

MID-TOWN MUSINGS

Bulletin of The Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town

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District 3140

April is Magazine month

President's Address

Dear Fellow Rotarians,



The PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) for the Presidents-Elect and Secretaries-Elect was held on Sunday, March 3, 2013 at the Hotel Ramada, Powai. It was a long programme from 8 am in the morning to 6 pm in the evening. Our President-elect Rtn. James Brunner attended the same.

On March 5, the Finance Opportunity Forum (FOF) Committee had its monthly session at the Malabar Hill Club. The Chairman Parag Parikh discussed the Share Market and gave investment tips to the members followed by cocktails and dinner.

Our CCC&B Fellowship for this month was not held, due to our District Governor Dr. Balkrishna Inamdar's Official Visit to the Club (OCV) on Wednesday, March 6, at The Taj Mahal Palace Hotel.

The District Governor was received at the main entrance of the Taj and guided to the Ball-Room. The first session started at 11 am, with a discussion with the officers and going through his routine check of administration records, maintained by the Club office. In the afternoon, was the club assembly with the Directors and Committee Chairmen, to discuss the various aspects of Rotary on Membership growth, attendance, TRF-Annual giving, community service projects, etc.

District Governor Dr. Inamdar cited praises for our Club, and had wonderful words referring to our projects as amongst the best in the District 3140, particularly community service at village level in Sakwar, Nere, Baste, and Vikramgad.

The second session was his address to the Club, touching upon the many community service projects of RCBMT, and concluded the day, meeting of our Inner Wheel members, our Rotaractors of Lala Lajpat Rai College and the Interactors of Walsingham House.

On March 19, PP Arrow Sinha Roy, Dinyar Jamshedji and myself drove to Sakwar, to inaugurate the new vehicle and new generator which our Club donated to R. K. Mission under the Global Grant project.

Kamla Nehru Park 'Beautification' Project — The preparation of 22 benches required to be placed in the Kamla Nehru Park of Malabar Hill, is almost done. The inauguration function is scheduled for the evening of April 5, by the Mayor of Mumbai Shri Sunil Prabhu. All our Rotarians are cordially invited with their spouses to grace to the function.

Wednesday, March 27, was "Holi" or "The Festival of Colours" commemorating the victory of good over evil. On this occasion have great fun and participate in the festival with joy. On behalf of my wife Nirmal and myself, Greetings to all our Rotarians and their Spouses. We hope you had a Colourful Holi!

- R. P. Anand

A day of Fun and Fellowship at



The Group with the host Rtn. Abbas and R/Ann Madhurani at the farmhouse

Rtn. Abbas Jasdanwala hosted a lunch at his farm house in Alibaug on Saturday, February 16, 2013, for the Mid-Town Rotarians and their spouses. Many Rotarians participated and they had a wonderful picnic at Alibaug. Our sincere thanks to Rtn. Abbas Jasdanwala for his great hospitality.



Pres. RP leads the way to the Jasdanwala's house



Manoj and Sonali Jalan with Kiran Shah, R.P. Anand



Rotarians, R/Annes on the boat



Abbas Jasdanwala and R.P. Anand



Evening tea



Ready to depart to Mumbai

District Governor 2012-2013, RI District 3140

Wednesday, March 6, 2013 was a special day for the Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town, when our District Governor, Dr. Balkrishna Inamdar made his Official Club Visit (OCV).

Dr. Inamdar is a multifaceted personality who has excelled in every spheres of life he ventured, in medical profession, in sports and also in Rotary. He is a national scholar and stood 9th in the medical merit list in 1973. He is an M.D. in Gynecology-Obstetrics and also holds a Diploma in Pelvic Surgery. Dr. Inamdar is a natural leader. He was the vice-president of IMA, Maharashtra State in 2007-08 and President of IMA, Mumbai West in 2010-11.

Dr. Inamdar joined Rotary Club of Mumbai West Coast as its charter member in 1996, and became its President in 1999-2000. He has addressed more than 500 club meetings and other groups on Rotary and non-Rotary subjects. Our club also had the opportunity to listen to such a talented personality speak at our Club meeting on the day of his OCV.

When Dr. Inamdar spoke, we realised that the words came straight from his heart. He broached the important areas of concern for us:

The first, was on the projects that are being undertaken. He mentioned that it is important to undertake an audit of all the projects, including the vocational projects. He mentioned that it is more important to assess what has to be done, than what we have done. It is not important where we stand at the present moment; but to see where we are going, what direction we are taking. Only then we shall fulfill

the cause of the projects that we are involved with. The second area of concern was the public imagery of the work done by Rotary. He cited the example of the great work done by Rotary, on the eradication of polio from the world. Polio is only the second disease to be eradicated. He lamented that despite undertaking such an ambitious task and fulfilling it, the media is not

taking cognisance of the same. There are many instances where Rotary is not even mentioned in the articles on the subject of polio eradication.

Lastly, he mentioned that despite a lot of good work being done, people feel that we are not doing anything great apart from polio eradication. There are other issues of the similar magnitude being tackled by Rotary. That's why the concept of 'Service 12' was evolved. It is a concept where many clubs have come together for a few focused areas: mainly 12 big projects. These include

10,000 career guidances, 8,000 to 10,000 cataract surgeries, micro credit to women, scholarships to worthy students, etc.

Dr. Inamdar concluded his address by stressing that we should contribute to the Rotary Foundation. He mentioned that while Rotary International is the brains behind what we do, Rotary Foundation is the heart. And hence, he urged us to practice Rotary with Heart.

Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2013

Speaker: District Governor Dr. Bal Inamdar

Introduced by: Asst. Governor Dr. Rumi Jehangir

Vote of Thanks: President Elect Rtn. James Brunner

– Report by Rtn. Sunil Gautam



Dr. Bal Inamdar



Our new member Rtn. Anil Kejriwal gets his membership pin from DG



Club Assembly

Insights into the Art of Jewellery

One of our very own former Rotarians', Bijal Doshi, gave us a very interesting and informative presentation on the various aspects of jewellery. Bijal has been in the jewellery business for many years, and has designed jewellery for celebrities such as Michael Jackson. She won the first prize for the best designs in the Inner Wheel South Asia Rally 2008. She is multi-talented, because not only is she a successful business woman, but she also runs a yoga school, and has been teaching yoga for about eight years.



Speaker: Ms Bijal Doshi

She gave us a brief outline of the process required in making a piece of jewellery, and showed us some examples of incomplete pieces at various stages of production. She gave us ideas on how to choose a jeweller, and what to be wary of — all that glitters is not gold! We learned about the many settings one has to choose from when designing a piece of jewellery. Her advice for choosing a jeweller was basically that one should choose someone competitively priced, and with designs we like.

In order to get a good price when choosing a solitaire, her tip was that we should ask for the Rappaport Diamond Report. This report comes every Friday, and gives diamonds rates in US dollars. In the question and answer period, someone asked how you can

identify fake diamonds. Her answer was that fake diamonds weighed less, and also have a fluorescence or purple haze around them. To avoid being cheated, she recommended getting a certificate, and perhaps getting a laser inscription on the diamond.

She commented briefly on the state of the luxury industry. According to her, branding is very important as well as the packaging and follow-up with clients. When it comes to buying a piece of jewellery people differ in their approach. Some

people buy it more as an investment, and others to complement their image. People can match jewellery to their clothes, or the other way around. A term she used was 'hero piece', which means a main piece of jewellery that is the focal point of your ensemble. When you wear a 'hero piece', other jewellery items should be kept to a minimum.

The meeting was well attended, and several Inner Wheel members were present.

Speaker: **Ms Bijal Doshi**

Date: **Wednesday, February 27, 2013**

Introduction: **Rtn. Sucharita Hegde**

Vote of Thanks: **PP Rtn. Ashok Sharma**

– Report by R/Ann Manika Krishnamurti



The Lighter side of Medicine



Dr. Shirish Sheth



Dr. Anil Tibrewala



Dr. Ghanshyam Kasbekar

With healthcare being the stressful and serious environment it is, sometimes we can lose the lighter side of medicine. The Rotarians had an enlightening and humorous afternoon when they listened to the medical stalwarts of our Club.

The speakers were none other than Dr. Shirish Sheth, Dr. Anil Tibrewala and Dr. Ghanshyam Kasbekar. While narrating the lighter side of medicine, they communicated some very important message to the audience. But before we get into what they advised, let us take a quick look at their professional achievements:

Prof. Dr. Shirish Sheth has had a distinguished career as a gynaecologic surgeon. He was the Hon. Professor, Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, King Edward Memorial Hospital and Seth G. S. Medical College, till December 1994. Presently, he is associated with Breach Candy Hospital, Sir Harkisondas Hospital and Saifee Hospital in Mumbai as a Consultant Gynaecologist. From 2000 to 2003, he was the President of International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics. Moreover, Dr. Sheth was the District Governor, Rotary International in 1983-84 and has contributed a lot in social service. He has conducted more than 40 Laparoscopic Sterilisation Camps and has performed more than 10,000 Laparoscopic Sterilisations as community service in rural India. He is the recipient of Rotary International Meritorious Service Award, 1986, Distinguished Service Award of The Rotary Foundation, 1995, the highest Rotary Award 'Service Above Self Award, 2002' and District Vocational Excellence Award, 2000 and 2010 at the District Conference 3140. And he was the President of our club in 1976-77.

His honest, straightforward and humane approach coupled with his vast experience and technical expertise, makes Dr. Anil Tibrewala one of the most sought after Cosmetic and Plastic Surgeons in India. Dr. Tibrewala is an M.S. in General Surgery and an M.Ch. in Plastic Surgery. He also pursued his primary interest, and did his Fellowship in Cosmetic Surgery from a premier institute in Paris, France. For nearly 15 years, Dr. Tibrewala has been a regular member of the Free Plastic Surgery Camps for the needy and poor in the interiors of India. Dr. Tibrewala has taken training in Vocal Hindustani classical music, and also has deep passion for all things culinary.

Dr. Ghanshyam (Arvind) P. Kasbekar, is a Pediatrician par excellence. He is an MBBS, MD and DCH. He has been a PostGraduate and UnderGraduate teacher at the Grant Medical College and Sir J.J. Hospital. He is a Senior Consultant Pediatrician at Bhatia, Saifee and Motiben Dalvi Hospitals in Mumbai and the Head of the Teaching Faculty at Bhatia Hospital. He also teaches at Sir J.J. hospital. Dr. Kasbekar has been an active Rotarian in our club since 1995, and he enjoys music, socialising and teaching medical students.

The above speakers shared few interesting anecdotes arising from their professional life.

Dr. Tibrewala commenced with explaining what Plastic Surgery was, and went on to explain the manner in which it is so misunderstood and misused. Plastic surgery is a medical specialty concerned with the correction or restoration of form and function. Though cosmetic



surgery is the best-known kind of plastic surgery, most plastic surgeries are not cosmetic plastic surgeries. Cosmetic plastic surgery involves techniques intended for the 'enhancement' of appearance through surgical and medical techniques, and is specifically concerned with maintaining normal appearance, restoring it, or enhancing it beyond the average level toward some aesthetic ideal. Dr. Tibrewala, aided with some visuals and a few anecdotes, advised the audience to be wary of the newspaper advertisements for quick fixes. It is always advisable to consult a professional doctor for any kind of cosmetic plastic surgery.

Dr. Ghanshyam Kasbekar also had the audience in splits with his anecdotes about the mothers who came for his consultation for their children. Dr. Kasbekar has mastered the three most common complaints — *maro babo jamto nathi, vajan nathi vadhtu, lambo nathi thato*. But most importantly, Dr. Kasbekar mentioned, that the joy and affection that he gets from the parents whose children

have been treated by him cannot be compared to any amount of money.

Dr. Shirish Sheth narrated some very laughable incidences from his experience. While all his anecdotes were hilarious, Dr. Sheth mentioned that there was a lot of innocence and a lot of ignorance which many times arose because of the misuse of language.

In summary, all three doctors mentioned that patients should leave it to a professional doctor to perform his profession and refrain from instructing him what to do.

Date: **Wednesday, March 13, 2013**
 Speakers: **PDG Dr. Shirish S. Sheth, Rtn. Dr. Anil Tibrewala and Rtn. Dr. Ghanshyam Kasbekar**
 Subject: **Lighter side of Medicine**
 Introduced by: **PP Dr. Firoze D. Mirza**
 Vote of Thanks: **Rtn. Dr. Prafull Sabadra**

-Report by Rtn. Sunil Gautam

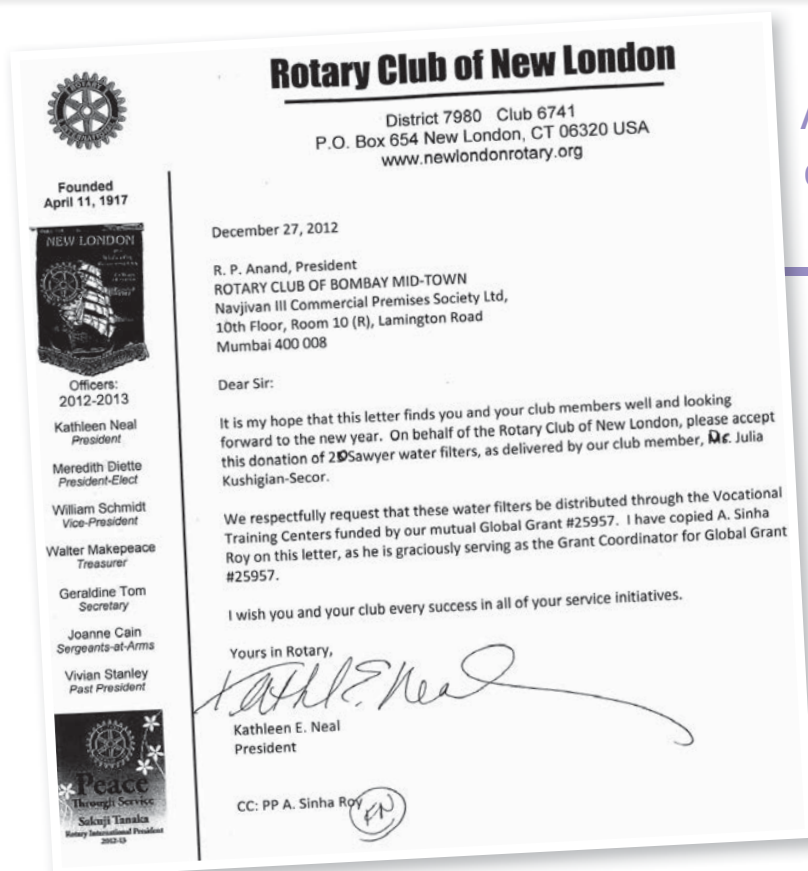


🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸 Congratulations!

PP Mohan H. Shanani was appointed as Returning Officer for the annual Elections of the Institute of Management Consultants of India (IMCI).

This was in recognition of his long voluntary service of over 25 years. PP Shahani is a Past President of IMCI and has been awarded the status of 'Fellow Member'.

We congratulate PP Mohan Shahani for this prestigious and well deserved appointment.



A Precious Gift for our Project on "Vocational Training for Tribal Youth"

On January 9, at our weekly meeting, Rtn Dr. Julia Khushigian-Secor (RC of New London, Connecticut, USA) presented a letter from her President, Kathleen Neal, along with 20 'Sawyer' Water Filters. These filters are specially designed in compact form to provide pure drinking water to rural communities. They will certainly be a boon for the rural community which we serve. Our special thanks to Julia for carrying the heavy package of filters all the way as her personal hand baggage!



The Inner Wheel: Supporting a Cause

Towards the end of February 2013, we took up a project which was on our minds since a long time, but kept getting held up due to some reason or another.

Polio is on the verge of eradication, the world over. India too is close to ending the disease for good, provided we continue to support the efforts of active surveillance of the disease. It is also necessary to look at other health interventions, including measles vaccinations and distribution of deworming tablets and bed nets.

In the last three years hardly any polio case is registered. However, the routine polio doses have to be administered to children. February 24 was the day when Asha Bhatia and myself went to the polio centre at Khetwadi. Around that area, there are 22 polio centres, where 2,400 children are given polio drops during that week. Rotary Centre supplied to us banners, caps and plastic balls for children. Banners were put up at strategic places. Snacks and cold drinks were supplied by us for the 66 volunteers.

Over a period of time we have learnt that spreading awareness is not only the job of a handful of officials, but up to each one of us. Inner Wheel ladies have been supporting this cause since many years and will continue to work with Rotarians on this. All those interested, kindly follow the link www.endpolionow.org, you are sure to get involved in the Polio Eradication Initiative. Together, we will leave behind a polio free world.

– Report by President Aarti Gautam



“Growing Hearts Growing Minds Foundation”, Allegheny College, believes in ‘giving’!

Visitors to our village development project at Potkhal and Baste come and go over the years. But the young, junior college students of Allegheny College, located near Pittsburg, USA, decided to have permanent links with this community and help it in all possible ways. The three groups that have visited us so far, have set up this Foundation to do just that – and so far contributed more than \$6,000 for our club to utilise for different needs, specially for the children.

For instance, on January 4, 2013, a gift of new shoes for all the 190 kids in the four ‘Balwadis’ of Potkhal and Baste villages was announced, with President-Elect James Brunner doing the honours.

Again, on February 14, 2013, President RP Anand inaugurated a new toilet for the children of our new Balwadi at Dive Pada, Baste. This fulfilled a great need for the kids and our thanks to NIRID for getting the work done quickly and efficiently at short notice.



Pres-Elect James Brunner handing over new shoes



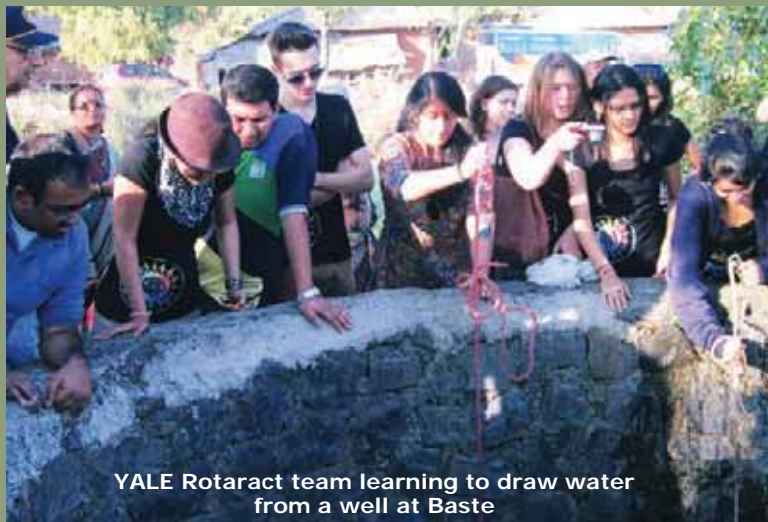
Pres RP Anand inaugurating the toilet. Also seen, Rupali Late, teacher of the Balwadi

– Contributed by PP Arrow Sinha Roy

Congratulations! Rotaract Outstanding Project Awards

Dear Fellow Mid-Town Rotarians,

As you all know, the Rotaract Club of Yale University, USA, have been closely associated with our project and, in fact, spent four days visiting Baste village, Sakwar and addressing our club. It certainly was a very memorable and inspirational interaction for all of us – such was the calibre and dedication of those young folk.



YALE Rotaract team learning to draw water from a well at Baste

But what few of you know, is that this project was able to garner major overseas support only through this Rotaract club! They got enthused with the project when their Past-President Pooja Mehta visited us in 2011 and, along with her mother, visited our project area. The Rotaractors made it ‘their’ project and persuaded the Rotary Club of New London to co-sponsor it, along with Rotary Club of Charlotte Hall. Their involvement and commitment to the project was witnessed firsthand by all of us who attended the club meeting on January 9. And so we were delighted to receive the news from President Enrico that RI has selected their club for ‘Best Rotaract Project — USA, Canada and Caribbean’. RI President Sakuji Tanaka will be presenting the award at the RI Convention in Lisbon on June 21-22, 2013.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to Enrico Ferro, Pooja Mehta, Damian, Emily and all other Rotaract members of Yale club and look forward to continuing our association with them in the ‘Self Help Groups for women’ project as well.

PP Arrow Sinha Roy

Chairman- Intl. Projects Committee

Building a future for Mumbai's street children

All the repairs, repainting, refurbishing and supply of educational aids to the various centres of "Salaam Baalak Trust" (SBT) have been completed. We were very sorry to learn that Trustee Mrs. Dorothy Wagle was relinquishing her responsibilities for health reasons. Rtn. Zarin Gupta has taken over the reigns.

A major pioneering challenge is the 'Career Courses' which we have been offering to the street children between 18 and 23 years of age — in Hospitality, Readymade Garments, House keeping and similar trades. There is a reluctance to tie themselves down to six months of regular training sessions. The opportunity for being able to earn a steady income is still not able to overcome ingrained desires for personal 'freedom' and 'live-by-the-day' philosophy. Both SBT and our committee are making all-out efforts to try and gradually overcome these barriers through counselling, interactive sessions, etc. A valuable qualitative study was recently completed by the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) and presented to us.

This presentation was repeated at a meeting convened by SBT at the YMCA, Mumbai Central, on January 24, which was attended by 45 NGOs from all over Mumbai. For the first time, all these NGOs agreed to pool in their combined expertise and knowledge for serving the cause of street children. They also witnessed results of the TISS study and made valuable suggestions.



Mr Luc De May

Mr Luc De May from Brussels, the 'God Father' of our project, paid his annual visit in February, and made a detailed inspection of the work carried out at the various centres. He was also present at a detailed Review Meeting held with SBT and Bombay Mid-Town Committee on February 8, 2013 at the CCI club. On this occasion, Tom Alexander, a research student from the UK commissioned by us, presented his findings about the impact made by our Global Grant project (Phase I) on the staff and children at the various centres, both qualitatively and quantitatively. Results clearly showed that the repairs, Extensions to the facilities, as well as

educational aids, have made a huge and positive impact on the morale of the staff. Capacity to serve more number of street children has been significantly increased — as also the ability to communicate/educate a greater number at a time, through large screen TV sets, video shows etc. The computerisation has enabled SBT to introduce excellent systems and exercise better controls on their operations.

Prospect of SBT acquiring additional premises soon is a good possibility and we are getting ready to plan the renovation and equipping of the places with Global Grant funds, as soon as the locations are finalised.

**—Report by PP Arrow Sinha Roy
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Rtn. Yogesh Pandya**

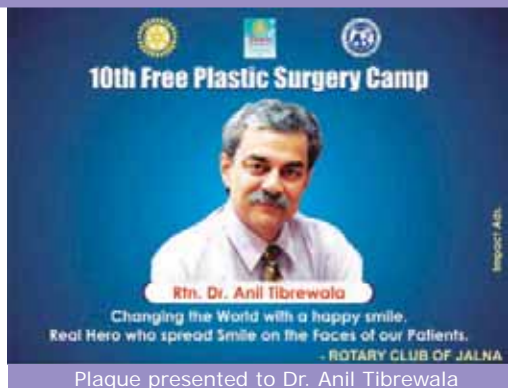


Main corridor at Dongri replastered and painted



Charni Road roof redone

The 10th Free Plastic Surgery camp



Before and after pictures of a child operated on by Dr. Tibrewala



suture materials is arranged by donations of sponsoring companies. This year RC Bombay Mid-Town partly sponsored this aspect of the camp as well.

The 10th Free Plastic Surgery camp was held in Jalna between February 23, 2013 and March 5, 2013. The camp was held at Jalna Mission Hospital with the co-operation of the following clubs:

- RC Hattingen, Germany
- RC Jalna
- RC Bombay Mid-Town.

This year, we were particularly fortunate to have the participation of the Rotary Foundation in the form of a matching grant, which was applied for along with five Rotary Clubs from Columbia. Every year, we are also fortunate to have the help of a team of German Volunteer Doctors, consisting of surgeons, anaesthetists, trained nurses, etc., who come entirely of their own free will, year after year, to do this charitable work. They come in two teams – one that looks after patients with cleft lip and palate, and the other that looks after patients with burns, scars and contractures. The team brings along surgical instruments required for the various operations, as well as anaesthesia drugs, antibiotics, pain killers, etc, required for the patients who are operated upon. In addition, they bring along with them soft toys for children who undergo an operation. These toys are collected as voluntary donations from the families in their hometown, where children are explained the need for them to make this contribution. Additional support for medications,

RC Bombay Mid-Town participates in this very special project in the following ways:

- Local hospitality for the German team on their inward and outward sojourns.
- Monetary contribution to the RC Jalna for the expenses that are incurred during the stay of patients in the Jalna Mission Hospital — these patients and one relative is provided with three free meals every day that the patient is in the hospital.
- Active participation of Dr. Anil Tibrewala, Consultant Plastic Surgeon, as one of the operating surgeons.
- Large monetary and incidental support from Rotarian Dr. B. N. Barwale, who has almost single-handedly taken it upon himself to ensure that the camp succeeds under even the most dire circumstances.

This year we were saddened to hear of the ill health of Dr. Gerhard Schlosser, who has generally served as the main coordinator and team leader for the last nine years. As a result of this, the cleft lip and palate team backed off from the trip. Their place, however, was taken by our very own Dr. Anil Tibrewala, who performed about 25 operations on his own, so as not to disappoint the poor needy patients who had travelled long distances to avail of this Free service.

All together, about 100 procedures were performed on over 85 patients. Until yesterday, all patients were reported to be doing well and recovering well.

– Report by Rtn. Dr. Anil Tibrewala



Dr. Arvind Doshi's visit to the camp



Lamp lighting at inauguration

Making an 'IMPACT'

H2O- DECEMBER 30, 2012

Venue: YMCA AGRIPADA



The main event started at 1 pm at YMCA swimming pool, Agripada near Bombay Central. The project started with 25m, groups of six were made and the winners from the group were through the finals. 50m was also done the same way. After that six teams participated for the relay, where team RCHR came first followed by team RCLC. After the swimming competition, goal posts were set up for water polo for which five teams registered. The referees were the three chairpersons of all the three clubs. Yet again, team RCHR came first headed by their President Shashank and RCLC second headed by Soham. The last event was of H2O "Treasure Hunt". The metal bottle caps were hidden in the swimming pool and the participants had to find them. The participant who got the most caps was the winner. The project ended with the distribution of certificates to the winners. All the members enjoyed the project a great deal, and in the process made new friends from other clubs as well.



IMPACT Magazine- JANUARY 3, 2013

It is realised online!

The Impact magazine was a brand new literary venture undertaken by the Rotaract Club of Lala Lajpatrai College to cover its activities and publicise them in a medium conducive to the average student. It was successfully implemented with this first issue that saw a favourable response.



Announcement

Rtn Santosh Kejriwal's office has been shifted to the following address:

Santosh Kejriwal, Chairman

Gauriputra International Pvt. Ltd.
Sunshine Tower, 37th Floor, Senapati Bapat Marg,
Parel, Mumbai – 400 013, India

Tel. No. : (91 22) 6174 1000 (DID)
Tel. No. : (91 22) 6174 1012/1013 (Board)
Fax: (91 22) 6174 1015
Email: santoshkejriwal@gauriputra.com

We request you to make a note of this change in your records.

Mission Statement

The mission of Rotary International is to support the member clubs in fulfilling the OBJECT OF ROTARY by:

- Fostering unity among member clubs
- Strengthening and expanding Rotary around the world
- Communicating worldwide the work of Rotary
- Providing a system of international administration

Bharat and Rupande Parekh: A peek into their lives...

A wonderful couple, who give meaning to fellowship in Rotary. Warm and friendly, they are a pleasure to know, and be friends with. Rotarians for over 25 years, they are fitting representatives of our club. For those who don't know them too well, here's the inside scoop.

You run a successful packaging business. Can you give us a little insight into what your company does?

We have had an interest in this business now for nearly four decades. Whilst this business continues to grow, we had, over the years, diversified into the marketing of niche API's to countries, overseas as well as our own. Besides this, we have also advised companies, with regard to their plant validations, for regulatory matters in the highly regulated markets.

A lot of businesses in India are family run, what do you see as the trend for future generations?

We have seen a massive growth in the economy of our country over the past fifteen to twenty years. With the liberalisation of our economy, foreign investors have sought to invest heavily in various family run businesses. In the short term, I do not see the promoters ceding much control till they are able to consolidate their businesses and gain significant control over the market. Over time, however, they will probably take on a more visionary/advisory role leaving the day to day management to highly competent professionals.

You are born and brought up in Mumbai, so what are your thoughts on how the city has grown, and are you happy with the Mumbai of today?

Grown, it certainly has and what a way! None of us could have imagined what we see today, years ago. But as every dark cloud brings about a silver lining, so also one hopes that with the right kind of will and discipline our administrators will overcome the immense challenges the city faces today.

a couple of years whilst simultaneously completing his law degree from the Government Law College, Mumbai. He is currently working with a leading law firm in Mumbai.

How did you and Rupande meet?

We were both students of The Sydenham College of Commerce & Economics. Rupande was two years my junior and we met at a common friend's party. The rest, as one says, is history. It is now nearly four decades of knowing each other!

What do you think is the secret to a happy marriage?

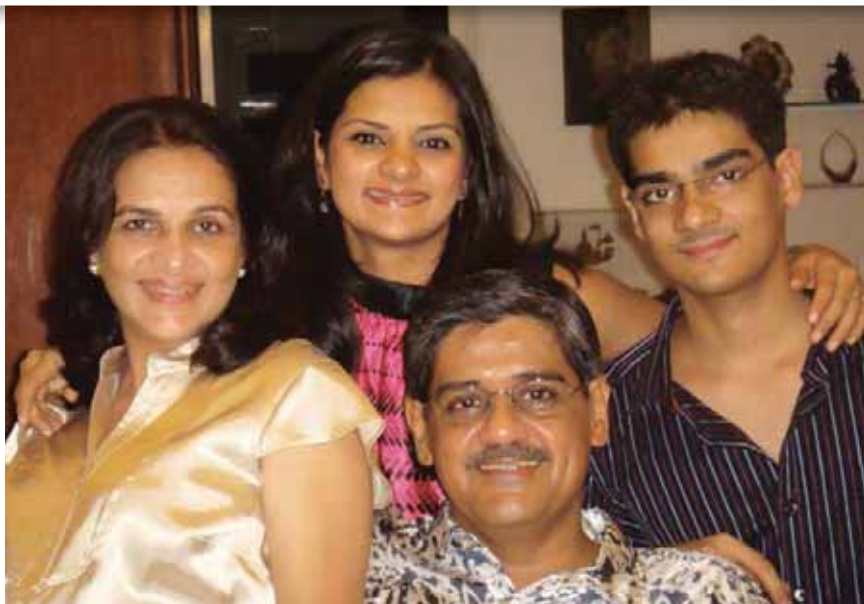
Whether it is a question of a happy marriage or a relationship between friends, there is only one principle which has stood the test of time. This is the YAR principle i.e. 'You Are Right'. Matters seldom go beyond this and if they do, I am quite ready with another theory. But that only as and when we need to cross that 'Rubicon'!! On a more serious note, mutual respect, understanding and space to nurture one another's talents. This I feel goes a long way in keeping an even keel in matrimony.

Describe your family...

We are a nuclear family with two grown up children, who are professionals in their own right. Radhika, the older one, a voracious reader, has completed her Bachelors in Dental Surgery and will soon finish her Masters in Oral and Maxillofacial Prosthodontics. The younger one, Abhishek, an avid sportsman, is a qualified Chartered Accountant, who has practiced with PricewaterHouse Cooper's for



Bharat and Rupande at 90 Mile Beach, New Zealand



Rupande, Bharat, Radhika and Abhishek

What is yours and Rupande's parenting style, and what are your hopes and dreams for your children?

Trusting parents make accomplished children. We have always tried to imbibe this in our approach to managing children. Besides this, however, Rupande has been a full time hands-on mother, giving up her career in law (but no regrets). She has always been there for them. As far our hopes and dreams are concerned, we have always guided them to 'Do what you love and love what you do.' Otherwise, life's a drudgery.

What are your interests and hobbies?

Music, reading, travelling and of course, sports

Favourite	You	Rupande
Movie	Italian Job	Gone with the Wind
Song	Imagine (John Lennon) Happy	Don't worry be
Restaurant	Zodiac Grille	Out of the Blue
Cuisine	The List is too long!	Continental
Actor	Al Pachino	Clark Gable
Actiress	Meryl Streep	Julia Roberts
Holiday Destination	Scotland	New Zealand
Book	Siddartha (Hermann Hesse) Cheese	Who Moved My Cheese
Poem	Invictus (Leigh Hunt)	About Ben Adhem
Pastime	Sports	Reading

You have been a Rotarian for nearly 25 years, what have you gained from being a member?

We have met a lot of interesting Rotarians and of course Annes'. It has also given me the opportunity to give back to Society at large and the under-privileged in particular.

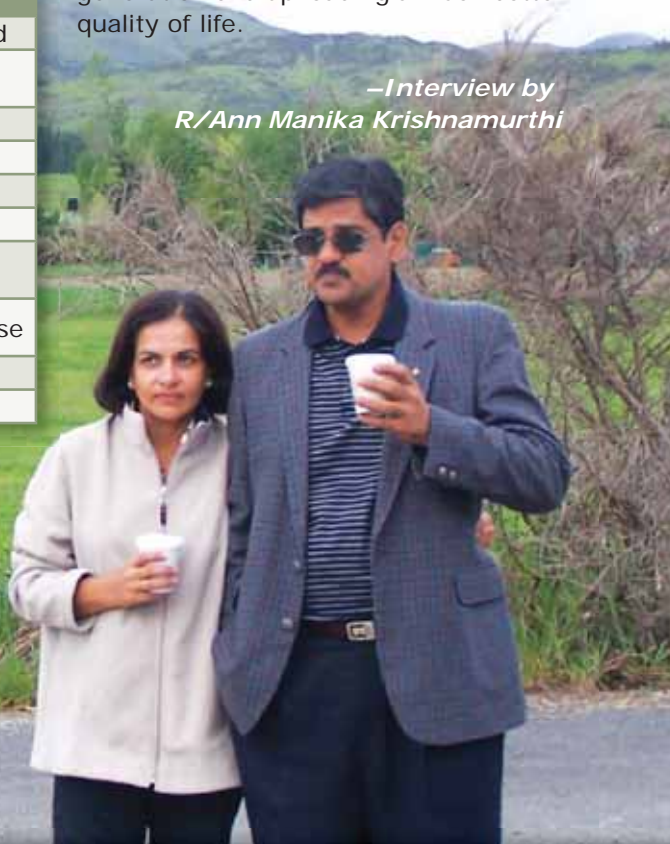
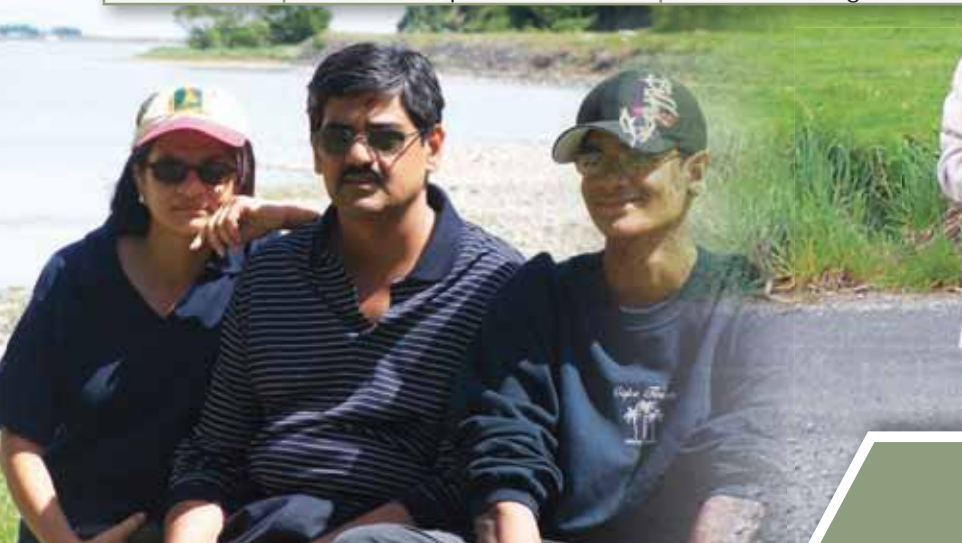
As an Indian, are you positive or negative about the Indian growth story?

Absolutely bullish, despite attempts by many to mess it up!

In Rotary we all have the desire to help poor sections of society. In your opinion what is the best way to do that?

In order to uplift the poor sections of society, one would need to address the root causes of poverty. In my opinion, giving them a platform, in the form of education, counselling and guidance, would be a major contributor in eradicating ignorance, illiteracy and consequential poverty. One should help them with the aim and hope that not only this generation but also their next generation end up leading a much better quality of life.

*—Interview by
R/Ann Manika Krishnamurthi*



Respected President of the Inner Wheel Club

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to you all for your very active participation in our recent **SHE – IMPACT Award (Social Healing Entrepreneurs')**. Kindly accept our sincere appreciation for your efforts in supporting the underprivileged and protecting the environment.

The Inner Wheel Club's skill in organising various medical camps, Women empowerment programmes, Special school events, supporting humanity and mother earth was very much appreciated by those representing all sides of that extremely sensitive topic.

On both a professional and a personal level, I really appreciated the time that the Inner Wheel Club's women members gave to host the sensitive play on "Save the Girl Child", which was widely appreciated by the packed auditorium. I certainly learned a lot about the unique aspects of various programmes implemented by the Inner Wheel club of Zone No 5 through the year.

Again, thanks so much for your enthusiastic participation in our event and I wish to invite you all once again to participate in the national level event being organised by us titled "Green India Festival" scheduled from June 2 to June 5, 2013. This event will comprise of the Inner Wheel Club best project of the year to promote green, Mrs India Green 2013, Small Ms / Master Green India Mega Model hunt, Green India Group dance championship, Green Workshop, Plantation drive etc.

Once again, I have no doubt that the SHE – AWARDS would not have been the success it was without all your support.

Please keep in touch, and drop in and visit us whenever you feel like helping the needy and saving the environment.

Very sincerely,

Kasber Augustine

President, Maharashtra Go Green foundation





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April

Wedding Anniversary

08	Nazneen – Jamsheed Patel
13	Daisy – Hector Mehta
26	Suman – B. S. Kumar
26	Shoba – Gopal Motwane
30	Kusum – Kishor Jhaveri
30	Nirmal – R.P. Anand
30	Pushpa – Ratan Sanghi

Spouse's Birthdays

02	Neeta Rohit Patel
06	Radha Lalit Goculdas
07	Dinesh Vadera
09	Sudha Arun Mehta
09	Indira James Brunner
13	Rupande Bharat Parekh
13	Shakuntala Narendra Shetty
14	Nina Om Mehra
15	Uttara Ajoy Bhandare
16	Nainu Shaunak Thacker
18	Anjana Kirit Mody
18	Rajul Ashwin Shah
18	Saloni Ashok Sharma
23	Asha Amulya Singh

Birthdays



01 APRIL
Hector Mehta



07 APRIL
Prasanna Bhagat



09 APRIL
Arun Jatia



14 APRIL
Dr. Inge krueger



21 APRIL
Manoj Jalan



24 APRIL
PP Lalit Goculdas

OBITUARY

Freedom Fighter, Industrialist, Philanthropist, Rotary Past Dist. Governor 1963-64 Rtn. Manibhai S. Doshi passed away on March 27, 2013. He was 93 years old. The members of RC Bombay Mid-Town, extend their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

EVENTS IN APRIL

3 Wednesday

CCC&B @Wodehouse Gymkhana,
Colaba at 7.00 pm

10 Wednesday

Mr. Bernard Imhasly, a
foreign correspondent, will
speak on the topic of
"Mahatma Gandhi"

17 Wednesday

Mr. James Crabtree will speak
on Views of India by a foreign
correspondent, specifically
Business & Finance

24 Wednesday

Ms. Debalina Haladar, a
design engineer and an author
will speak on "The Female Ward"-
a life story based on her book

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