



Mid-Town BULLETIN

JANUARY 2025



*Celebrating 56 years of
Awesome Rotary*

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President's Message



February 2025

Dear Members,

As we move ahead in this Vibrant Rotary Year, it is with great pride and joy that I present the third edition of our bulletin, which also marks the end of the first half of the Rotary Year. This moment allows us to reflect on the transformative projects we have launched and executed, creating a lasting impact on communities and humanity.

One of the standout achievements for our club has been the contribution to the "16 Vibrant Anganwadis" project in the Mokhada and Jawhar districts of Palghar. This initiative aims to revolutionize early childhood education, made possible through the generosity of our large-hearted donors. Additionally, a group of 15 members had the privilege of visiting Utawili for the

inauguration of newly built washroom facilities for boys, as well as the foundation laying for the extension of school classrooms and other facilities. During this visit, we also celebrated the inauguration of 220 toilets in Chas Mukhada, a project built through global grants in collaboration with our club. Witnessing the enthusiasm of students in rural government schools and seeing the smiles of village residents as they gained access to toilets, with newfound dignity and respect, was deeply highly fulfilling.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all our Past Presidents and Senior Members who envisioned these projects and laid the foundation for their success. I also want to thank our current team for their unwavering commitment to bringing these dreams to life and carrying forward the legacy of service.

On the topic of our ongoing projects, I am pleased to report that our "Little Heart" initiative, aimed at saving lives through heart surgeries, continues to gain momentum. With support from CSR donors and a pharmaceutical company, we have secured funding to conduct surgeries for nearly 50 young lives in the coming months, amounting to over ₹60 lakhs. Additionally, our e-Learning project is progressing at an impressive pace, with donations secured for four more schools to install digital panels, bringing the project's total funding to nearly ₹70 lakhs. Other ongoing initiatives, such as the NASEOH project, Eye cataract surgeries, and new ventures like Vocational training and early detection of breast cancer (iBreast) and National Integration are also advancing well.

I want to express my deep appreciation to all our Directors and Chairpersons, who are managing these projects with immense dedication, giving their time, talent, and resources. Your efforts are truly invaluable and continue to drive the spirit of Rotary forward.

Regarding fellowship and programs, I am fortunate to have witnessed a high level of participation from our members in various initiatives. From the two-day picnic to Lonavala, Parsi Dinner, Charter Night celebrations, Christmas party and many more. Also, it is thrilling that some of our members are on a Wildlife Adventure trip to Tanzania, the spirit of fellowship within our club remains stronger than ever.

Looking ahead, over 52 members have planned a one-week fellowship trip to the Northeast, where we have also contributed for a national integration project, including providing a 100-foot flag and furnishing of two schools in the region.

Our pre-OCV was a great success, and I am confident that our OCV on February 11, 2025, will be another landmark achievement for the club. Thank you to the Board Members and Office Managers for their dedication in making this possible.

Finally, I would like to invite all of you to the much-anticipated DISCON 2025: SAMANVAY – Confluence of Excellence, scheduled for March 1-2, 2025, at Jio World Centre. This event will feature distinguished leaders from politics, technology, business, defense, sports, Bollywood, and other sectors. It promises to be a remarkable gathering, and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

The Rotary Club of Bombay is a symbol of service, and each of us plays a vital role in this movement. Let us continue to serve with compassion, heal with dedication, and innovate for a brighter future. Together, we can achieve more, and together, we will shape a better world.

Together for a Better World,

Jagar Thakur
President – 2024-2025

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CSR - Route to TRF Achievement

-Rtn Anil Ambo

“Rotary is serious business in the area of Community Service”.

This remark caught my fancy and I realized that we need to be focussed on performance in Rotary as we are in our business. This is where we differentiate from other institutions. Unless we follow this goal rigidly, Rotary will be reduced merely to a Social club like any other.

Our Rotary club had given

- at one extreme an AKS member in Rtn. Badrinath Barwale ji and - on the other end an average contribution from the club members to TRF of around USD 8-10 thousand.

With the onset of Covid there was need for 'out of the box' thinking. Under the dynamic Presidentship of Rtn Vicky Punjabi, our club made a major shift from contributing USD 8 to 10 thousand level to a new horizon - USD100000+ contribution to TRF.



Little Hearts Surgery

After Covid withdrew, under the leadership of Rtn Burjor Nariman, with the help of stalwarts like, Rtn Ravi Harlalka n Rtn Ashok Mehra from other clubs and our own Rtn Anil Kamath, we understood the CSR route of engaging a Corporate partner and doing Little Heart Surgeries at Sri Sathya Sai Hospital at New Bombay. The unique thing in this hospital is that there is no billing counter and the patient family pays nothing for the treatment. It is a total win win through and through....

- patient gets treated free of charge
- Corporate who provides the base capital uses the platform of Rotary to use its CSR funds mandated by law, fruitfully.
- Rotarians who join the CSR project even by contributing USD 100 get corresponding TRF points.

In the last 3 years, under the leadership of Burjor Nariman, Lotika Purohit and Ashwin Ankhad, the club has done worthwhile CSR projects worth over USD 3.5 million. in areas of :

- E learning in BMC Schools
- Little Heart Surgeries
- Anganwadis

In the process we have added to our fraternity of Major Donors and in this period alone through the CSR route made

- Double digit first time major donors
- A similar number of existing Major Donors being upgraded from one level to the next level.



Anganwadis



In the current year, under the dynamic leadership of Rtn Jagar Thakur, 4 new projects have been approved and are under implementation. This will help us

- achieve our current year TRF target of USD 1,50,000
- upgrade Rtn. Geeta Parikh from Major Donor Level 2 to Level 4.
- upgrade Rtn. Rohit Patel from Major Donors L1 to Major Donor L3.
- Add two new member to the MD family - Rtn Ashwin Shah and Rtn Svetlana Toshniwal.

The prophetic words of incoming President Svetlana, who took her time to convert, still ring in my ears..."

it gives meaningful direction to Rotarians to use the Rotary platform for community service in their area and inspires one self as well as others to follow this golden path.

On a closing note let us think big by conceiving Super major projects in our area as we have quite a few AKS potential members.

Cheers.



E-learning in BMC Schools

Rotary Year 2024-2025



Rtn. Geeta Parikh
Major Donor L4



Rtn. Rohit Patel
Major Donor L3



Rtn.
Ashwin Shah
Major Donor L1



Rtn. Svetlana
Toshniwal
Major Donor L1



Rtn.
Jagar Thakur
PHF +1

A Journey of Purpose:

Rotary Mid-Town's Visit to Uttawali and Chasmukhada

—Rtn. Anupam Chaturvedi & Rtn. Jigisha Parikh



On January 25, 2025, my wife and I embarked on our maiden trip with the enterprising and emotive members of Rotary Mid-Town. The purpose of our journey was to visit the School Project at Uttawali village and the Toilets Project of Rotary International. What followed was a day filled with camaraderie, commitment, and a deep sense of fulfillment.

Our journey began with a thoughtful initiative by our dynamic President, Jagar Thakur, who decided to accommodate all of us in a 20-seater bus instead of individual vehicles—an idea that not only promoted sustainability but also strengthened our bonds. However, a small twist awaited us—the bus's seat covers proudly bore the Mercedes logo, creating an illusion of luxury (pun intended), but the vehicle itself was a well-maintained Force Motors Traveller, driven efficiently. Despite over 14 hours of travel, we remained jubilant and energized—remarkable, considering most of us were on the “wrong side of ageing.”

A Warm Welcome at Adarsh Vidyalaya, Uttawali

The trip commenced punctually, with only a minor disruption due to suburban railway maintenance affecting our dedicated duo, Parab and Anil. Upon reaching Adarsh Vidyalaya, we were greeted warmly by the Principal, teachers, and staff. The students, all neatly dressed in white and brown,

with the girls adorned with striking white ribbon flowers, sat on the ground beneath the banyan tree. The atmosphere was one of excitement and reverence as we were welcomed with traditional tikas and roses.

The school's vibrant culture was evident in the clapping sequence performed by the students—a rhythmic 3-3-1-1-1 pattern that had us all engaged. The girl representatives further delighted us with welcome songs, each followed by enthusiastic applause. Our President, Jagar Thakur, delivered an inspiring speech that deeply resonated with the students, followed by an equally well-received address by Rtn Ajay Bhatnagar, who had travelled all the way from Switzerland.

Jigisha, who played a crucial role in executing the school project, acknowledged the dedication of the school management and contractor, Mr. Shreekant Sase. Contributions by other



members, particularly Rtn Aditi Choksey, were also recognized. Our collective commitment to the school's future was reaffirmed, with student representatives voicing the need for an E-Learning Platform and better sports facilities.

Inaugurations and Tributes

Following the speeches, we proceeded to inaugurate the additional classrooms with a traditional pooja, led by PP Ashwin Ankhad, Jagar Thakur, and Jigisha. The completed toilets were officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and the unveiling of a plaque. In the Assembly Hall, a heartfelt tribute was paid to our pioneering member, the late Rtn Yogesh Pandya, whose contributions continue to inspire us.



A Reality Check at Chasmukhada



Our next stop was Chasmukhada, where we unveiled 200+ toilets project sponsored by Rotary International. The villagers welcomed us with flowers, sweets, and tea, expressing their gratitude. However, we learned that the State Government's promised water supply had not yet materialized, leading to limited use of the toilets. This revelation was a sobering reminder that infrastructure alone isn't sufficient —usable solutions require all encompassing support.



Reflections on a Meaningful Journey

As we made our way back, stopping for a lunch-cum-tea break at a highway restaurant, the conversations flowed seamlessly. The energy, dedication, and commitment of our Club members were palpable and deserve immense appreciation. The journey was not just about visiting projects but about reinforcing our shared mission and vision. A special mention goes to Rtn Renuka and Rtn Jigisha, whose dimensioned discussions added an intellectual charm to the trip.



Rtn. Anupam Chaturvedi

This journey was more than just a visit—it was a reaffirmation of our collective resolve to make a difference. Here's to many more impactful initiatives with the Rotary Mid-Town family!

Meetings

There is no such thing called Waste



Rachna Toshniwal (she/her) is an artist and environmentalist.

Her professional practice is about connection - with the self and other (nature, people, objects, materials) through exploring and experimenting with different creative processes. It is about communication, community, and communion - fostering ways to take the intimacy of creative expression into the public domain through performance, workshops, installations and encouraging dialogue regarding the processes, the outcome, and its impact/relevance to where we find ourselves today. Her work is rooted in Nature. She lives and works in Mumbai and Alibaug.

Rachna spoke about a community-based eco-art project conceived as public installations of tapestries and other objects created from litter and waste materials collected along the coastline of Saral beach, Alibaug. The project was about exploring 'the warp and weft of community,

ecology and art' by integrating the diverse materials, skills and micro-cultures that have come together to collaborate on the project.

The Genesis was ...

The ENVIRONMENT

The PROCESS

The RESPONSE

By design, the project is about inclusivity and engagement - weaving (quite literally) our connection with the lived environment (nature, people, materials) into tapestries and installations - bringing together the many threads that intersect within an ecosystem of a local shoreline; with the ultimate goal of using art to sensitize, initiate and activate change in response to the ecological crises we find ourselves in today.

We look forward to more such initiatives and Akhil Shahney described her as a social entrepreneur in his vote of thanks.





District Awards

Incredible District Trophies & Awards Event was held at Lonavala for recognizing the work of 108 clubs in District 3141.



B2 : Jyontindra Vakil Trophy for Best Club Bulletins published.



C10: Shantilal Mehta Trophy for outstanding Medical Project ("Little Hearts") for the year.

This project was spearheaded by **Dr. Kasbekar** and an appreciable donation of Rs. 37 Lakhs was secured by **Ms. Gita Parikh from Parag Parikh FAS Mutual Fund**. Many thanks.



Projects

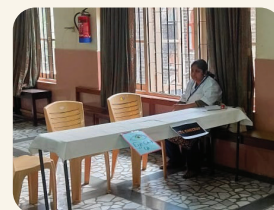
Happy to inform all that on the request of the Interact Club of St. Anne's High School we at the Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town in association with Saifee Hospital Mumbai organised a multi diagnostic medical camp for students of classes 1, 3, 5, 7 & 9.

Totally around 350 students benefited in this camp in the field of:-

1. General Health & Hygiene
2. Eyes
3. BMI
4. Dental

The camp started at 9 am was a great success. PP Rtn. Lothika Purohit & Rtr. Surbhi Oberoi, President, Rotaract Club of Bombay Mid-Town attended the camp.

Saifee Hospital team of Doctors conducted the camp The Principal & Teachers of St. Anne's appreciated & thanked our club.



NASEOH INDIA

Brief Report on the Distribution of Assistive Mobility Devices and customized Electric Wheelchairs to the Persons with Disabilities on 4th October 2024 at NASEOH

In partnership with Fuch Lubricants (India) Pvt. Ltd. & Rotary Club of Bombay Mid Town, NASEOH distributed various mobility assistive devices & customized electric wheelchairs to the needy identified persons with disabilities at a event held at NASEOH premises on Friday, the 4th October 2024.

Rtn. Jagar Thakur, President of Rotary Club of Bombay Mid Town, Rtn. Kersi Hilloo, Rtn. Gaurav Kapadia, Ms. Kanchan Poojary, Ms. Shimona & Mr. Kiran of Fuch Lubricant (India) Pvt. Ltd., Members of Rotract Club of Bombay Mid Town Ms. Trisha & Ms. Mithali and Mrs. Shyamshree Bhonsale, Governing Council Member of NASEOH were present at the event.

The following appliances were distributed :

Sr.No.	Type of Mobility Appliances	Qty
1	KAFO (L)	1
2	Surgical Shoes	2
3	T.B. Calliper (L)	3
4	B.K. Prosthesis	2
5	A.K .Prosthesis	1
6	Blind Stick	1
7	Wheelchair	4
8	Wheelchair C.P. small	1
9	Tricycle	4
10	Electric Wheelchair	6
	Total	25



Projects

The financial support received from Fuch Lubricants (India) Pvt. Ltd. & Rotary Club of Bombay Mid Town helped NASEOH to cater to the needs of these beneficiaries and continue one of its core activities.

NASEOH extends heartfelt gratitude to both Fuch Lubricants (India) Pvt. Ltd. & Rotary Club of Bombay Mid Town for their continued solidarity with NASEOH to reach out to the needy beneficiaries time & again.



Project Ummeed

A team from our Club which including members of our Rotaract Club visited Ummeed Child Development Center on 27 September 2024. Ummeed works with children with developmental disabilities which include Autism, Intellectual Disability, Down Syndrome, ADHD and Learning Disabilities amongst others. Often these are not visible leading to multiple problems in child development. Ummeed believes that with the right intervention every child can live up to their potential and be included in society.

The Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town has been supporting Ummeed for the past few years. A short presentation was made by the Ummeed team followed by a walk through of the clinical space. Currently children at Ummeed are being supported by our Club through their one-year cycle of diagnosis and therapy. The visit concluded with President Jagar Thakur, Rotarian Gaurav Kapadia, Chairman of the Child Welfare Committee, First Lady Simit Thakur and Rotary Ann Purnima Kapadia presenting a cheque of Rs 1.00 lakh to the Ummeed team.

- Rtn Gaurav Kapadia



NASEOH INDIA

Inner Wheel Club of Bombay Midtown

Childreach School Santacruz (W)

The Inner Wheel Club of Bombay Mid-Town donated ₹1,75,000/- to Childreach school in Santacruz-W

The school which is run in a BMC school is for children with learning disabilities and for slow learners

Partners In Service



Ramkrishna Mission Hospital, Khar (W)

On the 17th of October the Inner Wheel Club of Bombay Mid-Town provided lunch to patients and staff of Ramkrishna mission hospital in Khar (W).

These projects were possible with the help of Mrs. Hansa Kejriwal who gave us the funds

TB nutrition Project

The Inner Wheel Club of Bombay Mid-Town has given nutrition for 20 under privileged TB patients at Bhabha Hospital Bandra. Thank you NEETA PATEL for sponsoring this scheme for the next 6 months Rice dal oil peanuts and milk powder has been given as specified by the BMC



Inner Wheel Club of Bombay Midtown

Partners In Service

Inner wheel Diwali fellowship

On the 15th of October the Inner Wheel Club of Bombay Mid-Town had a very successful Diwali fellowship at Copper Chimney worli - it was attended by 49 members and good food and excellent camaraderie was enjoyed by all.



IWC Charter Night

The Inner Wheel Club of Bombay Mid-Town celebrated its charter night on the 8th of December under the twinkling stars on a lovely moonlight night at the Willingdon Sports Club. The evening was enjoyed by everyone and there was great camaraderie, with good food good music and lovely weather





The Rotaract Club of Bombay Mid-Town

The Rotaract Club of Bombay Mid-Town successfully completed its official club visit in December. The district team was present as we shared a comprehensive six-month update, highlighting our projects, achievements, and future plans. It was an insightful session, reinforcing our commitment to growth and impact. Looking forward to an even stronger second half of the year!



Partners In Service



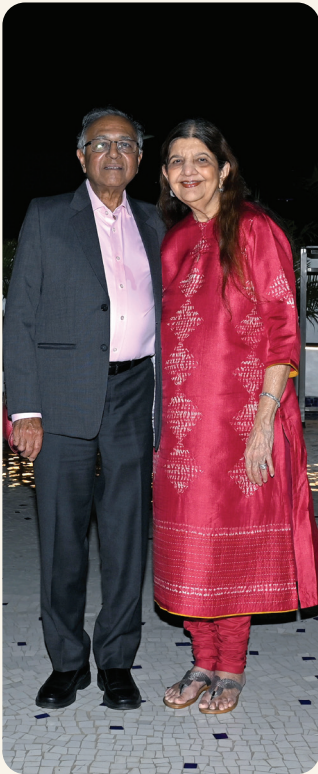
On World Human Rights Day, the Rotaract Club of Bombay Mid-Town hosted an event to raise awareness and deepen understanding of human rights. We began with a series of engaging posts and stories on our official Instagram account, spreading awareness and sparking meaningful conversations. The on-ground element featured a debate-style discussion where Rotaractors explored various dimensions of human rights, gaining a deeper insight into their significance. This interactive session not only educated participants but also encouraged reflection on the importance of protecting and promoting human rights in our society, making the event both impactful and thought-provoking.





56th Charter Night RCBMT





When Parsi Bhonu met Parsi Bonhomie







Diwali Fellowship



Tanzania Wildlife Adventure Trip

-Rtn. Alifiya Zakir

Jan 27 - Feb 4, 2025

Arusha - Serengeti - Ndutu - Ngorongoro

Whether one is visiting Tanzania for the first time or whether it's his nth visit, it's simply never ceases to be any less exciting or amazing. So when our group of 13, some of us rotarians, others perhaps prospective Rotarians set out on this adventure, little did we know that it was going to be some experience in the vast wilderness of the endless savannahs.

Starting off in Arusha, we visited our friends' Cultural Heritage and got a taste of Africa's culture, heritage and talent through paintings, curios & artifacts, gemstones n books. We were hosted for hi tea by the owners Saif & Zahra.



Next day proceeded by a 13 seater twin-engine turboprop aircraft to Serengeti National Park, a huge magnificent game park with varied landscape and diverse wildlife. We started ticking off our big 5 from here after seeing the magnificent lions. Witnessed several others like giraffes, impalas, gazelles, jackals, hyenas zebras crocodile monitor lizard, cute little dik diks.....not forgetting the huge pod of frolicky hippos in the hippo pool and so many beautiful species of birds ranging from the littlest to the largest of them all, the ostrich. The evenings were fun dancing to the tunes of the ikona tribes from the area right in the midst of the jungle along with sundowners & barbeques and roars of lions in the background as an added bonus.

We got a taste of the real rugged safari experience at Ndutu next, living in (comfortable) tents, showering in limited bucket water (20 litres) and



the rains playing spoilsport sometimes making the terrain mucky, bouncy & jolty and making our game drive nothing short of a roller coaster ride. But Oh! what beautiful sightings we've had here!

Ndutu calving season is a spectacular wildlife event that takes place in southern Serengeti n Ndutu region of Tanzania where we saw the most awe inspiring Great Migration of hundreds of thousands of wildebeasts, zebras and gazelles moving towards the nutrient rich grasslands to give birth. This calving season we saw lush green landscapes, giraffes, zebras in their most playful acts & mating n bird watching was at its best with an insane variety of flamingos, cranes, stalks, herons, eagles vultures egrets geese fowls starlings.....gosh! and so many more!

Found the elusive leopard perched on the highest branch of a tree trying to nicely camouflage itself but couldn't escape our yearning eyes....how lucky were we!!

And our longing desire to see a whole pride of lions was finally met here.....in these vast plains of Ndutu though these majestic beasts only lazed around, they were in full control of their kingdom.

Then luxury awaited us at Ngorongoro with our resort set atop the rim with an explicit view of the Ngorongoro crater, a natural wonder and a UNESCO world heritage site. The Ngorongoro Crater's rim is at an altitude of around 8000 feet which gave us an experience of chilly nights and peering from the rim down to the crater was a breathtaking experience.

Further got the Big 5 ticking off encountering herds of large tusked African elephants right



outside our vehicle, up close and personal in their natural habitat was both intimidating & exciting.....and Boy! how our cameras went off clicking clicking clicking!!! The symbiotic relationship shared with Egrets pecking away insects on menacing looking wild buffalos without fear was quite something. Same also goes with the black rhinos whom we saw albeit from a distance. Adding to the list of sightings were baboons, warthogs, jackals, Ibis pelicans, kingfisher, red throated longclaw, secretary bird, kori bustard and so many more.

Ngorongoro is home to a dense population of lions and spotting complete prides with lions, lionesses and their cute cubs snuggling & curling playfully around their mum was just spectacular. And what we call the grand finale



was witnessing a lion & lioness in the actual act of mating was plain mind blowing & phenomenal.....great luck was surely on our side this trip.

All in all, we've had the most unique holiday experience in Tanzania's wildlife diversity, it's unparalleled natural beauty, cultural richness, ever smiling warm hospitality and delectable food. Enjoying exceptional camaraderie in the group, we shared laughs, played games, chatted & got to know each other better, made stronger bonds and lasting memories..... and if we got a chance, we'd do this all over again



Rtn. Past President R.P. Anand a tribute

Rtn. PDG Dr. Shirish Sheth



"In Memorium" Rtn. Past President R.P. Anand

Rtn. Atul Premnarayan



Have known Rtn. Past President R.P. Anand from the day Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town (RCBMT) started as a Charter member. He was Jt. Hon. Secretary in 1976-77 and became President in 2012-13. In fact, served as President second time in 2015-16. Indeed, he was inspiring and painstaking for RCBMT. Deep attraction was his ownership of famous Air conditioned Naaz Theatre in good old days and he used to specially organize some good movie shows at Naaz only for the Mid-towners.

For Rotary, he was always inspirational and large hearted Donor of time and money. Indeed, he was excellent donor of blood favouring Rotary and recipients.

He graduated in 1952. Rotarian R.P. was associated with many organizations in the field of motion pictures, arts, education, social and charitable fields. He served as a special executive magistrate.

His Hobbies were Social service and playing Tennis.

For Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town and for items to help in his dictionary there was absence of 'No'. Even for District Conference of District 314 held at Oberoi Sheraton Hotel, hosted by Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town in 1984, he was of immense help and guidance.

His wife R/ann Nirmal was always smiling and pleasant. In fact, he brought his son Rajeev to Rotary Mid-town. He was a very active Rotarian.

We pray for RP's soul to rest in peace.

This will come with eternal joy and with ones heart and soul, Filled with the fragrance of the freshest bunch of beautiful red roses. Many would need two lifetimes to have led a beautiful life, like the one and only, Of our very own shri ramprakash anand. His legendary aura came with an larger than life, And so it happens that today that in every rotary meeting, the door opens and he comes in.

With an ultimate pride meeting after meeting, to ask that last question, the way only he can. He lives no more, but his shining, glowing, striking personality still comes in with memories Filled with an everlasting joy, with an commanding confidence, the way and manner only of, Our beloved ram praksh anand ji. That 7 th of august day for him was a day of breathtaking.

Celebration. It was his birthday! Life for him was a movie, packed with stories year after year, And his pride was his naaz movie theatre. The best and the cream of movies were shown in his naaz, Theatre. He commanded respect and possessed marvelous pride, goodwill in the cinema world.

His life itself was like a movie packed with stories captivating the hearts of audiences, In his theatre and the world outside. His admired will power shone with brilliance. Anand ji, He asked that last question, he danced in our fellowships, he blessed those who came up to him, And there was never ever a moment where he showed being sad or old, or lonely. Because one can be, Lonely but one can never be alone ! Lived his life to the fullest, rotary world was his supreme joy.

He was there for project after project with his presence and his contributions. He gave pride to the rotary world. A live wire every moment in life. Walking with a cane yet smiling with every step for anand ji, it was the footsteps he left behind was priceless. On 12 th june 2024, he was honoured with our lifetime legends award. That one moment mattered to him like none before. Putting his arms around myself, he said this one award has given me life's greatest joy. He had many battles to fight for and truly he fought them like a lion and the arena, he made as his very own ! A most warm hearted Humam being., Who left on his own terms...that 7th august 2024 his birthday celebration was memorable.

He danced even being the only one . Year after year, a hundred percent attendee, brought inspiration to all our rotarians. His life was always a scintillating journey...as he most confidently breezed past it. Many asked him, Anand ji how are you...the answer always was "anand hi anand" he always gave moments "joi de vivre" writing this he made me cry...how do i reach him to say these are tears of joy. Or the meeting is on.. There was no anandji, but the door is opening....Will it be him !

What would be the last question ? Anand ji the rotary world says come back once again. In that all time classic movie "anand" last words are " anand never dies ...anand lives forever.



Second from the left active Rtn. PP R.P. Anand, when Club donated Cadet Class Boat for the 10th World Cadet Class Championship held in Bombay, December 1976.



Till the last year of life, he was an active Rotarian including Mid-Town Fellowship meeting in 2024.



Receiver of Life Time Achievement Award function, given by Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town in 2024.



Charter night with Charter members PDG Dr. Shirish Sheth and PP R.P. Anand.



Rtn. Om Degan a tribute

Do not stand at my pyre and weep

I am not there. I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds on the surf.

I am the diamond glints on turf.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.

I am the gentle monsoon rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush

I am the swift uplifting rush

Of singing birds in circled flight.

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at my pyre and cry;

I am not there. I did not die.

Gayatri Degan-

Very very saddened and sorry to learn about the passing away of PP Rtn Om Degan. A great friend, an outspoken Rotarian a 100% er till he took ill.

I had spoken to him a few times enquiring about his health and inviting him to our fellowships. His family requested me not to invite him as he insisted that he wanted to attend but was no physical position to do so.

Both of us in our early rotary days regularly had fish and chips together before the Taj regular meetings.

His lovely Ann Chandra was a great host and a lovely person and attended our meetings and fellowships. We miss her too and her presence was Regale just very sporting. Om has a great passion for golf and was a regular at Chembur golf club and the army officer golf course at Colaba.

I really going to miss a true and dedicated friend. Our heartfelt condolences to his family. May his noble soul rest in eternal peace.

Rtn. Anil Kamath

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JANUARY

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