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# THE PRESIDENT

Mayuri Bhasin

*"I thank you all for believing in me and trusting me."*

It has been a great quarter for us as we have done more than a 100 projects and are leading the district in trf collections thus far. I never thought that we could ever beat other clubs!

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the Rotary Club of Bombay Pier has created history in Rotary by conferring three AKS members in our Club. We thank all the generous donors and look forward to many more in the years to come. Our Cervical cancer drive has been well recieved by media and served the purpose for which we had set out. We have a lot of first time achievements done in our Club this year and the biggest achievement is to see all our Club members happy. All this could not have been possible without the help and support of every member of the Pier family. I Thank you all for believing in me and trusting me. Look forward to the last quarter of my tenure as President.



# THE EDITOR

Yakuta Rassai

Panache is the voice of Bombay Pier. It will be a vehicle for promoting communication among all members of the club and stimulate camaraderie assimilating new members and enthuse the old ones through this magazine. We encourage participation from Members & Annes for content, articles, gossip, news and announcements about achievements and accomplishments of members and their families to ensure we have no strangers only and only friends in this club.

**Team:** Methoo Surty, Neeta Gajaria, Gunita Chada  
Sunil Mehta - *Director Club Services*  
Yakuta Rassai - *Chairperson Bulletin*

# CLUB SECRETARY

Karishma Shah

*“When one looks back with all that our Club has been able to achieve so far, it truly makes one feel proud!”*

Being the Club Secretary for an Incredible Year under the leadership of our Incredible President - Mayuri Bhasin has been a very fulfilling experience. I say this because it has given me a great sense of satisfaction to be directly or indirectly helping and being part of the process of driving the cause of the Rotary Club along with our passionate President.

We are almost at the end of the year 23-24 and when one looks back with all that our Club has been able to achieve so far, it truly makes one feel proud! So many different projects to help the lesser privileged people, so many types of fun-filled fellowships which only keeps getting our members more close!

As one plays the role of a Club Secretary one gets to experience the detailing required to create a road map of the entire journey along with the President. It provides one an opportunity to know about how much the District expects, how much paper work it entails to be maintained by the Club, how to closely work with all the Board members.

Signing off by reproducing a lovely quote which atleast motivates me a lot - ‘The very best thing you can do for the whole world is to make the most of yourself.’

We all should be grateful to God to have given us so much let’s all continue to do whatever we can in our own ways to help our Society.



# DIRECTOR

## INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

### Hussain Baldiwala

As the director of International services of Rotary Club of Bombay Pier, this year has provided numerous opportunities to liaise with other clubs, fostering collaboration and exchange of ideas. Being on the board has been a fulfilling experience, where teamwork played a crucial role. We worked cohesively, supporting each other's initiatives and leveraging our collective expertise to advance our shared goals. It's been a year of growth, learning, and making a positive impact in our communities.



# DIRECTOR

## NON MEDICAL SERVICES

### Amit Kumar Gupta

Working with the Incredible Board has been an enriching journey, defined by purposeful collaboration and impactful through dedicated service projects and community outreach, I've had the privilege of witnessing the positive change we can effect together. Whether it's providing essential resources to underserved populations or spearheading educational programs, our Club, the Pier family's commitment to service above self has been inspiring. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the Pier family specially our President Ms. Mayuri Bhasin for giving me this opportunity, which has not only deepened my understanding of social responsibility but has also instilled in me a profound sense of fulfilment and gratitude. Looking forward for all the coming year ahead till infinity, I remain truly committed to serve the underprivileged.





**COMMUNITY  
SERVICES**

## **SPONSORED WALL PAINTING WORK AT KHAREKURAN HOSPITAL**

**5TH JANUARY**

Our Club together with IW Club of Bombay Pier sponsored the wall painting work of Kharekuran Health Centre in Palghar about 10 kms from Station. Beneficiaries - More than 1000. Thank you Rtn Munaf Bandukwala for coordinating the same.



## **YOGA & MEDITATION WORKSHOP AT ASHA KIRAN**

**6TH JANUARY**

Yoga teacher Nafisa along with Partner Priti Shroff, started with breathing exercises. This was followed by Surya Namaskar and the various Asanas and Aum chanting. The workshop was attended by 2 prospective members Murtuza Sutarwalla and Poonam Agarwal. Thank you Priti.



## **SPONSORING OF FOOD GRAINS AND RATION KITS FOR TB PATIENTS**

**12TH JANUARY**

Our Club sponsored food grains and ration kits for 10 severely affected TB Patients at 2nd October Health Post, Shop No 13/14, Nisarg Building Bhoiwada, Parel. The Annapoorna was sponsored by an angel donor. The project is sustainable for six months. Thank you Rtn Munaf Bandukwala for attending and coordinating on behalf of all of us.



## **YOGA & MEDITATION WORKSHOP AT ASHA KIRAN**

**3RD FEBRUARY**

The children did standing warm ups, chakki asan paschimottasan butterfly, surya namaskar and much more in sitting. Attended by 20 children. Thank you Partner Priti Shroff and Yoga Teacher.



## ECD EDUCATIONAL CENTRE AT CHIMBIPADA, BHIWANDI

30TH JANUARY

On 2nd January, the centre celebrated Martyr's Day at the Center. 11th January 2024, Navbharat Saksharata Program - Cluster level training was conducted at the ECD Center for the school Principals of 16 schools in the Chimbipada cluster. 29th to 31st January 2024, Rani Lakshmi Bai Atmaraksha NGO arranged the Karate (Judo) training for 3 days. We had 168 Sessions on English, Math's & Science for the village students of Zilla Parishad school Chimbipada Std 1st to 6th and Std 10th from the adjoining Ashram school. 17 basic computer learning sessions covering Microsoft Office Excel application were conducted for 7th & 8th Students.



## PROVIDING PREVENTIVE AND CURATIVE HEALTH SERVICES THROUGH MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT PROGRESS REPORT FOR JANUARY 2024

31ST JANUARY

General Health OPD – No of OPDs 153, No of patients covered 9202, Number of patients referred 264. 13 Special Health Education sessions were organized. Beneficiaries 174. Education sessions on Family Planning, Menstrual Health, Nutrition, Personal Hygiene were carried out. Conducted 154 one on one sessions for the patients. On 24th and 25th January Health Checkup Camp was organised for 233 students of 1) S. G. Patil Vidyalaya and 2) Adarsh Vidyamandir, Wada. This included General Check up, BMI screening and Counselling on Nutrition. Testimonial - "As a beneficiary of the medical mobile unit, I cant express enough gratitude for the invaluable services it provides. The convenience of having medical professionals come to our doorstep to deliver exceptional care with compassion and expertise. They have truly become a lifeline for our community." Total beneficiaries 13,624.





## CSR GRANT FOR UNDER-PRIVILEGED NEW BORN BABIES

Our Club gives part financial support to financially challenged families whose infants are admitted to PICU AND NICU Wards. Received Rs 16,27,311.26 for Grant 2200057 supported by Corporate Donor Crosseas Capital Services Pvt Ltd of IPP Rtn Rajesh Baheti) in last RY.

### 30TH JANUARY

Baby Rudrasksh Sharma – 3 months' old, Pyelonephritis with Renal Fungal BAIL. Admitted in February 2024, RCBP contribution Rs 1 lakh, Patient contribution Rs 1.15 lakhs, amount borne by hospital – 10% on bill and amount from other sources Rs 50,000.



### 1ST FEBRUARY

SRCC/Case No. 18 / Baby of Mehvish Shaikh. The child is 6 months old and is admitted 29th January 2024. Diagnosis - Acute Kidney Injury with Septicemia. Patient contribution Rs 2.15 lakhs, amount borne by hospital – 10% on bill, amount utilised from other sources – Rs 1 lakh RCBP contribution - Rs 1,24,799 from CSR funds available with us.



### 3RD FEBRUARY

SRCC/Case No. 19 / Baby Prachi Jalguri. The child is 1 year old and is admitted 29th January 2024. Diagnosis - ARDS/ Septic Shock. Patient contribution Rs 1 lakh, amount borne by hospital – 0, amount utilised from other sources – Rs 50,000 and RCBP contribution - Rs 1 lakh from CSR funds available with us.



## YOGA & MEDITATION WORKSHOP AT ASHA KIRAN

### 10TH FEBRUARY

Under the guidance of Yoga Teacher, the children mostly did sitting and lying asans, sitting stretches, butterfly pose chalki asan paschimottasan, bhujangasan naukasan child pose cycling and variations of bhujangasan. Attended by 20 children.

Thank you Partner Priti Shroff.



## **SPONSORED A VAN FOR PERSONS IN NEED OF SPECIAL CARE**

**13TH FEBRUARY**

SNEHALAYA is a Thane based registered, voluntary, NGO involved in the vocational training, and rehabilitation of Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. The Centre for persons in need of special care is working for the development of 30 persons all above the age of 16 years as well as children with special needs all around Thane and Mumbai. The Centre is located in central Thane and has students coming from Mulund, Ghodbunder Road, Kalwa and Kharegaon. We donated a van to the Centre to bring these students from areas around the centre. The students also participate in special events across Maharashtra and their staff is required to attend meetings in other parts of state; the vehicle can also help for these travels. The van was handed over to them on Tuesday, 13th February. Project was attended by President Rtn Mayuri Bhasin and Rtn Amit Gupta.



## **SPONSORING OF FOOD GRAINS AND RATION KITS FOR TB PATIENTS**

**16TH FEBRUARY**

On 16th February, our Club distributed food grains and ration kits for 10 severely affected TB Patients at 2nd October Health Post, Shop No 13/14, Nisarg Building Bhoiwada, Parel. The ration was sponsored by an angel donor. The project is sustainable for six months. Attended by Rtn PP Ashish Shah, Rtn PP Shabbir Gabbajiwala, Rtn Munaf Bundukwala and President Rtn Mayuri Bhasin. Sponsored by an angel donor. Thank you Rtn Munaf Bandukwala for attending and organizing on our behalf.



## **ANNAPOORNA**

**16TH FEBRUARY**

On 16th February we organised Annapoorna Project at Jai Jalaram Maandir, Jayaram Bapa Chowk, Bhuleshwar. Healthy meal was served to 150 poor people. The project was generously sponsored by an angel donor. The project was attended by President Rtn Mayuri Bhasin.



## **YOGA WORKSHOP AT ASHA KIRAN 17TH FEBRUARY**

Under the guidance of Yoga Teacher, 16 children did standing Asans, Dharasana, Vrikshasan followed by Suryanamaskar, Butterfly Chalki Asan, Paschimottasan, Bhujangasan, Naukasan, forward bending and side to side stretches. Beneficiaries 16. Thank you Partner Priti Shroff and Yoga Teacher Nafisa.



## **YOGA & MEDITATION WORKSHOP AT ASHA KIRAN 24TH FEBRUARY**

With the assistance of the Yoga Teacher, the children performed the following Asanas. Surya Namaskar, parvat asasn, Butterfly chakki Asan, Jumping Jacks, Shoulder and Arms warm up exercises, Paschimottasan Partner Yoga, Chakrasan and Halasan. Thank you Yoga Teacher Nafisa and Partner Priti Shroff. Beneficiaries 30.



## **ECD EDUCATIONAL CENTRE AT CHIMBIPADA, BHIWANDI 29TH FEBRUARY**

A health check-up camp was organized on February 28th. Adolescent girls from K. N. Taware High School Joo-Nandurkhi and Government Ashram School Chimbipada came for the health checkup camp. Needy adolescent girls are helped in terms of education and regular health check-ups with counselling. In February, we had 164 Sessions in SarvaPrathamik Project Model and school-based syllabus (supplementary English, Maths & Science) for the village students of Zilla Parishad school Chimbipada Std I to VI and Std X from the adjoining Ashram school. 17 Home visits were conducted to beneficiary students every Saturday. Parents have started to take a keen interest in their learning. The center conducted 13 basic computer learning sessions covering Microsoft Office Excel – Making charts and diagrams & Microsoft Office PowerPoint for students of Std 7th and 8th.



## PROVIDING PREVENTIVE AND CURATIVE HEALTH SERVICES THROUGH MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT

29TH FEBRUARY

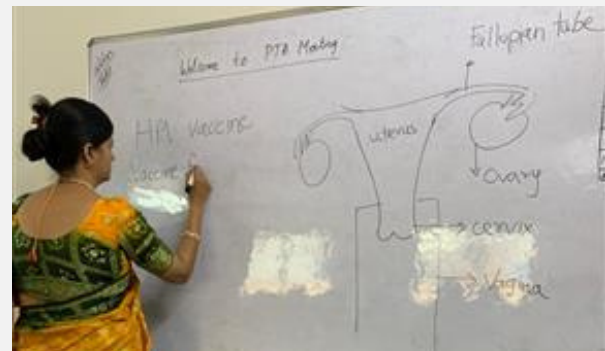
General Health OPD – No of OPDs 22, No of patients covered 1177, Number of patients referred 14. 29 Special Health Education sessions were organized for community people. Beneficiaries 404. Education sessions, on topics like Anemia, Menstrual Health, Nutrition, Personal Hygiene, have been carried out. The team has also conducted 209 one on one sessions for the patients. On 29th February to 1st March Health Checkup Camp was organised for 252 students of 1) B L Shingada Vidyalaya Sharda 2) Vidyalaya, Nehroli, Palghar, Wada. This included General Check up, BMI screening, Counselling on Nutrition and Personal Hygiene. Anthropometry - The team intervened a total number of 228 students from schools. The dental check-up camp was organized with the aim of providing free dental check-ups and basic dental care education to 24 participants from the community. Total patients covered 2099.



## AWARENESS DRIVE AGAINST CERVICAL CANCER AT ROYAL CITY SCHOOL, DHARAVI

1ST MARCH

President Rtn Mayuri Bhasin kick-started the Cervical Cancer project with an awareness program at Royal City School, Dharavi. Several parents attended. The school has 200 girls in the 9-16 age group. The administration of the vaccines will begin for underprivileged girl students of Dharavi from 4th March 2024.



## YOGA & MEDITATION WORKSHOP AT ASHA KIRAN

2ND MARCH

Under the guidance of Yoga Teacher, 17 children did Butterfly mountain pose, vrikshasan, bhujangasan, naukasan, chakki asan, paschimottasan and few sitting stretches.



## **VISIT OF CADRE 2ND MARCH**

A visit with the Cadre to view the check dams built in RY 2020-21 and the impact it has had on the villagers. The results were very satisfying. Through the Grant, 33 check dams were built. Total Grant size USD 312,355. Our Club was the Lead Club and one of the largest contributor to the District sponsored GG for the check dams. Thanks to the contribution given by Rtn PP Saif Qureishi of USD 150,000. Two of the largest check dams are exclusively in the name of RCBP and we inaugurated the two check dams on 2nd March 2024. Rtn PP Saurabh Soonawalla, PDG Rtn Sunnil Mehra, PE Rtn Kamlesh Shroff and President Rtn Mayuri Bhasin visited the check dams site on Saturday 2nd March.



## **PULSE POLIO NID 3RD MARCH**

Our Club participated in Polio NID on Sunday, 3rd March 2024 which continued for five additional days at 2nd October Health Post, Shop No 13/14, Nisarg Building, Bhoiwada, Parel. Bivalent drops are administered through P2 vaccine to children in all 17 centres. We arranged for veg biryani and conveyance for staff. Thank you PP Shabbir Gabbajiwala and Rtn Munaf Bandookwala for attending, coordinating and executing the project.



## **YOGA & MEDITATION WORKSHOP AT ASHA KIRAN 9TH MARCH**

With the help of the yoga teacher the children practiced the following Asanas: Paschimottasan, Parvatasan chakki asan and a lot of sitting and lying stretches, Bhujangasan, Suryanamaskar, Naukasan Pawan Muktasan, Standing few stretches. Beneficiaries 39. Thank you Yoga Teacher Nafisa and Partner Priti Shroff.



# DRIVE AGAINST CANCER

10TH MARCH

RCBP organised a high visibility FUN-D-Drive on 10th March with the objective of creating awareness for Cervical Cancer and its prevention. Chief Guest was Rajya Sabha Member Shri Milind Deora, Guests of Honour were Transport Commissioner – Maharashtra Shri Vivek Bhimanwar (I.A.S), BJP Corporator Smt Harshita Narvekar, Renowned News Anchor, Reporter, Journalist and Author Shri Rajdeep Sardesai, Bollywood Actor Ms Madhoo Shah, Founder of Meghashrey NGO and DG Rtn Arun Bhargava. There was a convoy of 20 cars moving together and each of the cars had peel off stickers stating “RCBP Drive Against Cancer” with mobile numbers mentioned on the promo. Pamphlets were distributed to create awareness. RCBP is committed to bring a change for non-affording girls by vaccinating the adolescent girl child between 9 to 24 years, giving them a healthier life.



## Rotary Club rallies for cervical cancer prevention measures

FUN-D-RISE SERVICE / MUMBAI

The Rotary Club of Mumbai Five, under the leadership of its president Mayuri Bhatia, will launch a cervical cancer vaccination drive on March 10.

Cervical cancer remains a pressing global health concern, claiming thousands of lives each year, particularly in low-income communities. In India, the burden of cervical cancer disproportionately affects marginalised populations, highlighting the urgent need for targeted interventions.

Emphasising the significance of this initiative, Bhatia said, “We recognise the critical importance of ensuring access to life-saving vaccinations and preventive care for all women, regardless of their socio-economic status. This drive reflects our collective commitment to

promoting equitable health care and building healthier communities.”

The drive will flag off with a car rally on March 10, starting at 11:00am from RCBP's Marine Drive. This rally will serve as a call to action for awareness, rallying community members and stakeholders around the importance of cervical cancer prevention and early detection. Following the rally, the club will embark on a mission to provide vaccination to underprivileged communities, including street dwellers in Mumbai South, underprivileged schools in Dharavi and Bandra, and other vulnerable populations.

The guests at the launch include MP Milind Deora, Transport Commissioner Vivek Bhimanwar, and Rotary district governor Arun Bhargava.



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to watch the video of the campaign

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to see press coverage of this campaign

## VEER NARI I - SALUTE TO FALLEN HEROES

14TH MARCH

Project was inaugurated by Vice Admiral Mr Sanjay Bhalla on 14th March. Project is located at INS Tanaji, Defence Colony, Sion Trombay Road, Mankhurd, Mumbai. Sailors and Veer Nari/War Widows and children of Indian Armed Forces (sailors) who lost their lives in line of duty. Rotary is partly supporting building of such accommodation. The Indian Navy has short-listed vendor, Industrial Products (India), who is executing phase 1 and 2. RCBP will execute project through this vendor & money will flow from RCBP to Indian Navy, who will in turn pay the vendor. The Indian Navy through their Western Naval Command, shall be in possession and have ownership of the accommodation and undertake its maintenance and repairs. The land is owned by Indian Navy. Building of 1 BHK homes – CSR - Rs 2,89,10,000 (USD 348,313). Entirely and Solely a RCBP Project. Project was inaugurated by Vice Admiral Mr Sanjay Bhalla on 14th March. Project is located at INS Tanaji, Defence Colony, Sion Trombay Road, Mankhurd, Mumbai. Beneficiaries are Sailors and Veer Nari/War Widows and children of Indian Armed Forces (sailors) who lost their lives in line of duty.



RCBP participated in phase 2 which provides accommodation to 20 Veer Nari's. The Indian Navy has short-listed the vendor, Industrial Products (India), who is executing phase 1 and phase 2. RCBP will execute project through this vendor & money will flow from RCBP to Indian Navy, who will in turn pay the vendor. Since the project involves mainly pre-fabricated construction activity, the results of the project are easily measurable visually. Electrical Works - CSR - Rs 64,31,000 (USD 77,482). Admin fees 2% by Corporate and 1% by club. Entirely and solely a RCBP Project. The project size for veer Nari is 3.25 crores. Thank you AKS donor Paresh and Beena Dattani and Sanathan textiles.



## ANNAPOORNA PROJECT FOR TB PATIENTS

15TH MARCH

We distributed ration to 10 severely affected TB Patients at 2nd October Health Post, Shop No 13/14, Nisarg Building Bhoiwada, Parel. A very meaningful project as we see the improvement in those patients every month. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI, has awarded Bombay Pier a Certificate of Appreciation wherein our Trust is registered with an ID as a Ni-Kshay Mitra under the "Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan" to provide support to persons with TB undergoing treatment. Your valuable support will help the country in eliminating TB from India. The project was attended by PP Paresh Shah, Rtn Munaf Bandoorkwala and President Mayuri Bhasin. Ration donated by PP Paresh Shah.



## YOGA AND MEDITATION WORKSHOP AT ASHA KIRAN

16TH MARCH

With the assistance of the Yoga Teacher, the children practiced a lot of sitting poses, Gaumukh asan variations, few suryanamaskar poses, Chakki asan, Bhujangasan, naukasan, dhanurasaan, vajrasana childhood pose and a few balancing asans. Beneficiaries 30. Thank you Yoga Teacher Nafisa and Partner Priti Shroff.



## CERVICAL CANCER VACCINATION DRIVE

19TH MARCH

Our Club kick started the cervical cancer vaccination drive on 19th March at Royal City School, Dharavi. 97 girls got vaccinated. A team of doctors and nurses administered the vaccine. Project was attended by President Rtn Mayuri Bhasin, PP Rtn Ashish Shah and Partner Munira Kathawala.







**CLUB  
SERVICES**

**RTN PP RUPEN DOSHI PARTICIPATED IN THE PANEL DISCUSSION ON CHALLENGES THE MSME SECTOR IS FACING WITH RESPECT TO HUMAN ASSETS - SEMINAR CONDUCTED BY ROTARY MEANS BUSINESS MUMBAI NUMERO UNO**

**6TH JANUARY**

RMB Mumbai Numero Uno conducted a Seminar on 6th January 2024 on all aspects of MSME - "MSME: Growth Engine of Indian Economy" at Hotel Holiday Inn, Andheri. Chief Guest DG Rtn Arun Bhargava. Eminent Speakers spoke on different topics of business and management - Mr Vivek Joshi - Advisor, Mr Aneel Gambhir - CFO, DTDC Express Ltd, Mr Ajay Thakur, Head - BSE SME & Start-up, Mr Shailesh Haribhakti - Chairman, Shailesh Haribhakti & Associates, Mr Hareesh Tibrewala - Joint CEO MIRUM India and Mr Kedar Bhatt, Associate Director, Anand Rathi Wealth Limited. Panel Discussion - Start-up to Scale-up - Moderator Vivek Joshi Eminent Panelists - Mr Pankaj Khandelia - Lead Engagement Partner, our own Rtn PP Rupen Doshi - Management Consultant, Headhunter and Trainer (Challenges the MSME Sector is facing with respect to Human Assets), Mr Jayesh Khade - Hons Advisor-World Trade Center.



**MR VIRAJ SHETH ON INFLUENCER MARKETING**

**18TH JANUARY**

Mr Viraj Sheth, Co-Founder & CEO of Monk-E gave us valuable insights into the exciting world of Influencer Marketing at the Bellissima Banquets. The meeting ended with dinner. Our Club released the second issue of our Bulletin "PANACHE" for the quarter October to December 2023. Our Club inducted two new Members Rtn Poonam Agarwal and Rtn Murtuza Sutarwala taking our total membership to 100 members. Members present 47, Partners 17, Guest 1 taking total attendance to 65.



**JOINT BOARD MEETING AND TRUST MEETING FOR RYS 2023-24 & 2024-25**

**18TH JANUARY**

Our Club had a Joint Board Meeting for RYs 2023-24 and 2024-25 at the Bellissima Banquets. The Board Meeting was attended by 17 Directors and Office Bearers. We also had a Joint Trustees Meeting.

**LIVE SCREENING OF OPENING OF SHREE RAM TEMPLE AT AYODHYA**  
**22ND JANUARY**

We had arranged for live screening of opening of the Shree Ram Temple at Ayodhya at Metro Theater. The fellowship was attended by 14 Members, Partners and Guests - Rtn Ajay & Priti Biyani + guest, Rtn Noopur Desai, Rtn Dr Sangeeta Agrawal, Rtn Poonam Uttamchandani, Rtn Pravin & Smita Agarwal, Rtn Rajesh Duggal, Rtn Rajesh Baheti, Rtn PP Manju Utamchandani, Rtn Neena Mehta + 2 guests.



**PIER FELLOWSHIP - SAILING WITH BREAKFAST ON BOARD**  
**26TH JANUARY**

we arranged for Pier Fellowship sailing with breakfast on board. We assembled opposite Taj and went by speed boats to the yacht. We began sailing at 8 am. Breakfast was served on board. There was music too. An energizing and refreshing fun morning, well organized, great bonding, amazing yacht, beautiful climate, refreshingly breezy, nice 9 course breakfast. Good fellowship, Republic day well spent with Rotary Family. Everyone enjoyed the ocean and camaraderie. Thank you President Mayuri Bhasin and fellowship team. The fellowship was attended by 51 members and partners.



**LEAD HOST CLUB FOR DISTRICT SOUTH ZONE ROTARY QUIZ**  
**24TH JANUARY**

Our Club was the Lead Club for the District Rotary Quiz for South Zone held on 24th January 2024 from 6.30 pm onwards at Cooch Behar Room, CCI Club followed by dinner. Our three-member team comprised of Rtn PP Saurabh Sonawala, Rtn PP Rupen Doshi and Rtn Dr Sangeeta Agrawal. Avenue Chair was Rtn Ramesh Vyas from RC of Mumbai Film City, Zonal Chair was Rtn Suryakumar of RC of Mahim and Avenue Co-Chair was Rtn Methoo Surty. President Rtn Mayuri Bhasin called the meeting to order. 12 Rotary Clubs of South Zone co-hosted the event and 5 Rotary Clubs participated in the quiz. The winner of the South Zone Rotary Quiz Contest was RC of Bombay Central. Congrats to President Rtn Pia Bhagi. Winners of each Zone qualified for the Finals to be held on 25th February 2024



## ALPHA DISTRICT TROPHIES AND AWARDS FUNCTION AT FARIYAS LONAVALA 28TH JANUARY

Our Club received the following Awards/Certificates Plus a number of TRF Annual Fund challenge individual certificates First Runner up B12 - Fellowship Soul of Rotary C11A - Welfare of children. E1 - Outstanding Vocational Service. F1 - Best Service to Youth. F3 - Best Rotaract Activity. Second Runner Up B5 - Balanced Program B8 - Best Club Service C10 - Outstanding Medical Project C5 - Best Community Service - Non Medical C9 - Care of the Handicapped. Third Runner Up A 3 - Trophy for outstanding work in all Avenues of Service. A 5 - Trophy for the Most Effective Club. C1 - Shield for the Best Community Service D 12 - The Paul Harris Fellow Trophy to a Rotary Club with the maximum PHF members added during the Rotary year. We also won the prestigious Esprit de Corps – First Runner Up. That made us the No 2 Club in the entire district.



## FIFTH SUNSET FIRESIDE MEETING 28TH JANUARY

On 28th January the Fifth Sunset Fireside Meeting was graciously hosted by Rtn Aman & Gunita Chadha at Arcadia Building, Nariman Point. Speaker was Rtn PP Amit Dholakia. Thank you Aman and Gunita for your hospitality. Attended by 31 Rotarians and Partners.



## INCREDIBLE DISCON - DARPAN - THE REFLECTIONS

10TH FEBRUARY

Nine Members attended the DISCON on 10th Feb at NESCO Banquets, Goregaon. Host Club RC of Mumbai North End Team led by DG Rtn Arun Bhargava. Convenor Rtn Sandip Kedia. Present was RIPR Lena J Mjerskaug, RID 2260, Norway. The Program included excellent speakers and conferring of Vocational Excellence Awards on Justice S J Kathawalla, VSM Brigadier Vinod Singh Negi, Sarika Jain, Dr Madhubala Joshi Chinchalkar, Abida Huseen War and many more), TRF Recognition and Dance Performance by Smrithi Soni. Several outstanding projects undertaken by various Rotary Clubs were showcased. Announcement of DISCON 2025 by DGE Rtn Chetan Mehra. Ended with live entertainment, dinner and happy hours. Attended President Rtn Mayuri Bhasin, Rtn Urvashi Taparia, Rtn Karishma Shah, Rtn PP Riaz Nagree, PDG Rtn Ajay Gupta, PDG Rtn Sunnil Mehra, Rtn PP Shilpi Mehra, Rtn Methoo Surty and Rtn Anirudh Gupta.



## • PRE-OCV CLUB ASSEMBLY • JOINT BOARD MEETING • JOINT TRUSTEE MEETING 15TH FEBRUARY

- The Club had its Pre-OCV Club Assembly which was graced by AG Rtn Sanjay Jalan at Banquet Room, Samrat Restaurant. He went through the soft copy of the comprehensive Report which was submitted to him by email. All the documents were found to be in order as per the checklist given by the District. AG Rtn Sanjay Jalan was impressed with the activities of the Club especially relating to Membership, Projects, Global Grants and CSR India Grants and adding a new AKS and Hon. Member. He complimented President Rtn Mayuri Bhasin and the Board of Directors. The Pre-OCV ended with light snacks. Total attendance 21
- The Club had a Joint Board Meeting for RYs 2023-24 and 2024-25 at the Banquet Hall, Samrat Restaurant prior to the Pre-OCV. The Board Meeting was attended by 15 Office Bearers and Directors.
- The Club had a Joint Trust Meeting for RYs 2023-24 and 2024-25 at the Banquet Hall, Samrat Restaurant prior to the Pre-OCV. The Trust Meeting was attended by 14 Trustees.



## PIER PREMIER LEAGUE

4TH FEBRUARY

Dear Pierites, Cricket is passion, love, and religion in India, and it is one such thing that can bring people together (even if they are divided on every other front such as caste, creed, color religion and politics,) under one roof. The PIER PREMIER LEAGUE brought together so many members on one platform and team spirit and bonhomie was there to feel and see. Compliments to the President and team to be sporting, to put up this sports event. The tournament was single handedly conceived planned executed by Rt Manish Agarwal. (Priyanka did not have a role in conception and delivery; so, I am told!). It is a feat to put together 5 teams, who played a total of 10 matches and 1 final match. It was power, and energy packed, with energy and enthusiasm running havoc on the field and off the field. The fours and the sixes, the wide's and the no-balls, the run out and the stumped out, the wins and the losses, was underlined by the flurry of emotions and the frenzy of the players. The winner of last year's PPL Rajesh Baheti's CROSSEAS CRUSHERS. were all set to crush but were for once brushed aside. SHARAD Agarwal's RESPONSIVE SUPER KINGS had a hard-working team that did good bowling batting and fielding but were finally left battling. MAYURIS'S MAVERICKS were a good mix and they hit many a six, yet they were sent to the dug out to be happy on potato chips. The TOLANI TIGERS team played the sixes and fours and had the crowd roar. They made it to the final and put up a great fight, but the game was tight. They stood true to their name and deserved the fame. Destiny played its game and the trophy they could not claim. KRYFS KNIGHT RIDERS (Owner SAIF QURESHI). WINNERS of the PPL SEASON 2 TROPHY. WAH WAH DAALI GEND AISI KAR DI SAB KI AISI TI TAISI. BALLA BOLA YA HALLA BOLA .....PATA HI NAHI CHALA RUNNON KI AISI BARSAAT HUI BUS PHIR INKI JEET KI BARAAT HI NIKAL PADI Kryfs Knight Riders ...AAP HO PIER KI SHAAN, HUM KARTE HAIN AAPKA SAMMAAN. Ajay Biyani ka kya kehna ... uthaya hai balla ....maara chauka aur chakka, yeh hai khiladi bada pukka. He was declared The Best Batsman of the Tournament.

Manish Agarwal kept the ball under his control and was declared The Best Bowler of the Tournament. Compliments to the cheer leaders and to the whole team that looked after the hydration and the nourishment for all. All the players showed exceptional sportsmanship and camaraderie. Looks like this tournament is now etched into the fabric of this club. The memories of this tournament will linger on for some time. As the echoes of this game fades, I am sure we all look forward to Season3 where passion once again will collide with the spirit of competition, and we will write more stories on the field. As I sign off with anticipation, I am sure Manish will merely take a breath before he starts planning the next captivating tournament.



## **JHALANA LEOPARD SAFARI, JAIPUR 17-19TH FEBRUARY**

51 Pierites went for Jhalana Leopard Safari at Jaipur. Stay was at Hyatt Place, Jaipur. It was a great fun filled memorable trip. A lot of new members joined in and a great opportunity for them to integrate into the Pier family. We conducted games, the food was very well planned. The Club hosted a fabulous Gala dinner at Narain Niwas and since the team was Indian all the ladies and gents were given dupattas. Pierites danced to some awesome Rajasthani folk music. And to top it all there was a nice puppet show and some good authentic Rajasthani food. The safaris were a lovely experience. We sighted leopards, fox, three varieties of deers. A host of different birds and got to watch the beautiful national bird the peacock dancing. All in all it was a great bonding and lovely memories. Stay was at Hyatt Place, Jaipur.



## **OFFICIAL CLUB VISIT OF DG RTN ARUN BHARGAVA AND DISTRICT OFFICIALS TO OUR CLUB**

**29TH FEBRUARY**

DG Rtn Arun Bhargava was on his Official Club Visit to our Club together with AG Rtn Sanjay Jalan, CC Rtn Devang Goradia and TRF Avenue Chair Rtn Prakash Ruia at Wodehouse Gymkhana. It began with Closed Door Meeting with Office Bearers and Directors followed by meeting with Partners in Service. Our Club inducted an Hon. Member - Rtn Paresh & Beena Dattani. Our Club created history by declaring 3AKS Members in ONE DAY - Rtn Rakesh & Sangeeta Puri, Rtn Noopur & Kushal Desai and Hon. Rtn Paresh & Beena Dattani. Currently our Club is at the top in 3141 in total foundation giving having crossed USD 700,000. Congrats to Prez Rtn Mayuri Bhasin for her dedication, passion and hardwork. Thanks to hardworking Board and lovely Members and Partners. The super-duper flawless OCV ended with Fantakshari and Dinner. Members 56, Partners 22, District Team 4, Visitors 4. Total attendance 86.



## LEAD HOST CLUB FOR ROTARY QUIZ FINALS OF FOUR ZONES

**4TH MARCH**

Our Club was the Lead Club for Rotary Quiz Finals of all four Zones at the Cooch Behar Room, CCI. DG Rtn Arun Bhargava was the Chief Guest. There were 10 South Mumbai Co-host Rotary Clubs. Winners were RC of Mumbai Parleshwar. RC of Kandivali were Runners-up. Congrats to Avenue Chair Rtn Ramesh Vyas, Zonal Coordinator for South Zone Rtn Suryakumar and other Zonal Coordinators and Avenue Co-Chairs of all Zones for organising this event Zone-wise and then the Finale of all Zones together. It was a wonderful learning experience.



## FOCUS

**10TH MARCH**

PE Rtn Kamlesh Shroff and Rtn Methoo Surty attended the PELS, SELS & TELS Seminar at Hotel Holiday Inn, Saki Naka. Host Club – RC of Mumbai Mulund East. District Learning Facilitator Designate PDG Rtn Harjit Singh Talwar, Convenor Rtn Deepak Jiandani and District Coordinator Designate – Events Rtn Dr Arun Garg.



## SIXTH FIRESIDE MEETING

**16TH MARCH**

The Sixth Fireside Meeting was graciously hosted by Rtn Bhavna Doshi at Wodehouse Gymkhana. Guest Speaker Rtn PP Naresh Tejwani who spoke on the Four Way Test. This was followed by a discussion on the same. A very interactive session well conducted. Thank you Rtn Bhavna for being a wonderful host. Attended by 20 Members and Partners.





## **INTER CLUB PPL SEASON I - THE ULTIMATE BATTLE**

**17TH MARCH**

We had the Inter Club PPL Season 1 at Astra Turf, NSCI between RC of Bombay Pier, RC of Queen's Necklace, Mumbai and RC of of Bombay. 1st match between RCB Rocket: 110-6 and Bombay Pier Power House 79-8. RCB Rocket won the Match. 2nd match between RCB Rocket: 131-9 and Queen's Necklace Titans 134-7. Queen's Necklace Titans won the Match. We had to win the 3rd match (Queen's Necklace Titans v/s Bombay Pier Power House) but also win it by a margin of minimum 23 runs. We scored 83-6. We had to win our second match but also had to keep the Queen's Necklace Titans under 60 runs in 7 overs to get through on net run rate to the finals. In the finals we were up against RCB Rocket and scored 110-5 the winning run coming off the last ball of the 6th over. Pier Power House won the Final Pier Premier League. Great Team effort. Ended with Prize distribution and dinner.

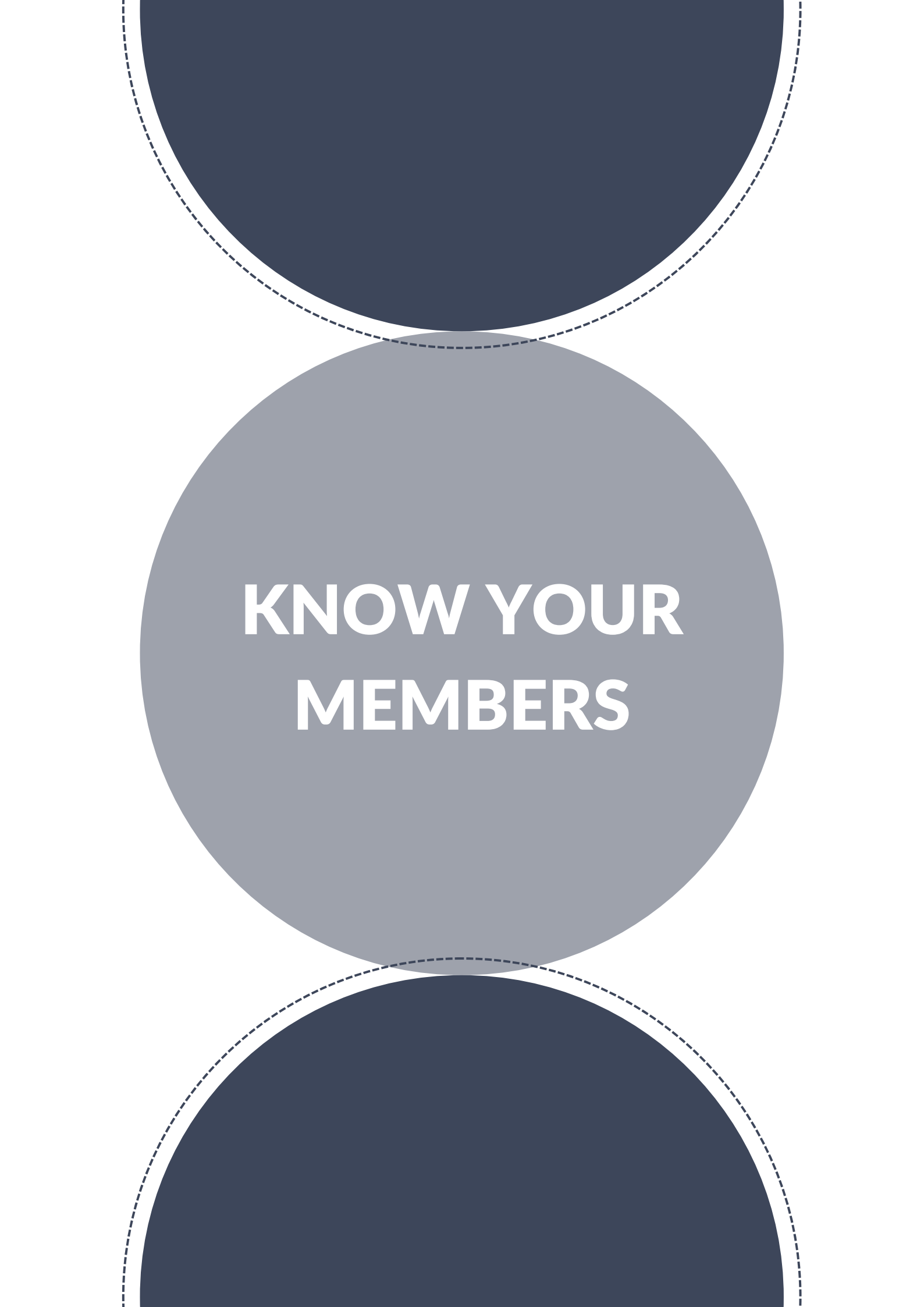


## **PARTNER VIJAY TAPARIA IN CONVERSATION WITH APARNA PIRAMAL RAJE**

**21ST MARCH**

Partner Vijay Taparia was in conversation with Aparna Piramal Rajee, Author of Chemical Khichdi and Living to your full potential: Turning vulnerability into a guru. Venue was Naman Midtown, Prabhadevi. The meeting ended with dinner. Many thanks to Vijay and Urvashi for readily offering your premises and for this fabulous speaker. She was so candid and bravely spoke about how she hacked her mental health issues. She did it so we can learn from her and apply it to our own world. Very pertinent topic inline with our RI Thrust Area this year, explained impactfully by Aparna and aptly discussed by Vijay. Everyone relished the food as well. Members present – Members 40, Partners 21 , Guests 4





**KNOW YOUR  
MEMBERS**

# Shilpa Shah

**Birthday : 27th February**



**Describe yourself in a #hashtag.**

*#passionatedancer#musiclover*

**Name 5 of your fav Instagram pages.**

- Pink villa
- Spiritual guide and Mentor BK Shivani
- Bollywood reel
- Cooking show
- Spiritual guide and Mentor Jaya Kishori

**What does RCBP mean to you?**

*For me RCBP MEANS platform for giving back to society. And I have made some lovely friends which are become my family.*

**Which projects in rotary gives you most satisfaction?**

*Cervical cancer.*

**The best fellowship you have attended in 2024**

*RCPB Pier Premier League*

**What's on your plate at breakfast table?**

*Theplas*

**How do you fight? Yell or are you the cold shoulder type?**

*Yell*

**Where would you rather be: On stage or in the audience and what does that tell us about you?**

*In audience, it tells that I'm shy person and good Listener.*

**What is your "Pick Me Up" when you feeling low?**

*Dance*

**What is your "Go To" Destination?**

*Kashmir in snow, East African Safari*

**Three things on your bucket list?**

- Open dance class or teach dance
- Always be independent
- Be around with children
- Learn drums or Tabla

Amit Gupta

**Birthday : 23rd December**



**Describe yourself in a #hashtag.**

#gogetter

**Name 5 of your fav Instagram pages.**

None

**What does RCBP mean to you?**

A platform to serve the underprivileged and society.

**Which projects in rotary gives you most satisfaction?**

Distribution of various daily utility things to the orphans at Fr Angels orphanage at Bandra

**The best fellowship you have attended in 2024**

RCPB Pier Premier League

**What's on your plate at breakfast table?**

Upma + Bread Toast + Tea

**How do you fight? Yell or are you the cold shoulder type?**

Cold Shoulder

**Where would you rather be: On stage or in the audience and what does that tell us about you?**

On Stage

**What is your "Pick Me Up" when you feeling low?**

Walk & Eat

**What is your "Go To" Destination?**

Goa

**Three things on your bucket list?**

- Self Drive into the Himalayas
- Camping in the jungle
- Fly an aircraft

# Anil Vazirani

**Birthday : 14th August**



**Describe yourself in a #hashtag.**

*#anilgetsfit*

**Name 5 of your fav Instagram pages.**

- Hypertroph
- Prashant desai
- Rujuta diwekar
- Fit tuber

**What does RCBP mean to you?**

*Extended Family*

**Which projects in rotary gives you most satisfaction?**

*Elderly and Pet Care*

**The best fellowship you have attended in 2024**

*Installation of our present President*

**What's on your plate at breakfast table?**

*Fruits and Nuts*

**How do you fight? Yell or are you the cold shoulder type?**

*Both depending on circumstances*

**Where would you rather be: On stage or in the audience and what does that tell us about you?**

*On the stage- can face challenges head on.*

**What is your "Pick Me Up" when you feeling low?**

*Gym*

**What is your "Go To" Destination?**

*Sardinia, Italy*

**Three things on your bucket list?**

- Be a better bridge player.
- Improving my swimming.
- Control my food cravings.



**WHAT IS PIER  
TO ME!**

Watch our members dish on what piers mean to them. It's personal, it's real, it's  
'What is Pier to Me!'

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