



THE GOOD NEWS

ROTARY CLUB OF THANE CREEKSIDE BULLETIN

FROM OUR TITEN YEAR PRESIDENTS' HEART

"Namaste, fellow Rotarians and esteemed readers! 🙏"

August 2025 was an eventful month for our club, filled with impactful initiatives across health, education, and community development. Our efforts were directed at creating awareness, building skills, and supporting underprivileged communities through meaningful interventions.

Focus of the month was Health & Wellness Initiatives like Medical Checkup & CPR Awareness Camp on 15th Aug, conducted the second dose Hepatitis B vaccination at Chatrapati Shivaji Hospital Kalwa, Breastfeeding Awareness Session to 35 pregnant women and 2 MOs from TMC Rosa Gardenia Anandnagar and arranging free Mammography screen and paps smear screening.

A special mention is the donation given by Rtn Santosh Rawat who has donated a Safe Sanitary pads disposal machine.

This year's Independence Day was unforgettable. I was deeply moved by the performances of the children at Signal Shala, who celebrated the day with enthusiasm and joy. Thanks to Ulhas Karle Kaka, these street children now have hope for a brighter future, and we are fortunate to have him as a member of our club.

I also want to specially highlight our collaboration with RC Thane Skyline to support the education of underprivileged students at Maharashtra Vidhyala Thane. I thank the members to have donated as usual to this noble cause where we gave away 19 uniforms and annual fees for 13 students.

Also our 'Samuh Rudrabhishek puja' performed by many of us was a first of its kind in the district which was well appreciated by my co-presidents from other clubs.

Through these diverse initiatives, August 2025 reflected our commitment to health, education, women empowerment, and cultural values. Each activity brought us closer to our vision of creating sustainable community impact.

♥️Thank you!"

Rtn Vibhavari Mani



KEY ACTIVITY OF THE MONTH

Rudrabhishek puja at Narmadeshwar Mahadev Mandir

On 10 August 2025, in the month of Shravan which is the best month to offer prayers to Lord Shiva and seek his blessings, RC Thane Creekside conducted Rudra pooja at Narmadeshwar Mahadev Mandir, Neelkanth Heights, Kolshet.

It was a first such activity for our club where club members came together and performed a puja which was wonderfully organized by our Club Admin Rtn Mrushad Vora.



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS WE UNDERTOOK IN AUGUST 2025



Women Health screening camp



Asha Kiran project - Donation to underprivileged students at Maharashtra Vidyala



Second dose Hepatitis B vaccination at Chatrapati Shivaji Hospital Kalwa



Happy School project at Signal Shala on 15th Aug, where Rtn Dhvani Shah donated Notebooks set, drawing book, School kit for 24 students on the occasion of her daughter Jiyanshi's birthday



Breastfeeding awareness session conducted by Rtn Dr Kiran Shinde



Medical check up camp and CPR awareness session at Lodha Amara cluster in collaboration with KIMS Hospital



Collaborated with Ummed NGO to conduct a Mehendi workshop where we sponsored this 7-day course for 30 women and girls



Sanitary Napkin Incinerator machine was donated by PP Santosh Rawat in TMC school, Balkum and Menstrual Hygiene Awareness session conducted by our Medical Director Rtn Dr Gaurangi Karmarkar



NEWS FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Neighbors are helping neighbors through time banks

*In a quiet corner of Northern California, among the misty orchards and rolling vineyards that power the region's rich agricultural economy, a curious kind of wealth is quietly accumulating. It doesn't shine like gold or flow like cash. It's not tracked on Wall Street or stored in Swiss vaults. But for those who trade in it, it may be the most precious currency of all: **Time!!***

When Michael Fels and his partner, Jesada "Wee" Simla, wanted to learn how to make butter-laced croissants, they didn't turn to online videos or enroll in a pricey cooking class. Instead, they posted a request on their local time bank in the city of Sebastopol, 50 miles north of San Francisco. Soon, a retired professional chef invited them into his kitchen, where they spent an afternoon rolling dough and laughing together, an experience that yielded more than just pastries. "He really was a master chef," Fels recalls, smiling as he flips through photos from the day of flour-dusted smiles, crispy crescents, joy captured in crumb and crust.



Rotarian Michael Fels (right) and his partner, Jesada "Wee" Simla, learn to make croissants through their local time bank.

Time bank members volunteer



This, Fels explains, is what a time bank is all about. "You give an hour of your time and earn an hour in return," he says. "And sometimes, what you get back is so much more."

Time banks operate on a premise that feels both old-fashioned and quietly revolutionary: that everyone has something to offer and that everyone's time and skills are valued equally. In this benevolent economy, an hour spent fixing a neighbor's faucet is worth the same as an hour of tax prep or Thai cooking.

In brief, a time bank does with time what other banks do with money: It stores and trades it. People receive credits — typically measured in hours — when they provide a service to another time bank member. Those cashing in credits for a service have their account debited. Through an online platform, registered users can offer and request services and log their credits and debits. Money isn't exchanged, though members might agree to cover expenses such as supplies or gas money. The system is flexible, allowing people to offer as much or as little time as they want and even the option to donate their credit hours to a friend or a community pot.

Thousands of time banks with several hundred thousand members have been established in at least 48 countries, stretching from the rural villages of Senegal to bustling cities in Japan, from China, New Zealand, Malaysia, Argentina, and Brazil to countries throughout Europe with millions of hours exchanged. In the United States alone, more than 500 local networks are helping more than 40,000 members reimagine what it means to belong, to be needed, and to give back. Some time banks specialize in clearly defined missions, such as a focus on support for parents of children with disabilities or to provide eldercare and hospice services to fill a need other organizations can't address. There are even time banks that aim to reduce recidivism for juvenile detention and help with social reentry for people leaving prison, on the belief that it may support their well-being and strengthen their relationships and social ties to their community.

In Sebastopol, a town of just over 7,000 people, the local time bank boasts 300 members. Fels, an author and playwright, offers his expertise in editing, and his partner, Simla, who hails from Thailand, volunteers rolling authentic Thai spring rolls. Others exchange rides to the airport, plumbing repairs, or a few hours of company on a lonely afternoon.

For Fels, the president of the Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise, his engagement with Rotary and the time bank go hand in hand: "The idea of both is to bring the community closer together." His Rotary club focuses on community service, and in a recent survey, more than half of its 40 members overwhelmingly noted community service as the most important aspect of their membership. "We might help a member with some house repairs they can't manage on their own," Fels says, offering an example of where the time bank and Rotary overlap.

Read further : <https://www.rotary.org/en/neighbors-are-helping-neighbors-through-time-banks>

GANESH DARSHAN AT MEMBER HOMES



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महाराष्ट्र दिनमान ठाणे
जिल्हा, 14 ऑगस्ट, 2025

महिलांसाठी आरोग्य शिबिराला उत्सफूर्त प्रतिसाद

■ दिवसमात्र प्रतिनिधी

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LIFE and TIME are the world's best teachers.
Life teaches us to make best use of Time and
Time teaches us the value of Life

Dr APJ Abdul Kalam

BIRTHDAYS

05 AUG - Rtn Santosh Rawat
23 AUG - Rtn Dhwani Shah
25 AUG - Rtn Madhura Kulkarni
31 AUG - Rtn Chetan Jagtap