

# MID-TOWN MUSINGS

Bulletin of The Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town



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District 3140

January is Rotary Awareness month

President's Address



*Dear Fellow Rotarians,*

My Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes for a Prosperous and Happy New Year!

It wouldn't have been possible without your support. The month of December ends the calendar year 2012, and also the first half of the Rotary year. Looking back — the projects executed during the first

six months has made me content and I shall try to better my performance in the second half of the year.

Our CCC&B fellowship meeting was held on December 5. Rotarians and their spouses who attended, enjoyed the food and fellowship. I thank Rtn. Naren Mohatta for sponsoring the cake.

This year, a deserving, visible project for South Mumbai — the Project "Beautification" of Malabar Hill, Kamla Nehru Park — has been proposed. We need approximately ₹3-4 lakh for the beautification work. I request all my fellow Rotarians to come forward and help, and donate a bench, on which name of your beloved one will be displayed with Rotary's name. Please send your donation cheque in favour of 'Bombay Mid-Town Rotary Trust A/c', to avail 80G IT exemption. The cost of one bench is approximately ₹20,000.

My visit to Panvel-Nere, along with Rtn. Nirbhay Jain, on December 15, was a busy one. Visiting the village areas and the "Rakesh Jain Madhyamik School", our club gave cash awards to five dedicated teachers, in appreciation of their service.

Our Club's contribution of ₹216,000 (US \$4,000) towards Global Grant No. 25957 — Vocational Training Facility for tribal youth, was remitted to the RI Delhi Office on November 24, 2012. We hope in the coming months to get a grant of US \$38,000 for the project.

My thanks to our incoming President James Brunner and his wife, Indira, for hosting a dinner get-together at the Willingdon Sports Club, Mahalaxmi, on December 16.

This year, two new rotating trophies will be added to the list — a rotating Shield for "BEST COMMITTEE OF THE YEAR" donated by Rtn. Dr. Prakash Mody, in memory of his Late Father Shri Amrut Mody; and a Trophy for the "BEST COMMUNITY PROJECT—NON MEDICAL", donated by Rtn. Kamlesh Sonawala.

Congratulations to Rtns. Manoj Jalan and Santosh Kejriwal, for executing the Indo-German Youth Exchange Program, a visit of nine German Students to Mumbai from December 26, 2012 to Jan 11, 2013. To felicitate them and to celebrate the New Year, our Club has organised a fellowship dinner on Wednesday, January 2, 2013 at 6.30 p.m. at the Wodehouse Gymkhana, Colaba, Mumbai. The Chief Guest is Mr. Michael Ott, Deputy Consul-General, Germany.

Rotaractors from Yale USA Rotaract Club, (co-sponsor of our \$38,000 Global Grant for Vocational Training facilities for tribal youth of Potkal Baste, Dist. Thane) who are visiting Mumbai, will be attending our club's regular weekly meeting on January 9. The International Project Committee has organised a joint visit to Baste village on January 3, for the German students and Yale Rotaractors.

I express my grateful thanks to Rtn. Nargis Wadia, for giving her time and effort in producing our beautiful Club bulletin so efficiently. A new team will take over from the January issue — Rtn. Sunil Gautam will take charge of the 'Mid-Town Musings', assisted by Rtn. Prasanna Bhagat and Ms Manika Krishnamurti. All matters concerning the bulletin editing and publishing will be coordinated by them.

The 45th Annual General meeting took place on December 26, 2012. Rtn. James Brunner was announced as President for RY 2013-14.

My advice to the new team — "work hard, willingly and success will follow". I wish the entire team for the next year all success and good wishes for RY 2013-14.

Let's welcome 2013. A happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to all!

*- R.P. Anand*



Cake cutting at CCC&amp;B fellowship



Pres. R.P Anand, PP Mohan Lalvani and Hon. Sec. Manoj Jalan



PP Mohan Lalvani, Usha Agarwal, Sunil Gautam, Ashok Mehta, Aarti Gautam, Manika Krishnamurti, RP Anand and Ashwin Shah



Seated: Rajul Shah, Bina Kejriwal. Standing: Nainu Thacker, Anil Kejriwal, RP Anand, Shaunak Thacker, and Zubi Tyebjee



PP Mohan Lalvani, B.D. Kataria, PP Om Degan. Standing: PP Lalit Goculdas, Munna Mitha, and Gaurav Kapadia



Mrs. Bhatnagar, Dr. Varsha, Siloni Sharma, Shobha Sapat, Sushu Kamlani and Saroj Prakash



Seated: Saroj Prakash, Dr.G.P.Kasbekar, Zubi Tyebjee, Leila Suján. Standing RP Anand and Sushu Kamlani



Former Member Ashish Kamani, PP Ashok Sharma and Aditi Choksy

## A Cutting Edge: Transforming Financial Life

It is not very often that you see a great financial mind introduce another financial genius. That's what happened, when our own Rtn Rajeev Thakkar introduced Mr. Gaurav Mashruwala. Mr. Mashruwala is a Certified Financial Planner practitioner. After completing his graduation in commerce from the Mumbai University, he pursued Master's in Marketing Management from Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies. Apart from his Master's, he also holds certification in Personal Finance. Further, he holds Certification in Capital Market, which is jointly offered by Mumbai University, Jamnalal Bajaj and Bombay Stock Exchange. Mr. Mashruwala introduced us to the interesting and much-needed concept of financial planning.

### A Process

Any individual would desire to make a lot of money. But very few can distinguish between making money and creating wealth. Not many have a clear and defined list of their goals and responsibilities. People do not identify the future events, and articulate the same in terms of their financial goals. In the absence of this articulation, they end up aligning their finances to the market conditions and not to their own. And therefore, financial planning becomes very important.

Mr. Mashruwala explained that Financial Planning is the process of channelling financial resources towards financial goals. Each individual has different needs and dreams, and hence, his goals are also different. With the result, no two financial plans can be identical. However, the process of financial planning is the same. The process includes wealth protection, wealth accumulation and wealth distribution. This process is applicable to all individuals, irrespective of the stage of life and situation of the individual's life: be it in the beginning of a career, immediately after getting married, a joint family, recently separated, single parent, at the time of retirement or after retiring. It is always ideal to start this process very early in life, but it is never too late to start planning.

Following the process helps in various eventualities.

### Financial Planning

While preparing the plan, the focus should be on:

#### Wealth Protection

The first step in the financial planning process, is the wealth protection strategy. There could be many eventualities like job loss, illness, accidents, etc., which can erode wealth. In order to mitigate financial stress, to protect the material wealth and also to protect oneself from unforeseen liabilities, structured planning is extremely vital.

#### Wealth Accumulation

Once the wealth protection strategies are in place, the focus should shift to wealth accumulation. One of the biggest hurdles in wealth accumulation is borrowing. The first step in wealth accumulation, is to control debt. The focus should be to get debt free as soon as possible, and then shift the focus on investments, based on the financial goals.

#### Wealth Distribution

Wealth distribution begins with providing for the golden years of your life. This is then followed by bequeathing assets to the loved ones.

Following the process helps in:

- Dealing with catastrophes, both natural and man-made with ease
- Accumulating Wealth for future financial responsibilities
- Bestowing the wealth to your loved ones.

Thus, Financial Planning provides direction and meaning to financial decisions. It allows you to understand, how each financial decision taken, affects other different areas of your finances. By viewing each financial decision as a part of a whole, you can consider its short-term and long-term effects on your life goals. You can also adapt more easily to life changes and feel more secure that your goals are on track.



Speaker Gaurav Mashruwala

President RP Anand felicitating the speaker

Speaker:

**Mr Gaurav Mashruwala**

Date: **Wednesday, December 12, 2012**

Introduced By:

**Rtn Rajeev Thakkar**

Vote Of Thanks:

**PP Ashok Sharma**

– Report by  
**Rtn. Sunil Gautam**

## India's History after Independence

Rtn. Rajeev Thakkar was an accidental speaker at the weekly meeting on December 19, 2012 as the scheduled speaker could not attend due to an exigency. It was surprising since the subject on which he spoke is unrelated to his day job in Investments. Rajeev mentioned that he likes stories, and that he looks at history as a form of story. He said that this talk is an outcome of some informal discussion he was having with Rtn. Rajiv Kapur about how one looks at India today.

### Glass Half Full

In light of the depressing headlines being seen every day, the shortcomings of contemporary India are well known. Rajeev termed this as a glass half empty view. To take a glass half full view, we could compare India with its own past and peer group and also take a holistic view rather than focus just on some data points.

It was mentioned that India is an ancient civilisation but a young nation which came into being about 65 years ago. Many Rotarians from Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town have witnessed the birth of this nation, firsthand.

It was pointed out that the birth of India, was accompanied by partition and a civil war like situation, millions of refugees, dire poverty, problems of integrating princely states and also, diversity in the population on the basis of language, religion, caste, geography and economic status.

### Political and Economic Fronts

On the political front, some of the issues concerning us today such as nepotism, sex scandals of politicians, religious conflict, caste and language based conflicts etc., have been present in India sporadically or continuously throughout independent India and it is not something new that is happening. This was reminiscent of the song by Billy Joel "We didn't start the fire; it was always burning since the world's been turning".

On the economic front, as late as 1991, India had to pledge its gold in order to be able to sustain itself and meet its import bills. We had a waiting period of years to get a telephone line, buy a scooter or car. As compared

to those days, we have seen enormous strides in telecom density and options available for personal transportation. Infrastructure, though still poor by international standards, is seeing improvement and examples such as Delhi, Bangalore and Hyderabad airports and the national highway projects are there for all to see.

For a peer group comparison, if one looks at neighbouring countries like Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal, India has fared reasonably well. Rajeev had a view that countries like Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore are not strictly comparable as the relative homogeneity of their population and smaller size make them easier to govern. China admittedly is of a somewhat similar nature. While China has a lead over India (partly because of its early start of reforms) in economic terms, India is far ahead of China in terms of political freedom. Also, because of the heavy control of the media in China, one really does not know everything there is to know and the recent scandal about Mr. Bo Xilai took everyone by surprise. Rajeev cautioned against mistaking lack of symptoms as evidence of good health.

On the positive side, Rajeev mentioned things such as the exposure of Indians to the world, on account of migrant knowledge workers, such as software engineers and blue collar workers such as masons and carpenters. He mentioned the proliferation of satellite television channels and the spread of internet. Because of all this, young Indians have become far more demanding and are not willing to accept anything sub-standard.

With the Right To Information (RTI) Act, social media and multiple news channels, it is no longer easy to keep skeletons hidden in the closet. An exponential increase in the scandals being reported, may just be a result of increased transparency, rather than an increase in the underlying corruption.

NREGA and Aadhar (UID) projects have had their detractors, but if implemented correctly, they have the potential to provide a good safety net to the weakest sections of the society, and increase the size of the Indian middle class.

Rajeev ended the talk by saying that he is an incurable optimist, and that it is possible that many would disagree with some of the points. The talk was followed by a lively discussion and question and answer session.

Speaker: **Rtn Rajeev Thakkar**  
Date: **Wednesday, December 19, 2012**

Vote of Thanks: **PP Rtn. Arrow Sinha Roy**



Our Speaker for the day  
Rtn. Rajeev Thakkar



Our Senior Rtn. Kirtilal Doshi receives his PHF 2Star pin and also TRF Certificate on behalf of his daughter Dr. Anjali Mehta



Rtn Rajeev receives the Club memento

## Our many thanks...

*"A marvelous project which illustrates the best of Rotary's contribution to the improvement of lives around the world."*

**Dear Arrow,**

I'd like to thank you again for the DVD, which you produced and sent us on the village water and reforestation project in India, which the Bombay Mid-Town Rotary Club is sponsoring, and in which several of the clubs in Rotary District 5450 (Northern Colorado) are participating.

We showed the video at our **Colorado Rotary Water Symposium** on October 13, as part of the panel presentation on Rotary's signature projects in water and sanitation. It was highly successful, and very well received! The video itself is of very high quality, and your narration is particularly effective in telling the story of the project. The impact that this project is making on the life of the villagers, is very impressive.

The other aspect of the project — and one of the reasons that we picked it as one of the signature projects we chose to highlight — is that it demonstrates how a Rotary project can grow in its impact and contribution. This began as a water project, to help recharge the local wells, which dry up after the monsoon. Then it grew into a reforestation project, which will contribute to the economic well-being of the villagers. From there, it has added literacy and education, and, particularly for the women of the villages, is now making a real economic difference in their daily lives.

You and the Bombay Mid-Town Rotary Club are to be congratulated for a marvellous project which illustrates the best of Rotary's contribution to the improvement of lives around the world.

My best regards to you and your fellow Rotarians.

**Peter Hughes.**  
**Chair, The Water & Sanitation Task Force**  
**Rotary District 5450**  
**Denver, Colorado, USA**

## Hardwork + Honesty = Success...

**Tell us about your early years. Any childhood memories you would like to share?**

My father was in the Indian Railways, so we were transferred every three years to another city. My schooling and education was in seven different institutions. Our homes were bungalows, with 4-5 bedrooms and up to 6-8 servant quarters with large gardens and vegetable gardens. My mother had green fingers, and as children, we spent a lot of time outdoors playing in these gardens.

**Where did you meet Bunty?**

I was introduced to Bunty by a chance meeting my father had with a common friend at the Delhi Gymkhana, where they were discussing the future of their children. We were introduced, and it was love at first sight.

**What is your opinion on the marriages of today?**

Marriages are getting complicated as life is getting complicated. There are too many demands and hardly any patience. However, marriage is the only sustainable method of having a family and progressing as a couple.

**Both your daughters are doing well. Tell us something about them.**

Devika — the elder one — did her Graphic Design and Commercial Art from Rhode Island School of Design. Presently, she is into publishing books on value-based education, spirituality and other allied subjects. The younger one — Gayatri — has done her Entrepreneurship from Babson College, and now runs her own export house with offices in Milan, Paris, New York and Mumbai.

**What were the most important issues in their upbringing for Bunty and you?**

We placed a great emphasis on family, the Indian way of thinking and caring, and most of all discipline and focus on human values. Bunty has been a mother and a homemaker. She has spent a lot of time with the children, since they were born. She is like a friend to them. So am I, but in a different sort of way. As an adviser perhaps, and lastly as a friend.

**Tell us about your career. You very successfully headed an organisation...**

I have been extremely lucky in my work as well as studies. I wanted to study in IIT. I got it, and topped my class. I wanted to work and tour Europe, which I have done. I must have driven nearly 200,000 km in that area. As I was a very passionate Mechanical Engineer, I rose rapidly in work, and became the President of a company in Mumbai at the age of 38. We set many records one of them being that the company grew from ₹2 crore to about ₹100 Crore within 12 years. Based on my reputation as a successful manager, I was invited to join two multinational companies as an Indian partner in the late eighties. Both the new companies set up by me are very strong. We still control nearly 95 per cent of the Indian market. In other words I have no work! All of this is God's Grace.

**How did "i Watch" come about? What was your motivation?**

In the course of my 31 years of work in business and industry, I was responsible for nearly 15 joint ventures with 15 different countries. I also worked and lived for nearly six years in Germany and Japan. Having travelled so extensively, it made a deep impression on my mind about the poverty in India. I started *i Watch* in 1992. By that time, I had a roof over my



Bunty with Devika and Gayatri



The house built by us in Srinagar

head and the girls were already in USA. Besides, my companies were generating sufficient profits for me to get yearly dividends. My car was small, a Maruti 800, house, a two bedroom, so I decided to start my NGO, *i Watch*. It was a good and timely decision.

**How many students have been helped across vocations/locations, through *i Watch*?**

In September 2012, we were invited to address students from 20 colleges in the Kashmir Valley. The meetings were arranged by Greater Kashmir and GOC Kashmir Lt. Gen Om Prakash of the Chinar Corps. The subject was "Education, Entrepreneurship and Employment". We addressed terrorist areas, such as Sopore and Baramulla as well. The end result is that, we are starting with eight vocational centres, with Navkar Skills, and will gradually expand to 100 to train and provide jobs to nearly 10,000 to 20,000 youth per year. Similar exercises are being planned in at least 10 other states of India.

**How do you think India is progressing today? What are the issues concerning employment and vocational training?**

India can progress at 10-14 per cent every year. The main block is, all types of education starting from pre-primary education where 90 per cent of the brain is developed by the age of seven, till higher and technical education, needs to be fully de-licensed. Vocational education is missing in India. China has 500,000 centres, Japan 150,000 centres and Germany 100,000. India has only 9,500. Even a small country like Austria or Switzerland with a population of only 80 lakh, have nearly 6,000 centres each.

**How do you spend your time? You have been going a lot to Kashmir...**

We spend nearly five months a year in Srinagar. Bunty and I built a house there nearly 25 years ago. I travel a lot because of my NGO, all over India and to the rest of the world.

**What are your hobbies?**

I like golf, music, walking and travelling. Bunty is into golf in a very big way plus reading, spirituality.

**Who have been your role models?**

My role models are Swami Vivekananda and Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore.

**What do you think is the role of Rotary as an organisation?**

Rotary is a wonderful organisation, where people get together to help others. It also makes us realise how lucky we are to have everything.

### You work with the youth. What is your message to them?

You are not the leaders of tomorrow. Today, is your day to shine. Use your voices to raise awareness, your words to spread kindness, your ears to absorb wisdom, your minds to think of solutions, your hearts to forgive others, and your feet to stand for something greater than yourself. All that you are is what the world needs. Your ideas, creativity, and energy are enormously powerful when harnessed for the greater good. Believe in your dreams, as I so deeply believe in you!

### Tell us three most important aspects and achievements of your life.

Hard work, honesty and help as many as you can.

### What is your take on life?

Verse 35 from the Gitanjali by Tagore.

*Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high;*

*Where knowledge is free;*

*Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls;*

*Where words come out from the depth of truth;*

*Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection;*

*Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary desert sand of dead habit;*

*Where the mind is led by thee into ever widening thought and action—*

*Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.*

— Interview by Rtn. Prasanna Bhagat

## CSR Projects from *i Watch*

### (FREE from *i Watch*) Mind-Set-Change for the Youth and Civil Society by use of our 104 page book – 'Transforming INDIA' (Free offering)

Copy of the book, version 2012, can be downloaded free of cost (1 MB file) from [www.wakeupcall.org](http://www.wakeupcall.org). Advantage of Skills and Vocational Training vis-a-vis a college degree and normal university education is explained. Book covers 47 articles on Governance, Education, Economy and Employment. Current Projects with their impact and benefits to the Youth and Civil society are explained on pages 95 and 97. This book is intended for teachers, parents, youth and the civil society.

### (Paid Program) Employment Generation for the Unemployed

Can set up 100 or more vocational education and training centres in your state for employment generation in areas of Healthcare, Hospitality and Tourism. Our partner, Navkar Skills, operates on a turn-key basis. See details at [www.NavkarSkills.com](http://www.NavkarSkills.com). Navkar Skills is a for-profit organisation located in New Delhi.

### (Paid Program) Digital School Education @ ₹100 per year per student or US \$2 per year per student.

Sundaram Edusys has low cost high-tech technology called e-Class, where schools can be covered costing about ₹100 per child per year. No computers required, TVs are good enough. Curriculum is as per the State Board of Education. For Class I to X. Teachers can be trained in a day. See details at [www.e-Classonline.com](http://www.e-Classonline.com) or [www.e-Class.in](http://www.e-Class.in). Sundaram Edusys is a for-profit organisation in Mumbai.

### (Paid Program) Internet based Higher Secondary Education Science Education in Physics-Chemistry-Maths for classes 9-12. Also IITJEE and AIEEE coaching with one-to-one mentoring.

Lowest cost internet based technology to world class standards using the e-Teacher platform Dynamind. Present cost about Rs. 2 per hour per student or about US \$1 per day per student. Operating for the State Education Department, Orissa. Can be used and adapted for all other customers. Does online interactive coaching, assessment, feedback, Q&A and one-to-one mentoring. Uses artificial intelligence and cloud computing. See details at [www.Aasanka.com](http://www.Aasanka.com) and [www.i2k.in](http://www.i2k.in). Both are for-profit organisations in Mumbai.

### (Free from *i Watch*) Enterprise Skills Development, ESD or Coaching in Entrepreneurship for Individuals, schools and colleges (Free Offering)

Whether you are self employed or your work for others, this quality is very important. Nearly 58 per cent of all Indians are self-employed. Any person, school or college can get free coaching by visiting <http://www.enterprise-education.in> or visit [www.deispune.org](http://www.deispune.org) for more details.

### (Paid Program) Community based safe drinking, cooking, bathing and swimming water @ 1 paisa per litre for rural and urban India

Cheapest green technology using only common salt and power as raw materials. For one million litres of safe water, only 10KW power and five kilograms of salt are required. Solar powered units are also available, as many parts of the country do not have reliable power. More than 1,100 installations are already running from Kashmir to Kanyakumari. 80 per cent of all diseases are water borne. Bottled water costs 2,000 times more than sanitised community water. 100 crore people of India get unsafe water. WHO has listed electro chlorination as one of the process of disinfection of drinking water for Preventive Health Care. See details at [www.denoraindia.com](http://www.denoraindia.com). DeNora India Ltd. is a for-profit organisation in Goa.

## And the award goes to...

The Annual Day function was held at Rakesh Jain Madhyamik Vidyamandir, Shivkar (Panvel) on Friday, December 14, 2012.

Every year our Club honours five teachers of the I.B.T. (Introduction to Basic Technology) project (coaching classes) set up by the Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town, in association with the SKS Chakshu Foundation.

This year too, the Annual Function was held at the school on Friday, December 14.

Shri. R. P. Anand, our president, graced the occasion and felicitated the teachers by giving them cash awards of ₹2000 each.

The I.B.T. project is unique and one of its kind in Maharashtra. The course teaches 24 vocations to class VIII, IX and X students, in Mechanical, Electrical, Agricultural and Pathological areas, to enable the students, to go for higher studies, in vocational field of their choice.

Nirbhay Jain, Chairman SKSCF, and Urmila Jain attended the function along with a few other guests from Mumbai.

As usual, Nirbhay and Urmila extended their hospitality, by arranging sumptuous and delicious lunch for all the guests.

Report by Rtn. Nirbhay Jain



## Zonal Projects

A group of approximately 15 students and two adults are posing for a group photo outdoors. The students are wearing light blue school uniforms with dark collars. They are arranged in several rows, with some sitting on the ground in front. Two adults, a man in a green t-shirt and a woman in a plaid shirt, are standing on the left side of the group. In the background, there is a blue and red playground structure and a building with a white wall and a doorway.

## Partners-in-Service Avenue



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## Obituary

We extend heartfelt condolences to Rtn. PDG Dr. Shirish Sheth and family, on the sad demise of his beloved mother Smt. Hiralaxmi. We sincerely pray for her soul to rest in peace.

## Celebrating the beginning...

12-12-12 is a day which comes once in a hundred years! On the same day, we celebrated our Charter Nite by cutting a huge Chocolate Truffle Cake, with a musical candle playing a Happy Birthday tune. The beautiful ladies of our Club participated in the Celebration, dressed in various colours and attires, accompanied by their supportive spouses.

The cold December breeze, blowing on the terrace of the Malabar Hill Club, brought with it insurmountable cheer and camaraderie in the expression of our motto "*Friendship and Service*". Our Club started in 1969. The late Mrs. Nalini Dahanukar was the Founder President, and went on to become the First District Chairman from our Club. Mrs. Siloo Sheth, was the First Secretary. During these 43 years Inner Wheel Club of Bombay Mid-Town has grown not only in numbers but also in its social activities. Today, we have 89 members, each one in her own way, helping the Club succeed and flourish.



### RI Convention Update

Rotary International Convention  
Lisbon, Portugal  
23-26 June 2013



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### Visit our new convention website for the latest news, tips on Lisbon

We've just made it easier for you to plan your trip to the 2013 RI Convention in Lisbon, Portugal, 23-26 June. Our new website, launched in mid-July, contains the latest news, travel tips, registration and housing reservation forms, and other useful information about Rotary's largest annual gathering, all in an easy-to-navigate layout.

- [Explore the convention website](#)
- [Find resources to help you promote the convention](#)
- [Watch the Lisbon promotional video](#)

Please let us know what you think of our new website ([www.riconvention.org](http://www.riconvention.org)).

**Is it easier to use?**

**Do you have any suggestions for improvement?**

[impromo@rotary.org](mailto:impromo@rotary.org)

### Sintra just one of many attractions awaiting you

Perched in the hills 20 miles from Lisbon is the village of Sintra, a UNESCO World Heritage site that Lord Byron called a "glorious Eden." Rotarians attending the 2013 RI Convention will find enough cultural attractions and stunning scenery to make the 40-minute train ride worth their while.

- [Read more about Sintra](#)
- [Learn about other Lisbon attractions](#)



### Save on travel to Lisbon!

Rotarians can save up to 20 percent on travel to the 2013 RI Convention through Star Alliance member airlines. Use the convention code TP02S13.

- [See a list of participating airlines](#)
- [Make travel arrangements through the online booking process](#)

### RI President Sakuji Tanaka invites you to Lisbon



I am delighted to invite you to the 104th Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal, 23-26 June. As an RI president from Japan, I am especially pleased that this convention will be hosted in Lisbon, because Japan and Portugal have a warm history together that began in 1542.

- [Read more of the president's welcome](#)
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### Dates & deadlines

**11 March 2013**  
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**31 March 2013**  
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## The programs of Rotary International

### Good to Know

**Club Assembly** — A meeting to discuss the Club's programs and activities. Open to all club members.

**District Conference** — An annual motivational meeting that showcases club and district activities. Open to all Rotarians in that district and their families.

**Interact** — Service and social clubs for youth ages 12 to 18 that are sponsored by Rotary clubs.

**PolioPlus** — The Rotary Foundation program focused on global polio eradication efforts.

**ProjectLINK** — A database at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) that lists Rotary service projects needing volunteer or financial assistance. Also highlights model projects from around the world.

**Rotaract** — Service and social clubs for young adults ages 18 to 30 that are sponsored by Rotary clubs.

**Rotarian Action Groups** — International groups of individuals who share a passion for a humanitarian issue or service activity. An example is the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group.

**Rotary Community Corps** — Groups of non-Rotarians who work on service projects for their communities. Organised and sponsored by Rotary clubs.

**Rotary Fellowships** — International groups of individuals who share a vocational or recreational interest. An example is the International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians.

**Rotary Foundation** — The philanthropic arm of Rotary International. Helps Rotarians advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through humanitarian projects and educational programs.

**Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees** — The 15 Rotarians who manage the business of The Rotary Foundation, led by the trustee chair. Appointed by the RI president, with agreement from the RI Board, to four-year terms.

**Rotary International (RI)** — The international association composed of 34,200 Rotary clubs in nearly every country of the world. Headquartered in Evanston, Illinois, USA, with international offices on four continents.

**RI Board of Directors** — The 19 Rotarians who set policy for Rotary International. Elected to two-year terms.

**RI Convention** — An annual celebration of Rotary and Rotarian accomplishments. Held in a different location around the world each year. Open to all Rotarians and their families.

**RI president** — The Rotarian who presides over the RI Board. Elected to a one-year term.

**Rotary Peace Centers** — Programs at several universities around the world that offer advanced degrees and professional certificates in peace and conflict resolution.

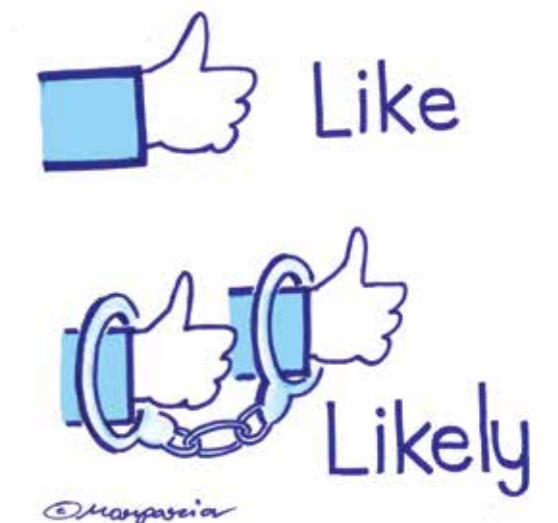
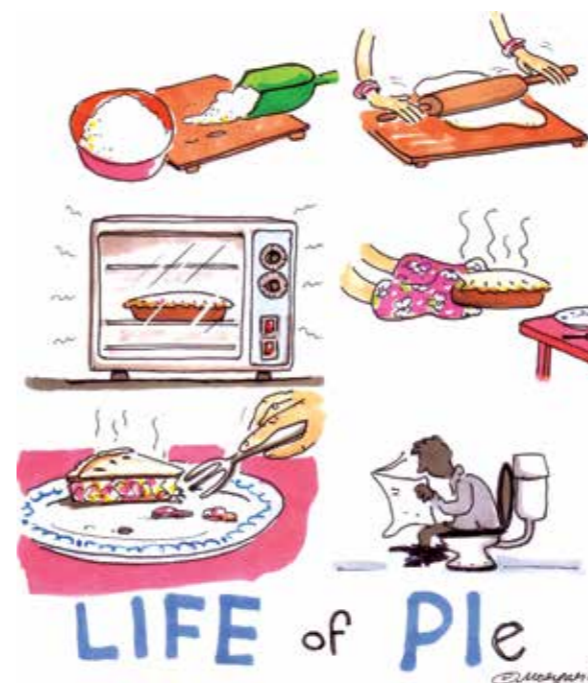
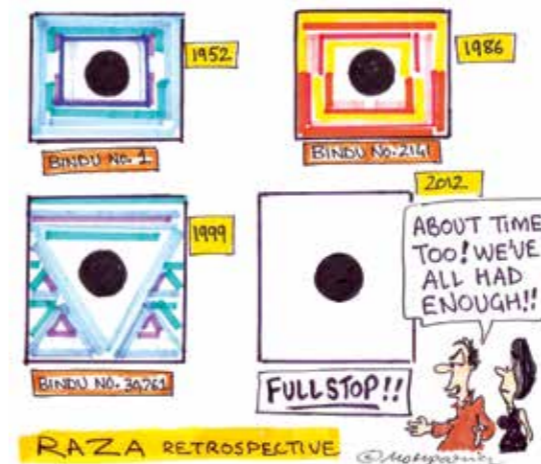
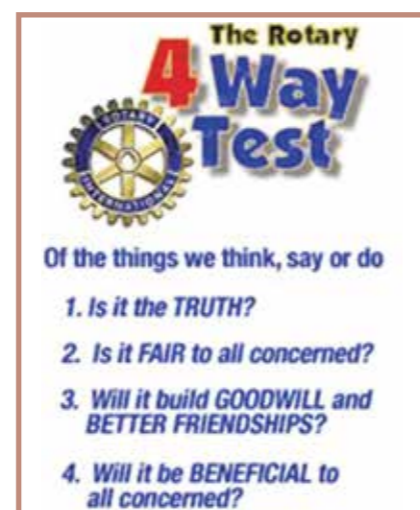
**Rotary Peace Fellow** — A recipient of a Rotary Foundation scholarship for study at one of the Rotary Peace Centers.

**Rotary Youth Exchange** — A cultural exchange program for youth ages 15 to 19. Exchanges can last from one week to one year.

**Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)** — Leadership training and recognition activities conducted by Rotary clubs or districts for youth and young adults ages 14 to 30.

**Our motto, SERVICE ABOVE SELF, embodies our humanitarian spirit. Rotary's Avenues of Service guide our activities:**

- Through Club Service, we have fun, build lasting friendships, and make sure that our club runs well.
- Through Vocational Service, we volunteer our professional skills to serve others and promote integrity in everything we do.
- Through Community Service, we address local needs and work with our community to bring lasting improvements.
- Through International Service, we meet humanitarian needs around the globe and promote world understanding and peace.
- Through New Generations Service, we work with young people to help them become the next generation of leaders, visionaries, and peacemakers.



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## Director Club Service: Kamlesh Sonawala

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## Director Vocational Service: Ashwin Shah

Career Guidance:	Prasanna Bhagat
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Four Way Test:	Rajeev Thakkar
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Financial Opportunity Forum:	Parag Parikh

## Director Community Service: Narendra Mohatta

<b>Human Development</b>	
Child welfare:	Dr Ghanshyam Kasbekar
	Co Chair: Dr Deepak Garg

## Community Development

Nere-Vaje Village	
Development Project:	Nirbhay Jain
Polio & Care of Physically Challenged:	Gaurav Kapadia
Medical - Plastic Surgery Camp:	Dr Anil Tibrewalla
Medical camps and support to service projects:	PP Dr Kirit Mody
	Co-Chair: Dr Varsha Vadera

Sakwar Area Adivasi Development:	Kishore Sharma
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## Environment

Environment & Nature Education:	PP Lalit Gokuldas
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## Partners in Service

Rotary District Relations	PP Anil Kamath
Inner Wheel	PP Mohan Lalwani

## Director new generation: Vicky Punjabi

Interact	Jamsheed Patel
Rotaract	Anil Ambo
Sports	Harshad Vora

## Director International Projects: PP Arrow Sinha Roy

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	Co Chair : Yogesh Pandya

International Family & Youth Exchange:	Santosh Kejriwal
	Co Chair: Manoj Jalan

Rotary Foundation:	Rajeev R Anand
Rotary Sister Clubs Exchange:	Bernard Steinruecke

<b>Assistant Governor:</b>	<b>Dr Rumi Jehangir</b>
<b>Group Coordinator:</b>	<b>Aditya Singh</b>

## January

### << Wedding Anniversary >>

- 06 Purnima-Gaurav Kapadia
- 11 Maharukh-Burjor Nariman
- 14 Ranjana-Bernhard Steinruecke
- 17 Ramidevi-Murlidhar Jalan
- 20 Sarita-Bimal Shroff
- 23 Thrity-Sam Daruwala
- 27 Taru-Praful Sheth
- 27 Arati-Sunil Agrawal
- 29 Kanika-Piyush Khaitan

### << Spouse's Birthdays >>

- 02 Nishi Nitin Mathur
- 08 Shivani Anand Didwania
- 12 Urmila Nirbhay Jain
- 14 Bina Anil Kejriwal
- 15 Ila Kamlesh Sonawala
- 18 Suman Kirtilal Doshi
- 21 Aarti Sunil Gautam
- 24 Kanika Piyush Khatian
- 31 Urvashi Jaidev Mehta

### << EVENTS IN JANUARY >>

#### 2 Wednesday

New Year dinner and CCC&B Fellowship at 6.30 p.m. at the Wodehouse Gymkhana. With exchange students from Germany

#### 9 Wednesday

Yale Rotaract Club to address the club (International Projects Committee)

#### 16 Wednesday

Fellow Rtn. Bernard Steinruecke will speak on "Indo German Bhai - Bhai". Seventh BOD Meeting at 2.30 p.m.

#### 23 Wednesday

North India Punjabi Night Fellowship at 7.00 p.m. at Wodehouse Gymkhana

#### 30 Wednesday

Ms. Dhun Davar (daughter of Rtn. Sohrab Davar) will speak on "Leadership Challenges in Social Services"

### << Birthdays >>



01 JANUARY  
Rajeev Anand



06 JANUARY  
PDG Dr Shirish Sheth



11 JANUARY  
Anil Kejriwal



16 JANUARY  
Dr Shashi Kapoor



17 JANUARY  
Nargis Wadia



20 JANUARY  
PP Ashok Sharma



21 JANUARY  
Ratan Kumar Sanghi



22 JANUARY  
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28 JANUARY  
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29 JANUARY  
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