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Monthly Bulletin

August 2024

KNOW YOUR MEMBER



Rtn. N. Kalyan

BE SOMEONE'S
SUNSHINE
WHEN THEIR
SKIES
ARE GREY

DRUG ADDICTION AWARENESS

On 30th July 2024, the Rotary Club of Thana West organized a crucial awareness session on "Drug Addiction Awareness" at Jhaveri Thanawala School for specially challenged students with speech and hearing impairments. This enlightening talk was led by Dr. Lucky Kasat, a fellow Rotarian and practicing pediatrician.

Dr. Kasat provided a comprehensive overview of the various drugs that are often peddled around schools and the tactics used to lure teenagers and students into trying them. He emphasized the significant role of social tactics and peer pressure in leading students towards addiction. To aid parents in safeguarding their children, Dr. Kasat shared vital signs to look out for that might indicate a change in their child's behavior due to drug use.

One of the key takeaways from Dr. Kasat's talk was his guidance on how parents should approach their children if they suspect drug use. He advised parents to avoid labeling their child as an addict. Instead, they should approach the subject with empathy and understanding, explaining that addiction is akin to a disease and can be treated.



Rotary Club of Thana West creates Drug Addiction Awareness for the Specially Challenged



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Furthermore, Dr. Kasat addressed the critical issue of date rape drugs, providing female students and their parents with preventive measures to protect themselves. To ensure the message reached all attendees, a teacher simultaneously interpreted the talk for the speech and hearing-impaired students.

After the session, when the event photos were shared with Dr. Kasat, he reflected on this unique experience, saying, "If you see the photo carefully, you'll see a teacher interpreting my talk, my every sentence, in sign language for the senior deaf and mute students! This experience was totally new and of benevolence to me! A Rotary moment for me of an unexpected dimension!"

The event saw the participation of over 60 students and parents, underscoring the community's commitment to addressing the pressing issue of drug addiction. The Club was represented by Past President Rtn. Sadhana Vaze, Rtn. Shobhana Deshpande, and Club Secretary Rtn. Sriram Seshan.

The event received high appreciation from both the audience and the school authorities for its impactful content and the thoughtful inclusion of all students. The session not only raised awareness about drug addiction but also empowered parents with the knowledge to protect and support their children effectively.

COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINIBILITY



Tree Plantation at Sandashi, Karjat

Our environmental efforts took us to Sandashi, Karjat, where we participated in a tree plantation drive organized by Flaship Biotech Pvt. Ltd. (a company of PP Rtn. Kedar Vidwans) under CSR in association with our Club. This initiative not only contributed to the local ecosystem but also highlighted our shared commitment to sustainability

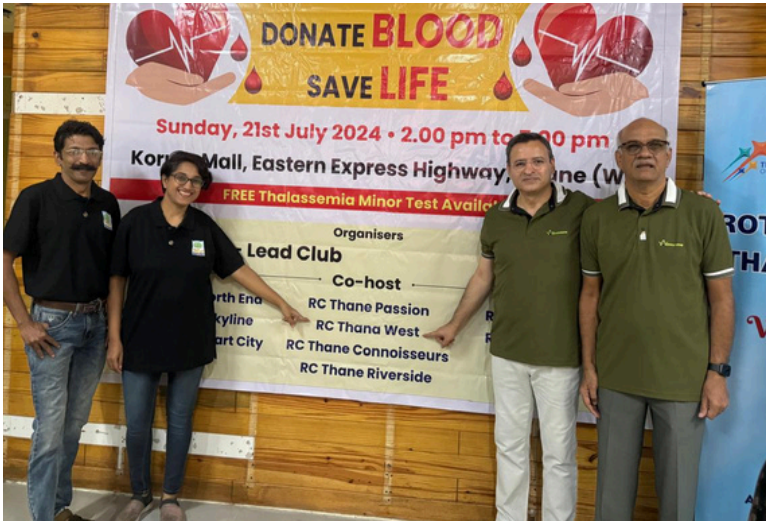


SERVICE BEFORE SELF



Blood Donation Camp

Our Club co-hosted a blood donation camp on 21st July 2024 at Korum Mall-Thane, providing an opportunity for our members and the community to make a lifesaving impact. Blood donation is a crucial service that our club is proud to support regularly



Club Officers & BoD at District PI -PR Seminar

This month was also marked by our attendance at the District PI-PR Seminar, where we gained valuable insights into enhancing our public image and community engagement.



KNOW YOUR MEMBER



PP. RTN. N KALYAN

- Past President, Rotary Club of Thana West
- Past District Secretary, RI District 3142
- Past Chairman, The Indian Institute of Welding
- Past Joint Secretary, Indian Society of Analytical Scientists
- Past National President, Association of Indian Laboratories
- Life Member
 - Indian Institute of Metals
 - Institute of Indian Foundrymen
 - American Concrete Institute
 - Asia Middle East Chemists Association
- Past Committee Member, Thane Small Scale Industries Association
- Committee Member, Thane Manufacturer's Association
- Member, Accreditation Committee of National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories
- Member, National Mirror Committees for Standards, Bureau of Indian Standards

This month, we had the pleasure of learning about the incredible journey of Rtn. N. Kalyan, a distinguished member of our Rotary Club.

As the proprietor of ELCA Laboratories, Kalyan has been at the forefront of material testing in India for over 50 years. Founded in 1974, ELCA Laboratories has grown from a small wet chemical lab in Thane to a leading testing facility with multiple state-of-the-art labs across the country. Under Kalyan's visionary leadership, the lab has become synonymous with excellence, offering a wide range of testing services, including mechanical, chemical, metallurgical, and environmental testing.

Beyond his professional achievements, Kalyan has made significant contributions to various industry bodies, serving in leadership roles such as Past Chairman of The Indian Institute of Welding and Past National President of the Association of Indian Laboratories. His dedication to maintaining the highest standards in the industry is evident through ELCA's numerous accreditations, including ISO/IEC 17025:2017 certification. Kalyan's journey is a testament to his unwavering commitment to quality, integrity, and innovation in the field of material testing.

Kalyan's contributions extend beyond his professional life, as he has also been an active member of our Rotary community. As a Past President of the Rotary Club of Thana West and Past District Secretary for RI District 3142, he has played a pivotal role in numerous service projects and initiatives. His leadership and dedication to service have left a lasting impact on both our club and the broader community. Kalyan's story is one of relentless pursuit of excellence, both in his vocation and in his commitment to service above self.



RECOGNIZING OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

As a testament to the hard work and dedication of our members the Club was recognized with prestigious District citations and awards for the year 2023-24. These accolades, included -

- Diamond Legacy Club Award - for extraordinary generous support and Contributions during the Excellent Year
- Excellent & Impactful Secretary - to Excellent Secretary Rtn. Kanwal Tikoo during the Excellent Year 2023-24
- Awesome TRF Platinum recognition - for committing \$300 per capita for the Awesome 2024-25
- PASHA of Public Image -Appreciation award
- Awesome Recognition - for Committing 15% Membership Growth





FROM THE EDITORS DESK

This month has been a testament to the vibrant and dynamic spirit of our Rotary Club of Thana West, with a series of impactful initiatives and enriching experiences that reflect our unwavering commitment to "Service Above Self."

Highlights of Our Month

A highlight of our activities was the Drug Awareness session conducted by Rtn. Dr. Lucky Kasat. This session, specially arranged for students, parents, and teachers at Jhaveri Thanawala School for specially challenged with speech and hearing,

underscored our dedication to addressing critical societal issues. The engagement and responses from all attendees were deeply encouraging, reinforcing the importance of such outreach.

Continuing our environmental efforts we participated in a tree plantation drive at Sandashi, Karjat, organized by Flaship Biotech (a company of PP Kedar Vidwans) under CSR in association with our Club. This initiative not only contributed to the local ecosystem but also highlighted our shared commitment to sustainability.

In addition, we co-hosted a successful Blood Donation Camp, an event that once again demonstrated the power of collective action in saving lives. The enthusiasm and participation from our members and the broader community were truly inspiring.

Fellowship & Learning

The month also saw us gathering for a delightful monsoon picnic hosted by Rtn. Keshav Kulkarni, whose hospitality made the event particularly memorable. It was a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and bonding amidst the serene beauty of the monsoon season.

This month's 'Know Your Member' (KYM) session featured Rtn. N. Kalyan, a distinguished member of our Rotary Club and the visionary proprietor of ELCA Laboratories. With over 50 years of experience in material testing, Kalyan has been instrumental in transforming ELCA Laboratories from a small wet chemical lab in Thane, founded in 1974, into a leading testing facility with state-of-the-art labs across the country. The lab is now synonymous with excellence, offering a wide range of services including mechanical, chemical, metallurgical, and environmental testing. It was truly inspiring to hear about Kalyan's journey and the impact his work has had on the industry.

We were also privileged to host expert guest speakers who broadened our horizons on crucial topics. Discussions ranged from the environmental impact of Electric Vehicles to the strategic intricacies of Chess, an analysis of the Union Budget 2025, and the principles of Positive Peace. Each session was a treasure trove of knowledge, leaving us better informed and more engaged with the issues of our time.

Recognizing Our Achievements :

This month, our Club also had the honor of attending the PI/PR Seminar and was recognized with prestigious District citations and awards for the year 2023-24. These accolades, including the Diamond Legacy Club Award, Excellent & Impactful Secretary, Awesome TRF Platinum recognition, and the PASHA of Public Image appreciation award, are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our members.

As we look back on a month filled with achievements, learning, and camaraderie, we are reminded of the strength and unity that define our Rotary family. Let us carry this momentum forward, continuing to make a meaningful impact in our community and beyond.

Yours in Rotary,

Harshvardhan Surve
Bulletin Editor
Rotary Club of Thana West

FELLOWSHIP & FUN NEVER STOPS

Glimpses from the Awesome Monsoon Picnic
Graciously hosted by Rtn. Dr.Keshav Kulkarni





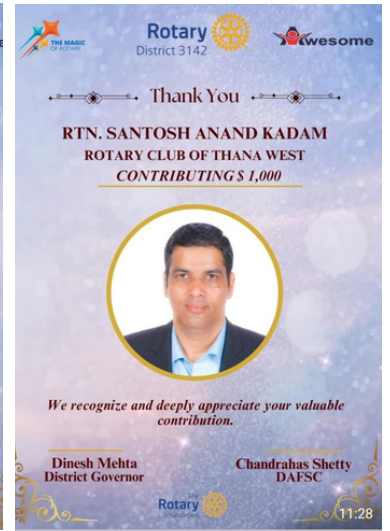
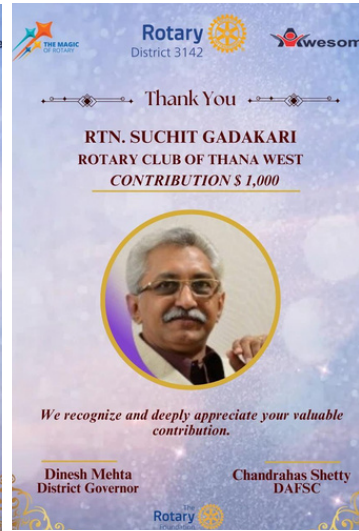
TOGETHER AT THE THEATER

Fellowship at Musical show by Arya Ambekar.
An outstanding fellowship initiative by Rtn. Deepanjali Mengale



CONGRATULATIONS ACHIEVEMENTS

We are proud to extend our heartfelt thanks & congratulations to Club President Rtn. Kanwal Tikoo, PP. Rtn. Sadhana Vaze, PP. Rtn. Suchit Gadkari, and PE. Rtn. Santosh Kadam for their commendable contributions of \$1,000 each to The Rotary Foundation. Their generosity and commitment have been recognized by the district, and this acknowledgment is a testament to their unwavering dedication to the values of Rotary.



ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS OF THE MONTH

ACHIEVEMENTS

3rd Sept. - Rohan and Tanvi
 Tasgaonkar

2nd Sept. - Mast. Omkar Gitte
 20th Sept. - Rtn. Dr. Suresh
 Deshpande
 28th Sept. - R/Ann Sunanda
 Kewalramani
 30th Sept. - R/Ann Bhavana
 Vaishampayan

Congratulations to Club Secretary
 Rtn. Sriram Seshan on finishing as
 Second Runner Up in the Monsoon
 on Wheels 4.0 cycling event
 organised by Indian Cyclist 2020

Club Officers & BoD 2024-25

Club President
 KANWAL TIKOO

Club Secretary
 SRIRAM SESHAN

President Elect SANTOSH A. KADAM
IPP SHRIRANG W. DESHPANDE
Treasurer MANOJ RANGRAJ JAIN
Sergeant-at-arms PRASAD M. BORDE

Club Administration - Rtn. Sriram Seshan

Membership - Rtn. Kedar Vidwans

TRF - Rtn. Suchit Gadkari

Public Relations - Rtn Arya Patnaik

Vocational - Rtn. Sadhana Vaze

Medical [Service Project] - Rtn. Dr. Arohi Tasgaonkar

Non Medical [Service Project] - Rtn. Harshad Mengle

International - Rtn. Shirang Deshpande

Youth [New Generation] - Rtn Rohan Tasgaonkar

We Meet Every Wednesday : 07:30 pm

Meeting Venue: Shrimati Savitridevi Thirani School, Vartak Nagar, Thane (West)

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