

ELEGANT EXPRESS

INCREDIBLE TALES OF PASSION, PURPOSE & EXCELLENCE



MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ALKA CHATURVEDI

As we step into the third month of our Rotary year, my heart is filled with immense pride and appreciation for each one of you at RCME Club. 'Service Above Self' is not just a motto; it's our living principle, demonstrated by your steadfast dedication to our community projects and fellowship events. September ushers in new opportunities for us to grow and serve. Your unique skills and unyielding commitment are the catalysts that drive our club's impact. As we continue to embrace the challenges and triumphs that come our way, let's remember to celebrate each other through this newsletter—our monthly touchstone of inspiration, information, and unity. I warmly invite all of you to actively participate in our upcoming initiatives. It's the collective strength of our diverse community that makes us who we are. Here's to another month of impactful service and deepening the legacy that future RCME members will proudly carry forward. Let's keep the Rotary spirit soaring!



UPCOMING EVENTS

5 SEPTEMBER
JANAMASHTMI @ ISKCON
KHARGHAR

20 SEPTEMBER
ECO-FRIENDLY GANPATI
VISARJAN

29 SEPTEMBER
BEACH CLEANING DRIVE

KAIKEYI UNVEILED

A MONOLOGUE OF POWER, REGRET, AND REDEMPTION.
BY ANJANA CHANDAK

CLUB ASSEMBLY & SPEAKER MEET 2ND AUGUST 2023 @ THE CLUB, D.N. NAGAR

In a truly enlightening and inspiring gathering, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Elegant witnessed a powerful Club Assembly, furthering their vision of impactful service and unity. Under the esteemed presence of AG Dharmesh Bothra, the assembly took on a meaningful direction, guiding members towards greater achievements. The event served as a reminder of the strength and potential of the club, emphasising the importance of working together to create a positive impact on society. Amidst the enriching discussions and insightful reports, the scrumptious lunch that followed delighted all attendees. The delicious spread not only filled stomachs but also nurtured the bonds of friendship and camaraderie among the members.

Undoubtedly, the highlight of the day was Anjana Chandak's mesmerising monologue performance as Mai Kaikeyi. Anjana ji's portrayal of the character left a lasting impression on the audience, captivating everyone with her exceptional talent and artistry. Special thanks go to Nina J for bringing in such a distinguished guest speaker, making the event even more memorable.

President Alka ji's leadership and dedication were pivotal in making this event a resounding success. Her guidance ensures that RCME continues to excel in its mission of service and fellowship, making a positive difference in the lives of those they touch. As the event concluded, members left feeling inspired and motivated to continue their journey of making the world a better place. The club's collective spirit and determination were energised, reaffirming their commitment to service above self.

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 SEP: SHEETAL VIJAN
- 6 SEP: SUDHA BAJAJ
- 6 SEP: SHWETA MALPANI
- 9 SEP: DEEPA RUPANI
- 9 SEP: DR PANKTI SHAH
- 12 SEP: SANGEETA CHOKHANI
- 12 SEP: NEELAM JAIN
- 13 SEP: MADHULIKA AGARWAL
- 18 SEP: SUSHITA GUPTA
- 20 SEP: REENA AGARAWAL
- 26 SEP: RESHMA PATEL
- 27 SEP: RACHANA KABRA

ANNIVERSARIES

NONE THIS MONTH

AUGUST PROJECTS

Outfitting Dreams

On 11th August 2023, RCME took another significant step towards improving the lives of children with the launch of Project Outfitting Dreams. Held at M.D. Keni Vidyalyaya in Bhandup East, this initiative focused on donating sports uniforms and shoes to every student at the school, thereby empowering them to participate in physical activities and embrace holistic development. We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to our generous donors of the month. Special thanks to Chhaya Parikh, Deepa Vohra, Ayushi Chaturvedi, Priya Parikh, Meenaxi Jain, Seema Ganerwal, Priti Choudhary, Madhubala Vijan, Sangita Rathod, Priyanka Sadh, Sharmila Puri, Anita Pansari, Anika Shah, and Ruchika Suri. Our President, Alka Chaturvedi, has also been instrumental in this project. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Rachna for providing food packets for the kids, and Sarika Sureka for providing notebooks for the kids. Further, the project couldn't have reached its successful completion without the outstanding coordination of Madhulika Agarwal and Rani Wankawala, as well as the enduring support of Dr. Nidhika Bahl. Together, we're not just outfitting children in uniforms; we're outfitting their dreams and shaping bright futures, one child at a time.



Healing Hands



We are moved to share an act of true kindness and service from our own Disha Bhatija. Disha generously donated INR 25,000 to a woman in urgent need of breast lump surgery. We're elated to announce that the surgery was successfully carried out on Saturday and the woman is doing well. Disha, your actions exemplify 'SERVICE ABOVE SELF.' Your incredible generosity not only furthers our club's mission but also demonstrates your authentic care for the well-being of others. We feel truly blessed to count you as a member of our RCME family.

SERVICE ABOVE SELF



Fireside

By Sushita Gupta

We're pleased to recap the August Fireside Meet that took place on August 26th at the residence of Sushita Gupta.

The event was marked by engaging conversations, camaraderie, and a strong sense of community. Members gathered to exchange insights, discuss ongoing projects, and fortify the bonds that define our Rotary family.

Sushita Gupta's gracious hospitality provided a welcoming backdrop for the evening, fostering an environment where ideas could flourish

A heartfelt thank you to all who attended, contributing to the enriching exchange.



FIRESIDE MEETING



AZADI KA JASHN 15th August 2023 Flag Hoisting At Birla Garden, Juhu.

On 15th August, RCME came together to honor the spirit of freedom and unity with a special Independence Day celebration. The event was held in the scenic Birla Garden in Juhu and was organised in association with the Juhu Citizens Welfare Club. The morning air was filled with a sense of patriotism as we commenced the event with the hoisting of the national flag. We were honored to have Priyanka Chaturvedi, Member of the Rajya Sabha, as our chief guest for the occasion. Her presence added a layer of inspiration and gravitas to our celebration. This event was not just a ceremonial act but a tribute to our nation's history, a reaffirmation of our democratic values, and a strong statement of our unity. Together, under the tricolor, we not only celebrated India's freedom but also recognized the responsibilities that come with it. Let us all strive to contribute to the betterment of our community and nation as a whole. Here's to freedom, unity, and the enduring spirit of RCME!



FELLOWSHIP

WINDOWS 2023



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On 9th August 2023, RCME hosted a unique and engaging fellowship event that brought our members closer than ever: Windows 2023. This lively pop-up show saw participation from 15 vibrant members, showcasing creativity, collaboration, and a spirit of community. The event was made even more special thanks to our new member, Deepika Gupta, who graciously arranged the venue. Her efforts set the stage for a memorable day filled with excitement and camaraderie. Windows 2023 was more than just a pop-up show; it was a celebration of unity, creativity, and shared enthusiasm. Members not only presented their creative endeavors but also shopped, laughed, and enjoyed each other's company. The day ended with smiles, shopping bags, and a strengthened sense of community. Windows 2023 was a wonderful reflection of what RCME stands for: fellowship, creativity, and care. Together, through Windows 2023, we've opened new doors of collaboration, friendship, and joy, celebrating our bond as a club family.

CANNES *ESCAPADE*



FELLOWSHIP

On 24th August 2023, the RCME community came together at Estella, Juhu, for an exciting fellowship event unlike any other: Cannes Escapade, an On-Spot Team Dressmaking Competition, curated by Club Trainer Tehmina Khandwala. The evening was a vivacious blend of style, creativity, and camaraderie that had our members buzzing with enthusiasm. The competition was framed around the theme of 'Glamour with Sustainability', urging participants to integrate eco-conscious principles into their fashion endeavors. Each team had to work on an outfit within a limited timeframe, incorporating elements like feathers, laces, and accessories, along with a particular focus on jute fabric. Judging the event were Celebrity Judges Ada Malik, a renowned Fashion Designer and daughter of famous Bollywood Music Director Anu Malik, and Maadhuri R Sharma, Mrs. Earth International. They were truly impressed by the level of ingenuity and talent displayed by our members. The event underscored the art of working under pressure, harmonizing with teammates, and creating something truly spectacular from scratch. The teams were evaluated based on criteria such as adherence to the sustainability theme, zero waste, creativity, and overall participation. The evening culminated in a glamorous catwalk, where models strutted down the red carpet flaunting their team's imaginative creations. This delightful event was not just about style or competition; it was a celebration of creativity, sustainable practices, and team spirit. Our members showed that they could adapt, innovate, and dazzle, all while keeping sustainability at the forefront. A huge thank you to all the participants and our esteemed judges for making this a memorable and meaningful event. Special mention to Sejal Shah, Rani Wankawala, and Rachna Agarwal for executing the event flawlessly. Thank you to Neeta Parekh and Swapnil Tayal for sponsoring the gifts for the judges, and Sejal Shah for sponsoring the gifts for the winners.. We look forward to many more such invigorating and inspiring evenings in the future.

Thank You!

TEAM AUGUST

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

Deepika Gupta
Madhulika Agarwal
Pooja Jain
Poonam Agrawal
Priti Parekh
Rachana Kabra
Rajni Ganeriwal
Rani Wankawala
Ritu Ruia
Ruchi Ghai
Sangeeta Jain
Sejal Shah
Shraddha Agarwal
Sushita Gupta



AUGUST DONORS

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

Alka Chaturvedi
Anika Shah
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Chhaya Parikh
Deepa Vohra
Madhubala Vijan
Meenaxi Jain
Priti Choudhary
Priya Parikh
Priyanka Sadh
Ruchika Suri
Sangita Rathod
Seema Ganeriwal
Sharmila Puri

STAR OF THE MONTH

JULY

DR. PANKTI SHAH

RINKU SHAH

AUGUST

DEEPIKA GUPTA

POONAM AGRAWAL

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

