

INSPIRATION -RCBN



*Let's
Inspire!*



RCBN

PRESIDENT 2025-26

R I President's Message Month of August 2025

This month and every month

August is Membership Month, but our commitment to growth and connection is year-round. When we focus on growing Rotary, we grow our ability to serve, to lead, and to bring lasting change.

**Membership growth isn't just about numbers. It's about opening doors. It's about inviting more people who are ready to give their time, talents, and hearts to a cause greater than themselves. When we welcome new members, we bring in fresh ideas and new energy. We expand our impact, strengthen our clubs, and ensure that Rotary continues to evolve with the world around us.*

**Remember, there is now great flexibility in fashioning nontraditional club models. I'm inspired when I see these innovative clubs thrive by offering new and prospective members more ways to connect and serve.*

In Korea, the growth of satellite clubs has created opportunities for nearly 1,000 new members to find their place in Rotary. In Romania, the close collaboration between Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors has built a pipeline of future leaders. In India, some Rotarians gather around a shared interest – whether it's professional development or a passion for service – and those connections deepen their commitment and their joy in being part of Rotary. And we've seen cause-based clubs thrive in regions as diverse as Southeast Asia, Africa, and Europe.

There's a common thread: Where clubs are growing, membership is a priority and there is a willingness to try something new. Rotary is not limited to one structure or tradition. We are a global network of people of action, and that means there is room for many kinds of clubs, many ways to serve, and many paths into our organization.

This spirit of innovation is also guiding our efforts to reach new communities. In places where there has never been a Rotary club – or where a club once existed and faded – Rotarians are finding ways to grow Rotary. They are identifying areas of potential and building clubs that reflect the character and needs of their communities.

Every member plays a part in this journey. Whether you introduce a friend to your club, support a new meeting format, reconnect with program alumni, or simply share your Rotary story, you are helping our organization grow stronger and more vibrant.

No one owns a Rotary club. It is a gift we pass on to the next generation. When we nurture that gift, when we invite others to share in it, we ensure that Rotary continues to be a force for good.

Let's prioritize membership growth – not just in August but every month of the year. Together, through friendship, creativity, and shared purpose, we will grow Rotary and Unite for Good.

FRANCESCO AREZZO

President 2025-26,
Rotary International

WE ARE ROTARIANS

WE BRIDGE CONTINENTS

WE BUILD COMMUNITIES

WE SERVE ABOVE SELF

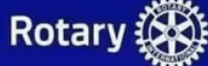
WE CURE DISEASE

WE BUILD MINDS

WE BUILD PEACE

WE BRING HOPE

WE SAVE LIVES



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THE FACE BEHIND THE ROLE

Rtn. Bharti Shah.



For someone who may not know her, Bharti Shah is that quiet force who consistently makes a meaningful difference—never seeking attention or praise. She works with deep humility, letting her actions speak volumes. Warm, generous, and ever willing to help, Bharti believes in giving wholeheartedly and serving with sincerity.

Moved by the silent struggles of loneliness and frustration that many senior citizens face—especially post 60—she took it upon herself to create a space of joy, connection, and companionship. In 2019, she founded a senior citizens' group that has now grown to 330 members. With 12 thoughtfully curated programs held each year, the group offers everything from engaging activities to shared meals, bringing warmth and happiness into their lives. Seeing their cheerful smiles is her greatest reward.

Bharti has also been at the helm of the Mahila Mandal Group since 1999, nurturing a vibrant community of 334 women, aged 20 to 80. As President for 26 years, she has overseen the successful execution of 146 programs—an average of 7 to 8 events every year—designed to uplift, empower, and engage women across generations.

Her husband, Bharat Shah, is in the steel import-export business and actively serves on several temple committees. Together, the couple runs their charitable trust, which supports causes close to their hearts—education, healthcare, and food distribution.

Their shared mission is simple yet profound: to spread joy and bring smiles to the faces of those they serve.

ANN-TASTIC MOMENTS ...

From Dreams to Purpose: A Journey of Heart and Service Kiran Jalan



Born in Kolkata into a traditional Marwari business family, my childhood was steeped in culture, creativity, and curiosity. At the age of eight, I moved to Jaipur, carrying with me a deep love for art, poetry, and the soulful melodies of Rabindra Sangeet—echoes of a city that shaped my early worldview.

My academic journey took me through Sophia School, and there on to Indraprastha college in Delhi, where I pursued English Honours, followed by a Master's in Philosophy. With a passion to contribute meaningfully to society, I appeared for the UPSC exams, reaching the interview stage. But as life would have it, destiny had a different plan.

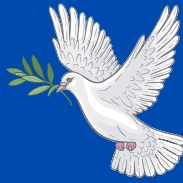
It was then that I met Vijay, whose presence brought love and partnership into my life. Marriage followed, and together we began not just a family, but also a shared journey of service through Rotary. Over time, the ideals and virtues of Rotary became not just principles we admired, but a way of life—driving us to reach out, uplift, and transform lives. This

spirit of empowering others, led me to be a cofounder of an all-women NGO—the Archana Foundation—with a group of 9 like minded women who shared the same dream. What started as a seed of purpose has grown into a thriving movement of 450 strong and committed women, working to empower and uplift women across sectors. We are blessed to have Mrs. Rajshri Birla as our Head and Mrs. Sangita Jindal as Co-Chair, leading this mission to ensure every woman becomes an achiever.

Today, I stand grateful—happily married to PDG Vijay Jalan, and a proud mother to two incredible children. My daughter Vrinda is a Career and Leadership Coach at Bain & Co, and my son Siddharth a Third generation Rotarian, is an entrepreneur with his own marketing and advertising firm. Their journeys reflect the values of purpose, perseverance, and progress we hold dear as a family.



IN MEMORIAM



A Beloved leader, Philanthropist and a Gentle Soul- Dr. Rajendra Agarwal



It is with profound grief we mourn the loss of Past President of RCBN, proud AKS member, pediatrician, and my beloved husband, Dr Rajendra Agarwal.

We were a perfect match for each other with similar interest in very field of life like arts, traveling across the word, serve the poor and simplicity in the life. My mother had given me a motto of PLAIN LIVING and HIGH THINKING. As a Rotarian, he was a towering figure in Rotary. He firmly believed in Rotary principles of service above self and motto of Four Way Rotary Test and always lived by it. He truly gave his TAN MAN DHAN to ROTARY.

He had unwavering faith in rotary Foundation. He wished to donate all his wealth for betterment of the society, rather than his material needs or comforts. He made sure that he visited every project he sponsored, and was happy to see that his donations were well utilized. His passion for service will continue to inspire generations of Rotarians. As a pediatrician, he was astute clinician with profound knowledge and great a teacher. He dedicated his life looking after sick patients at minimal cost, at any time of day and night. As a person he was humble, graceful, cheerful, compassionate with very positive thinking.

He was loved and respected by every person in his field and circle. He lived his life to the full, enjoying every moment traveling across the country and the world. He was passionate about arts like music, dance and drama, cricket & card playing, having enjoyed the later not long before his demise. He compared life to a pack of cards. You have to play the game with whatever cards you are given.

He advised me, "the life is gift of GOD and meant for living. You must live it with whatever are the circumstances. I will always be at your back and the GOD will give you enough courage and strength".

As a father, he was very loving and caring, gave his children good education and good SANSKAR and made them self-dependent. We all will miss him a lot. May the LORD grant him a place at HIS lotus feet and deliverance to his noble soul.

Dr. Sonal Agarwal



From the Editor's Desk

“No Rest for the Wordy!”

With the successful launch of our first e-bulletin and first edition

of Inspiration Magazine (cue the applause and confetti!), you might think the editor gets to put their feet up. Think again!

Just as the “Send” button was clicked, the next deadline started winking at me. Ideas are already brewing, typos are already plotting, and I’m back on the hunt for stories, photos, and those delightful little moments that make our club shine.

So here’s a gentle nudge—if something amazing, amusing, or inspiring has happened in your corner of the Rotary world, don’t keep it to yourself. Share it before I start inventing headlines like “Editor Interviews Her Cat Due to Lack of Content.”

Until then... stay kind, stay curious, and stay in touch!

Corrigendum [July Inspiration]

- **Dr. Habil Khorakiwala – “Chairperson of Wockhardt Hospitals” should be read as “ Founder Chairperson of Wockhardt Group”**
- **Rtn. Yashvardhan Kale should be read as “Rtn. Yash Kale.”**

Editor.

Touching lives- One Project at a Time



**1st Aug'25-
Interact Learning Assembly Sanskar at Mayor's Hall**



**2nd Aug'25-
Thalassemia Testing & Awareness at Lilavati Dayal School**



**10th Aug'25-
Medical and Breast screening Camp at SRA Dharavi**

Touching lives- One Project at a Time



11th Aug'25- Distribution of New Sewing Machines.

Installation Ceremony of President Burhanuddin Fatehi, Rotaract Club of Churchgate



District Projects

Tentative schedules- Subject to change

Events and Festivals

◆ **Onam- RCM Neo & Horizons - Deepak-
Sunday 7th September 2025**

◆ **Dandiya-Navratri -RCM Gen X- Kanderp-
Sat 20th September 2025**

◆ **Diwali - Mulund South**

◆ **Christmas- SOBO - Monica
Sunday 21st December 2025**

◆ **Lohri with 3142
Saturday 10th January 2026
(*3142* will host)**

◆ **Sankranti- Kite flying-RCM GGhatkopar-Ravi
Morning till afternoon
&
International Food Festival
Nariman Point Monica
Evening at MCA , BKC
Wednesday 14th January 2026**

**District Picnic
Feb 20-22nd 2026 at Poovar
Rotary Club of Mumbai SOBO**

District Projects

◆ Holi with 3142-
Mulund Valley- Ravi
&
Juhu Beach - *Kanderp
Wednesday March 4th 2026

◆ Rotary Premier League
With 3142
Clubs
Dates,
To be decided
(After Dist Conference)

◆ Beer Festival - SOBO
At Phoenix mill
Sunday 26th October

◆ Happy Street
Between 2nd - 9th November 2025
Indumati & Tehmina

◆ Rotal - Mahim
December - dates TBA

◆ Artisan Sutra - Tehmina
Dates- TBA

◆ Ruhaani Shaam – An enchanting evening of ghazals, followed by drinks
and dinner(Fellowship)

◆ A day picnic on RoRo to Alibagh - Broadwalk at Flamboyant

◆ International Picnic After Dist Conference
TBA

◆ Superlative Grand Fund Raising event - Rang de Basanti
for the family of martyrs 

Upcoming Club Projects

27th Sep Sports Day

2nd - 9th Nov Rotary Service Week

20th December 2nd TFR seminar

**10th and 11th Jan deolali - Squint eye
and plastic surgery camp**

17th Jan Pre OCV

31st Jan OCV

**7th - 8th Feb Discon District
conference 3141**

22nd March Eid celebration

Once a week - Rendezvous



**2nd Aug'25- Husband wife duo Mr.Raghu Palat & Mrs.Pushpa Palat
The case that shook the Empire**



**3rd Aug'25- 1st Fireside meeting- A warm beginning
Well arranged by Rtn. Sanjay Shah & Hosted by
Rtn. Dhanlaxmi Gandhi**



**23rd Aug'25- Walk the Talk-Alok Kejriwal
Socks,Saints,Games and GOD!**

'One should put forth their wholehearted efforts to achieve one's goals, and then surrender to God with faith. Such faithful surrender often brings results which are far greater and even better than our expectations!'

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