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My dear family of SeaFacers

What is **ABCD** of life? It is the **A**wareness, **B**elongingness, **C**ommitment & **D**irection. These are the four most vital prerequisites to progress in any field and rotary is nothing different.

The first essential is the **A**wareness of sustainable development. We need to hone the awareness on various levels – environmental awareness, awareness of human values, awareness of ethics in our transactions... whether be it business or otherwise and awareness of how to achieve sustained level in any field, including rotary. Along with this awareness, comes the second requisite – a sense of **B**elongingness. This is what binds the people together... In rotary, it is fellowship and projects, where we work as a team. You will observe that success of any project depends to a great extent on the degree of belongingness among the people, when people go beyond thinking in terms of 'I' and view problems and situations collectively. The third factor contributing to the progress would be **C**ommitment. When **A** & **B** are strong **C** naturally follows; if it does not, then we only need to give more encouragement and time for that to happen. Once these things are in place, **D** or direction plays a role, enabling us to give a worthwhile direction to what we have planned to do.

In next few hours we will enter a new year... this time it will be a leap year a day extra. The new year is just around the corner and resolutions are on everyone's mind. From budget planning, to staying fit for many people, it is time to set personal goals and make a difference. You can decide to prioritise things such as finance, health and hobbies for the next year and most important is plan your rotary activities. Dear SeaFacers, we need your support... as a team we can make the difference in the society.

I WISH ALL SEAFACERS, THEIR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS A HAPPY NEW YEAR... KEEP YOUR SPIRITS AND DETERMINATION UNSHAKEN, KEEP YOUR COURAGE, FAITH AND EFFORTS HIGH TO ENABLE YOU TO CONQUER EVERYTHING YOU DESIRE.

DECEMBER EDITORIAL

Hello friends

Here we are at the fag end of 2023, on the anvil of welcoming 2024, with great hope and delight as we turn the last page of this yearbook.

The month of December, as is typical of all calendar months in our country, brought celebrations and noteworthy events.



In what can be termed as a mighty conquest, India's culinary chef, Garima Arora, has just upped the ante on fine dining by becoming the first Indian woman and chef to ever bag not just one, but two coveted Michelin stars on December 13, 2023.

Garima Arora's Bangkok restaurant, Gaa, a contemporary Indian dining experience, has held one Michelin star since 2018, making Garima the first Indian lady chef to be awarded this prestigious recognition.



And then came Christmas, with its mascot, the Santa and his famous “Ho Ho Ho”...



So, WHY DOES SANTA SAY HO HO HO?

The truth is simple: The catchphrase is "used to represent laughter". So, when Santa utters "ho, ho, ho," he isn't actually saying anything - he's laughing! Now, you might be asking yourself why Santa doesn't simply say "ha, ha, ha" if he's having a chuckle. Well, the answer lies in his figure. One of Santa's most iconic features is his round belly - and when a person says "ho, ho, ho," the sound is considered to come from the stomach. The phrase is also often associated with warmth and old age, both of which fit Santa's image perfectly.



Friends,
my heartiest wishes to all of you
and yours for a blessed 2024.



- PP Rtn. Ramola Mahajani

RTN. BHARAT MERCHANT'S CORNER

ROTARY CONTINUES TO MARVEL ME

You know Rotary International (RI) is really INTERNATIONAL in a true sense, amongst the 4 avenues of Service which forms the base of Rotary...it is truly International Service which lives up to its name...



Hence, let us understand more about INTERNATIONAL SERVICE as an AVENUE of Service...

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this service avenue by sponsoring and volunteering International projects seeking partners abroad and more. We should share our service projects with an International audience. It's a great way to find partners for projects thereby benefitting our community and society.


Do you know that RI has added 2 service partners that offer ROTARY clubs new ways to collaborate with other International organisations and strengthen their projects?

- 1) HABITAT FOR HUMANITY which build homes for families in need. The low cost shelters qualify for the Global Grants program.
- 2) The International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IPAB) is an international agency for prevention of blindness. It also provides and plans eye related procedures and helps to promote greater awareness of the need for eye care and prevent blindness.

Both these agencies have successfully implemented projects in INDIA.

Isn't it great news for RCBSF members to know what ROTARY can do and does for the community at large?

TRF - The Rotary Foundation : It is a duty for every Rotarian to contribute freely, year after year, to the greatest charity foundation in the world.



Unlike other charity organisations, ROTARY doesn't take the "Parachute approach" to humanitarian work. ROTARY solves problems in a sustainable way. The Foundation also acts quickly when needed such as disaster response grants and was in the forefront during the pandemic. The majority of the funds go straight for the humanitarian projects and has very little administrative costs which is the main difference with others. This is why CHARITY Navigator (it is a Charity assessment organisation) has consistently given its highest ranking to the ROTARY FOUNDATION, year after year.

So, if you are looking for a great charity to support or a way to do all the good you can look no further than THE ROTARY FOUNDATION (TRF). We can reshape, rebuild, and restore our needy people of the society so that many lives can breathe easier.

Some of the noted programs of Rotary Foundation are as follows :

ROTARY STUDENT EXCHANGE :

Students learn a new language, discover another culture, and truly become global citizens. Exchanges for students ages 15-19 are sponsored by Rotary clubs in more than 100 countries.

Long-term exchanges last a full academic year, and students attend local schools and live with multiple host families.

Short-term exchanges last from several days to three months and are often structured as camps, tours, or home stays that take place when school is not in session.

ROTARY FAMILY EXCHANGE :

Friendship Exchange is an international exchange program for Rotary members and friends that allows participants to take turns hosting one another in their homes and clubs.

Participants may travel as individuals, couples, families, or groups, and may be Rotary members or not.

There are many other International programs which are funded and implemented under the Rotary Foundation banner.

Don't you agree the International Service is so vast... lots to learn and do...

DECEMBER REFLECTIONS



On **4th December** we had an eye camp organized by our Medical Director Rtn. Anil Popat and supported by Rtn. Dr. Kilin Kothare's team at Seva Sadan, where 170 students availed the benefit.

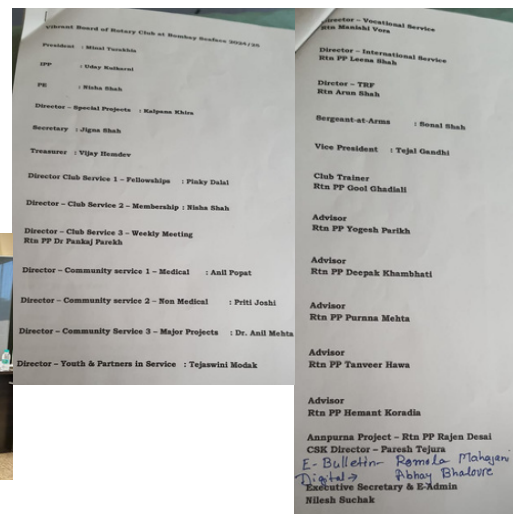


This Month our Partners in service independently carried out projects in Usgaon and Palghar. PE and Director Partners in Service Rtn. Minal Turakhia supported them on this project.

On **15th December**, our Rotaract NSS college distributed stationery at Usgaon school in Vasai.

On **16th December** we had our club assembly at Annual General Meeting. The club assembly was attended by Assiatant Governor Rtn. Sanjiv Kulkarni; the interaction of AG with members and sharing of the six month review was done. AG was positive about our club contribution and gave very positive feed back.

The main features of the Annual General Meeting was President Elect Rtn. Minal Thurakia, supported by Election office Rtn. Tanveer declared the board and a resolution was passed to make our club 100 % E.R.E.Y club
The board for 2024-25 will be as follows.



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On **22nd December** our RCC Palghar team, headed by Hemant Dongre & Prashant Mhatre conducted a plastic bag collection drive at Tungareshwar with the help of Vasai college students. This project was coordinated by Rtn. Preeti Joshi from our club.



Rotarian Leena Shah donated a Christmas tree to SRCC hospital and 100 sarees to tribal women of Parli Ashram at Khandala



This month with efforts of Rtn. Nirmal Doshi, we signed a MOU for a CSR project with Naryana health. This will be for toilet blocks in four schools in Palghat and water coolers at Walkeshwar school and Yusuf Meharally. Work has already started on these projects in a full swing as executing this project by March 2024 is a prerequisite as per the MOU

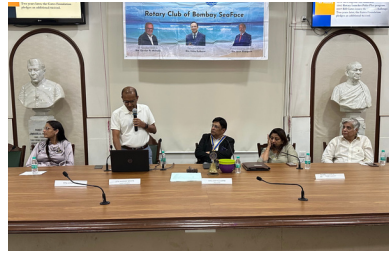
Few photos of WIP



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Speaker Meeting

We had Rtn. Akshay Mehta as a guest speaker on **23rd December** to talk on the Rotary Foundation, how it works and how can we leverage Rotary Foundation as a platform to serve the society, Rtn. Leena Shah introduced him while Rtn. Bharat Mechant thanked the speaker for sharing insights of Rotary Foundation.



Annapurna for December

We had Annapurna in Vashi organized by Rtn. Rajen Desai, KEM hospital by Rtns. Dina Shah, Shrikunj Shah & Kirti Parikh, Chandaramji Annapurna was sponsored by Rtn. Minaxi Gandhi.



Rotarian Jitendra Mehra sponsored Annapurna for Kavle math primary school students starting this month till end of their academic year

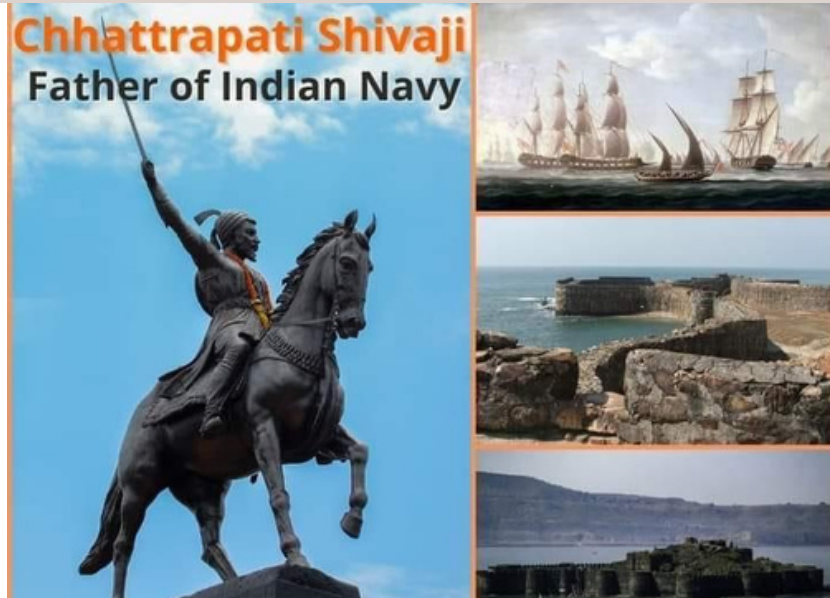


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This month we had our 3rd Fellowship at most sought out venue US club, which is the tip of Mumbai island, overlooking the Arabian Sea and the evening on this week end which just went by, was pleasant with tinge if coolness. SeaFacers enjoyed the evening with good music, supplemented by Salsa... great participation by the SeaFacers with maximum energy levels. Credit to KK for organising this. The chat corner was the most crowded.



THE UNIQUE STRATEGIST SHIVAJI MAHARAJ



Four facts you need to know about Chhatrapati Shivaji and his Naval force:

1. Shivaji Maharaj was the first to recognize the power of naval force. He strongly believed that only a robust navy could free the Konkan coast from the clutches of foreign invaders and pirates.
2. From this emerged one of the strongest Naval Operations India had ever seen. In an act of exemplary foresight, Shivaji Maharaj built naval forts at Jaigarh, Vijaydurg, Sindhudurg and many other locations.
3. Shivaji's navy created four impenetrable warships - Manjuhasm, Pals, Gurabs and Gallibats.
4. Shivaji - A born statesman, visionary and leader will always be remembered as the father of the Indian Navy.

On this Indian Navy Day, we salute this great visionary who first thought about building of Naval army and necessity of creating naval bases for his mavalas, along a long seashore.

- PP Rtn. Ramola Mahajani

QUIZ TIME

En route Pune the other day, while driving on Delisle road, I noticed three by lanes, one after another. They were called Surti street, Kolhapur street, and Kurla street. Since then, for the life of me, I have not been able to find out the origin of these street names, so diverse from each other!!

So, I am turning this into a 'HATKE' Quiz. A prize is waiting for the first three Club members who can find the answer... any takers?

- PP Rtn. Ramola Mahajani



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



VIJAYENDRA KATTI - 01



PARUL MODY - 02



MEENA VORA - 02



CHAROO MEHTA - 04



PARUL PATWA - 08



ANJUM HAWA - 12

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



SMITA SANGHVI - 19



SALONI PARIKH - 25



SHEKHAR PURANDARE - 26



BHAVNA KOTHARI - 27



MANISHA BHANSALI - 28



GRACE CABRAL - 30

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

PREETI & VIPUL - 02



PANKAJ & HEMA - 02



ANIL & PURNA - 17



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TEJASWINI & VIBHAS - 17



MANISHI & MEENA - 18




NIMESH & VARSHA - 25



YOGESH & DAKSHA - 28






By the time 2023 ends most of you would have gone through these E-Bulletin. I once again wish you all a great year ahead and happy readings for more E-Bulletins to come.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024

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