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RCBN



RI President's Note

I congratulate you on your Installation to the office of Club Presidents of Rotary Clubs in District 3141.

Rotary needs your leadership now more than ever if we are to make every club and district an irresistible experience.

By following Rotary's Action Plan and ensuring all members feel a sense of belonging in your club, you have a special opportunity to inspire members to new heights of service.

Our ability to create lasting change begins with our Rotary family. Together, it is within our power to bring healing to a divided world.

Join me in making Rotary a source of strength for those who need it most, both within and beyond our membership.

Let this be the year we harness the magic of Rotary, and let Rotary be known as an organization that takes care of its members as well as the people we serve.

It is within your power to help make your club a beacon of goodwill and fellowship in your community.

I look forward to working beside you as we change the world with The Magic of Rotary.

Warm regards,

STEPHANIE A. URCHICK
President, Rotary International
2024 - 2025



Key Focus Areas of the District Governor



PEACEBUILDING AND
CONFLICT PREVENTION



DISEASE PREVENTION
AND TREATMENT



WATER, SANITATION,
AND HYGIENE



MATERNAL AND
CHILD HEALTH



BASIC EDUCATION
AND LITERACY



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT



ENVIRONMENT

DG's visionary words

"Dharam, presidency lasts only a year but friendships that you make here will last a lifetime"

CHETAN DESAI
District Governor,
Rotary International
District 3141



From the President's Desk

Dear Rotarians, Partners and Friends

As I assimilate my thoughts in words of the activities since I got installed as President, I can't believe that 6 months of the Vibrant year are over! Time flies and how!!



Every avenue of Rotary – Service, Vocational & Fellowship, we have done well so far. While in project activities we continued with our hallmark project activities at Vivekananda Netralaya, Muni Sewa Ashram & the SRCC Hospital, we started some new projects as well. The year began with RCBN pledging to carry out 40+ pediatric cardiac surgeries at the Satya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital at Kharghar, a project which we inaugurated with the star cricket. Shri Sunil Gavaskar and the humble Chairman Shri Shriniwas. Our AKS member and PP Suresh Gandhi was the prime donor for this CSR project.

In the field of community service (medical), we took up another new project – establishment of an Amnion Bank at the National Burns Center at Airoli, a joint project with the Rotary Club of Deonar. This bank will run parallel to our Skin Bank. The doctors at NBC under the guidance of Dr. Sunil Keswani are coordinating with Gynecologists from Navi Mumbai and Amnion donations have already started coming. I would like to thank PP Dr. Satya Agarwala, Rtn. Mehul Shah & Rtn. Hitesh Sharma for taking a lead in this project.

At Charter Day, we announced the setting up of a Retina Bank at the PNR Society at Bhavnagar.

I am pleased to announce that under the CSR grant, the commitments have already been collected and the project is underway. Prime Mover for this project is

PP Suresh Gandhi. We had planned to visit Bhavnagar but unfortunately our flight got canceled at the last minute. However, we plan to visit PNR Society soon.

We have been part of the District Blood Donation Drive project and every month at different railway stations, RCBNs banner is proudly displayed amongst other Rotary clubs of our district in the noble endeavor. We had a Mega dental camp at the National Girls High School where over 800 girls were screened for dental issues and oral hygiene instructions were given to all the students. 49 of the girls were taken to the D Y Patil Dental College & Hospital in Navi Mumbai for treatment of root canals and extractions of teeth. This was part of the District Dental Awareness project. Heartfelt gratitude to PP Hemendra Shah & PP Rukhsana Khan for managing and coordinating this project with invaluable support from VP Hemangini Desai. We have had grants to Vivekananda Netralaya of more than Rs. 10crore till date. The global grant for US \$194,934 has been cleared and the project has begun. This would be potentially our last project as Vivekananda Netralaya is becoming self sufficient.

We are continuing with the Bone Marrow & Oncology surgeries at the SRCC Hospital and as promised at Charter Day, we will start a new Global Grant by the end of January for Pediatric Oncology Surgery at the SRCC Hospital. Our Prime Mover is AKS members and PP Dr. Rajendra and Dr. Sonal Agarwal who have committed \$30,000 for this project. Total project cost will be over Rs. 1 crore. Soon next month, we shall be having two eye camps, Cataract & Squint correction – at Malegaon & Deolali in February.





We intend to carry out dental camps at our other Interact Schools and a dental and eye camp at the Worli Welfare Centre for BDD Chawl residents.

We plan to implement our commitment for the water projects in Palghar area as part of Integrated Rural Village Development Project, Prime Mover PP Suresh Gandhi with generous contributions from Rtn Gautam Gandhi and PP Dr. Rajendra & Dr. Sonal Agarwal. Our solar lamp project too is being actively pursued by Rtn AshoknDoshi & Rtn. Shirish Tare, A project worth Rs.20 lakhs of which Rs.15 lakhs have been committed by Dr. Rajendra and Dr. Sonal Agarwal

Jeevan Dhara, a project started last year is being continued this year, an initiative to help the students of the cheetah camp at Mankhurd and Govandi. This project was envisioned by Rtn A. K. Viswanathan and is being led by Rtn. Bharti Shah.

Vocational Service- this year we are focusing on reviving the Vocational service within the club. Under the Chairmanship of of the trio of PP Dr. Habil Khorakiwala, PDG Vijay Jalan , PP Vijay Lazarus & Rtn C I Gandhi , we had a champagne breakfast and round table meeting with members and spouses talking about themselves and their professions, followed by a presentation of what the Vocational Committee plans to do in the year - from talks to symposiums highlighting the ethics and essence of Rotary. We also had one cluster meeting of the Gabbar group over breakfast discussing different vocational avenues and ideas. Our newest find, Rtn Dr Vidya Mukund , too is actively involved planning this area of service and I have just been told that they have one more fun event planned in February.

Fellowship - well what can I say! The Fellowship Committee team has kept us all on our toes in the last six months. Installation in July, a superb Charter Day event in August, a get together brunch in October, Venue courtesy Sarla & Suresh Mittal. a trip to magical Mahabaleshwar in November and the year ended with the Maskatis hosting us at their lawns over asumptuous dinner and great music in a Jingle n Mingle get together in December! Thank you Dr Quresh & Sajeda for the lovely, lively evening.



Kudos to Fellowship Committee chair Dr. Anuradha Shah, Co chair Bhupendra Mehta and advisor PP Vijay Lazarus for meticulous planning and execution. None of this would've been possible without the steadfast support of all our cluster group chairs and Co chairs and cluster leader Rtn. Kamal Lakhotia. I shall let the pictures speak for the all the fun and joy that we shared in these events.

Coming up soon after OCV will be a one day picnic to Alibaug, courtesy the Khorakiwalas. PP Dr. Habil & PP Nafisa Khorakiwala are leaving no stone unturned as they host us on the 19th of January for a day filled with games, music, kite flying and full dhamal a la RCBN style! So gear up and get ready guys

Our club has been blessed with members who take up responsibility and follow it up to the T! VP Hemangini Desai's name is synonymous with our Interact Schools & the Worli Welfare Centre. From distribution of advanced e learning kits at National Girls High School to organizing their installation , from being a part of the dental camp that we conducted to starting a new project – Maitri Sanskar, a value based education program at 4 of our 5 interact schools, she truly is a one woman army.

This year we started another value based initiative for slum children of the worli slums. We joined hands with Khel Khel Mein to set up a center at the Casa Vita Montessori School at Worli, where children of all ages from worli slums come and learn about the important moral values of life. Through art, craft, skits, field trips , we can see the children bloom and become better individuals. We had the opportunity of celebrating Diwali with them and it truly was a joyous event for the ones that attended just seeing how enthusiastic the children were, their enthusiasm rubbing off over our festive spirit as well.



If there is one constant in our club, it's our weekly meetings. Where other clubs struggle to find a good speaker every fortnightly , our Program Committee lead by PP Nafisa Khorakiwala, Co chair Rtn Yash Kale and all the members, effortlessly have found gems of speaker every Saturday, making every meeting unique! From spirituality to stardom,

from movers and shakers in the health and fitness field to makers of engineering marvels, Team Program Committee has taken us on a dream journey from Willingdon Club to Mani Bhavan and the GPO ! I can only wait with bated breath for their plans for the rest of the year. Sargeant at Arms Dr. Jinish Upadhyay has ensured that every member and guest is well fed , new novelties every Saturday morning, and we start all our events and meetings on time.



Our association with our partners in-service, the Inner Wheel Club of Bombay North, was further strengthened this year with two projects. A dental, ENT and eye camp at the SPJ Sadhna School for special children and a unique sports event at the Igatpuri Sports Complex, a joint venture of RCBN & IWCBN. The Sports day saw over 400 children participating in table tennis, badminton, volleyball and carrom! What an exhilarating experience that was to see the children give their best and compete whilst we cheered. Gratitude to the Sports Committee led by Rtn Mehul Shah, PP Nafisa Khorakiwala and the entire team.

RCBNs membership got a boost with the addition of 6 new members in the last 6 months. With classifications varying from Paediatric Cardiologist to Medical Anthropologist, from Soft skill teacher to Solicitor and Trophy makers, the Membership Committee led by PP Habil Khorakiwala and team have succeeded in a smooth addition and assimilation of our new members into our fold. Our mantra this year of Acquaintance to Friendship and Friendship to Family still holds strong.



Our TRF/GG/CSR team too have put in all their efforts to make this Vibrant year a memorable one. With 2 new CSR grants already approved at the Satya Sai Hospital & PNR Society, one more is in the offing for the Integrated Rural Village Development Project. Another Global Grant at the SRCC Hospital will be made by the end of January. Our cadre reviews at both the SRCC Hospital & Vivekananda Netralaya went well and we were appreciated for our role in the work being at both the institutions. Thank you Chairperson PP Hemendra Shah, PP Suresh Gandhi & PP Mahendra Thacker.



My Inspiration Team! What started with Teen deviyan and bechara President is now a fully functional team with Rtn. Shama Juneja leading it, ably supported by Rtn. Sherebanu Khorakiwala, Rtn. Madhvi Tanna, Rtn. Rashida Anees and our energetic new member Rtn. Dr. Vidya Mukund. This issue was the collective hard work of our Inspiration team with lots of support from Bhavna & Vidya



With Rtn. Bhavna Shah, our Honorary Club Secretary, by my side and all our committee chairs and with your love and support dear members, we shall make the rest of this Rotary year remarkable, fun and joyous for all. Cheers
Rtn Dr Dharam Popat
Club President

INSTALLATION CEREMONY



The Installation of Dr. Dharam Popat as the President of the Rotary Club of Bombay North, on the 7th of July, 2024, at The Four Seasons Hotel, Worli, was nothing short of a spectacular celebration, marking the dawn of a vibrant Rotary year filled with promise and excitement. As the baton of leadership was passed to Dr. Popat, the atmosphere crackled with energy, signaling a significant shift towards a new generation of leadership. This event was not merely a formality; it was a heartfelt embrace of change, a recognition of the potential that lies within the younger members of the club.



The day began with a beautiful invocation by Dharam Junior, who set the tone with a heartfelt delivery that resonated deeply with everyone present. The air was filled with a palpable sense of hope and enthusiasm as the room came alive with the stirring notes of the innovative rendition of National Anthem.

The winds of change have finally arrived, and they blew through the hearts of all in attendance, marking a pivotal moment that many had longed for over the years. The vibrant energy and innovative spirit of the event were palpable, with the involvement of numerous members showcasing the collective strength of the Rotary family. The invocation poem delivered by Dhvaj, the young son of President Dharam Popat, added a touching layer to the proceedings, symbolizing the passing of knowledge and values to the next generation.



In that moment, it truly felt as though the baton was being passed to Generation Next, igniting a fire of motivation and commitment within each member.



Despite the rain softly tapping against the windows, the warmth of fellowship enveloped everyone, creating an inviting atmosphere that kept spirits high. The welcome by the team was gracious, and the sumptuous spread of food was a feast for the senses,



The ceremony was expertly facilitated by the three Masters of Ceremonies, who stood proudly behind the Fellowship chair, sending a powerful message of respect and support for the women members of the Rotary Club. Their presence was a testament to the inclusive spirit that defines the club—a spirit that celebrates diversity and champions the voices of all its members.



We installed our President & his Board of Directors, added PDG Vijay & Kiran Jalan as the 8th AKS member of our esteemed club, inducted two new members - Shreekanth Adhiya & Dr. Vidya Mukund, released the club roster courtesy Tasneem & PP Asim Nagree & released the first issue of our Bulletin - Inspiration- sponsored by Rtn. Shama & Vicky Juneja, all in under 90 minutes!!!



The flow of the program was seamless, a testament to the meticulous planning and dedication of the installation team. Each speech was rich in content and delivered with passion, particularly First Lady Amisha's introduction of her husband, which was both heartfelt and poignant. Her words painted a picture of a leader who is not only dedicated to service but also deeply connected to his family and community.



As the program came to a close, it was evident that the event had been managed with professionalism and class. The names of the cluster groups sparked intrigue and excitement, hinting at innovative projects and initiatives on the horizon.

The installation ceremony was more than just an event; it was a celebration of hope, a reaffirmation of commitment, and a powerful reminder that the future of Rotary is bright and full of potential. Well done to the entire installation team for orchestrating such a beautiful and meaningful occasion. The Rotary Club is poised for an incredible year ahead under Dr. Dharam Popat's leadership, and the journey has just begun!

GRACE AND ELEGANCE



The word Grace is a word that has many shades of meaning. When partnered with Elegance, it makes a perfect combination. I believe that these two qualities, in unison, supercede any other quality one may have. Grace is the epitome of Elegance and Elegance is the epitome of Grace. Having one is good; having both is great !

Grace is when one does not retaliate to rudeness.
Grace is when one overlooks the faults of others or spares a minute to speak politely to the maid.
Grace is when one helps a child or old person to cross the road. For me, Grace is not your fancy gowns and expensive suits, but the way you act, speak and think.
Grace is also the way one handles a situation, with poise and composure. A person with grace is kind, sensitive, good mannered, ever ready to say please, thank you, and admit a mistake.

Elegance is a refined and polished quality that exudes sophistication and simplicity. It's a quality that can be seen in the way a person speaks and behaves, thinks and feels. It is the only beauty that never fades.

Living a simple life in this cluttered and materialistic world is Grace and living the same life respectfully, humbly and with poise is Elegance. They are like two sides of the same coin. They are two qualities that are universal, transcending religious and cultural prescriptions.

In our country, the Urdu words Tehzeeb and Nazakat have prevailed since ages. The high culture of the Ganga Valley is called Ganga-Jamni Tehzeeb,

which is refinement, politeness and polished behavior. Such is the universality of Grace and Elegance.

Grace and Elegance are a powerful combination that can make a person, from any strata of society, truly unforgettable. When someone possesses both qualities, one exudes a quiet confidence, a sense of self assurance, that is both captivating and inspiring. Grace charms and Elegance holds one spell-bound. Two true examples of grace and elegance that come to my mind are Audrey Hepburn and Maharani Gayatri Devi of Jaipur, both of whom are no more.

Mother Earth also moves with Grace and Elegance under the Moon and the Sun.

Some people are naturally blessed and endowed with these innate attributes of Grace and Elegance which come from within and which also depend upon how one has been moulded. They cannot be replicated and are to be treasured and nurtured throughout one's life. They are the silent language of the soul, where strength and tenderness entwine in perfect harmony.

So, in these fast-paced, chaotic times, let us imbibe and embrace, treasure and nurture these qualities of Grace and Elegance to make the world a better place.

-Mumtaz Kachwalla



A Decade of Service: My Rotary Journey



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Joining Rotary around a decade ago has been one of the most transformative experiences of my life. Although I joined Rotary Club of Bombay North (RCBN) at a very late age but in spite of that the learnings were quite different from my professional career. As someone passionate about community service, and looking for outlet for a long period of time, Rotary offered me a platform to make a real difference while connecting with like-minded individuals. I had a chance to deal with members coming from all walks of life. Each member is a leader in his own right in their vocation & profession. Over the years, I have had the privilege of serving as both a dedicated member and a leader, culminating in over two years as president of RCBN from 2019. This journey has been marked by challenges, triumphs, and countless moments of inspiration. As I reflect on this incredible experience, I hope to share how Rotary has enriched my life and continues to fuel my passion for service.

Becoming Part of Something Bigger

I joined RCBN in 2013. This is the year when, my loving wife, Bhavna become President of Inner Wheel Club of Bombay North. She persuaded me to become member of RCBN. I still vividly remember the day I first attended a Rotary meeting. I was drawn to the warmth of the members and the shared commitment to improving our community. I really enjoyed listening to speakers from different walks of life which helped me understanding different perspective. What started as a simple curiosity quickly grew into a deep sense of belonging. Initial two to three years were difficult as it took long time for me to develop relationship with other members. Partly this was due to limited time availability as I was very much engrossed in my professional career. Once I got involved with some of the committees, etc. things began to change. I immersed myself in various large service projects, from initiations to completion. This helped me in understanding the Rotary process for CSR and Global grants, interacting with NGOs/ Charitable Institutions, International Rotary Partners, District officials, etc.

One of the most memorable moments of Rotary Year 2019-2020 was that we applied for 7 global grants with total size of all the 7 projects exceeding US\$ 1.35 million. This was the record not only at RCBN but also at our District level. These are multi year projects and therefore execution is over a number of years. Seeing first-hand how our collective efforts improved the lives of so many, reinforced my belief in the

power of teamwork and service. It was during these moments that I truly understood Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self."

Leading with Purpose as President

Serving as president of RCBN was both a great honour and a tremendous responsibility. During my tenure, I had the opportunity to lead a team of dedicated members who were united by a common goal: to make a lasting impact in our community. As our past has been commendable in all areas, be it Fellowship, Projects, TRF, Vocation etc., we decided to have our theme for 2019-2020: to Consolidate our present activities, ensure Consistency and enable their Sustainability. I believe, we achieved what we set out to do.

End of 2019-2020 and whole of 2020-2021 has been a very difficult period for all of us due to COVID 19. In spite of that we took up the challenge and decided not to hinder our activities; however, we had to modify significantly how we operate. We adapted ourselves to New Normal. This also led us to come out with our theme for 2020-2021 which is Beyond Horizons to establish relationship with partners, Leaders of Leaders to develop young leaders, and Virtual Vibrancy to make our club technological savvy.

One of my proudest achievements as president was to keep members active during pandemic by having regular meeting, fellowships programs, cluster group programs, executing projects, etc. Witnessing the joy on members face through virtual platform, all dressing up and actively participating in debates, dances, etc. made me certainly proud of RCBN.

Of course, leadership came with its challenges. Balancing the demands of my role while navigating unforeseen obstacles, such as coordinating efforts during the pandemic, required resilience and adaptability. Yet, these experiences also taught me the value of perseverance and the importance of collaboration. Without support of members this achievement would not have been possible. I must say my lovely wife, Bhavna supported me significantly in all aspects, especially fellowships.

I continued till date with equal vigor TRF, CSR and Global grants, even after I relinquished my post as President of RCBN.

Looking Ahead with Hope

As I look back on the past decade, I am filled with gratitude for the experiences and connections Rotary has given me. This organization has not only allowed me to serve but has also enriched my life in countless ways. Moving forward, I am excited to continue this journey of service and to inspire others to join us in creating positive change.

Rotary has shown me that service transcends boundaries and unites people from all walks of life. My hope is that more individuals will discover the joy and fulfilment that comes from giving back. Together, we can build stronger communities and a brighter future for generations to come.

PP Hemendra Shah

Charter Day Commemoration Ceremony

63rd CHARTER DAY- RCBN

25TH AUGUST 2024.

VENUE: JIO CONVENTION CENTRE.

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
RCBN

Cherishing the joys of today and the memories of yesterday.

The stars sparkled at the Jio Convention Center on the 25th of August as RCBN celebrated its 63rd Charter Day! 4 new members were inducted into our family- Dr. Supratim Sen, Shabnum Kajiji, Nargis & Zohar Attari - welcome!! We now stand strong at 109!

Our Golden Rotarians - Charter Member & PP Babulal Todi, PP Dr. Habil Khorakiwala, PP Dr. Rajendra Agarwal & PP Firoz Kachwalla- got recognized for being continuous members of our club for 50+ strong years!



Our Fabulous Fund Raisers - PDG Vijay Jalan, PP Hemendra Shah & Rtn. Upendra K. Ikarni. Magic was woven with generosity from our magnanimous donors. We collected Rs. 1.94crores in just 15mins !!

Our Dear Past Presidents - CONGRATULATIONS, to all of you! It was tough to say what was the best - the quiz, the troika of our 3 Lady Presidents skit or the video we made for you!! Every minute of your presentation was a delight to view. Thank you Dr. Quresh for planning & conducting the quiz so well. From the stage, till the last row, everyone



who heard you was in rapt attention and then the buzzzz of answers followed! Special thanks to 3 special ladies - Rukhsana Khan, Nafisa Khorakiwala & Nafisa Kachwalla- your experiences as a President in a jovial skit was fabulous! Salute from all the gentlemen!

Our New Members- our latest additions , put up an amazing skit and wonderful dance performance! To come up with something in a day , practice just once and perform in front of 100+ people is by itself a big achievement. Congratulations ladies! And the Grand Finalè, the customary cake cutting with the video displaying childhood and adolescent picturea of our Past Presidents was a smashing hit!



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Vibrant Year 2024-25

Alleviate— Brighten— Cultivate.

"Embracing Vibrancy: A Journey of Inspiration, Unity, self- exploration and Transformation"



7th July'24

Starting a vibrant year with an installation ceremony as colorful as a descending rainbow sets the tone for a year filled with excitement and positivity.

In the tapestry of events that mark the beginning of this vibrant year, each moment unfolds like a vibrant documentary .



20th July'24

The inaugural talk by Siddharth Jain on Polonius' advice serves as a poignant reminder of the unity that connects all beings and the journey towards self-realization, urging individuals to delve deep within to understand their true nature and purpose.



13th July'24

The narrative takes an inspiring turn with a keynote address by the esteemed Boman Irani , whose journey from a child with speech impairment to overcoming dyslexia and achieving remarkable success stands as a testament to resilience, determination, and unwavering spirit.

His story resonates with all in attendance, serving as a beacon of hope and motivation for those facing their own challenges and obstacles.



27th July'24

The subsequent club assembly showcases a tapestry of proposals and initiatives put forth by different committees, reflecting a collective vision and commitment to making a positive impact in the upcoming year.



3rd August'24

An insightful awareness talk by Dr. Mazda Turel not only brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the table but also offers a unique perspective on taking charge of one's life and prioritizing health, empowering individuals to make informed choices for their well-being.



10th August'24

Dr. Usha Thakkar takes us through a session on Gandhian philosophy and its relevance in contemporary

times offering a reflective conclusion to the series of events. Delving into the timeless principles of nonviolence, truth, and social justice espoused by Mahatma Gandhi, wherein you are encouraged to introspect on your actions and strive towards creating a more harmonious and equitable world, guided by the wisdom of the past.



25th August'24

The celebration of the club's charter day adds another layer of significance to the on the on going events, honoring past presidents and commemorating the foundation of the club. The festivities continue with a quiz for past presidents, a lighthearted skit on welcoming newcomers into the club, and a dance performance emphasizing the core values of the importance of being part of the family.



31st August'24

The month culminates with a talk by Lubaina Rangwala on unpacking climate action for the citizens of Mumbai, shedding light on green infrastructure to finding nature based solutions to address long term climate risks and importance of environmental awareness and collective responsibility.



14th September'24

The journey progresses with the anticipation of the first Vocational Fantasy of KYC round table meeting, offering a unique opportunity to "know your colleague" in a setting of camaraderie and collaboration, complemented by a Champagne Breakfast that sets the tone for meaningful connections and shared experiences.

28th September'24

The quarter crescendos with a thought-provoking talk by Aadil Palkhiwala , a life guru, who delves into the intricate relationship between the body, mind, thoughts, and emotions, emphasizing the power of self-exploration and introspection in discovering one's purpose and finding true joy.



5th October 2024

The RCBN held a prestigious event to honor PP Dr. Quresh Maskati with the Vocational Knight Award for his outstanding contributions to ophthalmology surgery. The presentation featured Mr. Sanjay D. Patil, who showcased the remarkable engineering achievement of the Atal Setu bridge , which connects Mumbai and enhances navigation across the ocean



19th October'24

Mr. Nanda Kumar Saravade addressed the pressing issue of cybercrime, highlighting alarming trends and shocking stories that underscore the need for vigilance.



26th October 2024

Renowned musician Mr. Rajeev Raja captivated the audience with a fusion of jazz and flute . His performance showcased his numerous accolades, including the creation of the musical logo MOGO , leaving attendees thoroughly entertained.



23rd November'24

A thought-provoking talk by Dr. Prakash Kothari explored the themes of sex, sexuality, and ghazals, encouraging open dialogue on these important topics.



30th November '24

RCBN members participated in a heritage walk led by Katyayani Agarwal, a curator of museums and cultural spaces. The walk to the General Post Office at CST station proved to be an enlightening experience, deepening appreciation for the area's rich history



7th December'24

Tanay Mandowara , a holistic coach, conducted a session on redefining well-being by integrating ancient wisdom with modern practices. He emphasized four key aspects of health: quality sleep, nutrition, physical activity, and emotional well-being. Additionally, the day celebrated the wedding anniversaries of four RCBN couples with a Champagne Breakfast.



14th December'24

The annual general body meeting was convened to discuss various organizational matters, ensuring members were updated on ongoing initiatives and future plans.



21st December'24

The final event of the year was the pre-OCV meeting, where different committee chairpersons presented their reports, enlightening members about the progress and activities undertaken throughout the year.

As the tapestry of events unfolds, each thread woven with inspiration, unity, and self-exploration, only adds depth and richness to the overarching narrative of a vibrant year ahead.

A VIBRANT LUNCHEON



The vibrant year (2024-2025) started with a rendezvous of the Charming Anne's of RCBN on 31st, July, 2024.

A strong turnout of around 36 Anne's attended. We met over a sumptuous lunch at Eve at Worli.

The Anne's shined bright in shades of "Sunshine Yellow" as per the theme.

A wide spread of delicacies awaited the Anne's at the mesmerising warm hues of Eve. Over free flowing mocktails, old friends connected with each other as new friendship bonds were forged.

The excitement got palpable when the games started and the bonhomie was at its zenith by the time desserts were served.

The warmth and support showed by all the Anne's truly touched me. All in All, it was a great beginning of the vibrant year and looking forward to many more such get together.

Yours Truly,
First Lady Amisha Popat

RCBN's Projects



Inauguration of Operation Restore- wherein corrective surgery for burn patients is carried out at National burn Centre(NBC)

July'24

1st July:

Vibrant Rotary life Saving Express- RCBN Co Hosted blood donation drive at Churchgate station along with 9 other Rotary Clubs to collect 62 bottles of blood which was donated to St George Hospital.



2nd July:

RCBN distributed 40 Advanced stem Kits to 8th and 9th standard kids at National Girls High School which designed to provide hands-on learning experiences.



10th July- 14th July:

Army Good will School- the progress taking place at the construction of new building at Kupwara is happening at a fast pace thanks to our CSR Grant.



13th July:



18th July:

Installation ceremony of 5 Interact schools was carried out at Social Service League school.



25th July:

July Free Medical Camp - a dental, eye and ENT camp was conducted for special children at the SPJ Sadhna School in Sophia College grounds along with IWCBN. Beneficiaries- 70 students



31st July:

RCBN along with Khel Khel Me

Inaugurated our slum project for Chawl kids at Casa Vita Montessori wherein the kids will be given value based education.

Project cost - Rs. 4 lakhs

Beneficiaries- 30+ children from Worli slums.



August'24

3rd August:

Establishment and Grand opening of the Amnion Bank at the National Burns Centre at Airoli. Project cost - Rs. 20 lakhs



13th August:

Jointly hosted Blood Donation Camp for St George Hospital at CST Railway Station along with 16 other Rotary Clubs and 3 IW Clubs. 119 units of blood were collected and donated to St. George Hospital, CST.



16th August:

Sports Complex at Igatpuri saw it's first set of matches being held their for football, boxing, chess and yoga.



24th August:

RCBN inaugurated it's project at Shri Satya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital at Kharghar. Done through a CSR grant of over Rs. 60 lakhs, 40+ children will undergo free heart surgeries at the esteemed institution which goes by the slogan - No Bill, Only DilPrime Mover- PP Suresh Gandhi



28th August:

Dental Camp was conducted at National Girls High School as part of the district awareness program for 803 girls.



30th August:

RCBN conducted blood donation Camp at Churchgate station and collected 105 bottles of blood which was donated to Railway Hospital.



September'24:

3rd September:

Yesterday, at the Sharadashram Vidyalaya, the Interact Club organized a "Fireless Cooking Competition." A total of 19 students from the 8th and 9th classes participated.



20th September'24

RCBN conducted a joint Rotary club blood donation Camp at Dadar station wherein 61 bottles of blood collected was donated to Nair Hospital's blood bank.



20th September-

RCBN has been supporting PNR Society by executing our global Grant for early Intervention and resource centers for children with Neurological disorders and now we are planning to set up Retina Clinic.



23rd September-

RCBN through GG 2453656 Inaugurated their 2nd phase of expansion of Vocational Training Centre at Muni Seva Ashram, Goraj, Gujarat.



24th September'24

25 of the 49 girls from National Girls High School were taken for treatment at the D Y Patil Dental College & Hospital in Nerul, Navi Mumbai for root canal treatment and extraction of decayed teeth.



24th September'24:

RCBN conducted orientation for Interacterst at SSL school to introduce them to Rotaract.



27th September:

Nashik inter- college Badminton Tournament was held at our Sports Complex Igatpuri.



October'24

3rd October-

Project Dental Awareness & Treatment.

29 Girls were treated for dental cavities, root canals and tooth extraction at DY Patil Dental college and Hospital , Nerul.



7th October:

RCBN conducted joint club blood donation Camp at CSMT station and collected 58 bottles which was donated to Jagjivam Ram Railway Hospital.



22nd October:

RCBN donated 130 food packets to slum dwellers at Cheetah Camp area in Mankurd through Jeevan Dhara organisation.



25th October:

RCBN in association with Khel Khel Mein organized Diwali celebration for slum kids at Casa Vita Montessori , Worli.



November'24:

14th November-

RCBN along with Rotaract club of Churchgate organized children's day celebration bring hope to young cancer patients at Cancer Aid and Research Foundation.



December'24:

6th December:

RCBN distributed 50 food ration packets to slum dwellers through Jeevan Dhara organisation.



7th December

A fun day was spent at the Igatpuri Sports Complex on Saturday 7th of December. Members of RCBN & IWCBN had organized an indoor and outdoor sport contest for children in and around the Sports Complex at Igatpuri. We saw an overwhelming response with almost 400 children who came out to play carrom, table tennis, badminton and volleyball from early morning itself. From managing their meals to jumping from one sporting avenue to another ,members of both RCBN & IWCBN thoroughly enjoyed watching the children enthusiastically play the sports, something words honestly can't describe.

Cash prizes for the events were sponsored by Rtn Kamal & Jayshree Lakhota.

Medals were sponsored by Rtn Zohar & Rtn Nargis Attari.

Grass cutter for the lawn sponsored by

PP Rtn Nafisa Khorakiwala.



21st December-

On 21st December 2024, the team of "Maitri Sanskar" conducted a transformative Teacher Training Session at the Social Service League Hall, Parel.

The session witnessed enthusiastic participation of 43 teachers across all grades from the following Interact schools:

1. SSL English Medium and Marathi Medium Schools.
2. Maratha Mandir's Babasaheb Gawde High School, Worli
3. Saraswati Mandir High School, Mahim
4. Sharadashram Vidyamandir Tantrik Vidyalaya, Dadar

The training focused on equipping teachers with the knowledge and tools to effectively implement the Maitri Sanskar Curriculum in their classrooms. This unique curriculum is centered on five fundamental human values:

- Friendship
- Forgiveness
- Truth
- Selfless Service
- Purification

Teachers appreciated the relevance of the curriculum in today's world, emphasizing the need to nurture these virtues in young minds. They expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Rotary Club

Total cost of project: Rs.60,000/- (Rs.10,000 sponsored by VP Hemangini Desai)

Number of beneficiaries: 400 school children

RCBN @MUNI SEVA ASHRAM

“A thing of beauty is a joy for ever”, is the famous line of Poet Keats.. on 23 rd Sept 2024, at muni seva ashram we had a joyful experience that substantiates this quote. Spread over approximately 1000 acre, MSA emitted divinity from the start, blessings of the great souls .



Their founder Smt. ANUBEN

herself was a noble lady full of compassion, whose heart throbbed for the poorest of the poor, for the local tribal children whose parents could never dream nor afford to give them attention or education due to their meagre earnings as farmers.

For them, Anunben came as an angel, with resolution to transform their lives. She Initiated this social work, with utmost sincerity - Faith in her ability , and a paltry sum of ₹50/ in her hands.



It is said that she was only abiding by the “ adesh” of her guru .. hence the suffix of ashram.

Our contingent of 23 members was privileged to witness first hand, how MSA has blossomed into a fruit bearing tree.. giving multiple benefits and happiness in the environment; - To the recipients it gives hope by enhancing their lives whereas to the donors like RCBN , it's an opportunity to serve, contribute and create value in the society.

MSA, oozes the same Love warmth and compassion even after almost half a century..

Our observant RCBN team, under president Dharam Popat and Hon. sec Bhavna Shah, was not only impressed and awestruck by the massive undertaking of the project but also appreciated its salient features, Cleanliness, spaciousness discipline and maintenance.

Walking in the corridors gave us a feeling of being in a meditation Center - No high decibels to distract or disrespect one another.



Our hosts, Pradip bhai and Malini Ben together with MSA staff kept a constant vigil on the timings of every ward inspection, inaugurations as well as speeches and other interactions.

What MSA offers at Vocation training center is unbeatable . The drone department, E vehicles, assembling of electrical scooters, CNC machine operations, Welding, Beauty parlour training, computer lab, and much more.



School for nursing , Eklavya English school for Adivasi students, bhagini mandir for mentally challenged women, vanaprastha mandir for elderly and still more , all these areas under one umbrella showed us that MSA is unstoppable ..

MSA cancer hospital is one of the the largest hospital in the country that beats the muscular metros of our country in terms of equipment, doctors, and affordability. Here, the selfless service is genuine and palpable, translating into Trust.

RCBN feels proud and privileged to be able to extend its humble participation towards this gigantic philanthropic work undertaken by MSA where our PP Pradip bhai and Malini Ben have been associated for almost for 4 decades. Pradip bhai is currently a trustee of the Ashram

In the Rotary 4 way test we believe in the power of one - and its ripple effect . Hence, there's no greater joy than to see a society thrive at all levels. MSA is a living example of that possibility.

Rtn. Jagruti Durani .

RCBN Members Birthdays & Anniversary

For the month of October



Rtn Deepak Himatsingka
Birthday 1st October



Anne Shivani Shah
Birthday 1st October



Rtn Upendra Kulkarni
Birthday 2nd October



Anne Vidya Sekhsaria
Birthday 3rd October



Anne Sulochna Sekhsaria
Birthday 6th October



Rtn Girish Walawalkar
Birthday 6th October



Rtn Jagmohan Sekhsaria
Birthday 10th October



Anne Renu Behl
Birthday 9th October



Anne Maitreyee Tambe
Birthday 10th October



Rtn Ashwin Shah
Birthday 11th October



Anne Shakera Quettawala
Birthday 13th October



Anne Tilotama Purohit
Birthday 15th October



Rtn Vidya Mukund
Birthday 21st October



Anne Tasneem Nagree
Birthday 23rd October



Anne Kamla Todi
Birthday 28th October



Anne Amisha Popat
Birthday 28th October



Anne Anuradha Tare
Birthday 28th October



Rtn Nick Israni
Birthday 30th October



Rtn Animesh Shah
Birthday 31st October



Rtn Dr Girish And Alka
Walawalkar
Anniversaries 17th October



Rtn Dr Vispi and Daisy
Jokhi
Anniversaries 10th October



PP Rtn Ruksana and
Shafaat Khan
Anniversaries 3rd October



RCBN Members Anniversary

For the month of November



Rtn Firoz Kachwalla

Birthday 2nd November



Anne Gitadevi Tibrewala

Birthday 2nd November



Anne Deepika Shah

Birthday 4th November



Rtn Chandru Thadani

Birthday 4th November



Rtn Manraj Deep Singh

Birthday 4th November



Rtn Yashodan Kale

Birthday 4th November



PP Rajendra Agarwal

Birthday 6th November



Anne Monica Shah

Birthday - 8th November



Anne Pallavi Shah

Birthday 8th Nov



PP Vijay Lazarus

Birthday 10th November



Anne Dr Naseem Padaria

Birthday 12th November



PP Dr Quresh Maskati

Birthday 13th November



Anne Asha Kanodia

Birthday 16th November



Anne Urmi Shah

Birthday 20th November



Rtn. Shafaat Khan

Birthday 21st November



Rtn. Viraj Gandhi

Birthday 21st November



Rtn. Hemant Thakker

Birthday 22nd November



Rtn. Shibani Gandhi

Birthday 23rd November



Anne Beejal Mehta

Birthday 24th November



Rtn. Sharat Tugnait

Birthday 24th November



Rtn. PP Hemendra Shah

Birthday 25th November



Rtn. Bharti Shah

Birthday 26th November



Rtn. Suresh Mittal

Birthday 29th November



Rtn Kamal & Ragini Chokshi
Anniversarie-12th November



Rtn. Rashida & Late KSM Anees
Anniversarie-15th November



Rtn Lalit & Asha Kanodia
Wedding Anniversary 19th November



Rtn Hitesh & Renuka Sharma
Wedding Anniversary 27th November



Rtn Zainuddin & Shakera Quettawalla
Wedding Anniversary 27th November



Rtn Mandar & Maitreyee Tambe
Wedding Anniversary 30th November

RCBN Members Anniversary

For the month of December



Rtn Pradip Shroff
Birthday 6th December



Rtn Madhavi Tanna
Birthday 6th December



Rtn Vishamber Sewakramani
Birthday 9th December



Rtn Dr Ashok Ajmera
Birthday 9th December



Rtn Dinesh Toprani
Birthday 14th December



Rtn Kamal Chaddha
Birthday 14th December



Rtn Junana Saifuddin Saria
Birthday 25th December



R/ann Nina Sanjay Shah
Birthday 21st December



R/ann Bharat Shah
Birthday 21st December



Rtn A K Viswanathan &
Jayshree Viswanathan
Wedding Anniversary 3rd December



Rtn Baldev & Usha arora
Wedding Anniversary 6th December



Rtn Firoz & Mumtaz Kachwalla
Wedding Anniversary 7th December



Rtn Abbas & Femisa Arsiwalla
Wedding Anniversary 7th December



Rtn Shabbir & Sakina Shakeer
Wedding Anniversary 7th December



Rtn Dr Dharam & Amisha
Wedding Anniversary 10th December



Rtn Gautam & Bharti Gandhi
Wedding Anniversary 13th December



Rtn Vijay & Kiran Jalan
Wedding Anniversary 13th December



Rtn Dr Jinish & Chirangi Upadhyay
Wedding Anniversary 14th December



Rtn Ashish & Rupal Ganatra
Wedding Anniversary 19th December



Rtn Saifuddin & Jumana saria
Wedding Anniversary 19th December



Rtn Shibani & Viraj Gandhi
Wedding Anniversary 25th December



Rtn Dr Queresh & Sajeda Maskati
Wedding Anniversary 25th December



Rtn Saif & Tasnim Attar
Wedding Anniversary 26th December

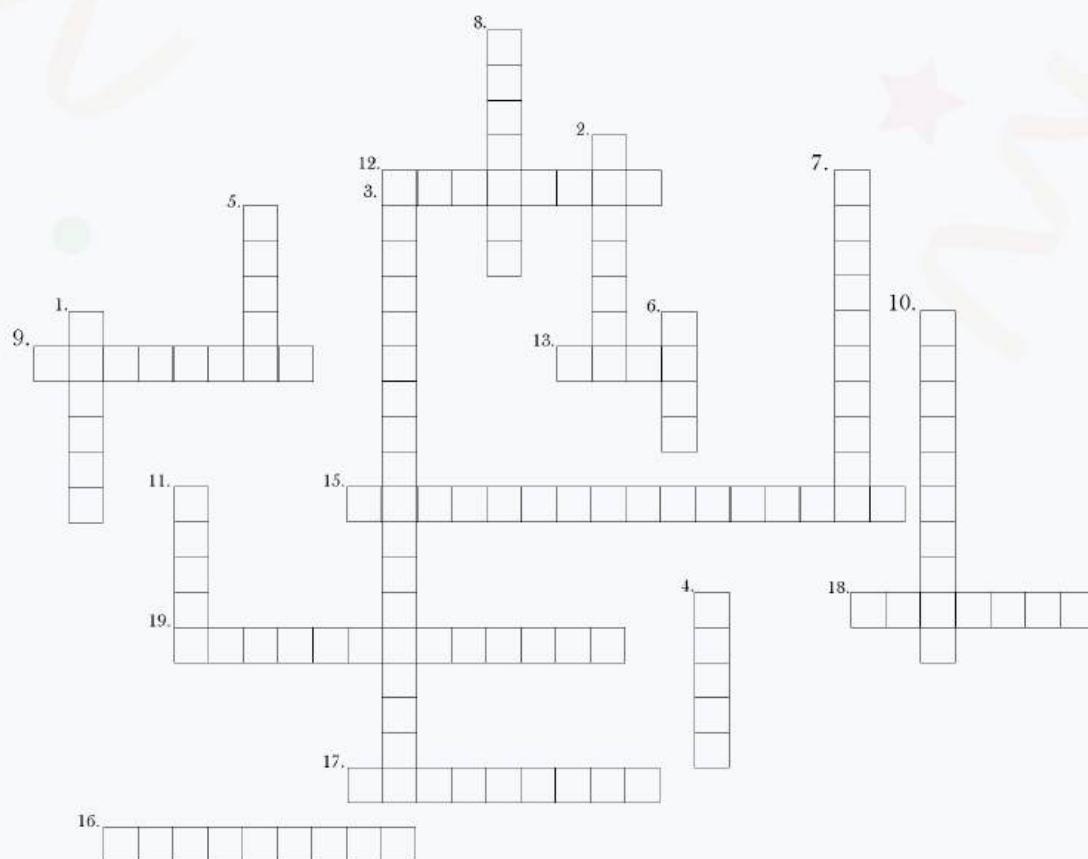


Rtn Dr Rajan & Sonal Agarwal
Wedding Anniversary 28th December



Rtn Hemant & Veena Thakkar
Wedding Anniversary 29th December

CROSSWORD



Down:

1. A word that begins with 'R' and ends with 'Y'
2. When is Rotary Awareness Month
3. What does RI stand for?
4. Is it the? The Four-Way Test
5. Symbol of Rotary
6. Is it To all Concern?
7. Second Avenue of Service
8. Installation Ceremony of Year
9. Will it Build and Better Friendships
10. Partner Organizations
11. Every Rotarians an example to ...

Across:

12. A person in Rotary is called a
13. Service offered to Youth
14. The motto of Rotary
15. Pillar of Rotary
16. Rotary started with Vision of...
17. Four of Service
18. Who conceived the Four-Way Test?

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BOLLYWOOD QUIZ



S	D	E	V	A	N	A	N	D	X	T	M	N	O	W	D	T	M	O	K	H	J
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F	G	X	X	O	X	M	Q	R	S	I	D	H	B	X	X	E	S	M	D	R	G
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V	B	V	Z	A	C	X	E	G	H	L	O	H	A	H	H	B	H	X	Q	H	X
R	I	S	H	I	K	A	P	O	O	R	O	D	N	S	D	C	S	B	D	D	Q
A	N	N	I	S	H	X	Z	A	C	T	R	S	I	S	H	J	G	T	F	A	X

1. Lagta hai aaj har ichcha poori hogi ... par mazaa dekho ...
aaj koi ichcha hi nahi rahi

2. Sab kuch khuda se mang liya tujhko mangkar ...
uthte nahi hai haath mere is dua ke baad

3. Apne yahan ki mitti ki khushboo hai na ...
woh toh ajnabi logo ki saanson mein bhi sanskar bhar deti hai

4. Mujhse paanch minute na milkar ...
aapne apna paanch lakh ka nuksaan kiya hai

5. Har ishq ka ek waqt hota hai ... woh hamara waqt nahi tha ...
par iska yeh matlab nahi ki woh ishq nahi tha

6. Raajneeti mein jeetna bahut zaroori hai kyun ki haare
huye log desh ki taqdeer nahi badal sakte."

7. Dil mein aata hoon, samajh mein nahi

8. Waqt hi sab kuch hai ... waqt hi banata hai ... aur waqt hi bighadta hai

9. Zameen pe baithi bahut acchi lag rahi hai tu, aadat daal le
kyunki teri kursi toh gayi

10. Sher Khan kaale ka dhanda karta hai ... lekin imaandari se.

11. Lucknow da kurta, Pathani salwar... tab lage mard, warna lage bekaar

12. Kahin na kahin, koi na koi mere liye banaya gaya hai ...
aur kabhi na kabhi main usse zaroor milongi

13. Jitna bhi try karo Bunny, life mein kuch na kuch toh chootega hi.
Toh jaha ho wahin ka mazaa lete hai"



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Get Together Brunch



Magical Mahabaleshwar





Jingle & Mingle





Editors Musings

New Year,
New Beginnings,
Choosing how to live is in our hands,
So let's make each moment count.

HELLO DEAR ROTARIANS,

Join us as we reminisce about the past year and embrace the new one with open arms and a smile on our faces.

For all of us, I'm sure it was an eventful year, full of memories we've created together.

Another year has passed, and just as a stream or river flows to join the vast seas, the years merge into decades, becoming a collection of life's moments and time gone by.

The year we leave behind gifts us with a treasure chest some treasures we cherish, others perhaps not as much. Each of us holds a unique chest, filled with experiences that shape our journey.

In every experience, whether good or bad, there are lessons to be learned and wisdom to be gained.

Every year, we grow through these lessons.

Some beautiful souls have come into our lives through birth and friendships, while others have left us as their journeys came to an end. There have been challenges we've overcome and countless new lessons learned.

As we look back, we can recall cherished memories: Moments of celebration, joy, accomplishments, and growth. Alongside them were moments of disappointment, hardship, and adversity each enriching us with resilience, acceptance, strength, and, above all, growth.

When we reflect, we realize the strength within us that carried us through and gave us hope for the future. We are surrounded by the most beautiful souls and supported by the universe itself. Memories captured in our minds often bring a smile to our faces and now, with technology, they are preserved in pictures, too.

Now that we have embarked on a new year, let us choose: Gratitude, compassion, empathy, and the resolve to act with these values, whether in happiness or adversity.

Let us embrace this year with a commitment: Together, let us spread love, kindness, and compassion to create a more harmonious world.

May this year bring us abundant blessings, new opportunities for growth, and strength.

May every breath we take be filled with hope, determination, and a grateful heart.

May we always hear the sound of laughter our own and that of our loved ones.

With a skip in our step and joy in our hearts, let's move forward into a fun-filled and enriching year ahead.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year!

"IF ONE DREAM SHOULD FALL AND BREAK
NEVER BE AFRAID TO PICK UP ONE PIECE AND BEGIN AGAIN "
LET US ROTATARIANS WALK AND GO THROUGH 2025
WITH LITTLE STEPS KNOWING THEY WILL GET BIGGER RESULTS



SHABBIR KHORAKIWALA:

A Legacy of Hope, Generosity and Love

For a light that has glowed with kindness, there is no death—only a change of world. Blessed were the people who knew this soul. He was a light filled with hope, kindness, empathy, and compassion.

He truly lived by the principle:

"When the right hand gives, let the left not know."

Everyone fortunate enough to have crossed paths with him has their own story of his kindness to share. He was passionate about everything—whether it was reading, art, or food. He was also an excellent cook, albeit wonderfully inconsistent.

He could never make the same dish taste the same twice and would jokingly say that if he ever opened a restaurant, he would name it "Inconsistent."

Shabbir loved children, and his face lit up whenever he was around them.

His laughter still rings in the ears of those who loved him, a memory that continues to warm their hearts. His heart held no room for anything but kindness and love, and his tongue spoke no words of negativity.

As a son, he cared deeply for his parents, always striving to fulfill their wishes.

As a brother, he was endlessly giving. As a husband, he was truly "the wind beneath the wings." And as a father, he was the spine that supported his daughters.

His favorite book was "Illusions" by Richard Bach—a fitting choice for a man who inspired those around him to see beyond the ordinary.

Blessed are those who met him, for in some way, their lives were touched by his light. He continues to live on in the hearts of many—within a smile, a memory, or a thought.

His was a life lived for others—a life that inspires us still.

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