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**PRESIDENT
 RAJUL DOSHI**

Warm rotary greetings to all members of RCBW!

Let me begin by congratulating Youth Director Nandivardhan Jain, Youth chair Samaptiben Patel for conducting installation of interact clubs during this heavy rain of July. Interact club is very important partner in service of Of Rotary club. Interact Club is a service club of young people ages 12 to 18 years who are passionate about making a difference while learning about world and themselves. I urge all members to join the installation to guide our young Interactors and make their Interact journey more meaningful Organ donation and live beyond life slogan has become one of the most important project of RCBW and we seek involvement and encouragement of many members. Please pledge for the Organ donation and live beyond life.

Unfortunately our popular and senior Rotarian Naresh Merchant passed away on....May his soul rest in eternal life. A memorial issue of the Flying Carpet will be released soon. I request all to share their memories of Rtn Naresh Merchant with the team of Flying Carpet.

CMP awards by Mohanbhai Patel is a important event for our Rotary family. The motivational talk of B K Shivani Didi was a well appreciated by the audience. Rotary Club of Bombay Airport was lead host and RCBW and Rotary club of Divas were co-host clubs The world renowned BKS Shivani Didi spoke about importance of positive attitude in all situations in life

MOTIVATIONAL TALK BY B K SHIVANI

Rotary Club of Bombay West along with Rotary Club of Bombay Airport and Rotary Club of Divas organized a spiritual talk by world Renowned BK Shivani Didi on Saturday evening at ISKCON Auditorium, Juhu.

BK Shivani Didi is a world renowned spiritual teacher who has been inspiring people to live more conscious and fulfilling life for many years. Her teaching on inner awakening have helped countless individuals to connect with their inner self, find inner peace and live more authentic and fulfilling life. Her key subjects for the evening were Understanding inner self, Meditation and mind-fulness, managing stress, positive thinking, letting go of attachments and living with purpose. BK Shivani didi touched each aspect with profound deep questions and left audience mesmerized with her ever sweet and simple answers. The talk ended with one minute Meditation.

- Rtn Jasraj Goyal



Chandben Mohanbhai Patel Rotary Excellence Award Ceremony 2023

The Rotary Club of Bombay West held its annual event, the Chandben Mohanbhai Patel Rotary Excellence Award, on July 22, 2023, at CMP Homeopathy College Auditorium. This prestigious ceremony aims to recognize and honor the outstanding achievements of the top-performing SSC pass-out students from schools in Mumbai. The event was made possible by the generous support of philanthropist and former Sheriff of Bombay and Past President of Rotary Club of Bombay West, Shri Mohanbhai Patel, who established a corpus fund to reward academic excellence. The ceremony commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp by esteemed dignitaries present at the event. Shri Mohanbhai Patel, who blessed the audience, congratulated the SSC students on their remarkable achievements, and shared inspiring stories from his life journey, motivating the students to excel in their endeavours. He emphasized the significance of the company we keep and also enthralled the audience by singing a Marathi song, "Moropanth's Kekawali, Toya....."



The Chief Guest, Dr. Rajan Saxena, Former Vice-Chancellor of NMIMS University addressed the student achievers and provided valuable guidance on staying focused, committed, and persevering in life while upholding strong values. He encouraged students to also explore unconventional career opportunities, in addition to traditional paths.

Over 150 students were honored with cash prizes of Rs. 10,000, Rs. 5,000, and Rs. 3,000 for securing the first, second, and third positions, respectively, along with certificates of excellence. The event was attended by over 300 people including 150 students, their parents, and teachers, all of whom expressed immense happiness and gratitude for the recognition.



The event was graced by the presence of PP Shirish Rege, PP Arvind Shah, PP Samapti Patel, IPP Dharmendra Sharma, Rtn Hiralal Suthar, Dr. Pratima Kodkani, Turab, Praveen Mehta, Rahul Goenka, Kinny Kaul from Rotary Club of Bombay West. IPP Dharmendra Sharma hosted the event, with support from Club Secretary Kinny Kaul. The Rotaractors from Rotaract Club of Bombay West volunteered and supported the event functioning. The event concluded on a joyous note as all attendees enjoyed delicious snacks and departed with fond memories of the inspirational ceremony.

-IPP Rtn Dharmendra Sharma

ORGAN DONATION AWARENESS PROGRAM



RC of Bombay West, in partnership with Live Beyond Life Foundation, organised a Seminar on Eye Skin and Organ Donation Awareness on Sunday 23rd July 2023 at Rotary Service Centre. President Rtn Rajul Doshi inaugurated the seminar with her opening remarks. The event was patronised by Chief Guest, DGE Rtn Chetan Desai, who delivered a strong message to all on the need to spread the awareness of organ donation. District Avenue Chair Rtn Rajiv Punater was also in attendance. The keynote was delivered by Guest of Honour, Dr. Bharat Shah - Secretary ZTCC, who explained in detail the legal, social and emotional values and issues of Organ Donation. Rtn Dr. Sunil Keswani - Director Skin Bank Airoli, enlightened on the need and process of Skin Donation. Rtn Dr. Rajesh Himmatramka emphasized and explained about Eye Donation. Subsequently, equal measure of time was spent by the three Expert Speakers to patiently answer the various queries raised by the audience. Managing Trustee of Live Beyond Life Foundation, Rtn Harminder Singh Patheja, explained how any well meaning citizen, Rotarian and RD3141, could use the services of the Foundation to spread the message of Eye, Skin and Organ Donation within their neighborhoods, communities and Society-at-large.

RC Bombay West is thankful to the Trustees of Live Beyond Life Foundation, PP Rtn Harminder Singh Patheja, PP Rtn Ashok Deorah and Rtn Prashant Patel for their support in organising this seminar and for sponsorship of sumptuous breakfast for all attendees. The website of Live Beyond Life Foundation - Lblfoundation.org - has gone live and you can :1. Register your pledge 2. Register as a CRUSADER and help take this movement forward in your community. Rtn Shefali Shah ably managed the event as the Master of Ceremony. Rtn Praveen Mehta, Rtn Dr Paresch Dodhiwala, assisted by young Rotaractors, managed the Registration Desk and projector. Seeking for all who read this, to be the Diya, the Spark, the Mashaal in spreading Awareness of need for Eye, Skin and Organ Donation, and may all Live Beyond Life...

-Rtn Rahul Murari Goenka PE, RC Bombay West



Under The Organ Donation Awareness, Medical Avenue organised Eye Check up camp. 316 Students of Raja Ramdeo Podar Marathi Shala were checked during the eye check up camp out of which 25 were referred for further check ups and consultation.

This is a joint project with Rotary Club of Mumbai Juhu, Rtn. Hemang Jangla and PP. Rtn. Samapti Patels initiative. A total of 31 spectacles distributed to the needy children of the same school.

- Rtn. Dr. Kamal D'Mello



Rtn Harminder Patheja attended the Organ Donation Celebrations organised by ROTTO-SOTTO, Western Region & Maharashtra, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India at KEM Hospital on 2nd August, 2023

SIKH RELIGION PERSPECTIVE ON ORGAN DONATION

India, with its rich diversity and multitude of religions, holds universal beliefs about the path to God, salvation, and life after death. The Bhagwat Geeta, The Quran, the Bible, and the Guru Granth Sahib offer profound guidance for our daily lives, often providing answers to our deepest questions.

Remarkably, none of these holy scriptures or practicing religions, which date back centuries, speak against organ donation or prohibit it. I have been given the honor to shed light on the perspective of Sikhism regarding this noble act of giving.

In Sikhism, the teachings of our Ten Gurus emphasize three key practices in the life of a Sikh: Naam Jaapna (remembering God's name), Kirat Karni (earning an honest livelihood), and Vand Chakna (sharing with others). This third principle is particularly relevant to organ donation, as it encourages giving to others before oneself. Sikhism views human organs as God's gift and believes in the continuity of life in the soul rather than the physical state. Therefore, donating organs, including eyes and skin, aligns perfectly with the spirit of Sikh teachings.

The word "Seva," which is widely known and cherished in Sikhism, also encompasses the act of donating organs to save lives. Sikhs do not attach taboos to organ donation and transplantation; instead, they firmly believe that saving a human life is one of the noblest deeds one can perform.

Moreover, Sikhism acknowledges that the human body does not require all its organs throughout life. For instance, we have been blessed with two kidneys, and we can lead a healthy life with just one. Similarly, our liver can regenerate, allowing us to donate a portion to our close relatives and grant them the gift of a healthier life. Such an act of selflessness embodies the true essence of Seva.

Imagine the impact of organ donation after death. By donating your organs, you can save multiple lives. For instance, a brain-dead person's organs can save a minimum of eight lives. Moreover, cornea donation can restore eyesight to two people who have been living in total darkness. Our skin, often cared for and cherished, can give hope and healing to burn victims, saving them from infection and possible death.

Tragically, thousands are waiting for organs in total darkness, with their lives hanging in the balance. By making the decision to donate before death and informing our families of our wishes, we can bridge the gap between the need for transplants and the availability of organs. While the easiest donations on death can be done from the comfort of the home by making a call to the nearest skin bank and eye bank. Very year over 5 Lakh people die for lack of organs and the blind never see and over the last 5 years working in this area of creating just awareness find, it is not the willingness to live Beyond Life, but the lack of awareness is the main cause for the worst rate of donations that happen in our country.

There is a wide gap between patients who need transplants and the organs that are available in India. An estimated around 1.8 Lakh person suffer from renal failure every year, however the number of renal transplants done is around 6,000 only. An estimated 2 Lakh patients die of liver failure or liver cancer annually in India, about 10-15% of which can be saved with a timely liver transplant. Hence about 25-30 thousand liver transplants are needed annually in India but only about one thousand five hundred are being performed. Similarly, about 50,000 persons suffer from Heart failure annually but only about 10 to 15 heart transplants are performed every year in India. In case of Cornea, about 25,000 transplants are done very year against a requirement of 1 Lakh.

Organ donation rate in India is 0.80 doner per million compared to Croatia's 36.5, Spain 35.3 and USA 26 per million respectively. In India Telangana tops the list in cadaver organ donations and 53% of donations are done by 4 states. Telangana, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat.

I urge all of you to take this pledge and go a step further by becoming a volunteer-crusader in this movement. Join us in spreading the word throughout our communities and let us set an example through our actions. Visit our website at lbfoundation.org to learn more and contribute to this life-saving cause.

We have a long journey ahead, dear friends, but together, we can make a significant difference. By pledging today, you can set the trend for a compassionate and selfless society, where the act of giving transcends even beyond life itself.

- Rtn Harminder Patheja



INTERACT INSTALLATIONS



On 21st July, Podar Schools of English, Hindi and Marathi medium witnessed the installation programme of their Interact club in Podar International School Hall in the presence of youth director Nandivardhan Jain, Rtn. PP Arvind Shah, Rtn. PP. Samapti Patel.

The incoming Presidents Swara Vagal from Podar International school, Darshan Sutar from R.R Podar Shala, Khushbu Guta from Anandilal Podar school and the secretaries Prachit Mhatre of Podar International school, Shreya Joshi from R.R Podar Shala and Roshni Thakur from Anandilal Podar school were given the responsibilities through exchange of pins.



Successful Interact Club Installation Ceremony at AKI Hussain Allana English School on 25th July, 2023.

Attended by Rtn. Nandivardhan Jain, PP Rtn. Samapti Patel, Rtn. Kinny Kaul, Rtn. Brinda Desai.



The installation ceremony for the Holy Cross Interact Club at Holy Cross High School, Juhu premises, was a resounding success. The event witnessed the presence of esteemed individuals, including President Rtn. Rajul Doshi, Rtn. Nandivardhan Jain (Director Youth), VP Rtn. Pravin Mehta, PP Rtn. Samapti Patel - Chair Interact, Rtn. Nalini Puri Co-Chair Interact, PP Rtn. Arvind Shah, and other distinguished members. The newly-formed Interact Club President and board members showed great enthusiasm and eagerness to comprehend the functioning of the Interact Club. The entire event received strong support from the Rotaract Club of Western Suburbs, with President Rtn. Vidhi Doshi and her club members contributing actively.

- Rtn Nandivardhan Jain

AN ODE TO MY ASPIRATIONS

As said by the legendary Mr. Shah Rukh Khan himself,
' Agar Kisi Cheez ko Pure Dil Sei Chaho, Puri Kaynat tumhe usse Milane Kei Saazish
Karti hai '

My Rotaract journey has been no less than a manifestation itself. I am Rtr. Vidhi Doshi,
the President for Rotaract Club of Western Suburbs.

My Rotaract journey has been no less than a manifestation itself. From starting of as a
member in 2019 to being a President now this journey has been so motivating for me as an
individual.

Professionally, I am a third-year law student pursuing a five-year degree and looking
forward to having a successful professional career in my chosen field.

As a die-hard lover of Bollywood, I have always believed in the strength of dreams and still do. I've
always been inspired by movies to put endless effort to accomplish my ambitions and aspire to do so and
become the 'heroine' of the film of my life.

We light the fire of aspiration within us with the fuel of our dreams. They serve as our inspiration, our
motivation, and the physical manifestation of our most ardent wishes.

Aspirations are the compass that directs us on our life's path, influencing our choices and igniting our desire
for development and fulfilment.

For me, Rotaract has been a second home that has always allowed me to dream and provided a platform for
me to realise my aspirations. It's something that has helped me recognise how much pure joy and satisfaction
there is in helping people while also having fun and connecting with some of the world's most brilliant and
diverse minds who are fighting to change the world.

We all want to improve the world for both current and future generations as inhabitants of this enormous
globe.

I wish for the world to work together and cooperatively to address the most critical issues. To develop
collaborative solutions to problems like poverty, conflict, and climate change, governments, organisations,
and individuals should give priority to diplomacy, dialogue, and partnerships. We can use the pooled
knowledge and resources of nations to build a more peaceful and sustainable world by encouraging a
culture of cooperation.

The world should, in my opinion, have platforms that allow each and every person to work towards their
Journey of Dreams and realise their aspirations. I want to be able to assist as many individuals as I can, so that
no desire is left unfulfilled.

Along with the co-operation of Rotary Club of Bombay West, we surely know that we are going to work
towards making this world a better place for all of us.

In the tapestry of life, aspirations are the threads that weave our dreams into reality. They provide us with the
roadmap, motivation, and determination to embark on a journey of personal growth, overcome challenges,
and achieve our true potential. I aspire for us to nurture our aspirations and embark on a path of continuous
improvement, self-discovery, and fulfilment. So, let us dare to dream, embrace our aspirations, and strive
towards a future where our dreams become a vibrant reality.

Regards,
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President
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Visited Father of Interact Club of Holy Cross School at Juhu Koliwada. Addressed Young Leaders of tomorrow, briefed them about Rotary & Interact Club & benefits of joining Interact Club. Also informed them about President & office bearers duties. Attended by RCC Leader Victor Fernandes - Father, Teacher, Moderator, 30 Interact & P.P. Rtn. Samapti Patel.



PP Rtn. Rajendra Ruia and R/Ann Sarita Ruia with TRF trustee Martha Helman



BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS



Rotarian Birthdays

- 18-Jul. : Rtn. Dr. Sushilkumar Rungta

- 19-Jul. : Rtn. Neevia Zoru Bhatena

- 20-Jul. : Rtn. Kinny Kaul

- 21-Jul.: Rtn. Nalini Sundeep Puri

- 22-Jul. : Rtn. Anand Gupta

- 28-Jul. : Rtn. Shravan Punjabi

- 31-Jul. : Rtn. Prakash Rastogi

R/Ann. Birthdays

- 18-Jul. : R/Ann. Rekha Pradeep Kumar

- 20-Jul. : Mr. Jayesh Dalal

- 21-Jul. : R/Ann. Ronak Patanjali Amin

- 22-Jul. : R/Ann. Jyotika Deep Bhatkal

- 22-Jul. : R/Ann. Julie Manish Mehta

- 23-Jul. : R/Ann. Seema Rakesh Saraf

- 24-Jul.: R/Ann. Dr. Priti Rajan Saxena

- 26-Jul. : R/Ann. Dr. Parul Gaurang Mehta

- 30-Jul. : R/Ann. Prakruti Sandeep Vasani

Anniversaries

- 13-Jul. : Rtn. Mahendra Wadhvani & Sunanda

- 29-Jul. : Rtn. Mohan Parwani & Rita



UPCOMING EVENTS

9th August, 2023

Talk by Shri Ashank Desai
07.30 pm, Rotary Service Centre

12th August, 2023

CLUB ASSEMBLY
07.30 pm, Rotary Service Centre