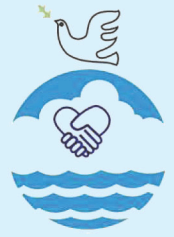




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TWO MONTHS TO GO... CARRYING THE SPIRIT FORWARD

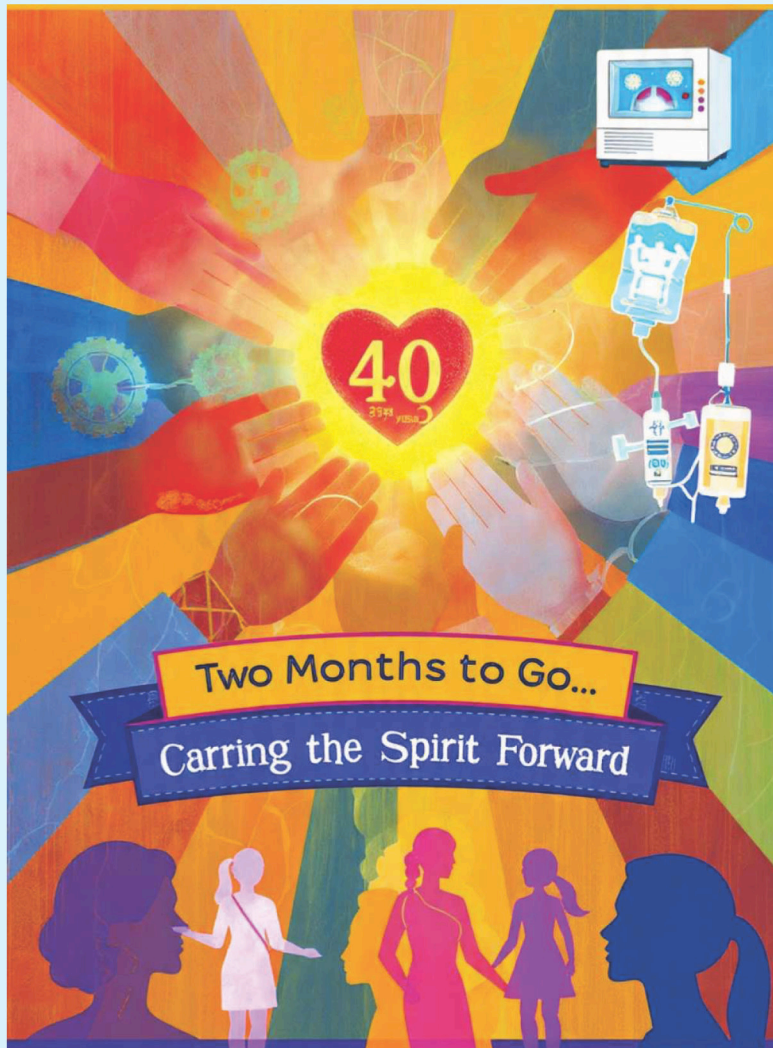


SONAL DOSHI
PRESIDENT

Namaste,

There is something about the closing stretch of a Rotary year... it doesn't arrive loudly, yet it carries with it a quiet tide of reflection. It is not an ending that announces itself, but one that gently nudges you to pause, to look back, and to feel. With just two months to go, I find myself doing exactly that pausing more often... not to slow down, but to truly absorb what this journey has meant. A year ago, this was a responsibility. Today, it feels deeply personal. Because somewhere along the way, this was no longer about projects, meetings, or milestones... it became about people. About familiar faces that slowly turned into dependable pillars. About hands that came together without being asked twice. About hearts that showed up, again and again, with warmth, trust, and an unspoken belief that together, we can make a difference. That collective spirit has been the true soul of this year and perhaps its most meaningful achievement. Yes, there have been milestones we are proud of. The Global Grant of USD 130,514 (approximately ₹1.20 crore) stands tall not just as a number, but as a reflection of what collaboration can create when intention meets effort. It is a reminder that when purpose is clear and commitment is shared, even the most ambitious goals begin to feel achievable. My heartfelt gratitude to Past President Yogesh Parikh, Past President Leena Shah, Tejal Gandhi, and myself, President Sonal Doshi, this was teamwork in its truest, most seamless form.

Our commitment to The Rotary Foundation also reached a new height this year. With a remarkable contribution of USD 65,000, we have created a record that reflects not just generosity, but a shared belief in something larger than ourselves. My sincere thanks to TRF Director Arun Bhai Shah and Leena Shah for their constant guidance and encouragement, and to each one of my Rotary friends because without you, this milestone would have remained just a target, not a shared achievement. It fills me with immense pride to share that our club now stands among the Top 25 clubs of District 3141. But beyond the recognition, what truly matters is what it represents a collective will, a shared intent, and a quiet determination to do more, to reach further, and to give meaningfully. The HPV vaccination initiative, reaching nearly 500 girls and women, is another quiet yet powerful chapter of this year. There may not have been grand stages or loud applause... but somewhere, a mother felt reassured, a young girl was protected, and a future became a little safer. These are the victories that do not seek attention, yet carry the deepest impact. These are the moments where Rotary moves beyond visibility and becomes truly meaningful. And perhaps, these are the stories that matter the most. Because at its core, Rotary is not just about the scale of what we do it is about the sincerity with which we do it. And then, there are moments that stay with you... long after the work is done. Rtn. Nilesh Suchak's contribution is one such moment. In choosing to give, in memory of someone deeply loved, he reminded us that service is at its most powerful when it comes from the heart. The Bio Safety Cabinet, the infusion pumps these are not just medical equipment. They are silent companions in someone's fight, someone's hope, someone's healing. His gesture was not just generous it was deeply human, and it will continue to touch lives in ways we may never fully see or measure. There is something profoundly moving about acts of service that come from a place of love. They carry with them a quiet dignity... a sense of purpose that goes beyond recognition. And this year, we have witnessed many such moments some visible, many unseen but all equally meaningful. What has also stood out this year is not just what we have



done, but how we have done it. The ease with which people came forward. The willingness to step in without hesitation. The quiet leadership that emerged without titles. The friendships that deepened beyond meetings and projects. These are the invisible threads that have held this year together. Somewhere along the way, Rotary began to feel less like an organisation and more like a family one that stands by each other, celebrates together, and shows up when it matters the most. And perhaps that is what I will carry with me the longest.

As we stand at this point, I do not see an ending, I see continuity. The work will go on. The intent will remain. The spirit we have nurtured together will continue to find expression in new ideas, new hands, and new journeys.

Because what we build here does not conclude with a term; it quietly becomes a part of who we are. This year also holds a beautiful milestone forty years of this club. Forty years of service, of friendships, of showing up, time and again. Forty years of choosing purpose over convenience, and community over individuality. That is not just a legacy it is a living, breathing story that each one of us is now a part of. As we step into the 41st year, there is both pride and promise. The celebration on 12th June will not just mark a number it will honour every story, every effort, every life touched along the way. It will be a moment of gratitude, of remembrance, and of renewed commitment. A moment to pause... and then move forward with even greater intent. These last two months are not about winding down.

They are about holding on to the energy, the relationships, the purpose we have created together. They are about finishing with the same sincerity with which we began, and ensuring that the spirit of this year continues to echo long after it formally concludes. Because in the end, it is not the duration of the journey that defines it... it is the depth of the impact it leaves behind. And this journey, in its own quiet way, has left a mark. Not just in numbers or milestones, but in hearts, in connections, and in the shared belief that together, we can continue to make a difference. Because some journeys don't really end. They simply stay with you... quietly shaping what you do next. With gratitude in my heart, always.



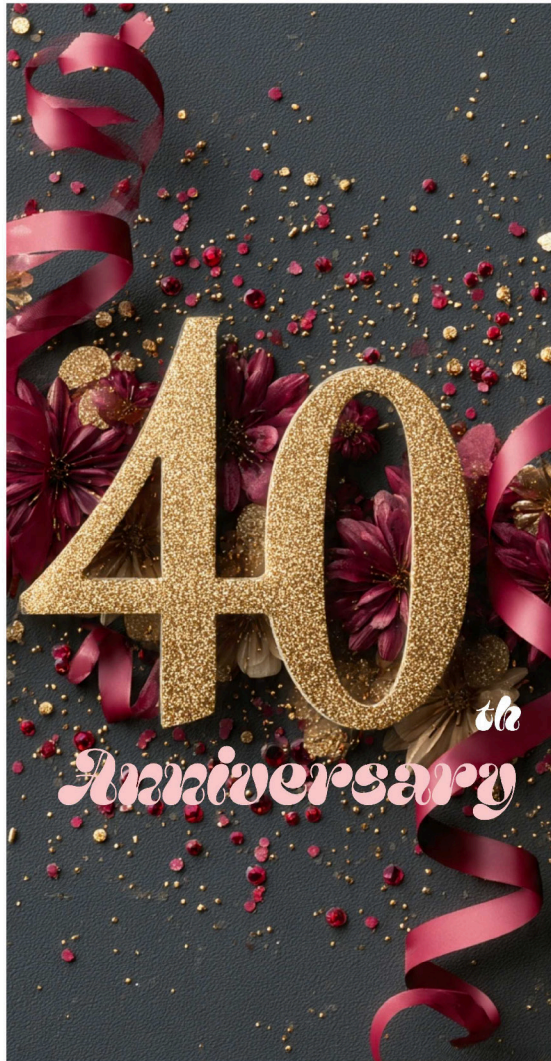
WHERE MUSIC MET MEANING: AN EVENING OF PURE FELLOWSHIP

The fellowship evening of RC Bombay Seaface on 12th April at Vanita Vishram School Auditorium unfolded as something far more special than just a gathering, it became a celebration of harmony, happiness, and heartfelt connection. What made the night truly memorable was the spirit of participation, as over 20 members took to the stage, not as performers, but as friends sharing a piece of themselves. Each song carried warmth, nostalgia, and emotion, turning the auditorium into a space filled with genuine joy and quiet admiration for the hidden talents within our own Rotary family. Guiding the evening with effortless charm was Rtn. Dr. Pankaj Parekh, whose engaging presence kept the flow seamless and the energy alive throughout. Behind the scenes, IPP Rtn. Minal Turakhia ensured that every detail fell perfectly into place, reflecting thoughtful planning and care. Adding a deeply personal touch to the evening was the gracious dinner hosted by PDG Nitin Mangaldas. Celebrating his birthday in the company of fellow Rotarians, along with his school friends, infused the gathering with a beautiful sense of nostalgia and warmth. It was a reminder that Rotary extends beyond meetings and service, it nurtures relationships that feel enduring and deeply personal. As the evening came to a close, it left behind more than applause. It left smiles that lingered, laughter that echoed, and a renewed sense of belonging. It was not just a fellowship, it was a moment of togetherness that will stay etched in memory. This unforgettable evening stands as yet another reflection of President Sonal Doshi's vision bringing people closer and creating experiences that truly matter.

FAB AT 40 : A JOURNEY OF PURPOSE AND PRIDE

There are some journeys that do not merely pass through time... they quietly shape lives, build friendships, and leave behind a legacy that speaks long after moments have faded. As I look back, with a heart full of gratitude and a mind rich with memories, the story of our beloved RCBSF feels exactly like that. It was in April 1986 that Late Shri Pratap Oza, then Governor's Group Representative, sowed a seed with quiet conviction. He brought together about 35-40 individuals from diverse walks of life, businessmen, professionals, community leaders with a simple yet powerful intention: to create a Rotary club that would stand on strong values, clear understanding, and a shared desire to serve. From that gathering emerged a beginning humble, hopeful, and full of promise. On 12th June 1986, RCBSF was officially chartered with 27 Rotarians, each carrying enthusiasm in their hearts and a willingness to do something meaningful for society. Forty years later, as we pause and reflect, it fills me with immense joy to see that the spirit of those early days still breathes within us. Among us, even today, stand four charter members Dr. Mahesh Kapadia, Tanvir Hawa, Dr. Rajesh Shroff, who rejoined after a brief pause, and myself. Time may have added years, but it has also deepened our connection with Rotary and with each other. Our journey has been guided by remarkable leadership. Presidents who not only steered the club towards progress but did so with dignity, discipline, and a deep respect for Rotary's values.

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strengthened our projects but also deepened our connection with the larger Rotary world, reminding us that while we serve locally, we belong globally. A particularly proud moment for our club came in 2003-04, when we had the honour of giving to the district one of its youngest and most dynamic leaders, District Governor Rtn. Nitin Mangaldas, a true trendsetter who inspired many with his vision and energy. Like any living institution, our club too has seen change. Members have joined, some have moved on due to personal journeys, family commitments, health, professional transitions. Yet, through it all, the essence of RCBSF has remained vibrant. Our membership has continued to grow, not just in numbers but in diversity, bringing in fresh perspectives, new ideas, and renewed energy. What gives me the deepest satisfaction is seeing how beautifully generations have blended. The experience of senior members and the enthusiasm of younger Rotarians have come together in a seamless synergy. There is learning, there is respect, and above all, there is a shared commitment to serve. And as we stand today, at this beautiful milestone, FAB AT 40, it does not feel like a pause. It feels like a moment of quiet pride before stepping into the future once again. With new hopes. With fresh ideas. With possibilities waiting to unfold. RCBSF is not just a club. It is a feeling. A bond. A legacy in motion. Jai Ho RCBSF. Jai Ho Rotary.

- By Nitin Mangaldas



A GIFT OF LOVE, A LEGACY OF HOPE

On a quiet Sunday morning, 5th April, RC Bombay Seaface witnessed a moment that went far beyond service, it was a deeply moving tribute, a gesture of love transformed into hope for countless lives. At Heal Park Clinic, Motibai Dalvi Hospital, the club handed over a Bio Safety Cabinet for the safe preparation of chemotherapy drugs, along with infusion pumps essential lifelines for patients battling cancer. The clinic, led by the respected oncologist Dr. Sachin Trivedi, became the setting for this heartfelt occasion, attended by Rotarians, well-wishers, and loved ones who gathered not just for an event, but to be part of something profoundly meaningful. This entire project was generously funded by Rtn. Nilesh Suchak, in loving memory of his wife Juhi, a true warrior whose courage in the face of cancer continues to inspire. In this act of giving, her strength lives on, touching lives she may never meet, yet forever impacting their journey. It was a moment that reminded everyone present that love, when channelled into purpose, becomes a legacy. These critical medical equipments will bring comfort, safety, and care to numerous patients undergoing treatment, quietly making a difference where it matters most. The initiative was thoughtfully envisioned by Dr. Shalini Soni of Banganga Clinic and IPP Minal, and brought to life with seamless coordination by PP Dr. Meena Kothari. Heartfelt appreciation also goes to PP Dr. Pankaj Parekh, whose unwavering dedication played a vital role in turning this vision into reality. Working alongside such committed hands and compassionate hearts is always a privilege. Some gestures speak softly, yet echo for a lifetime this was one of them.

BIRTHDAY

DATE	NAME
4th April 2026	Leena Modi
5th April 2026	Shrikunj Shah
5th April 2026	Ashit Shah
6th April 2026	Manishi Vora
12th April 2026	Hemant Sanghvi
13th April 2026	Sonal Dhiren Shah
14th April 2026	Nitin Mangaldas
14th April 2026	Rupa Tejura
19th April 2026	Tanveer Hawa
19th April 2026	Tejaswini Modak
20th April 2026	Anil Mehta
24th April 2026	Vandana Katti
26th April 2026	Nirmal Doshi
28th April 2026	Anjana Savla



ANNIVERSARY

DATE	NAME
28th April 2026	Smita & Snehal

