

POWAI TARANG

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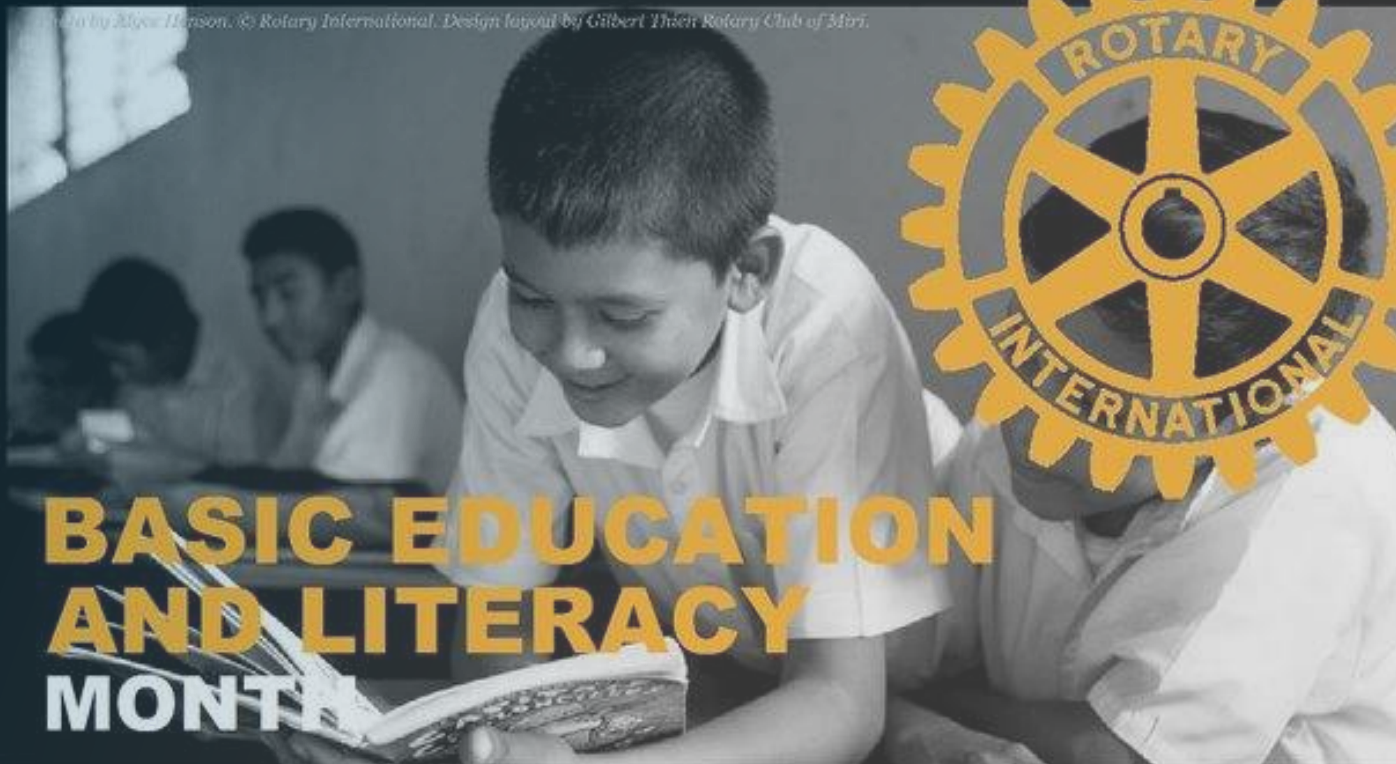


ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY POWAI





SEPTEMBER IS



BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

"Education is a social process. Education is growth. Education is not a preparation for life; education is life itself."

John Dewey



TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Get Involved





Dear Friends,

It gives me a feeling of immense pride and deep sense of satisfaction on the successful completion of the 1st Quarter of the Incredible Year. And what a Quarter we had, replete with annapurna & medical camps, plastic waste collection drives & awareness programs, tree plantations, safety workshops and number of rounds of our annual event Knowledge Quest. Needless to state, this was made possible thanks to the leadership and teamwork of several fellow members of the RCBP family, who put their heart and soul into these events.

I believe in the power of unity and the incredible potential of our members. Our Club's strength lies in the dedication, enthusiasm and talents of each one of you. Let's harness these attributes to create lasting change and leave a positive legacy.

Let us build peace within and spread it freely, let us create belonging and imagine the future of Rotary afresh. Let us work together joyously and create Hope in the World.

I am excited to work alongside each of you in the spirit of fellowship and service. Together, we can achieve remarkable things.

Let's make this year an Incredible one for our Rotary Club!



R.I PRESIDENT *Speaks*

R. GORDON R. MCLNALLY



The International Day of Peace takes place 21 September. The United Nations General Assembly declared this a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire.

It is not enough, as People of Action, to simply avoid making war. If we are to *Create Hope in the World*, we must aggressively wage peace.

Where can we begin? There are countless armed conflicts around the world, and the global population of displaced people is higher than ever. The opportunities are nearly limitless, but the cycles of violence and hardship seem endless.

My advice is to start small but think big. I look to Rotary members in Pakistan and India for inspiration.

In March 2020, about 50 Rotary members from Pakistan met about 50 Rotary members from India at Kartarpur Sahib, a shrine in Pakistan. The sanctuary honors Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism, a religion practiced in both countries. Tensions between the two countries barred many religious pilgrims from India from visiting the shrine. That is, until Pakistan opened a visa-free pathway to them in 2019.

Earlier this year, Rotary members from opposite sides of the border again met at the shrine, this time with about twice as many participants.

Any work toward building peace needs to be brave and bold. What these Rotary members have done is just that. The Pakistani government took an important step toward peace when it admitted Indian pilgrims to the Kartarpur Sahib shrine, but Pakistani Rotary members took the next step when they welcomed Rotary members from India as friends and family. That is Positive Peace at work.

These peacebuilders did not stop there. Club representatives at this year's meeting signed twin club certificates to recognize their long-term commitment to continue to learn from each other and to work together on more peacebuilding efforts, and they have held joint meetings via video chat.





The importance of communicating with and learning from another culture cannot be overstated, and Rotary is making it even easier to do so. One way of engaging in cross-cultural dialogue and building relationships across borders is through virtual international exchanges that build on our current programs and make them more accessible.

A virtual exchange uses online platforms to connect people from different parts of the world so they can share their traditions, priorities, values, and more. Virtual exchanges can serve as a window to another part of the world through activities such as teaching a digital cooking class, learning a new language, or even designing service projects with a global impact.

These online chats have the potential to inspire new connections and more respect between societies. Taking that knowledge and using it to better the lives of our fellow human beings is the next step.

Let's see where it takes us.

Meet the members of INCREDIBLE B.O.D



Vocational & Medical

Yogesh Gupta (aka Yogi) lives by "Kisi ki muskurahaton pe ho nisar, Kisi ka dard mil sake to le udhaar, Kisi ke waaste ho tere dil mein pyaar...Jeena isi ka naam hai".

An Engineer & MBA by qualification from renowned institutes in West and East India respectively (GCOE Karad and IISWBM Kolkata), he has spent professional years initiating & leading Business Vertical for India Subcontinent in Consulting & Product companies, viz; Nelito, Godrej Infotech, SAP & Infor.

After working for close to 25 years, he founded PY Quantum to focus on Products, development & specific area of consulting. He is a fitness enthusiast who enjoys playing Chess & reading books, who believes that there is something new to learn everyday!

A new devoted Rotarian, joined in 2022, has taken to Rotary as fish takes to water. He derives his strength from his belief system and upbringing as much as from his family of wife, beautiful Sonalika an MBA (HR) working as (VP - HR & Admin, Saregama India), daughter Koohika, a budding Lawyer studying currently at the Jindal Global Law School and son Akshaansh, pursuing BBA from Narsee Monjee.



Youth Service

Anju Ahluwalia a B.Sc, DTE & with a Diploma in fashion designing with courses in oil & acrylic painting is an excellent amateur painter !

A multifaceted career woman she has been a teacher in St Jesus and Marry School in Colaba & Gopal Sharma School in Powai.

She designed for Kala Niketan fashion store, was a senior designer for khadi Gram Udhayog. Had a garments manufacturing unit in Mumbai & her own boutique in Powai. She also has done many exhibitions of Garments all over India. Presently only perusing my work in paintings.

Married to Retd Commodore Bijendra, they are blessed with daughter Shagun a Director in HSBC & son Ankur a BE+MBA working with Petronas in Malaysia

Anju idolises Maulana Azad and Atal Bihari Vajpayee and believes 'Either you get the Job what you want to do, or do the job what you got' & 'Choice is yours work hard now or work hard later'!

Anju collects books & paintings and likes Rotary/RCBP because of good meaningful projects and healthy fellowship !



Meet the members of INCREDIBLE B.O,D



Global Grant

Farida Thakur is a trained dancer - a Visharad in Kathak who won the interschool contest and was placed 2nd in state of MP.

Fancied becoming a pilot but with physics not obeying her laws, gave up !

Later pursued MA in English Lit. Now a Special Education Teacher and Registered counsellor for kids having learning disability.

Farida believes Family is the most important thing in the world. Married to Sanjay Thakur who is also a Rotarian, they have two children : Daughter Kahkashan & Son Shiamak.

She is her own role model and loves dancing, reading & travelling !

Likes Rotary because of community service & fellowship !



Fund Raising & CSR

Gayatri Mishra Oleti is a social-sector thought leader and experienced senior professional who works with philanthropists, foundations and corporations on CSR programmes. Gayatri chose a paradigm shift from corporate to development sector purely driven by her passion.

She holds a PhD in Women Empowerment from Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu India, MBA from Xaviers Institute of Management Bhubaneswar. She is also a recipient of Merit Scholarship from London School of Economics and holds a MSc degree in Social Policy.

She has implemented various projects supported by Mellinda Bill Gates Foundation, USAID, EU, DFID and worked with Children Investment Fund Foundation, SAIL and L&T. Gayatri is also nominated as a Salzburg Global Fellow, Austria.

Passionate about working with children's issues, women empowerment, social policy, advocacy and deployment of technology for good at last mile to benefit community at large.



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



September 13th



September 14th



September 28th

In Action

Annapurna at Asha NGO, Powai

Project lead- Kavita Sharma



August 3rd



August 4th



August 9th



August 10th



August 16th



In Action

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

September 4th Camp at Al- Rehman English School, Tagore Nagar, Vikhroli. 113 eye screenings & 41 spectacles distributed.
Total beneficiaries - 113

September 6th Medical Camp at Glenn Classic society, Hiranandani Gardens
Total beneficiaries - 103 (Male -51 & Female-52)
Eye screenings -108, Spectacles distributed -83

September 9thMedical Camp at Eden II society, Hiranandani Gardens.
Total beneficiaries - 79 (male -33, female -46)
Eye screenings - 93, Spectacles distributed -63

September 14th Medical camp at L&T Emerald Isle complex
Total beneficiaries - 161
Eye screenings -105, Spectacles distributed -56

September 15th Medical Camp at Adonia building, Hiranandani Gardens
Total beneficiaries - 122 (male -66, female -56)
Eye screenings -110, Spectacles distributed -56



In Action

MEDICAL PROJECTS

September 20th Medical camp at Varsha Nagar, Ganesh Nagar, Parksite - Powai Road, Parksite, Vikhroli, Mumbai.

Total beneficiaries - 142 (male -60, female -82)
Eye screenings -102, Spectacles distributed -58

September 22nd Medical Camp at Mahadev Temple, Lal Bahadur Shastri Marg, Chandan Nagar, Near Gandhinagar, Vikhroli.

Total beneficiaries - 105

September 23rd Medical camp at Paradise CHS, Raheja Vihar

Total beneficiaries - 88 (male -60 female -28)
Eye screenings -85, Spectacles distributed -52

September 24th Camp at Eternia CHS, Hiranandani Gardens

Total beneficiaries - 103 (male -47, female -57)
Eye screenings -90 Spectacles distributed -59

September 30th Camp for Verona & Avalon CHS at Verona, Hiranandani gardens.

Total beneficiaries - 136 (male -67, female -69)
Eye screenings -94, Spectacles distributed -69



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In Action

YOUTH SERVICE



September 1st - Plastic waste collection drive in Powai English school.
35 students participated collecting 40kg waste.

Project lead -Anju Ahluwalia.



September 2nd - No Plastic awareness programme at Gopal Sharma School
A project with & for the students of GSS. It had active participation from many students, well supported by their teachers.

Project lead -Anju Ahluwalia.





Plastic waste collection drive at Pawar Public School

September 5th

Dry & plastic waste collection drive by the students of Pawar public school to collect waste plastics. They collected 7 big bags full of plastic.

Project lead - Anju Ahluwalia

Tree plantation
August 24th

Interact clubs of HFS International & Pawar Public school jointly did the project in the garden behind the HFS School. Saplings were provided by the horticulture of Hiranandai group & PPS students had also got fruit tree saplings



In Action

YOUTH SERVICE

Safety and awareness workshop on the vertical transportation - The Safe-T rider program conducted by the Elevator & Escalator Safety Trust (EEST)

Project lead - Anju Ahluwalia



September 16th at Pawar Public School.

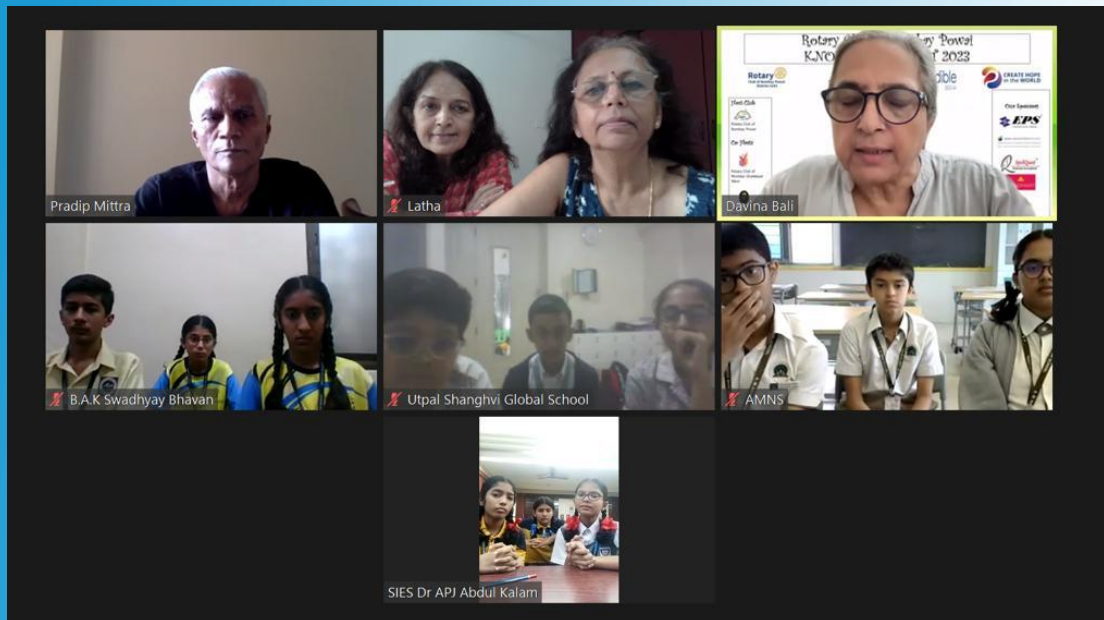


September 25th at Gopal Sharma Memorial School.

KNOWLEDGE QUEST – An interschool quiz competition, one more signature project of RCB Powai. In its 7th edition this year, it is a District Project with 56 schools across Mumbai, English & vernacular medium, participating. The preliminary rounds, held on virtual platform zoom, will be spread throughout August & September. The finals will be a physical event in October. Beginning from August first week, each week there have been two groups of schools, one each from English & vernacular medium participating in the ongoing preliminary rounds.

Project lead & quiz master of this incredible, informative & interesting project is Rtn. Pradip Mitra.

The fifth & final preliminary rounds



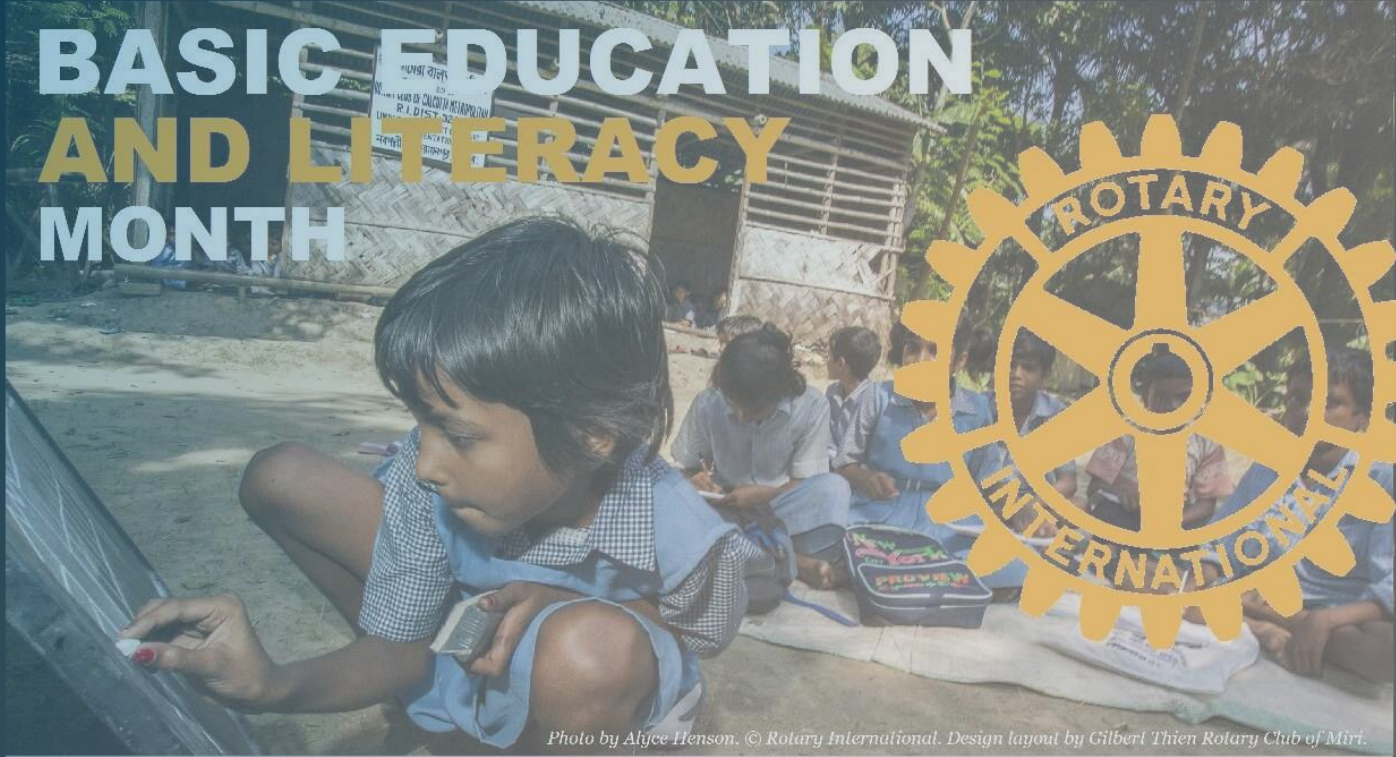
September 4th



September 5th



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“Educate a boy, and you educate an individual. Educate a girl, and you educate a community.”

Adelaide Hoodless



TAKE ACTION: Join a Project



MEETINGS

Fellowship

2nd & 3rd September

Overnight picnic at Alibaug in hotel Radisson blu.



Speaker Meeting-

4th September

Guest speaker - Ashok Venktaramni
who spoke on "Myths about Media"





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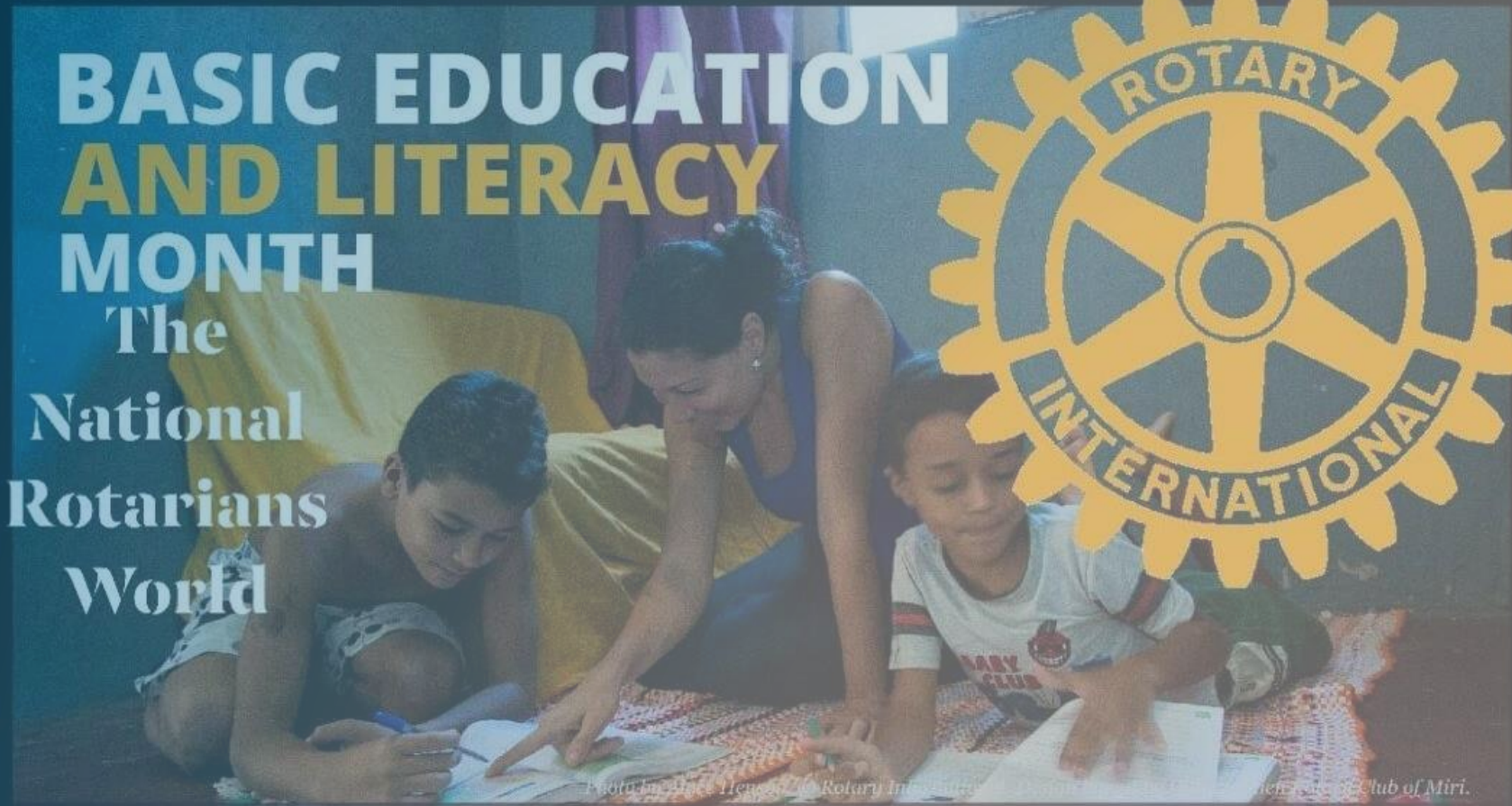


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“To read is to empower, to empower is to write, to write is to influence, to influence is to change, to change is to live.”

Jane Evershed



R/Ann DEEPTI SUJEN SHAH



Hello everyone!

I'm Deepti Sujen Shah from Hiranandani Powai. I was introduced to Rotary after my marriage to Rtn Sujen Shah.

A doting mother to two small daughters Nihavi and Aryaansha , family has always been my first priority. I practise Interior Designing and try to maintain a balance between my work and personal life.

My interests include traveling, engaging in creative endeavours, cooking and social welfare. I am compassionate, sociable and a foodie!

My family has a long association of almost 30 years with Rotary. Father-in-law was the charter member and President of Rotary club of Bombay Central. My husband Sujen participated in the RYE program as a teenager and treasures it to be one of the most life enriching experiences.

Community service attracted me to Rotary the most. It helped me connect with a diverse group of professionals who share likeminded thoughts to make a difference to those less fortunate. Joining Rotary has helped me make a lot of friends in my own community. Parties and activities provide a welcome distraction to a hectic life. Club meetings give an opportunity to listen to different speakers on a variety of current topics.

If you like helping others, here is your chance to make a difference!



The Rapid Fire Round with Deepti

Q1. Any life changing moment or decision

A : Having children.

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: Ratan Tata for his visionary leadership , ethics , integrity and humility.

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

A: SevPuri.

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

A - The way to my heart is.... expressing genuine appreciation.

Q5. What is your guilty pleasure?

A: Indulging in Desserts.

Q6. What never fails to make you laugh?

A: Good company

Q7. Describe yourself in a phrase.

A: I 'm meticulous, dependable, gregarious, frank and value integrity.

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

A: Poker face & more patience

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

A: Be kind , you never know the battles others are fighting .

Anju Ahluwalia



A second-generation Rotarian, eldest of 4 siblings, born and brought up in a joint family. Both parents were practicing advocates & active Rotarians.

After my schooling in Roorkee, did my graduation & D Ed from Delhi Women's Polytechnic. A diploma holder in Fashion designing from Delhi institute of Fashion technology, have also done various courses in art and oil painting from India and abroad.

Has a long & interesting career journey behind her. Having worked for top Fashion Houses in the country & also as a Senior designer for Khadi Gram Udyog.

She set up her own fashion house and a block print unit, Anju Creations, in Mumbai, catering to many fashion houses. Participated in over 100 garment exhibitions in Mumbai & other cities too.

In between, also took a plunge at teaching, and taught in St. Jesus and Mary, Colaba and GSMS Powai, Mumbai.

Enjoys painting, Art & painting is almost a parallel profession. Has done commissioned paintings for several interior designers for the projects, and has also held exhibitions of her paintings.

Marriage for Anju was a classic love story. She fondly recalls falling in love with the dashing handsome Lt Ahluwalia when she met him for the first time, and she was the one who proposed to him. To her amazement he just laughed and said no !! But, he couldn't escape the persuasion of the family members on his next vacation and then they lived happily ever after.

Anju Ahluwalia



Anju has fond memories of her life in the Navy where all were a big, large Naval family. She is grateful and feels blessed for getting the kind of exposure that helped her develop confidence in dealing with any kind of situation.

Has been an active member in the Naval wives' welfare association (NWWA) where she was in charge of Vocational activities for the sailors' wives, educating them to be independent and skilled. She was also the Treasurer NWWA Western Naval Command, where funds were spent for the needy defence families and children.

Thanks to the Navy, they got to live in wonderful places like Port Blair, Wellington, Cochin, Vizag, Mumbai, Delhi, Goa, Jamnagar. She, very fondly, reminisces that in those days, their most precious possessions were their wooden boxes and steel trunks that were put to use every two to three years when Commander Ahluwalia would get transferred!!!

Her Husband Cmdr. Ahluwalia (VSM Retd) is also a Senior Rotarian and presently an Assistant Governor. He is also actively involved in PNI Project as one of the Original Coordinators.

Her daughter Shagun is a Chartered accountant, Director HSBC, who is married to Chartered Accountant Nittin Arora. They have one daughter Amaira, studying in grade 9.

Her son Capt. Ankur Ahluwalia works with Petronas at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He's married to Rithika and they have two sons Aadidev in grade 5, and Aaryaveer in grade 2.

The Rapid Fire Round with Anju



Q1. Any life changing moment or decision ?

A: Moving to Delhi from Bombay when my husband was transferred there, closing my established business of fabric printing and garments units in Mahalakshmi Mumbai Area.

Q2. What would your last meal on this planet be?

A: Definitely Aarahar ki Daal , Chawal , and bhune Aallo ki sabzi with mango pickle

Q3. If you were to wake up tomorrow morning as a different person - which public figure or celebrity would you like to wake up as ?

A: A difficult one, never thought about it. But given a choice it would be the Indian nightangle, Lata Mangeshkar ..

Q4. Describe yourself in a phrase ?

A: Smart yet Simple hard working diligent and dependable individual.

Q5. Any two things you wish to be born with in your next life ?

A: I would love to be as Anju only, having same set of incredible family and same set of wonderful friends .. With just one more asset that I could sing 🎤 and sing well

Q6. Finish the phrase "the way to my heart is....."

A: Way to my heart is genuine smile .

Q7. Any quote or saying that is your mantra for life ?

A: Work hard & your result would be in front of you. If not happy with the result take a right turn ...Also I don't let my yesterday to take up too much of my today ..



FUNCTIONAL LITERACY PROGRAM

It has been estimated that a billion people -- one-fourth of the world's population -- are unable to read. Illiteracy of adults and children is global is a concern in both highly industrialized nations and in developing countries. The number of adult illiterates in the world is increasing by 25 million each year! In the United States, one quarter of the entire population is considered functionally illiterate.

The tragedy of illiteracy is that those who cannot read lose personal independence and become victims of unscrupulous manipulation, poverty and the loss of human feelings which give meaning to life. Illiteracy is demeaning. It is a major obstacle for economic, political, social and person development. Illiteracy is a barrier to international understanding, cooperation and peace in the world.

Literacy education was considered a program priority by Rotary's original Health, Hunger and Humanity Committee in 1978. An early 3-H grant led to the preparation of an excellent source book on the issues of literacy in the world. The Rotary-sponsored publication, *The Right to Read*, was edited by Rotarian Eve Malmquist, a past district governor from Linkoping, Sweden, and a recognized authority on reading and educational research. The book was the forerunner of a major Rotary program emphasis on literacy promotion.

In 1985 the RI Planning and Research Committee proposed, and the RI board approved, that the Rotary clubs of the world conduct a ten-year emphasis on literacy education. Many Rotary clubs are thoughtfully surveying the needs of their community for literacy training. Some clubs provide basic books for teaching reading. Others establish and support reading and language clinics, provide volunteer tutorial assistance and purchase reading materials. Rotarians can play a vitally important part in their community and in developing countries by promoting projects to open opportunities which come from the ability to re



August Celebrations !!

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Birthdays

- * 1st Daksh Balkhande
(s/o Mangesh Balkhande)
- * 3rd Dilip Talreja
- * 4th Yogesh Gupta
- * 5th Sangeeta Grover
(w/o Tarun Grover)
- * 5th Akshaansh Gupta
(s/o Yogesh Gupta)
- * 6th Arti Arya
(w/o Vinit Arya)
- * 7th Vaibhav Govilkar
(s/o Vivek & Savita Govilkar)
- * 8th Kunal Shah
(s/o Pankaj Shah)
- * 9th Susan Tripathi
- * 15th Rushil Grover
(s/o Tarun Grover)
- * 17th Davina Bali
(w/o Manjit Bali)
- * 17th Koohika Gupta
(d/o Yogesh Gupta)

Anniversaries

- * 21st Seema Devi
(w/o Rajnish Lokhande)
- * 22nd Prateek Iyer
(s/o Harish Iyer)
- * 22nd Nishant Sainani
(s/o Sunita Sainani)
- * 23rd Kalpana Singh
(w/o Ashok Singh)
- * 23rd Neha Gajjar
(d/o Jagdish Gajjar)
- * 27th Nihavi Shah
(d/o Sujen Shah)
- * 28th Sanjay Thakur

- * 8th Anuradha & R Ganesh



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