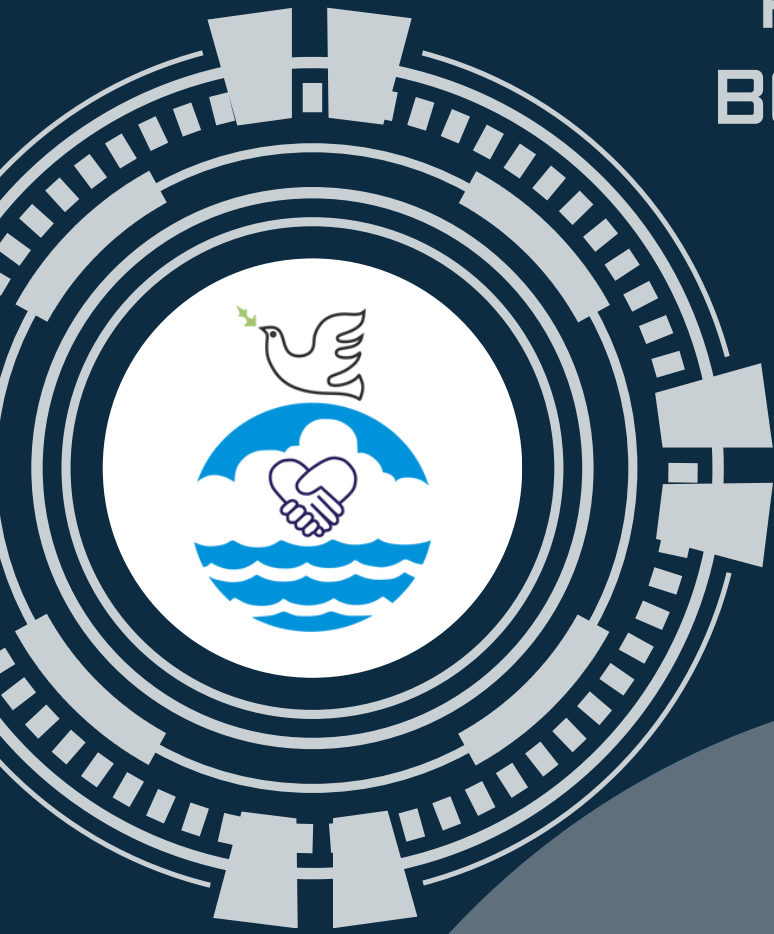


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PRESIDENT SPEAKS


My dear SeaFacers family

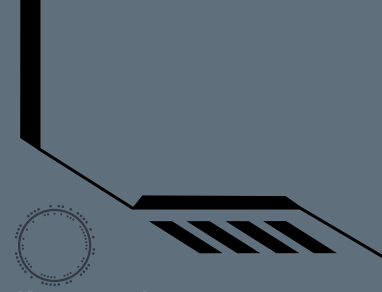
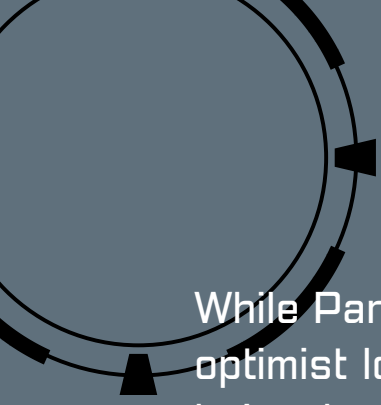
In this bulletin I will share with you the differences between optimism and positivity. Many times we say be positive; at times we say be optimistic, may be for the same or similar situations. Actually there is a subtle difference, and understanding this can help us to develop the right mindset and attitude for success.

The dictionary definition of optimism is 'hopefulness and confidence about the future or the success of something' while positivity is 'the practice of being, or tendency to be positive or optimistic in attitude'... Optimists, while hoping for a positive outcome, are more realistic. Although adopting a positive mindset can help us get through difficult times, it tends to focus purely on mind over matter – thinking positive thoughts and banishing all negative ones. I therefore feel that it is not as grounded in reality as optimism, as it seeks to quash anything that could be perceived as negative.

Optimists, while hoping for a positive outcome, are more realistic. They take time to understand their environment and spot all the possible pitfalls, which ultimately makes them better equipped to avoid them.

The recent pandemic situation can be cited as a right example to explain this subject.






While Pandemic had struck globally, impacting many lives, the optimist looked at it with a perspective of how the crisis was being handled by the authorities, kept a track of what is happening, measured such as lock downs, vaccinations, work from home and then tried to take a positive outlook on how they could handle themselves and their loved ones, so that they would be relatively better off.

The ability to balance optimism with realism is the key to handle such situations. This way of thinking can get us through the toughest of times - highly beneficial when we face further lockdown restrictions, potential job losses, and the had to adapt to new ways of working. In order to get through this most testing time, we needed both the ability to appreciate the gravity of the situation we were in, yet also hold on to the thought that we will eventually came through the other side, possibly with some new benefits, such as improved options for flexible working, more valued personal relationships, and a new appreciation of our civil liberties. While we saw examples of panic and hyper behaviours of people, which many times I believe were fuelled by aggressive posts on social media, it is important that one keeps isolated from such influences and strikes a balance between optimism and reality. The best strategy to handle this would be hope for the best, and plan for the worst.

In conclusion, I would say, optimism, as opposed to blind positivity, equips us to face our problems, recognising the dangers and difficulties, which makes us much more likely to avoid them, and helps us to achieve a positive outcome.





FEBRUARY EDITORIAL

As we navigate through the ebbs and flows of our daily lives, it's essential to recognize the pulse of our communities—the rhythm that binds us together, propelling us toward collective growth and prosperity. In this edition, we celebrate the heartbeat of Rotary: community building; President shared with you during the OFFICIAL CLUB VISIT, work we did, the contribution we made to the society, moments of togetherness and bonding we had during the 8 months of the incredible year, as a team and also as a group. District Governor and his team did appreciate this. OFFICIAL CLUB VISIT directly or indirectly is a measure of our output in Rotary as a team or a club.

Remember, in every corner of the world, Rotarians are the architects of positive change, tirelessly working to uplift those in need and foster a sense of belonging. From organising local service projects to spearheading international initiatives, our commitment to service above self is unwavering.

Within our communities, we witness the transformative power of connection. Whether it's through mentorship programs, educational scholarships, or healthcare initiatives. Rotary leaves an indelible mark, enriching lives and igniting hope.

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As we reflect on our achievements and look toward the future, let us reaffirm our dedication to building bridges, fostering inclusivity, and championing diversity. By embracing the mosaic of perspectives and experiences within our communities, we strengthen the fabric of society and pave the way for a brighter tomorrow.

In the pages ahead, you'll discover inspiring stories of service, updates on upcoming events, birthdays and wedding anniversary of all sea facers and opportunities to get involved. Together, let's continue to be the catalysts for change, embodying the spirit of Rotary in all that we do.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to service, and may our collective efforts continue to resonate as the heartbeat of Rotary.



PP Rtn. Ramola Mahajan

RTN. BHARAT MERCHANT'S CORNER

The INTERACT SERIES - THE BJPC SCHOOL

SeaFacers are aware that we are associated with three schools... we call them interacts and with two colleges or group of college students... we call them Rotaracts . In the next few E bulletins, I would be sharing with you the rich history and legacy on these entities. We will call it Interact and Rotaract series

The first one is THE BJPC School and we talk about its Glorious History and various Achievements...

We see this heritage structure on the left hand side near Charni road station as you drive down towards Churchgate or from the train again on left hand side as train moves towards Churchgate.





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We interacted with the enthusiastic School Principal, Ms. DAISY ZOHRABI, and Co-Principal, Ms Vandana, who so willingly and smilingly gave us some lovely insights about the school... It's a must read for every Rotarian and we must feel proud to be associated with such a great old institution with such a glorious history.

Let us know the HISTORY of the School and how the name BJPC came by:

It was well over a Century ago in 1891 that this School was started and subsequently a Trust was formed in 1908.

Prior to the current place at Charni Road where they are located, a building was rented near Albless Baug, which is also located in the vicinity.

The Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Parsi Charitable (BJPC) Institution was inaugurated on 12th December, 1891.

Byramjee Jeejeebhoy, the Founder was born on 16th June 1811.

It has been said that the virtue that adorns a wealthy man most is charitableness and in matters of charity, Mr. Jeejeebhoy's purse was always open to the poor of his community.

Byramjee's quick brain & ready intellect were early discerned in the classroom and a successful future awaited him.

In recognition of his qualities, Her Majesty Queen Victoria was pleased to confer on him the Companionship of the most Exalted Order of the State of India (C.S.I) His crowning act of benevolence which unfortunately, was also his last was the establishment of The Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Parsi Charitable Institution. Thus, the great institution was born.



HOW EDUCATION SPREAD :

The school started with 400 students, and it was free education with mid day meals. Initially it was meant only for Parsis. This benevolent act attracted many poor and needy parents to seek admission for their wards.

To impart education means to open doors of enlightenment and wisdom. It is a right of every child to learn, discern and grow as worthy citizens of this nation. Hence, the school opened its doors for all communities.

Due to paucity of funds, the trust was forced to take High Court order and open it to other communities.

The School got its name from the grandson of Sir Byramjee, Rustomjee coined the name after his grandfather and the available funds at that time made the institution charitable. The name BJPC was thus born, with the name as it exists today.

SCHOOL'S GROWTH and RECOGNITION

Over the years, the school has been able to notch itself in many areas with certain key achievements of which the following 3 are noteworthy...

- (1)100% S.S.C. Results year after year, with a good number of toppers with 90% and above.
- (2)The school was given accreditation - International School Award by the British Council for outstanding development of International Learning in the Curriculum.
- (3)Several prizes and awards in co-curricular activities and sports at the district and state level.





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The School with its outstanding students and Principal have won several awards and recognitions which has made a mark in the Education sector amongst various schools.

A few key Awards in the areas in which it has contributed are :

- 1.The students have received several prizes for participating in drawing, clay modelling, G.K at Jai Hind College for the Word War Competition. The school was awarded the Best School Trophy-2023 to name a few.
- 2.The school science project on 'Plastic Shredder" brought an awareness on Resource Management and won the 1st prize at the Science Exhibition in 2023-24.
- 3.The School Principal, Mrs. Daisy Zohrabi, was awarded the Best Principal in Charni Road schools for her contribution for an article on 'Resilience in Education'.
- 4.The school has received an award for stories of Transformation, contributing towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals – Climate Action.

Apart from Academics, BJPC School has also received several accolades in Sports and other areas....Some of the highlights are given below :

- 1.In the St. George Cup Football Tournament, the junior team won the 4th place.
- 2.They were awarded a cash prize of Rs. 10,000/-.
- 3.Students have won at the District & State level Judo Competition.
- 4.Students of Std. I - Ria Umrotkar and Sia Umrotkar won at the State & National Level Inline Shoting and Ria Umrotkar – qualified for an International Competition which will be held in Srilanka.
- 5.A student of Std. III, Aryan Pithawalla, received the Junior Championship Trophy at the All Parsees Annual Athletic Meet this year.
- 6.The school band is renowned for its participation at various levels including the Science Exhibition conducted by the Education Department.



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As you can see, the list can go and on... We are indeed proud to have BJPC as our Partners in Progress and Service...

We wish them all the very best in all their endeavours and may we see the School attain higher peaks of successes...

WATCH out for the 2nd coverage on The Interact Series... till then c u.

THE ABOVE ARTICLE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT SUPPORT FROM OUR RTN TEJAL GANDHI, WHO WAS WITH ME WHILE WE WERE COLLECTING THE DATA AND COMPILING IT TO MAKE THE ARTICLE INTERESTING FOR YOU



Rtn. Bharat Merchant

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FEBRUARY REFLECTIONS

On **3rd February** we had club assembly which was attended by Assistant Governor Rtn. Sanjiv Kulkarni followed by a speaker meeting were, our own Kanubhai... Rtn. Kanubhai Doshi made the afternoon entertaining, at the same time philosophical on the subject of HOW TO BE HAPPY WHILE BEING WEALTHY.. Earlier Rtn. Ramola Mahajani, introduced him in her immaculate English, later Rtn. Jitendra Mehta... Jitubhau, gave a vote of thanks with his spiced humour. The prizes on E bulletin Quiz were won by Rotarians Anil Kumta, Heeru Tejwani, Preeti Joshi, Nilesh Suchak and Rotaryanne Hema Parekh.



CSR project in collaboration with Naryana Health Center

This involved commissioning of 2 water coolers at Yusufmerally school & Kavlemath School at Walkeshwar. In addition 12 toilet blocks were commissioned in three schools in Palghar district.. Villages of Sonale, Parali and Devli. The person who ensured the quality and timely execution of this project was Rtn. Nirmal Doshi. Completion of any CSR project before the financial year end, is a prerequisite and the Nirmalbhai's extra push did the magic of completing this MUCH before time.



FEBRUARY REFLECTIONS

Medical Camp at Modern School

Rtn. Minal Turakhia organised a Medical camp for students of Modern School.



Joint project at Usgaon, Vasai

This month sea facers did a joint project with Rotary club of Juhu beach, Rotary Club of Queen Necklace & Rotaract Club of Nagarik Shikshna Sanstha's college, Tardeo where Sanitary pads (for six months) were distributed to 150 girls.



FEBRUARY REFLECTIONS

SVRR Project

This month we donated sewing machines to SVRR. SVRR is a Society for the Vocational Rehabilitation of the Retarded who addresses the welfare of the mentally challenged persona



Library Project at Yusuf Mehrally

In collobration with Nihchal Israni Foundation & Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust were we donated a full fledged library, which will benefit more than 300 students and their teachers in updating their knowledge and keeping themselves updated on many subjects.



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Annapurna for February

We had Annapurnas were this month at KEM hospital and sponsors this month were Rotarian Bipin Jhaveri, & Rtn. Minaxi Gandhi .



Fellowship

In School there used be a game of treasure hunt. SeaFacers went back on time line, and participated with great energy level in a one hour treasure hunt organised by our fellowship queen Kalpana.



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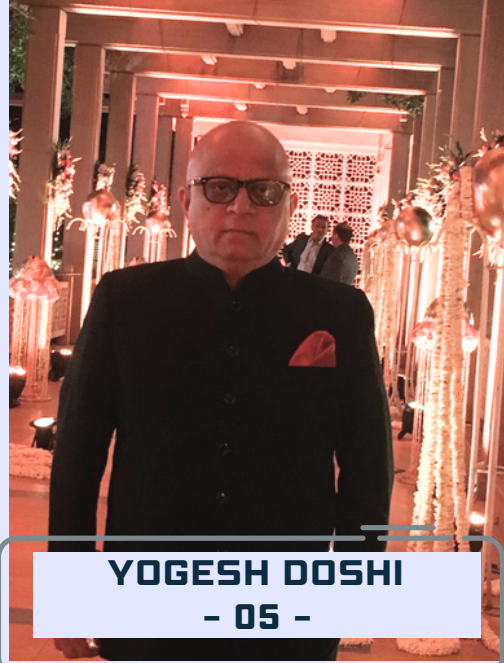
On 17th February District Governor Rtn. Arun Bhargava, along with District Secretary Rtn. Anand Ramnani and Assistant Governor Rtn. Sanjiv Kulkarni visited SeaFace for OCV, DG appreciated the work done by SeaFacers and shared his experiences on how giving without any expectation is important element in life.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS



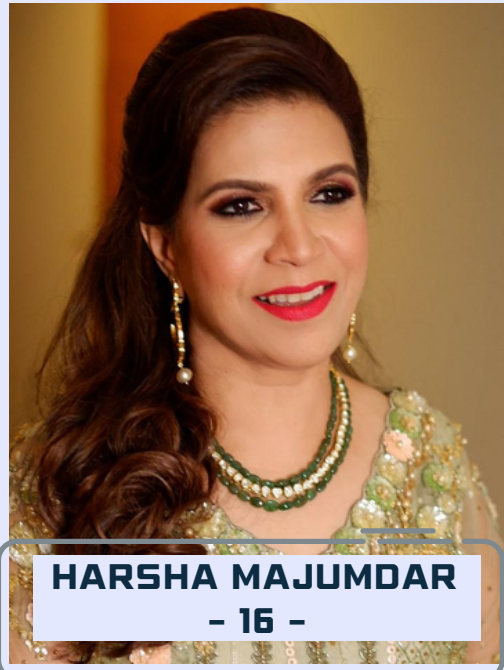
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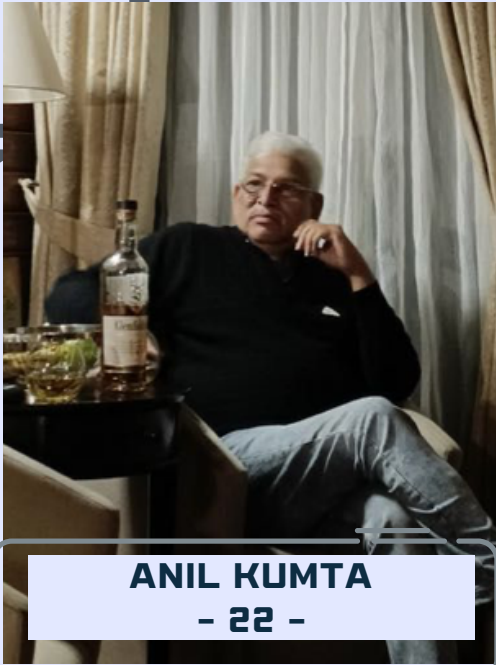
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ANIL KUMTA
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HARSHA GHADIALI
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SNEHAL SANGHVI
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MILAN BALKRISHNA
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KULIN KOTHARI
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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



SANJAY & SALONI
- 02 -

BIPIN & SUNITA
- 09 -



KALPANA & ANIL
- 20 -

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In closing, let us remember that our actions, no matter how small, have the power to make a profound difference in the lives of others. As we go forth from these pages, let's carry the spirit of Rotary in our hearts, extending a helping hand to those in need and nurturing the bonds that unite us as a global family. Together, we can continue to write the story of service, one chapter at a time. Thank you for your dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment to Rotary's mission.



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