a repair; it's a transformation that impacts daily lives. Thank you, Rani, for embodying 'Service Above Self.'



Lifespring



Installation of a 10,000-liter Water Tanker at Elegant Dialysis Center, Malad. Cost: 1 Lakh. This center operates at almost 80% of its full capacity, treating a staggering 1,000 patients monthly. They were in dire need of extra water storage, and thanks to the generosity of our incredible member, Babita Rathod & Sangeeta Rathod, we were able to meet this essential need swiftly! A big shoutout to Priti Parikh for negotiating the best possible pricing for the tanker! Your effort is so appreciated! Heartfelt gratitude to Babita Rathod & Sangeeta Rathod for this impactful donation. Your kindness is making a difference in countless lives. Thank you for making this possible, Nilima Jhunjunwala -Project Coordinator

SEPTEMBER PROJECTS

BEACH CLEANUP: FROM TRASH TO TREASURE!

September 29th saw our dedicated members—including Pooja, Prachi, Madhu, Suvarna, Alka Modi, Alka Doshi, Asha Kedia, and Sapna—unite for a meaningful cause, turning our beloved beach into a litter-free, golden expanse. This fruitful day also included a heartfelt gesture of appreciation for our city's diligent BMC workers and cleaners, with 125 of them enjoying hot lunches sponsored by our generous member, Pushpa Jain. The conversations with these silent heroes were as warm and enriching as the food, revealing their untold commitment to maintaining the serenity of our beaches from dawn to midnight. In the essence of Ganpati Visarjan, we extended our gratitude and service, embodying the spirit of giving back and forging a deeper connection with our community and city.



SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Fireside

By Pres Alka Chaturvedi

At a recent Fireside Meeting hosted at the gracious residence of our President, Alka Chaturvedi, Rotary members gathered with enthusiasm to embark on an exciting journey of planning our upcoming International Balkans Trip. The atmosphere was buzzing with anticipation as we delved into discussions about the trip's objectives and itinerary.

Members reflecting on the very essence of Rotary's inclusive spirit, engaged in lively conversations. Ideas flowed freely, ranging from exploring historical landmarks to identifying opportunities for impactful service projects in the Balkans region. It was a true testament to the collective strength of our Rotary community.



FIRESIDE MEETING



ROTARACT CLUB OF MUMBAI ELEGANT (RVG SCHOOL)

Inspiring Installation: Elegant's Rising Stars!

Today, 30th September 2023, marked the lively installation ceremony of the Rotaract Club of Elegant, a brainchild of our CSR Director, Nilima Jhunjunwala, initiated with the dynamic students of RVG Hostel. The event was a showcase of elegance and enthusiasm, graced by Nilima Jhunjunwala, Rachna Aggarwal, Sejal Shah, and our President Alka Chaturvedi. It was a well-orchestrated celebration, highlighting the spirited commitment of our aspiring Chartered Accountant members. The students, amid their rigorous schedules, welcomed us warmly and managed to organize an enriching entertainment segment. Their fervor and brilliance promise a journey of impactful change ahead.



INSTALLATION

ARTISAN SUTRA *LAUNCH*



FELLOWSHIP: AN AFTERNOON OF ELEGANCE & PURPOSE

The launch party of #ArtisanSutra was a harmonious symphony of joy, profound generosity, and unified visions. A colossal shoutout to Club Founder & Club Trainer, Tehmina Khandwala, the mastermind and creative soul behind this remarkable initiative, and the dynamic team of Artisan Sutra for turning this day into an array of unforgettable moments. It was a day imbued with radiant smiles, heartfelt contributions, and a synchronization of purpose and passion, each moment a stride towards empowering artisans and harmonizing with PM Modi's visionary projects. Our heartfelt gratitude to all our members for the overwhelming outpouring of support and the generous contributions. This splendid beginning was not just a celebration; it marked the commencement of a journey where we've woven a tapestry of solidarity and compassion, raising an outstanding ₹23 lakhs! This collective achievement, powered by the profound generosity and unwavering belief of our members - Tehmina Khandwala, Babita Rathod, Urjita Master, Anita Pansari, Nilima Jhunjunwala, Pres. Alka Chaturvedi, Neeti Arora, Manjari Thanawala, Sonia Kapoor, Neelam Jain, Bela Jain, Meenaakshi Todi, Asha Kedia, Rippy Dhingra, Ruchika Chokhani, Reena Agarwal, Disha Bathija, Manisha Saraf, Prachi Ajmera, Shweta Kabra, Yogita Jain, Pooja Jain, Priya Parikh, Sejal Shah and Madhavi Parekh - has fueled our mission and strengthened our resolve.

Thank You!



Congratulations

**Rtn Amardeep Singh
Arora**
(RC of Mumbai West End)

**&
Rtn. Neeti Amardeep
Arora**
(RC of Mumbai Elegant)



For Becoming

MAJOR DONOR LEVEL 4

Thanks for your
large Hearted Contribution
Over USD 28,000

Accumulated Giving USD 1,00,000

DG Arun Bhargava
& TRF Team (District 3141)



Congratulations

Rtn S Vijusha Khattry
(RC of Mumbai Elegant)

&

Rtn.Ram Khattry
(RC of Mumbai Royales)



For Becoming

MAJOR DONOR LEVEL I

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large Hearted Contribution
Over USD 10,000

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Congratulations

Rtn Madhu Gupta
(RC of Mumbai Elegant)

&

Mr. Susheel Gupta



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Thank You!

TEAM SEPTEMBER

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

Alka Doshi
Anita Gupta
Kavita Mungi
Neha Jain
Prachi Ajmera
Ruchika Chokhani
Ruchika Suri
Sapna Agarwal
Sarita Jhunjunwala
Sejal Shah
Shweta Murarka
Sunita Agarwal
Sunita Mukim
Sushita Gupta
Suwarna Surana
Shweta Malpani
Vinita Pratap



SEPTEMBER DONORS

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

Alka Doshi
Alka Modi
Anita Gupta
Anika Shah
Babita Rathod
Chhaya Parikh
Kavita Mungi
Manisha Saraf
Manjari Thanawala
Naina Parekh
Nidhika Bahl
Nitika Arora
Dr Pankti Shah
Poonam Tibrewal
Pushpa Jain
Rachna Agarwal
Rani Wankawalla
Reena Agarawal
Ruchika Suri
Sangeeta Rathod
Sangeeta Jain
Sapna Agrawal
Sarika Sureka
Sarita Jhunjunwala
Shweta Malpani
Vinita Pratap
Yogita Jain

STAR OF THE MONTH

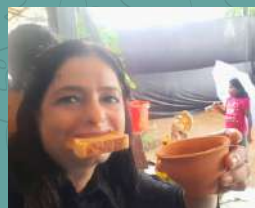
SEPTEMBER

CHHAYA PARIKH

KAVITA MUNGI

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

ECO VISARJAN SEVA SELFIE COMPETITION WINNERS



SWATI KOTAK



RUCHIKA SURI



SEJAL SHAH

