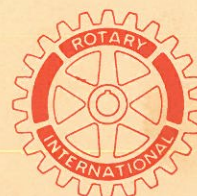


Mid-Town Musings



NEWS BULLETIN OF
ROTARY CLUB OF
BOMBAY MID-TOWN.
DISTRICT 314

District Conference Special Supplement

Venue: Hotel Oberoi Towers
21st and 22nd January, 1984.
Host Club: Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town

President of India Giani Zail Singh Inaugurates Conference of District 314.

It is a feather in the cap of District 314, to have none other than the head of our Nation, President Zail Singh, inaugurating the Conference. The very fact that he has included Rotary into his busy schedule, proves the abundant goodwill Rotary has created in the Sub-Continent.

R. I. President Elect 1984-85, Carlos Canseco and Ann Maria Aurora are attending the Conference as R. I. President William Skelton's and Ann Peggy's representatives.

The galaxy of keynote speakers include Field Marshal (Retd.) Sam Manekshaw, well-known for his witticism; Nani Palkhivala, a man who needs to be heard to be believed; John Spragge, a master in the art of public speaking and Murray Dryden, a friend of the needy.

The Conference will be further enriched by Rotary Dignitaries—Edul Eduljee, Soli Pavri, Raja Saboo and Manohar Manchanda.

Melody will pervade the environment and enrich fellowship with the invocation by the one and only Smt. Lata Mangeshkar and a musical bonanza by our own Rtn. Nitin Mukesh.

Last but not least, come and meet the first five women who will form a GSE group to be lead by PP Aziz Vishram and Ann Saroj. These dynamic individuals will be our District's ambassadors of goodwill. Mid-Towners are proud of what our District is promoting.





Bombay Mid-Town
welcomes tomorrow's
leader of the
Rotary World —
**R. I. President Elect,
Carlos Canseco**



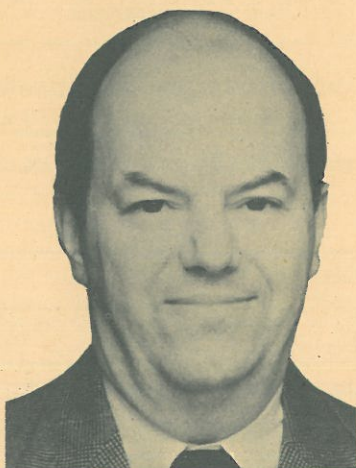
Lata Mangeshkar

... The nightingale who has won millions of hearts all over the world with her melodious voice.



**Field Marshal
Sam Manekshaw**

... A war hero, his handlebar moustache hides a benign countenance.



John Spragge

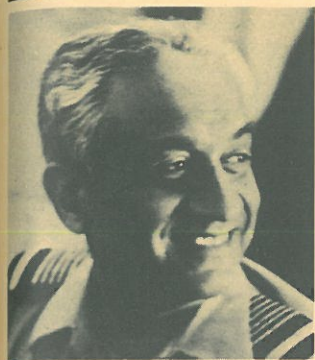
... Speaking is his forte. A Rotarian who got a standing ovation at R.I. Convention, 1983.



Nani Palkhivala

... A man with convictions and courage to stick by them.

District Conference Greetings



Governor of Maharashtra, Air Chief Marshal, I. H. Latif's Message

Through the pages of the newspaper supplement which is being brought out on the occasion of the District Conference of Rotary International District 314, I send my greetings and good wishes to the participants in this important conference, a conference which will be inaugurated by our President, Giani Zail Singhji, himself.

Rotary is amongst the foremost of our service oriented organisations — an organisation which has lived up to the expectations of our people in rendering service to the community, specially the under-privileged sections of our society. In a welfare state like ours where we have to look to the well-being of all segments of society, the magnitude of work is so varied and so great that there is infinite scope, in fact, great need for our social welfare organisations to lend a helping hand. I hope the deliberations at your conference will identify more and more avenues of service to the community and will spur all Rotarians to even greater effort.

I have great pleasure in wishing the Conference every success.

R. I. President, William Skelton's Message

To the Conference of District 314

Peggy and I wish it were possible to be with you during your District Conference. As there are over 400 conferences worldwide, we regret not being able to share this fellowship which we know will prevail.

Carlos and Maria Aurora will participate at your conference as our personal representatives. I know you will enjoy them and that they will make a positive contribution to the success of your conference.

It is our hope that you will further your plans to SHARE ROTARY — SERVE PEOPLE. You can help multiply Rotary's tremendous beneficial services to others by encouraging more men to become members of your club. Men need Rotary and Rotary needs men. This is why I am asking you to Share Rotary. When you Share Rotary, you Serve People. These two goals go hand in hand; you cannot have one without the other.

Peggy joins me in sending our best wishes to you for a successful conference.



Message from the District Governor, Dr. Shirish Sheth

The District Conference is an event for every club — in fact for every Rotarian in the District.

It provides a tremendous opportunity for everyone to acquaint with others, strengthen ties with known Rotarians, and keynote speakers, provide inspiration which will enthuse Rotary leaders to extract maximum for the years to follow.

To host a District Conference is a gigantic task, possible for big city clubs — that too not all of them! To take care of and attend to so many Rotarians — each one at the top in his territory and vocation — for 2 full days requires patience, tolerance and extra special effort besides a reservoir for many things. Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town is hosting the Conference for the second time; no club has done it thrice in the last decade.

I am fully aware that Mid-Towners are going out of their way — full strength — to provide the maximum. I certainly feel proud of them . . . and look forward to the Conference with two-fold anxiety as it is my Conference and my home club is hosting it.

I wish the District Conference mighty success.

Mid-Town President, Yoginder Shankardass' Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians

On behalf of myself as President of the host Club, the Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town and the members of my Club, I extend to you a hearty welcome to the District Conference 1983-84 of District 314. Inspiration and fellowship are the keynote of the District Conference — may this Conference inspire you to greater heights in the field of Rotary Service and may you all enjoy the fine opportunity of togetherness in fellowship.



District Conference Chairman, Khalid Ansari's Message

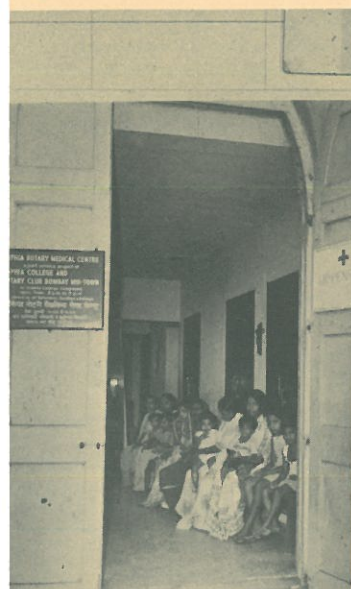
Dear Fellow Rotarians,

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town, I extend a most cordial welcome to Rotarians attending the District Conference.

It is indeed a privilege for us to host a Conference after a period of 8 years. We have endeavoured to make this a meaningful Conference in terms of Rotary and we sincerely hope that delegates will return home satisfied that it has been worth their while to attend the Conference from the point of view of fellowship and the opportunity that they have had to discuss the ideals of Rotary which are so dear to all of us.

Mid-Town's Achievements Through The Years

Sophia Rotary Medical Centre



The Sophia Rotary Medical Centre.

The Sophia Rotary Medical Centre was initially started in June 1968 by the ex-students association of Sophia College. Later in January, 1970 this became a joint project in collaboration with Mid-Town. A diagnostic centre has been established with the addition of Surgical, ENT, Eye, Skin, Paediatric, Gynec and Dental Consultants to the Centre. In 1977 the Club established a cancer detection centre on the

premises in conjunction with the Cancer Patients Aid Society. This centre now operates independently from St. Elizabeths Nursing Home. A family Welfare Centre — Kalyan Kendra was also established. Free supply of nutritious food was supplied by the Catholic Relief Services to ten families. A Mother and Child health project was started too.

The Centre receives aid from the Catholic Relief Services and the Sangivani Trust.

Study Centres

The Club has five study centres which are conducted in the evenings for poor children who have inadequate or no facilities for studying at home. This is done under the supervision of trained teachers in a congenial and scholastic environment. The centres are at S.L.S. & S. Girls High School, Aryan Education Society's High School for Girls, Aryan Education Society's High School for Boys, Union High School and Chikitsak Samuha Shirodkar High School. The students on roll at each centre are about 50.

Red Bag Project



R.I. President (1970-71) Bill Walk displaying the Red School Bag while a smiling and satisfied President (1970-71) Rtn. Shantibhai Zaveri looks on.

A pet project of Mid-Town was the "Red School Bag" (with the Rotary emblem) identification for deaf and dumb students, enabling vehicular traffic to exercise

suitable caution. These bags were distributed free to deaf students in the Mid-Town's locality. This project was inaugurated by R.I. President (1970-71) Rtn. Bill Walk.

The Dharam Kanta



Hon'ble Mr. Jagdish Desai, Maharashtra's former Minister for Food and Civil Supplies, inaugurating the Dharam Kanta at the Mahatma Phule Market. To his left is Dr. O. P. Mehra to whom goes the credit of this unique project. President Dr. Shirish Sheth proudly looks on.

For the protection of consumers against the malpractices of unscrupulous traders, a Dharam Kanta was permanently installed on November 16, 1976, at the Mahatma Phule Market during the Consumer Protection

Week celebrations. This installation has helped a great deal in creating better consumer consciousness and has been greatly appreciated by the public who can now verify commodities purchased.

The Piramal Rotary Medical Centre



A view of the Piramal Rotary Medical Centre established in April 1977 at Jaiphalwadi, Tardeo, during the tenure of President Dr. Shirish Sheth.

The Piramal Rotary Medical Centre established in April 1977 was an answered prayer to the urgent need for medical services, curative and prophylactic for the slum dwellers of Jaiphalwadi, Tardeo. The magnificent donation of Mr. Gopikisan Piramal, father of our Rtn. Dilip Piramal, helped build up this area very rapidly and under its roof today are several continuing projects which prove beneficial to the slum population.

Almost 15,000 patients are treated here annually. There is a healthy baby clinic attached to it which is very effectively run by our Inner Wheel members. Children are given essential immunizations and vaccines as preventive measures. A skin specialist visits weekly besides the Paediatric services rendered. Sewing and nutrition demonstration classes are also held here.

Prenatal Sex Determination Centre

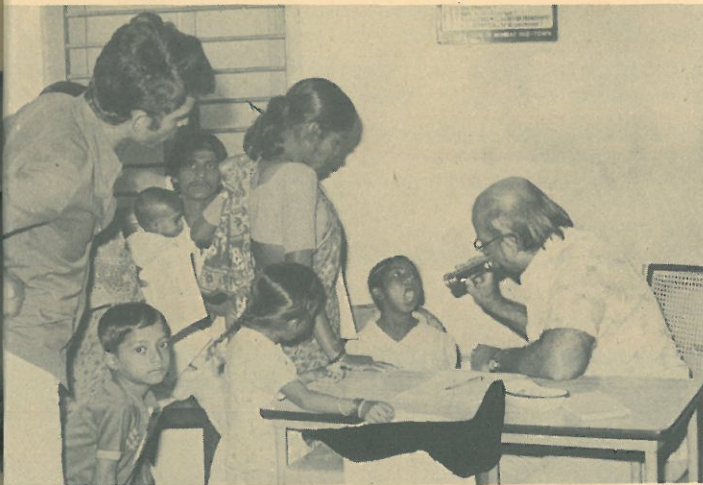


district Governor Ambalal Kilachand (1976-77) inaugurating the Prenatal Sex Determination Centre. Seen in the picture are also Mrs. Siloo Sheth, Mrs. Prematiben Kilachand, D. G. Ambala, Mr. Dwarkadas Vora, President of Sir Kiskondas Hospital and President Dr. Shirish Sheth.

In the rapid advances of science by leaps and bounds it is now possible to determine the sex of an unborn child with 100% accuracy. This centre has been set up at the Sir Kiskondas Hospital and was inaugurated by DG Ambalal

Kilachand on May 1, 1977. This hospital offers 40% free beds for the project. The project was jointly sponsored by the Nirlon Foundation through the efforts of Rtn. Virenchee Sagar and Mid-Town.

Medical Camp Services



Above:
A medical camp in progress.

Left:
A view of the lengthy queues at Palitana where the Club President Dr. Shirish Sheth had organised a medical camp in January 1977.

The largest contribution of Mid-Town is in the area of medical service. Almost every year multi-diagnostic camps are held at various locations in and around Bombay.

Nature Trail

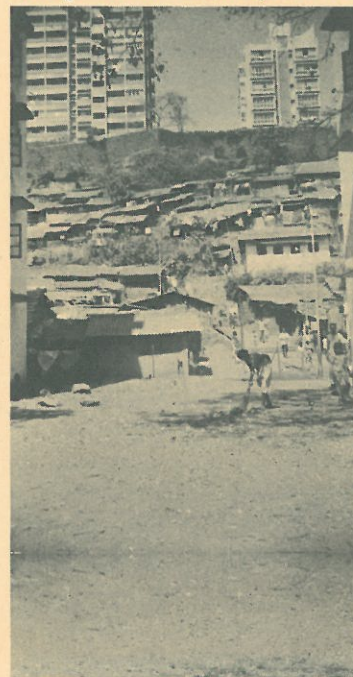
A unique project was started by the Environment Committee and spear-headed by Dr. Shantu Vaidya. It enables city-dwellers to understand and appreciate nature in natural surroundings. It also provides an experience more realistic and often more memorable than an interpretation by indoor facilities.

The trail was launched on March 5, 1978 at Kanheri Caves. A conducted trail covering a distance of about 3 kilometres is undertaken by groups accompanied by trained guides. This trail is the first of its type in India.



A group of nature lovers on the trail.

Adoption of the Jaiphalwadi Slums



As part of its continued commitment to the community, Mid-Town decided to extend its support to the inmates of Jaiphalwadi, not only in terms of medical relief but by giving free legal advice, improving sanitary conditions, sports and entertainment for children. This project was adopted on August 20, 1980 during the tenure of P.P. Dr. Rustom Davar.

Left:
High-rise buildings form the backdrop of the Jaiphalwadi slums. They appear as imposing sentinels of the city's affluent as against the precariously perched hovels clinging tenaciously from a steep slope.



The new Jaiphalwadi Social Service Centre as is seen in the picture.

Adivasi Mass Wedding



No bridal trousseau, no aisle to walk down and no wedding bells to hail the newly weds—yet these village belles engage in a marital ceremony, some of them already mothers.

Fifty Adivasi couples were wed at a mass ceremony on May Day, 1980 at Dohani village in Panvel. Under normal circumstances these couples would take years to repay loans

taken for the ceremony. Mid-Town underwrote the expenses of 25 couples and gave gifts and utility articles to the newly-weds.

Dental Clinic Set Up



A special dental unit was started in June 1982 by Dr. F. D. Mirza at the Piramal Rotary Medical Centre. The special benefit was the coupling of dental treatment with spreading the benefits of a small family encouraging parents to take advantage of the Family Planning Programme.

Right:
Dental unit under our very able Rtn. Dr. Firoz Mirza.

Nere Village



A view of the Nere High School.



The Nere Village project. Seen at the microphone is Rtn. Nirbhay Jain who has been involved with this project since its inception. To his left is PP Rtn. Dr. Shantu Vaidya and to his right is Rtn. Dr. Madhav Kamat.

The Vaje Nere area development project under the auspices of Mid-Town has flourished extensively. An impressive past history of service done for this village, the programme of action during 1982 included education in the

art of agriculture, horticulture and cultivation at the Nere School. Two wells were dug and a diesel pump was installed for the purpose of irrigation. Medical camps with systematic follow-ups are also undertaken.

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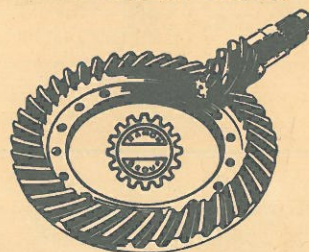
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The Nanik Motwane Toy Library set up at the Piramal Rotary Medical Centre was initiated by toys donated by Mid-Towner Gopal Motwane as a fitting tribute to his father's

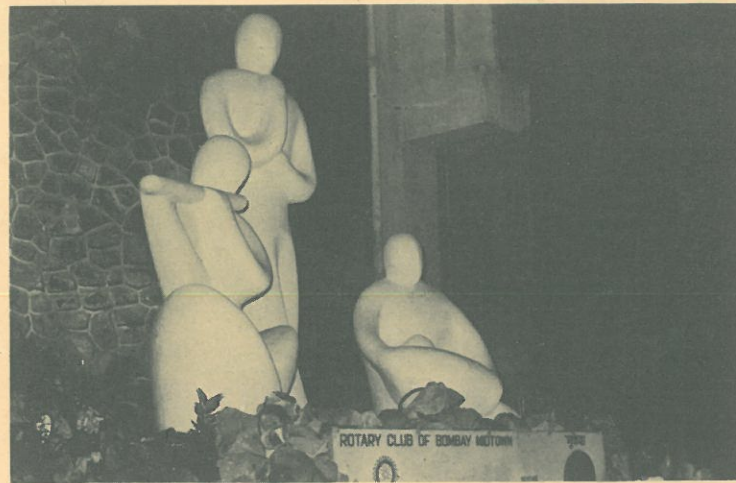
memory. This centre operates in a cyclic fashion donating and exchanging toys with Balwadis and children's wards in various hospitals. This is one of our on-going projects.

Fisherman's Colony



A special project for the Fisherman's colony amidst the unbreachable sky scrapers at the Ruffe Parade was undertaken by Mid-Town to brighten up the lives of these fishermen,

A Balwadi has been constructed. K.G. class equipment and recreational facilities have been made available for them. They are a self-sufficient community now.



Mid-Town undertook a memorial project as a token of permanent tribute to fellow Rtn. Mukesh.

At Mukesh Chowk an artistic memorial design was evolved through the efforts of designer G. L. Narayan and Rtn. R. P. Anand. The sculpture is a semi-abstract symbolic representation of a singer with musicians along with an aesthetic creation of a rock garden rendering a most befitting surrounding. The memorial was inaugurated by fellow artiste, Shri Raj Kapoor on June 29, 1983.

Mukesh is no more. But we at Mid-Town will try to perpetuate his enduring qualities as a living memorial to him.

Above Left:
A general view of the Toy Library.

Above Right:
The Mukesh Memorial.

Left:
Fun for the kids... Mid-Town donated a Jungle Gym along with other recreational facilities for the children of the colony.

A Fond Farewell

With the re-districting of District 314, after the District Conference, we would like to bid farewell to the Clubs leaving District 314. They have been a staunch pillar of support in the District's efforts to serve the community and we hope that they will be the strength and life-line of District 313. We wish them and all the other Clubs forming District 313 every success.

A Warm Welcome

A hearty welcome to the new Clubs joining District 314. We look forward to working together towards fulfilling Rotary's goal of SERVICE for the benefit of mankind.



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2. Shri T. K. Tope, Vice Chancellor of University of Bombay during the year 1972-73.
3. Rtn. Dr. Madhav Pradhan, Founder President of the Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town during the years 1975-76 to 1980.
4. Mr. S. K. Wankhede from the year 1979 to date.
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7. Admiral M. P. Awati during the year 1982-83.
8. Mr. D. M. Sukhthankar, Municipal Commissioner of Bombay during the year 1983-84.
9. Mr. Michael Ferreira, World Billiards Champion during the year 1983-84.

District Awards to Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town

- 1970-71 Bulletin Award to Rtn. IPP Shantilal Zaveri.
- 1973-74 Three District Rotary Foundation Committee Awards and Late Col. Jamshedji D. Kothawala Challenge Cup for the Rotary Foundation Activities in the District to Rtn. PP Krishna Sanghi.
- The three District Awards are:
1. Enrolling 12 Paul Harris Fellows and standing in the District.
 2. Highest financial contribution of \$11,323.38 (US) during 1973-74 and also for contributing \$11.32 (US) per member, the highest in the District.
 3. Enrolling 12 Paul Harris Fellows and their Club Membership being 110, the second highest per member enrolment of Paul Harris Fellows in 1973-74 gives them the highest growth per member in 1973-74.
- 1975-76 PDG Surendra Mehta Golf Trophy won by Rtn. Ramesh Chand for 1975-76.
- 1976-77 Two District Awards for 1976-77.
1. Four Avenues of Service to Rtn. DG Dr. Shirish Sheth.
 2. Balanced Programmes to Rtn. PP Bhupendra Shah, Programme Committee Chairman 1976-77.
- 1978-79 Best Bulletin Award to Rtn. Arun Mehta for 1978-79.
- 1983-84 Mid-Town shared a joint prize for the Bulletin for 1983-84.

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