



POWAI TARANG

November 2023

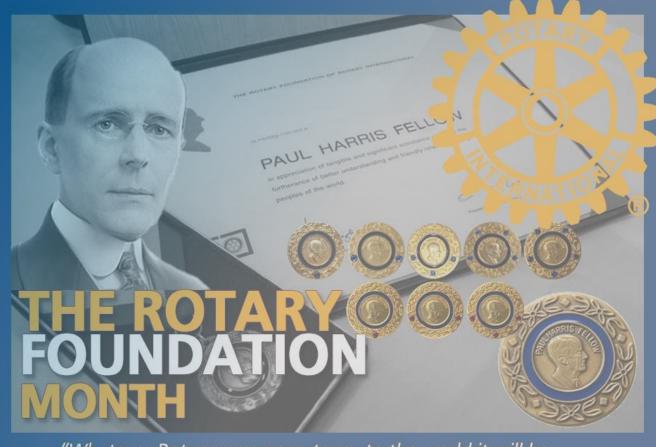


ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY POWAI





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"Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves."

Paul Hard Paul Harris









PRESIDENT Speaks

Dr. Kamalini Pathak





Dear Friends,

As we approach the much-anticipated Powai Fest in December '23, excitement fills the air with the promise of community celebration and shared joy. This event exemplifies our commitment to fostering connections and making a positive impact in Powai.

The Powai Fest is not just a gathering, it's a testament to the spirit of unity that defines our Rotary Club. It's an opportunity for us to come together, celebrate our achievements, and strengthen our bonds with the vibrant community we serve.

I encourage each member to actively participate, engage with fellow Rotarians, and embrace the festive spirit. Let us showcase the Rotary values that bind us, as we contribute to the success of Powai Fest and, in turn, contribute to the well-being of our community.

Together, let's make the Powai Fest a memorable celebration of Rotary camaraderie and community impact.

Yours in Rotary.





R.I PRESIDENT Speaks R. GORDON R. MCLNALLY





Next year, Rotary takes a step toward supporting peacebuilding in the Middle East and North Africa region when recruitment begins for our newest peace center in partnership with Bahçeşehir University (BAU) in Istanbul.

A series of events in the coming year will recognize the new center at BAU and Rotary's work to promote peace. The 2024 Rotary International Convention in May will mark 25 years since the first Rotary Peace Centers were announced — coincidentally at the Rotary Convention in Singapore in 1999. Recruitment for the first cohort of Rotary Peace Fellows at BAU also starts in 2024, and selected candidates will begin their program in early 2025.

Since its beginning, the peace centers program has prepared more than 1,700 peace fellows working in more than 140 countries to create a more peaceful world. That is certainly worth celebrating, but Rotary Peace Fellows are more than statistics on a page. Their actions have helped Create Hope in the World and will continue to do so.

For example, Jennifer Montgomery and Gorett Komurembe — peace fellows from the program at Makerere University in Uganda — are co-founders of Magenta Girls Initiative. The international nongovernmental organization equips Ugandan girls and young women with the support and tools to overcome harmful gender norms, generational poverty, gender-based violence, trafficking, and trauma.

Ndzi Divine Njamsi, another peace fellow who studied at Makerere, has taken lessons learned about Positive Peace and is sharing them with students of his own in Cameroon. He became interested in the Rotary Positive Peace Activator training program after witnessing extremism, online hate speech, and violence in Cameroon. Since completing the program, he has brought his lessons on peace to students at the Yaoundé International Business School and other organizations in the Central Africa country.





R.I PRESIDENT Speaks





The world needs more people like the graduates of the program at Makerere and our other peace fellows. To that end, we can all advance peace by encouraging our local peacebuilders to learn more about Rotary and apply for this impactful fellowship. Rotary members can also mentor candidates for the fellowship. Or you can work with peace fellows who have already graduated. They probably have an initiative or two that would benefit from your help.

Our peace centers in North America, Europe, Africa, Australia, and Asia depend on financial support as well. The program at BAU was made possible thanks to a generous gift of \$15.5 million to The Rotary Foundation from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation.

This new Rotary Peace Center will offer a one-year professional development certificate in peace and development studies for fellows focusing on peacebuilding within the Middle East and North Africa region.

Peace must be waged persistently; it is the soil where hope takes root. But as with any journey, we take one step at a time. Let's take those steps together.





Meet the members of INCREDIBLE B.O.D







Scored Highest Marks in District in UNESCO General Knowledge test Securing 99%. Also contested for GYAN SAMRAT of Indore Competition.

Dream was to join the defense force, but life landed him in the hospitality industry and later in the sales field. Achieving many milestones & winning accolades in his long sales career...... best Sales Performer of the year 2002 2003 all India level at LG electronics and bagging prestigious "MD award of Excellence in Sales." Loves Hindi poetry Learning & listening to many Indian poets. Did Masters in English Literature from CCI under DAVV Indore, and MBA from Mumbai.

Loves watching action movies, travelling going on long drives, dancing and making friends.

A foody by nature is passionate about about cooking and exploring new food trails, loves exploring local cuisines and traditional dishes.



International Service

Anurag Chadha is a always busy with new things in life. Besides working in a biosciences firm he also loves to run half marathons and learn salsa dance.

He is a loving father and an encouraging husband. He and Anindita met at CFTRI and havnt moved ahead from those days. Both of them are raising Noyona who is in 10th and Agastya who is in 5th to become good human beings.

Anurag has extensive experience in food industry and has worked with Cargill, Firmenich, Kelloggs and Coca Cola. He is currently as Country Manager with Chr. Hansen.

He loves the positive vibes and warmth at RCBP and being a Rotractor in early days is passionate about Rotary for it's fellowship and service.



Meet the members of INCREDIBLE B.O,D





Citation & Awards

<u>Vivek Govilkar</u> An Engineer from IIT Mumbai. An IT industry veteran. Ex Head HR of Oracle Presently, writes columns, book reviews, biographhies etc. Inspired by writers like Stephen Hawking, Jayant Narlikar, & G A Kulkarni

Hobbies: Music (an accomplished keyboard player), recording & collecting books on Kindle. Also a seasoned debater

Cherishes traveling once with the Indian cricket team from Dubai

Bravest things he has done : started Powai fest! Married to Savita - a Rotarian. Son: Vaibhav works with Facebook in US

He loves RCBP because of opportunity to work on community projects & fellowship



Governance & Compliance

<u>Pradip Mitra</u> Pradip lives by the quote Live it up, you only live once, and walked the talk boldly climbing the great wall of China once!

An IIT, JBIMS & Harvard AMP alumnus, now a retired corporate exec - worked in Union Carbide, HUL & Godffrey Philips. Currently a faculty for B schools in Mumbai A reader of motivational books, yoga practitioner, traveler & swimmer who idolizes Ratan Tata for many of his great qualities! Married to Swapna, a zoologist. Sons - Dr Anirban a US based cancer surgeon & Amlan, who works with Mckinsey Pradip likes Rotary because of the extensive service it renders to underprivileged



District Special Focus Areas

R. Vanamali A devoted singer whom we like to hear & who likes to hear himself! A movie buff too! A fan of Dev Anand with a crush on Madhubala, Vanamali lives by the motto 'live life fully'! Which he does with overflowing energy! An Engineer from NIT Mysore + a Biz Management Diploma. Worked with many corporates as a CXO/CEO (Endress+Houser). Now works with RL technologies as Dir-BD Married to Latha a Maths teacher. Also a Rotarian. Sons, Abhishek & Anmol - both accomplished professionals working in US, who might describe his as charming & generous! Loves Rotary for it's fellowship & service & RCBP for lifelong friendships!



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



November 2nd





November 9th - Diwali lunch



November 22nd



Rotary
District 3141

November 30th





MEDICAL PROJECTS



General Camp with free general medicines, Vision screening, cataract screening and Free spectacle distribution, Exhibition of IEC material for Health awareness, Oral Camp & street Play for Awareness

November 4th. Shankar Mandir, Nangarmodi Pada, Opposite to Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Goregaon (E)

65 eye screenings & 53 spectacles distributed. Total beneficiaries - 100 (M- 37 & F- 63)

November 5th. Samta Ground, Near Shivsena Shakha Office, Raje shivaji nagar, Saki Vihar Road. 85 eye screenings & 60 spectacles distributed. Total beneficiaries - 102 (M- 47 & F- 55)

November 6th. Samta Ground, Near Shivsena Shakha Office, Raje shivaji nagar, Saki Vihar Road. 81 eye screenings & 50 spectacles distributed. Total beneficiaries - 60 (M- 21 & F- 39)

November 7th. Jama Masjid, Malik Compound Chandivali Farm Road.

99 eye screenings & 57 spectacles distributed. Total beneficiaries - 139 (M- 65 & F- 74)

November 8th Medical Camp for Students of Dhanraji Pal Vidyalay, Anand Gad, Parksite, Vikhroli (W)

Total beneficiaries - 168 Spectacles distributed -19











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November 19thMedical Camp Hanuman Mandir, Ganesh Maidan, Milind Nagar, MMRDA Colony, Powai, Total beneficiaries - 110(male -47, female -63) Eye screenings - 103, Spectacles distributed -61

November 25th Medical Camp Hanuman Mandir, Ganesh Maidan, Milind Nagar, MMRDA Colony, JVLR, Powai, Total beneficiaries - 122 (male -66, female -56) Eye screenings -110, Spectacles distributed -56

November 26th SEED Foundation, Room no 6, ground floor, Sant Kabir Society, Majha Vijay Foundation compound, Chandivali.

Total beneficiaries - 122 (male -66, female -56)

Eye screenings -110, Spectacles distributed -56

November 28th Students of Dharmaveer Sambhaji Vidyalaya, Surya nagar, Vikhroli (West), Total beneficiaries - 155 Spectacles distributed -41





RC Bombay Powai has facilitated a total of 183 cataract surgeries from July to November







COMMUNITY SERVICE



November 9th Spreading smiles & Diwali cheer

Celebrating Diwali with under-privileged kids and ladies in Aarey Colony.













YOUTH SERVICE



November 9th Scholarship cheques to students of blind parents.

Gifted a cheque of Rs 1100/- each to 55 students of blind parents at Blind Association, Reay Road. The project was funded by contributions from members.











COMMUNITY SERVICE



November 26th Tree plantation (Cash Crop) at Piwali village, Shahpur.

The villagers were gifted 4000 saplings of Mogras and Keshar mangos. This is a joint project with Mayank Gandhi's GLOBAL VIKAS TRUST. The project is funded by Bahar Infocon Pvt Ltd. 16 of their employees also joined RCBP members for the project. Total cost of project is Rs. 2,00,000/-





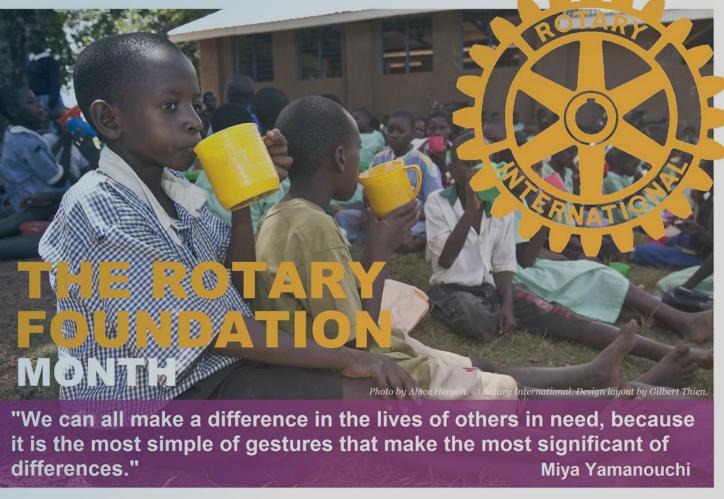








NOVEMBER









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MEETINGS



<u>OCV</u>

7th November



Speaker Meeting-

20th November

Guest speaker - Rtn. Jagdish Gajjar

Topic - "Design & Construction of a test facility for the Titan 3C solid fuel rocket"







NATIONAL INTEGRATION PROJECT



An initiative of RI District 3141, on invitation by the Indian Army, in Kashmir working for the education, health & overall upliftment & wellbeing of the people of Kashmir.

Amongst many things that the clubs in district will be doing, RC Bombay Powai has joined for the following 2 initiatives.

- * Providing for school fees of children in Kashmir @ Rs. 6000 per year per student for 3 years.
- * Providing for Midwifery training to Local Kashmiri girls @ Rs. 1 lakh per student.









In the glow of togetherness

Rotary District 3141

R/child Aryaansha Shah













ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH





Know Your Friends



JYOTI SHIRALEE



When I am told after spending over 5 years in Rotary that we want to 'know you better as a person', it can mean I am ambiguous or obscure or don't mingle enough! Either way, this is reason enough for me to 'talk more about myself' which I admit doesn't come to me naturally!

In many ways, I am a bundle of contradictions. Let me explain. I have been called an introvert by many and extrovert by some.. I believe I am what they call a social introvert and a free spirited person. A Mangalorean by ethnicity (originally from Goa so Konkani is what we spoke at home), but grew up in Calcutta so have strong Bengali roots. Spent half my working life in the health and wellness sector but not very proactive when it comes to my own health. Am single and yet happy (happily unmarried). As a child I was reticent and rebellious, hated my own name and lied to many people by giving my friend's name that I adored (P Usha) as my name! My folks were aghast. But they didn't agree to change my name much to my dismay!

"Don't you feel lonely" is a question I have been asked often and maybe rightly so. That's when I realised that being alone and yet not being lonely or a loner and being in a happy space is a rope trick I seem to have mastered! And yet family and friends mean the world to me. My sister and brother (Nita and Gautam) who stay with their families in Thane/Pune are my anchors and pillars of support. The lowest point in my life was when I lost both my parents (whom I had persuaded to move in with me from Calcutta where they had lived all their life) within a span of 6 months due to lingering health issues just before Covid. I feel thankful to God though that I they were able to spend the last 5 years of their life with me and I was able to give them solace and support when they needed it the most.



Know Your Friends

Rotary CREATE HOPE

incredible

JYOTI SHIRALEE



Being a single working woman all my life, my work inevitably took a precedence over everything else. I changed many jobs (CII, Dabur, Cavincare, Zydus Health, Wockhardt, Abbott) and moved cities. Each new assignment took me to a new city (Delhi, Chennai, Ahmedabad, Mumbai). Managing a career and setting up a home all by myself was not without its challenges but exploring new places, making new friends and handling new assignments was experiential with lots of memories to fall back on. One bizarre and nerve-racking experience I had was when I was chased in my car on the highway by police and then arrested for a crime of possessing 'something' which is a crime in only state of India! Thankfully I pulled some strings and walked free within an hour & celebrated too! In hindsight life has been a roller coaster and taught me one lesson - come what may you have only yourself to fall back on - so be your best friend! As a marketer, I have had the opportunity to build and nurture many brands and businesses from scratch- many of which are Rs 500 cr + brands today (such as Protinex, Ensure, Pediasure, Sugar Free, Nutralite,). Being closely involved in creating the sugar free lifestyle and protein awareness movements were some of the high points that I look back today with some joy.

Being in a corporate consulting profession today and being 'on your own' means that you are never a master of your own time and this is something I grapple with often since multi-tasking is not one of my strengths. This is one area I need to work on to be able to devote more time to Rotary. Having been a student of Political Science and Economics, I love to follow contemporary issues that shape news and narratives. I admire nation builders and wealth creators and standup comedians- not necessarily in that order. From the younger lot, I find Nikhil Kamath (Zerodha) and Ashneer Grover and Varun Grover very interesting for a variety of reasons!

And yes, I still have a dream - of heading BMC someday, seeing the mess around us (because dreams are well, just dreams!)





The Rapid Fire Round with Jyoti



Q1. Any life changing moment or decision?

A: No sorry.

Q2. If you were to wake up tomorrow morning as a different person, which public figure or celebrity would you like to wake up as and why?

A: Right now, it's media sensation Orry! Till he came along didn't know one can be so useless and yet be famous and sought after.

Q3. What would your last meal on this planet be

A: Have a meal with a dozen egg delicacies from all over the world. (eggs my (weakness. Today I only have egg whites)

Q4. Finish the phrase "the way to my heart is.....

A: via great conversations."

Q5. What is your guilty pleasure?

A: Gossip

Q6. What never fails to make you laugh?

A: Funny Insta reels and innovative meems

Q7. Describe yourself in a phrase?

A: Life shouldn't stop at sunset

Q8. Any two things you wish to be born with in your next life?

A: Money to buy a private jet. Having a good life without having to work for it.

Q9. Any quote or saying that is your mantra of life?

A. Be your Best friend.





Know Your Friends



R/Ann RITU KHOSLA



I am a post graduate in chemistry, followed by a B.Ed from Delhi university. Till I got married I was a proud Delhi-ite. Thanks to Atul, I have travelled all over India -- Rourkela, Jamshedpur, Calcutta, Mumbai and Himachal Pradesh, made many friends and experienced diverse cultures across the country.

Professionally, I have been a corporate trainer, a faculty member in a Hospitality and Management college and also headed the Hero mind-mine in Jamshedpur. Our stay in Himachal Pradesh gave me the golden opportunity to be involved in the CSR activities like starting a vocational training centre for rural women, initiating an anti plastic drive locally which was later adopted by the state.

I'm blessed with two sons- Karan and Varun. Karan is a cinematographer and filmmaker and Varun after completing his engineering is working with a start up.

I have always believed in the philosophy, "Life is an echo, give it the best you have, best will come back to you ". And I found the institution of Rotary a perfect way to live by this philosophy. I have been associated with Rotary since 1994, first in Bokaro, then with Rotary club of Durgapur, Bombay Powai, Steel city Jamshedpur and now back in Bombay Powai.

Thanks to Rotary, we acquired a great set of friends in every new city and developed a very symbiotic relationship with the clubs.

Being a Rotriann, gives me a sense of purpose and makes life more meaningful.







The Rapid Fire Round with Ritu



Q1. Any life changing moment or decision

A: When in a minute I decided to marry Atul

Q2. If you were to wake up tomorrow morning as a different person, which public figure or celebrity, would you like to wake up as and why?

A: Elon Musk. Love his eccentricity and grey matter.

Q3. What would your last meal on this planet be?

A: Egg and crisp toast

Q4. Finish the phrase "the way to my heart is

A: Wit, Romance and the size Size matter"

Q5. What is your guilty pleasure? A: Can't tell!

Q6. What never fails to make you laugh?

A: Humans

Q7. Describe yourself in a phrase.

A: She came, she charmed and she left without a goodbye.

Q8. Any two things you wish to be born with in your next life.

A: I wish to have wings in my next life.

Q9. Any quote or saying that is your mantra of life.

A: Live and Let Live



ROTARY TRIVIA

Rotary District 3141 CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

SOME ROTARY FIRSTS & FACTS

- The first Rotary club meeting was in Chicago, Illinois, on February 23, 1905.
- The first regular luncheon meetings were in Oakland, California, chartered in 1909.
- The first Rotary convention was in Chicago in 1910.
- The first service project of the first Rotary club of Chicago was installation of public toilets in the city.
- The Rotary emblem was printed on a commemorative stamp for the first time in 1931 at the time of the Vienna Convention.
- The first Rotary club banner (from the Houston Space Center) to orbit the moon was carried by astronaut Frank Borman, a member of that club
- The first Rotary International convention held outside the United States was in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1921.

- Rotary first established the Paul Harris Fellow recognition in 1957 for contributors of US \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation
- The first Rotaract Club was formed in Charlotte, North Carolina, USA.
- The first women joined Rotary in 1987.
- In 1911 Paul Harris gave Chesley Perry a budget of \$25.44 to mimeograph and mail a new publication, The National Rotarian, to all 2,000 Rotarians in the 23 clubs nationwide. This was the first Rotary Magazine
- RYLA, the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, began in 1959
 when Rotarians from Queensland, Australia, organized a
 weeklong conference for outstanding young people. In 1971 the
 RI Board officially adopted RYLA as a youth program.
- The first youth exchange was when the Rotary Club of Copenhagen (Denmark) arranged to host several American boys in 1921.
- Rotarians in the United States make up 28% of all Rotarians worldwide



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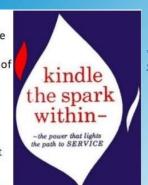




Nitish Chandra Laharry (1892–1964) was an Indian lawyer, social worker and film producer from Kolkata. He was the first person of Asian origin to be elected as the president of Rotary International and was the producer of the first motion picture of Bengal.

It was during his presidency that Rotary International started its Youth wing, Interact Club.

The Government of India awarded him the third highest civilian honor of the <u>Padma Bhushan</u>, in 1963, for his contributions to society.



1962-1963 Nitish Chandra Laharry - Calcutta

First RI President from India



"Discover yourself, develop the strengths within you, and then unhesitatingly, unflinchingly go forth and encircle the world to embrace humanity."



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

2011-2012 Kalyan Banerjee - Vapi, Gujarat

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS from INDIA

.....& their themes



His focused programmes were functional literacy and combatting Hunger.

"Padma Shri" Award, one of the highest civilian awards, was conferred upon Shri Saboo by the President of India in March, 2006.



1991-1992 President Rajendrea K. Saboo - Chadigarh



"Only with more members and more participants can we serve more and change more lives.

Each one bring one"



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

2021-2022 Shekhar Mehta - Kolkata





November Celebrations !!



<u>Birthdays</u>

- * 1st K A Ramnath
- * 3rd Jivan Bhatia
- * 5th Jasbir Singh
- * 7th Udayan Dasgupta
- * 8th Punit Jain
- * 11th Cmdr. Brijendra Ahluwalia
- * 14th Sudhir Shidhaye

(h/o Dr. Sumitra Shidhaye)

- * 15th Shubham Goyel
- * 15th Amit Sheth
- * 15th Rajiv Khanna

(s/o Naval Khanna)

* 15th Kahkashan Thakur

(d/o Farida & Sanjay Thakur)

- * 15th Giridhari Tulsani
- * 16th Ashok Singh
- *16th Amlan Mitra

(s/o Pradip Mitra)

- * 19th Anurag Chadha
- * 22nd Kavita Sharma
- * 23rd Rajni Khanna (w/o Naval Khanna)
- * 23rd Kish<mark>ori</mark> Toprani
- (w/o Pankaj Toprani)
 * 23rd Divyesh Thakrar
- * 25th Harish Iyer
- * 29th Sudha Ajit

Anniversaries

- * 9th Shrikrishna & Sadhna Bhave
- * 11th Cmdr. Mukesh & Meenu Bhargava
- * 22nd Udayan & Subhashree Dasgupta
- * 25th Atul & Ritu Khosla



TARY CLUB OF BOMBAY POWAI

Club ID 27861

Charter date: 11/03/1991



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