

POWAI TARANG

March 2024



WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE MONTH

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"We shall not defeat any of the infectious diseases that plague the developing world until we have also won the battle for safe drinking water, sanitation and basic health care."

Kofi Annan



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Dear Friends,

As we embark on another month dedicated to service, I want to emphasize the critical importance of health, hygiene, and water sanitation in our communities. These fundamental aspects of well-being are not just individual concerns but collective responsibilities that impact everyone.

Ensuring access to clean water and proper sanitation facilities is a cornerstone of public health. It's a basic human right, yet millions around the world still lack these necessities. As members of Rotary, we have the power to change this narrative through our initiatives and projects.

Let's continue our efforts to provide clean water sources, promote hygiene education, and support sanitation infrastructure in underserved areas. By doing so, we not only improve health outcomes but also empower individuals and communities to thrive.

Together, let's make a lasting impact in the lives of those in need. Thank you for your dedication to service and for being champions of health and hygiene.

Yours in service,

R.I PRESIDENT *Speaks*

R. GORDON R. MCLNALLY



Dear fellow Rotary members,

There are many pathways to peace, and in Rotary, we are fortunate to have Rotary Peace Fellows who demonstrate this truth time and again.

Each year, Rotary awards up to 130 fellowships for leaders around the world to study peace and development, and what these peace fellows learn prepares them to work in conflict prevention and resolution and promote Positive Peace. Here are a few examples of the creative ways peace fellows advance peace:

Promoting sustainability

Alejandra Rueda-Zarate combined her Rotary Peace Fellowship in peace and conflict resolution with her master's degree in energy and resources to support her dream of protecting the Colombian countryside.

She founded the organization NES Naturaleza in 2011 to help farmers in Colombia and across rural Latin America gain access to knowledge and training to uphold sustainable farming standards. That support has improved the lives of nearly 4,500 farmers, inspiring many of them to become entrepreneurs. And it's helped promote both natural and social sustainability throughout Latin America.

Ending racism

Peace fellows Geoffrey Diesel and Kathy Doherty have applied their fellowships in peace and development studies toward co-founding the Racial Equity Project, a subcommittee of Rotary Positive Peace Activators in North America committed to studying ways to create a more peaceful society through antiracism efforts.





The Racial Equity Project takes a deep look into how the eight Pillars of Positive Peace could support efforts to address racism, and it works to spread this message to communities across North America. The organization initially grew from Rotary's strategic partnership with the Institute for Economics and Peace, a global think tank dedicated to promoting Positive Peace.

Managing disasters using data

Through a Rotary Peace Fellowship, Jamie LeSueur earned a master's degree in social science within peace and conflict research. He now leads emergency operations for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, setting a management and operational framework for agency collaboration in emergency response situations.

Jamie has found that research data is a powerful tool to bring calm to the complex world of disaster response. No matter what an organization's protocols might entail, letting research be the foundation for decision making helps clarify even the most complicated emergencies.

These stories — and hundreds like them — show how Rotary is creating a generation of leaders ready and able to build peace worldwide. Nearly 1,800 peace fellows have graduated from Rotary Peace Centers, and they are applying their craft in more than 140 countries. May the continuing work of peace fellows and the Rotary members who support them inspire you to continue to Create Hope in the World.

Gordon McInally
President, Rotary International



In Action

Annapurna at Asha NGO, Powai

Under the able guidance of Dr Smita Puniyani Asha NGO is realising its aim of bringing hope through education. The commitment of the teachers and the determination of the students to excel is a joy to witness. RCBP family members celebrate their Birthdays & Anniversaries with the children of Asha. Once a week the kids are given a healthy, nutritious & sumptuous evening meal, contributed by members having their special days that week. A purely voluntary contribution.

Project lead- Kavita Sharma



March 4th



March 13th

March 27th



March 14th



In Action

YOUTH SERVICE

February 28th ----- Inauguration of Computer Lab at Green Lawns School

Green Lawns School, Filterpada, has mostly underprivileged children as students . The total student strength is above 600, from juniorr kg to 10th standard. RCB Powai funded setting up the school's computer lab with 6 computers and one AC. The school has now incorporated computers in the syllabus from 1st standard. Total cost of the project is 1,70,000/ Asst. Governor Rtn. Dhananjay Patwardhan was the chief guest for the inauguration.

Project lead - Vidya Balkhnde



In Action

COMMUNITY SERVICE

March 4th ----- Inauguration of Digital Computer Lab at ZP School at Murbad

RCBP set up a Digital Computer Lab at the ZP school in Kudawali, Murbad. The project CSR partner was ATOS Prayas . The proposal was approved during Alpha year. The funds received and the entire project executed in the Incredible year.

The computer lab is supported by Solar panels and on Grid Net metering to ensure smooth completion of Micro soft Certified courses for 30 students and three teachers.

The lab has been equipped with 15 branded computers with all official platform software. Also, desks & chairs and a TV to project instructions on screen. Charts and Painting of the room with Digital overview of the curriculum.

Younger students not doing the Microsoft Certifications course are being trained in MSC- IT Curriculum by teachers who are certified. Mr Sunil Shingade- Lead CSR Project Implementation for Education Sector from ATOS Prayas Foundation inaugurated the Computer Lab; Dr Kamalini Pathak and Savita Govilkar inaugurated the science exhibition and Dr Mahajan inaugurated the Arts and Crafts exhibition.

Project lead : Savita Govilkar





March 8th Women's Day with Transgenders

Celebrating equity and inclusion on Women's Day- President Kamalini Pathak, Archana Bagaria, Dr Susan Tripathi, Vidya Balkhande and Nalini Raghavan celebrated the day with 27 transgenders at Five Gardens, Wadala. Some of them shared their stories. They also enthralled us with a wonderful performance of songs and dances. RCB Powai distributed grocery kits, snack boxes and sarees to them.



In Action

COMMUNITY SERVICE



March 28th Public toilet renovation at Phulenagar, Powai

As our commitment to Swachh Bharat mission, we completed a project of Toilet renovation at Phulenagar, near IIT Powai.

This is an 18-block toilet project catering to almost 500 residents. It also includes a room for the caretaker.

Project was funded by Rtn Jaipal Shah of Rotary Club of Bombay Harbour.

Inaugurated by DG Arun Bhargava

Project lead : Kamalini Pathak & Sudha Ajit



WATER & SANITATION MONTH

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\$24 is all it takes to provide a child with safe water

23 million people now have safe water because of Rotary

21 million people have access to sanitation and hygiene thanks to Rotary projects



Clean water and sanitation is a human right. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, and hygiene, they lead healthier and more successful lives.



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18th March 2024 ... Journey of Gumpro Drilling Fluids.

Speaker: Anand Gupta, MD of Gumpro Fluids Pvt Ltd

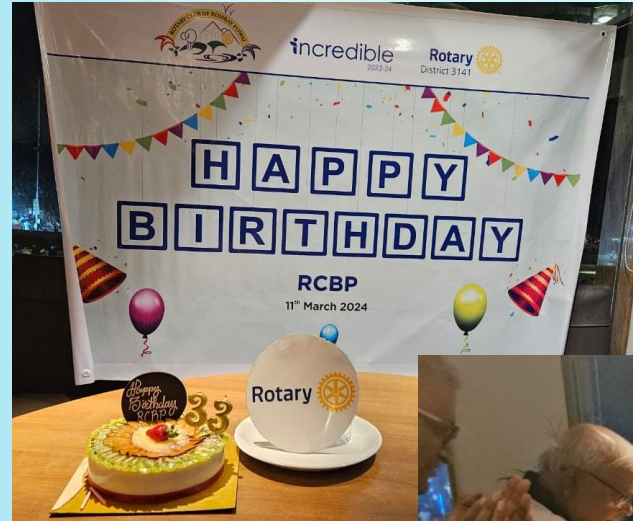


Meetings

Fellowship - Charter night celebration -

10th March 2024

RCBP turns 33 To celebrate this momentous occasion the organizing team cooked up an amazing potpourri of events to keep us enthralled. A total of 85 members participated in the exhilarating celebration of the Charter Night of the club . It included 4 charter member couples. The celebration included a play at the Royal Opera House, 'Hidden Agenda' by Raëll Padamsee's ACE Productions. This was followed by dinner and drinks at the Revival at Marine Drive.



Meetings

Fellowship - Holi celebration - Mushaira

22nd March 2024



Harish & Sudha Iyer – Charter member

Sharad & Prateek Iyer.



Roots to Wings

As children of Sudha and Harish, we've had the unique privilege to witness firsthand the remarkable journey of our parents—from their humble beginnings in Tamil Nadu to the bustling life of Mumbai. In sharing these memories, we hope to encapsulate not just the events but the spirit and values that have shaped our family and influenced who we are today.

Both Sudha and Harish, children of middle-class Tamil families, have their roots in the villages of Patamadai and Tirunelveli. Harish, or Appa as we call him, was raised in Mumbai, amidst a large South Indian community that migrated in search of better opportunities.

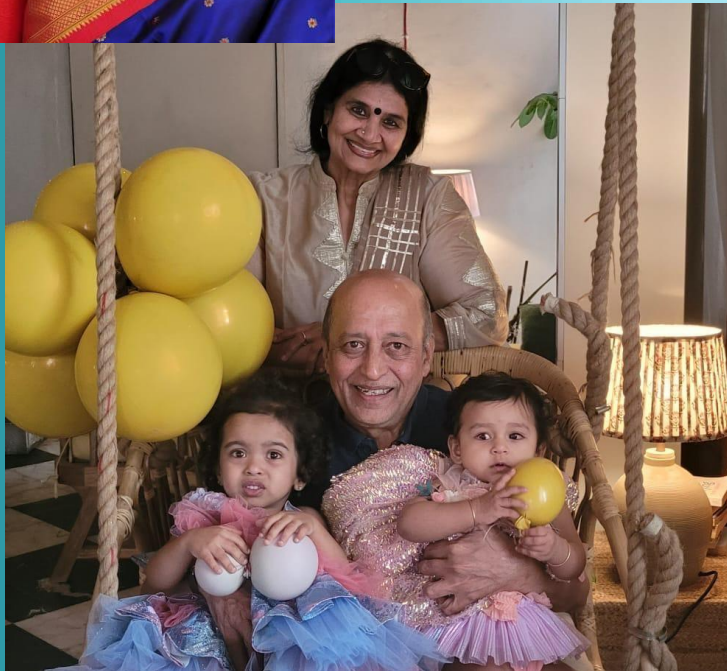
Growing up in a South Indian neighborhood in Sion/Matunga, he was surrounded by a common cultural heritage and aspirations. His educational journey at Our Lady Of Good Counsel High School and later Khalsa College set the stage for his entrepreneurial spirit.

Alongside my grandfather, Appa ventured into starting Vikas Laboratories, which blossomed into a successful business.

Amma's early life in Chennai was marked by her boldness and desire to challenge societal norms. From wearing shirts and pants to cycling through the streets, she embraced her independence early on. Her talents were diverse, spanning dancing and singing without any formal training, and even starring as a child actor in a Tamil movie. When she transferred to a government Tamil medium high school from a Catholic English-speaking school, she not only quickly adapted to reading and writing in Tamil but also taught English to her classmates, filling a void left by a shortage of English-speaking teachers.

Know your friends

Harish & Sudha Iyer - Charter member



Building Life in Mumbai --- Post-college, their marriage led them to settle in Mumbai, a city that offered a new world of opportunities and challenges. Those early years were a mix of joy, adaptation, and growth.

For Amma, Mumbai was a canvas where she could paint her identity anew, immediately stepping up as a leader in organising community events. Appa, meanwhile, juggled the challenges of expanding a business with the responsibilities of a growing family.

Memories of a Vibrant Childhood --- My earliest memories of Appa and Amma are filled with cricket on the main Sion-Panvel highway, drives in our Fiat to South Mumbai, enjoying golas at Juhu Beach, and the festive atmosphere of visarjan at Dadar. These experiences, coupled with regular visits to the soap factory, created a stable and cherished childhood for me and my brother.

The 90s brought a new chapter in our lives, establishing roots in Hiranandani Gardens, Powai --- The move to Powai brought a significant change in our lives. Surrounded by nature and equipped with modern amenities, Powai became more than just a home—it became a community where diverse families shared their cultures and dreams. This sense of community was something our parents thrived on and contributed to.

Amma's role in initiating and hosting cultural events, like the Ganesh Chaturthi and Dandiya celebrations, showcased her ability to bring people together. Her performances and leadership at these events not only entertained but also fostered a sense of unity among diverse groups.

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Harish & Sudha Iyer - Charter member



Challenges and Triumphs, Overcoming Adversity ---The 1992 riots and the 1993 Latur earthquake were periods of strife and solidarity. During these times, our parents, along with other community members, engaged in significant relief efforts, showcasing the impact of collective action. The rasta rokho movement in 1996-97, led by Appa and his friends, highlighted their resolve to seek justice and improvements for their community.

2000s to Present, Continuing Legacy --- The last two decades have seen both Sudha and Harish play pivotal roles in various organisations within the community. Appa's involvement in the anti-hawking protests and Amma's innovative fundraising efforts through movie screenings are just recent examples of their ongoing commitment to community service and leadership.

Reflecting on our parents' journey offers more than just a trip down memory lane; it provides lessons in resilience, leadership, and community building. As we continue to navigate our paths, the values and examples set by Sudha and Harish remain guiding lights, inspiring us to contribute meaningfully to our communities and uphold the family legacy with pride.

Ashok & Tanusree Nandy

Shrikrishna Bhawe



Ashok Nandy, the Bong, Marathi manoos, Guju and many more communities rolled into one is a RCBP veteran. Nandy as he is popularly called is one of the earliest members to join RCBP.

A hardy Bhandup boy, after a few stints in the industry, he founded 'Nandy Engineering Works', a fabrication business and ran it successfully for decades.

A linguist, he can speak Marathi like a native & Gujarati like a native of Ahmedabad. With his multilingual felicity and local charm, he is the go-to man from finalization/booking of Venues, menus, govt permissions, licenses etc for all Rotary events . He can charm his way through even a recalcitrant BMC staffer. No Rotary event is conceivable without factoring his liaison with every govt department involved.

He can charm several canny Shettys and manages the most incredible rates from them for RCBP's banquets/events.

Married to Tanu, a gourmet cook & a hostess par excellence, she matches her husband's multicultural bend in matters culinary. She can cook a Kolhapuri chicken or Malwani fish curry with as much elan as she can a maccher jhol or a bhaja .

Know your friends

Ashok & Tanusree Nandy



Apart from her home, her culinary care extends to friends in various events too - where she makes sure you are fully supplied with kababs & tikkas summoning waiters who are at her beck & call. She herself is a vegetarian, perhaps the only Bong vegetarian that I know of or even exists .

Tanu is ever supportive of every rotary project and activity and is an asset to every President. She is also the default front desk for all Rotary events, and deftly manages registrations & collections - earning the moniker of 'Pathan' from me .

Nandys are blessed with two children - son Amit who manages a sports academy & daughter Supriya a home maker, both happily married and have two lovely grand daughters - Riya & Aarika on whom they dote.



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“Life is a perspective and for me, if a human being has access to school, clean water, food, proper health care, that is the basis of human rights.”
Gelila Bekele

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TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Be a People of Action

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**BY 2030 EVERYONE
WILL HAVE SAFE WATER
TO DRINK**

#GlobalGoals

One in four people lives without safe drinking water and almost half lack basic sanitation. This staggering reality impacts health, education, and overall well-being. [United Nations Sustainable Development Goal \(SDG\) 6 on clean water and sanitation](#) encourages us to address universal access to drinking water and sanitation along with improved water management to protect ecosystems and build resiliency. Each Rotary club can help support communities with access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene by 2030.

Rotary International President-elect Stephanie Urchick, a member of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA, saw the magic of Rotary when she was helping a community in the Dominican Republic access clean water.

Two boys were watching as dirty water entered the water filter and then ran out clean at the other end. "One of the boys grabbed my sleeve and said, 'Show me the magic again,'" she said. Obviously, the water filter wasn't magic. The project team worked hard to build a strong working relationship with the community, understand their wishes and needs, procure and install appropriate filters, and work with leaders in the area to maintain them while helping the community build healthy habits to ensure the filters and filtered water remained clean. The boys knew that easier access to clean water would change their lives.

This transformative power motivates all clubs worldwide





1907 ROTARY'S FIRST SERVICE PROJECT

In 1907, the Rotary Club of Chicago -- which had been established only two years before by Paul Harris -- initiated the very first Rotary public service project: the construction of 'comfort stations' or public toilets.

In 1906, realizing the importance of community service, Paul Harris persuaded the Chicago Rotary Club to initiate the establishment of public comfort stations (public toilets) in the city of Chicago, inviting the city administration and every civic organization in the city to join the new club in the undertaking. It is possible that some more attractive objective might have been chosen for the first community service venture, but it would be difficult to have found one which would have stirred up more agitation.

Two formidable forces rose up against this project; one was the Chicago Association of Brewers which contended that every one of Chicago's six thousand saloons offered public comfort conveniences for men.

The other opponent was the Association of Department Stores on State Street which contended that free accommodations in their stores were available to women.

The proponents of the measure nevertheless persisted that men ought not to have to buy a glass of beer nor women have to buy merchandise to make use of toilet facilities. The stations were established.



February Celebrations !!

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Birthdays

- * 1st Siddhant Sainani
(s/o Sunita Sainani)
- * 3rd Sujen Shah
- * 4th Vishesh Sharma
(h/o Kavita Sharma)
- * 5th Amit Nandy
(s/o Ashok Nandy)
- * 6th Manasi
(d/o Dr. Sumitra Shidhaye)
- * 6th Anshu Gupta
(d/o Naresh Gupta)
- * 8th Aditya Kankane
(s/o Neelesh Kankane)
- * 10th Dipti Bhatia
(w/o Jeevan Bhatia)
- * 12th Shagun
(d/o Anju Ahluwalia)
- * 12th Tak Mathew
(h/o Nalini Raghavan)

- * 12th Sunita Gupta
(w/o Naresh Gupta)
- * 15th Rakesh Aggarwal
- * 18th Vijaya Reddy
- * 18th Vaibhav
(s/o Vinit Arya)
- * 19th Kamalini Pathak
- * 19th Anish Gajjar
(s/o Jagdish Gajjar)
- * 20th Sayantan Dutt
(s/o Dipanwita & Soumitra Dutt)
- * 20th Akash Degwekar
(s/o Kishore Degwekar)
- * 26th Rohan Deshpande
(s/o Ashish Deshpande)
- * 27th Mani Mamallan
- * 28th Archana Bagaria
- * 29th Ekta Tulsani
(w/o Girdhari Tulsani)
- * 31st Tarun Grover

Anniversaries

- * 15th Dr. Sumitra & Sudhir Shidhaye



ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY POWAI

Club ID 27861

Charter date: 11/03/1991

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