

MID-TOWN MUSINGS

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District 3140

November is the Rotary Foundation month

President's Address

Dear Fellow Rotarians,



THE fellowship meeting at the Wodehouse Gymkhana, to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries of our very many Rotarians and their spouses is showing a rise in the attendees, thanks to Ajit and Mohan for their hard work, and leaving us with a great feeling of joy!

A special appeal to those who are unable to attend these meetings, you are missing out on the togetherness of friendship and fellowship. Thanks to the Inner Wheel President R/Ann Aarti Gautam for her contribution.

Our 44th Charter Night Celebration is on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sunville Banquet Hall, Worli. Please do come and give us an opportunity meet you.

October being the RI designated 'Vocational Service' month, our program chairperson, Rtn. Sucharita Hegde invited speakers — Ms. Shyamali Basu, Vice President, HDFC Ltd., to speak about 'Investment Opportunities for Senior Citizens' and Professor Nandini Sardesai, member of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC), to speak about 'Censorship in Films'. They enlightened us with their interesting address.

A distribution camp of mobility aids to the physically challenged was organised at NASEOH, Chembur on October 5, 2012 by the Care of Physically Challenged Committee. A total of 27 beneficiaries received their equipment at the hands of the Somani family — Rtn. Piyush Khaitan, Rtn. Gaurav Kapadia, Rtn. Naren Mohatta, Rtn. Dr. Deepak Garg and I participated in the distribution. It was a feeling of immense satisfaction!

Our two Rotaract Clubs were in action — Rotaract Club of K. M. Kundnani College of Pharmacy had their Installation Meeting on October 12, 2012 (Rtn. Anil Ambo, Rtn. Shaunak Thackker and I were present). On October 13, Rtn. Anil Ambo and I attended the Board meeting of Rotaract Club of Lala Lajpatrai College (RCLLC). The District Rotaract Representative, Naseem Kachwala, was also present. On October 23, RCLLC had a 90-minute Interactive session with our very own Rtn. Krishan Khanna on the subject 'Entrepreneurship, Education and Employment', which was arranged by Rtn. Prasanna Bhagat, Chairperson, Career Guidance Committee and was attended by Rtn. Ashwin Shah and Rtn. Anil Ambo.

The Financial Opportunity Forum (FOF) had their 4th meeting on October 30, at the Malabar Hill Club.

- R.P. Anand



Cake cutting



Anil Ambo announces the Willingdon Club election result



President R P Anand, Rtn. Rajeev, PP Mohan and PP Rahul



Our Rotary/Anns



Enjoying dinner



Rtn. Prasanna and R/Ann Jyotika

Brilliant wins for Mid-Towners

Three of our Mid-Towners triumphed with excellence at the Willingdon Sports Club Annual election 2012-13. PP Rtn. Navin Shah was elected as Chairman for a fifth term, creating a record. PP Rtn. Atul Premnarayan, won the highest ever votes (714) in the Willingdon Sports Club's history, beating his own earlier record of 600 votes in 2009. He is now elected for a third continuous term in the balloting and disciplinary committee. Rtn. Mehli Cama was elected to the balloting and disciplinary committee for a second term.

Atul
Premnarayan

Mehli Cama

Wealth Management... A Tricky Business

Shyamali Basu, Vice President and Business Head of HDFC Asset Management Company, gave a succinct presentation on a variety of investment strategies for all ages.

At different stages in life the monetary outlook changes with one's needs — when young, it's creation of wealth; then comes the need to accumulate and preserve and lastly one thinks of how to distribute one's wealth, either to the family or to charity. Hence, it is important to think of asset allocation for different age groups.

Shyamali advises the investor to research and plan strategies according to one's needs and then to track the investments to avoid falling prey to the 'fly by night' financial advisor. Once an investment strategy is in place, 'stay invested' is her sincere advice. Most believe that they are long-term investors but at the slightest down-turn in the stock, there is panic selling. Then the stock rises to new levels and the investor loses out!

Also, most investors buy stocks when the market is rising, and pay a higher price than when the market had bottomed out. "One does not buy goods at the highest price — we bargain for prices of cars or TVs, yet when buying stocks one is averse to investing when stocks are available at a bargain price!" rues Shyamali.

"A sound investment strategy is one, which allows your investments to grow after paying taxes, and factoring in annual inflation which is around 8-9%. For the elderly, FMPs (Fixed Maturity Plans) which are similar to FDs, have been a good option but recently their interest rates have come down! Tax-free bonds are another instrument — though one should check the market value — which in some cases has been discounted after the IPO. Never take an insurance-linked investment as you may end up paying a 40% commission."

Investing in equity carries the greatest risks yet it's advisable to invest in shares for growth. The percentage of investment would depend on your age and appetite for risks. A thumb rule is to deduct your age from hundred — the balance indicates the percentage you may consider investing in equities."

When investing in stocks study the P. E. ratio, a healthy ratio is 15-16%. During the Harshad Mehta scam period investors were buying at 44% P.E. No wonder most lost their fortunes. Investors are usually guided by **fear**, **greed** and **hope**. These are not the best emotions to guided ones investment decisions."

Wise words indeed which every investor should bear in mind!



Shymali Basu



Shymali Basu speaking to the audience



President R.P. Anand felicitating Shymali Basu

Meeting Date: 10-10-12

Speaker: **Shyamali Basu**

Introduced by: **Rtn. Gaurav Kapadia**

Vote of thanks: **PP Rtn. Anil Ambo**

—Report by Rtn. Nargis Wadia

To cut or not to cut — that's the issue!

Professor Nandini Sardesai wears many hats, each with distinction! The one she had on when she spoke to our Club was that of the Member of the CBFC, commonly referred to as the 'Censor Board'. "That's a misnomer, the correct name is the Central Board of Film Certification. In the course of certifying films for different audiences, at times it's necessary to apply cuts on certain inappropriate scenes and/or dialogues. Hence, censorship does take place." Nandini explained. "However, our main role is to certify a film's appropriateness e.g. for 'Universal' or 'Adult' audiences.

The film producers naturally want the 'U' certificate, as they can reach a wide audience. But with current cinema experimenting with adult subjects and increasing violence being the staple ingredient of many films, it falls on us to ensure that an unsuspecting public's sensibilities are not shocked. The Indian film industry, is the world's largest with a thousand films being produced each year. A staggering fifteen million Indians watch films each day, not including TV viewership!

While our Constitution protects the freedom of the Press and Expression (Article 192), reasonable restrictions are necessary in the audio-visual medium, to keep

a balance between liberty and social interest. In a country with low literacy, the audio-visual medium has a great impact.

However, there are some filmmakers who are against any kind of censorship viz. Shyam Benegal and Mahesh Bhatt but I feel that the medium has the potential for evil as for good. There are some countries where there is minimum censorship or none at all e.g. Scandinavian countries. All the same, India is a melting pot of cultures and religions, which means that sensitivities are easily hurt.

In India, films are made in several regional languages and the extent of censorship varies according to the maturity of the audiences. The Southern states are quite liberal, Karnataka being the most broad-minded. When some producers find it difficult to get a film passed without cuts, they get a certificate from the regional Certification boards!

Sometimes, a producer with an eye on free publicity, creates controversy by going to Court against the Board's decision. There are some who have a genuine grievance where the entire film is banned because the Government of the day finds the subject matter is against their policy or sometimes, very worthy films have been banned. In such instances the members of the Board are helpless as they have to follow the Government's dictat!

The Central Board is also constrained by the limited categorisation allowed by the rules i.e. either a film is for universal viewing or for adults! In Western countries, there are many more categories e.g. 'under 13 years' or 'PGA' which translates to 'parental guidance advised'. This allows producers to slot their films for specific audiences."

Prof. Sardesai is also a Member of the Advisory Board of Dignity Foundation, an NGO for senior citizens and the Advisory Board of (NGO) "Population First", Representative of Mobile World Congress on the Advertising Standards Council of India. She is also a visiting Professor for Mass Media Studies at St. Xavier's College, Jai Hind College and K C College.

Date: **17-10-2012**

Speaker: **Professor Nandini Sardesai**

Introduced by: **Rtn. Rahul Mehta**

Vote of thanks: **Rtn. Vaibhav Sanghi**

— Report by **Rtn. Nargis Wadia**

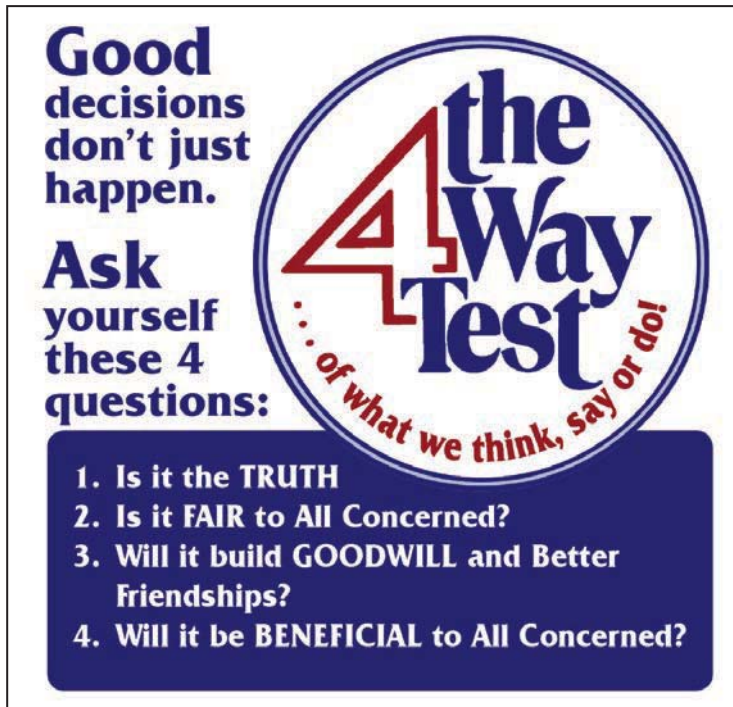


Professor Nandini Sardesai



l-r Rtns Kiran Shah, Munna Mitha, Bipin Jain, Prof. Sardesai, Rahul Mehta

The Four–Way Test



The test is one of the hallmarks of Rotary. Since it was developed in 1932 by Herbert J. Taylor, who later became RI president, it has never ceased to be relevant. Its four brief questions are not based on culture or religion. Instead, they are a simple checklist for ethical behaviour. They transcend generations and national borders.

As Rotarians, we should have The Four-Way Test in mind in every decision we make, all day long. Our utmost responsibility is to speak the truth, to be fair, to build goodwill and better friendships, and to do our very best in all situations.

Life is very turbulent today, and people all over the world are exhausted in their duties. Where are the dreams of a better world? Where are we? Who are we? What is our duty to ourselves, neighbours, and fellow citizens? Where is our charity and our joint responsibility to humankind?

Now more than ever, we need a vision and knowledge of what is happening around us, a new view of cultural and religious phenomena, without dividing humankind into limited and subjective categories. That's the tenet for a better world and a job for us Rotarians: not engaging in politics, but serving without any boundaries.

This happens through our programmes, and it happens through acting as a guide for international coexistence, providing a forum for dialogue and discussion worldwide, giving perspective to views and models, finding new solutions using Rotarians' great knowledge and expertise, and having interfaith, multicultural, and ethical standards as guiding principles in all dealings.

No divine right can be vested in anyone to pronounce the final word or the ultimate truth. In matters of faith and religion, prescriptive morality should be avoided, as it often is the root cause of hostility and divisiveness. Global ethics is based on an interfaith mind and ecumenical way of living.

The one universal, unsurpassed principle expressed by nearly every major religion and values system is similar to the golden rule: Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Moral codes and ethics give us tools but also raise questions to be answered: How should we live? What is morally good and bad, right and wrong? Shall we aim at happiness or knowledge? Virtue or the creation of beautiful objects? If we choose happiness, will it be our own or the happiness of all?

And what of the more specific questions that face us? Is it right to be dishonest for a good cause? Can we justify living in opulence while elsewhere in the world people are starving? Is going to war warranted in cases where innocent people will likely be killed?

Ethics deal with such questions at all levels. The subject's core consists of the fundamental issues of practical decision making, and its major concerns include the nature of ultimate value and the standards by which human actions can be judged right or wrong.

For Rotary, The Four-Way Test is the cornerstone of all action. It has been for years, and will be in the future. Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Today, it is especially confusing to determine what is really right and wrong. But the fundamentals of Rotary are bound to universal ethics and humanity without any boundaries between race, religion, or ethnic background.

Rotary offers a possibility for solving ethical problems. Well-trained, well-engaged in social life, and with strong consciences, Rotarians must try to address these issues through Rotary's vocational and community service programmes. People all over the world need more safety, tolerance, understanding, and love. They want to live in peace.

Tolerance, fairness, respect, compassion, and hope are particularly needed today. But what are tolerance and fairness? Are they only a question of sharing resources, rights, and obligations, or more a question of an ongoing dialogue? For an effective discourse, we have to identify the real problems, discuss them, and try to find compromises.

We should know what the human culture is made of, and what it means to different people and to the identity of other nationalities. The knowledge of other cultures, along with the skill to face the dissimilarities in our lives and lifestyles, seems to be a key point and the biggest issue.

Rotary, whose club members represent many cultures and religious beliefs and are committed to high ethical standards, can support mutual understanding and serve as a tool for peace. Rotarians and Rotary Clubs all over the world — in small country towns and huge capitals, in the East and West, South and North — may provide enduring forums for peace discussions and together work for peace.

Lars-Olof Fredriksson, of the Rotary Club of Äänekoski, Finland, is a retired major in the Finnish air force and has a master's degree in political science

– By RI Director-elect Lars-Olof Fredriksson

ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY MID-TOWN, Mumbai

"SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE" Chairman: Rtn. Kishore Jhaveri

On the occasion of World Elders Day, September 30, 2012, Rotary District 3140 celebrated at Rotary Center, Juhu Tara Road, Mumbai. Over 325 Senior Citizens, eminent invitees, President and members of Rotary clubs participated in the event.

DGE. Rtn. Lata Subraidu chaired as Chief Guest, Shri Jagdish Prasadji Gupta was the Guest of Honour.

Thirty distinguished senior citizens were honoured including our Rtn. Kiritilal Doshi with a shawl, a coconut and a memento.

A talk on Healthy Nutrition for the elderly, awareness and presentation of breast cancer, was arranged. Special snacks and booklet on nutrition were sponsored by Marico — Saffola.

The programme was followed by a musical event Ms. Kavita Murthy entertained the audience with her melodious old songs.

The programme was well organised by Rtn. Mohanlal Gupta, of the Rotary Club of Bombay West, Rtn. Shanti Gariwala of the Rotary Club of Mumbai North Island and Rtn. Kishore Jhaveri of the Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town.

Hon. Home Minister inaugurates the District service projects

On October 3, the Rotary club of Bombay Mid-Town had the privilege of being the Host Club for the inauguration ceremony of the District Rotary Service 12 Projects.

Rtn PP Anil Kamath was the Convener of the program and Rtn President R.P Anand was on the main table as the sponsoring club President.

The function was inauguration at the hands of Shri R. R. Patil, Hon Home Minister of Maharashtra.

PDG Dr Ulhas Kolhatkar was the Guest of Honor and Rtn. Kalpana Munshi, is the Director Rotary Service 12 Projects.



Hon. Home Minister R R Patil being welcomed by Rtn. Kalpana Munshi



PDG Dr Ulhas Kolhatkar felicitating the Hon. Home Minister



Past President Rtn. Anil Kamath with Hon. Home Minister



President R.P Anand with Hon. Home Minister

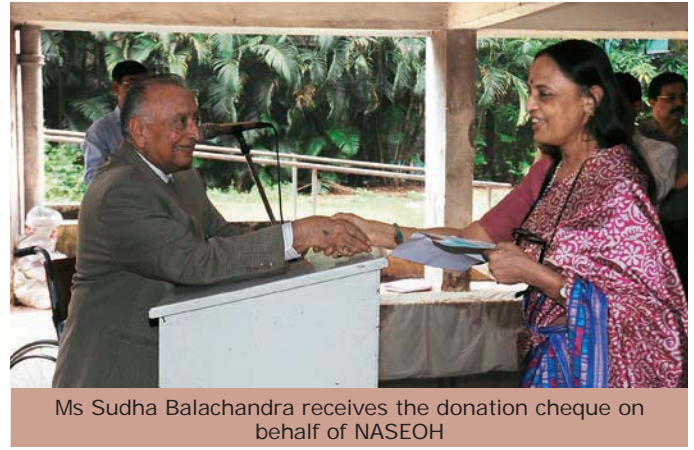
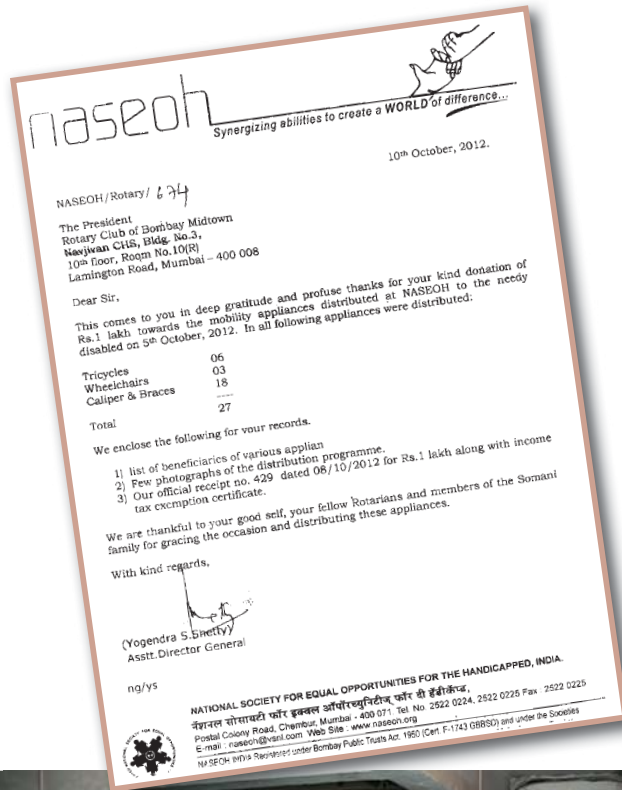


District Rotarians with Mr. R R Patil and PDG Dr Ulhas Kolhatkar



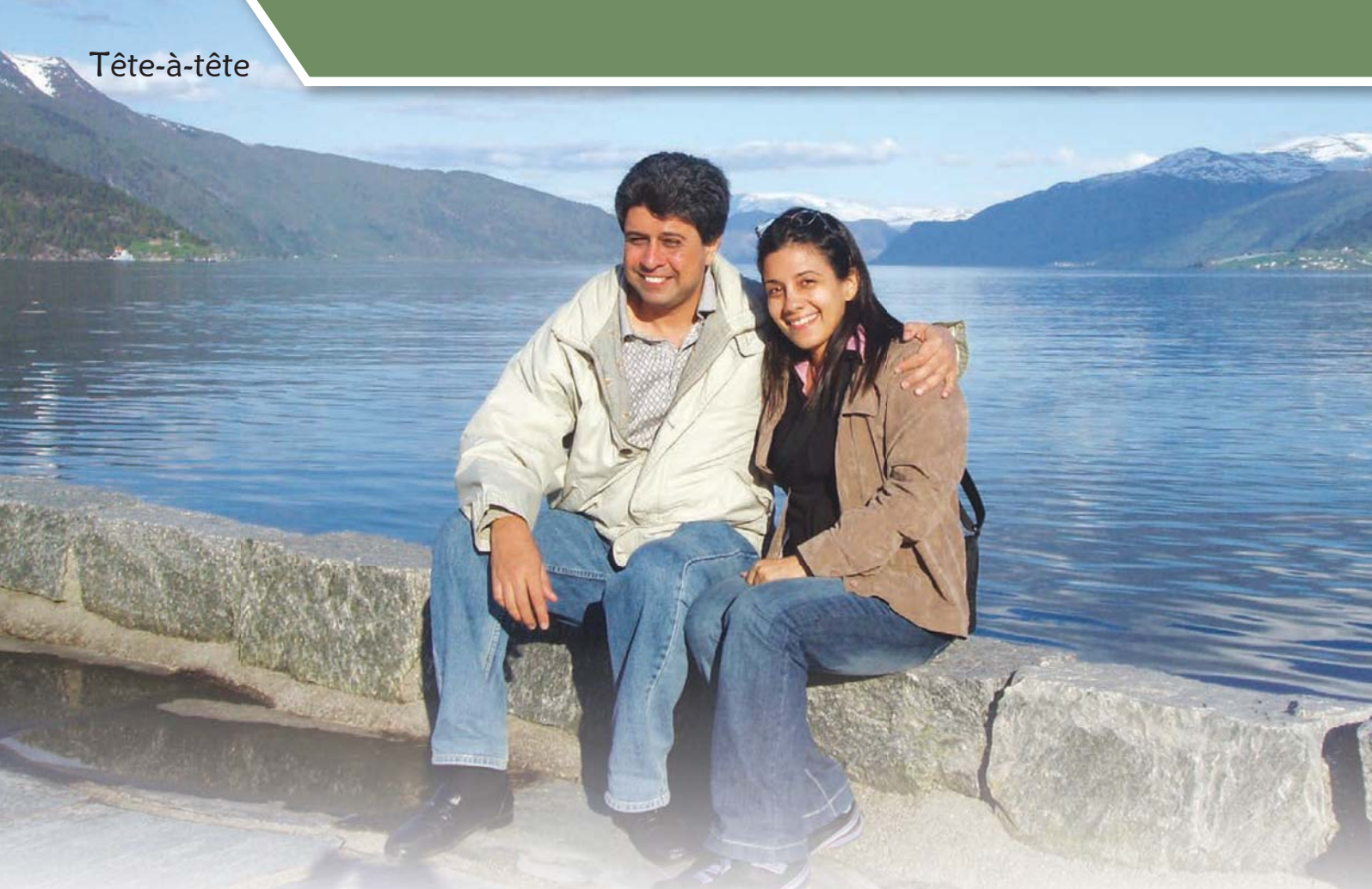
District dignitaries at the inauguration

Giving their thanks...



Distribution of mobility aids





A wise head on young shoulders...that's our Jamsheed!

Jamsheed Patel considerably helps to bring down our club's average age. He was under thirty when he joined Mid-Town and has shouldered responsibility almost from the start. I was keen to find out what makes him tick.

Though you are perhaps the youngest Mid-Towner you are one of the more active Rotarians — what motivates you to offer service?

The desire to give back to society in whatever small way possible. I am fortunate to have a platform like Rotary to be able to do this.

You joined Mid-Town when you were only 29, and soon became one of the most active Rotarians. What motivated you to join Mid-Town? Were you a Rotaractor at college?

To be honest, at that time I did not have much knowledge about Rotary, except probably having read some press reports. I was neither a Rotaractor nor an Interactor. My father motivated me to join this organisation. He felt that since he missed out on that opportunity I should not. He requested his very good friend Hector Mehta who then went on to introduce and propose my membership to Mid-Town. I attended as a guest for quite a long time before being convinced of becoming a member.

Tell us about your college life — what were your subjects and extra-curricular activities?

I did my junior college from H.R. College and moved over and graduated from Sydenham College majoring in Financial Accounting. I started learning the ropes of the family business as soon as I finished school, so I would be the first to reach office by 8:30 a.m., be there till it was time for college and then either get back to work or home after the lectures were over. It did not leave any time for extra-curricular activities.

What was school like? What did you enjoy the most?

I really enjoyed my school life at Christ Church School, Byculla. Fortunately, we had excellent sports facilities and the rare luxury of a huge ground. I took part in each and every game/sport in the offing — cricket, football, hockey, basketball, badminton, swimming and athletics. I was a member of the Scout troop and took part in elocutions, debates and drama as well. We even learnt carpentry, making a wood fire and cooking on it. I was fortunate to have all these opportunities.

I presume you have always lived opposite the Five Gardens at the edge of Dadar Parsi Colony. What has changed since you were a teenager?

As children, we had a huge area to fool around in, vast open spaces to run and play, with very little traffic. The minute I was done with schoolwork, I would be outside. The children got together and played all sorts of games — cricket, football, hockey and basketball. We flew kites, played marbles and even "gilly-danda". All of us had bicycles, which we rode all over the place without worry. We roller-skated on the roads, which were smooth and clean. Basically, every available bit of time was spent outdoors. Unfortunately, even our area has become overcrowded and the traffic has multiplied manifold. Today, the children are on motorbikes or in cars zooming about the place. It's difficult to imagine my children cycling safely unsupervised, forget the skating bit, they'd probably not make it past the first pot hole! There are probably 20-30 cricket games being played in every available garden, how those kids know which ball to chase is baffling; it's even difficult to enjoy my usual evening walk. But all said and done, we are still very fortunate to have the open space and greenery.

Tell us something about your business and family involvement in the famous brand of Poonjiajee products. Does the brand still exist? Where are the products marketed?

It's a family business established in 1876 and still going strong. To clear confusion there are two separate Poonjiajee firms with separate brands. Ours is Merwanjee Poonjiajee sold under the "SUN BRAND". The green label that most see here belongs to the other firm. There probably was some family connection way back then but they have always been totally separate business entities. Our products have a very limited local presence and are predominantly exported throughout Europe and North America.

How did you meet Nazneen? Tell us about her education, family, career if any.

Nazneen lived very close by and so our paths crossed very often. We've known each other for ages. Though born in Mumbai, her early years were spent in Tehran, where her father worked. Her family had to return at the time of the revolution. The latter half of her schooling was completed here. She went on to graduate in commerce from Sydenham College as well. She worked for Swissair Revenue Accounting at the time we married. She stopped working when Bezhan was born, and now is part of the family business. She is a hands-on mom and between home and work she stays very active.

You have devoted several years to the Interactors and headed that committee for several years—what were/are the challenges faced? What are the rewards?

I was installed in the month of February. Plans were afoot for the next Rotary year. The incoming President was Anil Kamath, who caught hold of me and entrusted me with this committee. I must have done something right as the next President continued with me. Gradually the involvement grew. It's always heartening to see the enthusiasm in the young kids and how proud they feel about their own contribution to society. The experience they get as office bearers makes them more confident and helps in honing their leadership skills. It's distinctly evident when I see and hear the address by the incoming President at the start of the year and the closing address when it's time to pass the baton to the next person. Hopefully, it'll spur them on to do even more when they grow up and help make society, our city, country and the world a more humane and better place.



What are your hobbies?

Sports, travel and reading.

What is your favourite travel destination?

Mountains and snow. I'm not a beach bum. Lying on a beach and burning in the sun is not my ideal holiday. I'd prefer the cold any day. And I prefer smaller towns to larger cities. We enjoy walking around the place, observing the sights and sounds, sampling the local cuisine, browsing the local markets. Fortunately, the entire family shares this.

Which school do the children go to?

They are both studying at Dhirubhai Ambani International School. Bezhah is in Grade 6 and Farrah is in Grade 4.

What is the Sunday family treat?

It's the one weekly holiday for me and the day where I can sleep late (late is 9 a.m.). Then the whole family is at the club for either swimming and/or squash followed by a snack. Then back home for the traditional Sunday lunch of beer and Dhansaak followed by an afternoon snooze. Evenings are spent lazing around and preparing the children for the school week. Normally, family outings are on Friday or Saturday evenings. Sunday is essentially an "at home" day.



As a Zoroastrian and a Parsi how do you react to the Community's dwindling numbers? Do you side with the orthodox or the liberals? Zoroastrianism is gaining many devotees in Europe, Central Asia and Russia — the Tajiks and the Khazaks claim it to be their ancient religion, as do some Persians. How do you react to this?

It's sad that we are a dwindling race, but I do not subscribe to the dictum of adding numbers any which way. Zoroastrianism is not a closed door religion. No one can prohibit anyone from following its tenants, be it the Tajiks or Khazaks or Kurds. These people should not impose themselves on the rest. When the Zoroastrians fled Persia, there were some who took the land route through the above-mentioned places and finally to Europe, they assimilated and lost their identity. Fortunately those who landed here by the sea route fought against all odds and managed to preserve this unique identity. What a shame it would have been if it was lost too. To me, it's important to preserve this unique identity.

Recently, there have been Hindi movies where the protagonists are Parsis — do you enjoy these or do you object to Parsis being made fun of?

We Parsis are able to enjoy a good laugh at our own idiosyncrasies. I think that this is important and if most people were like this then most of India's and half the world's problems would be taken care of. At the end it's a movie, you don't like it forget about it and don't recommend it. It's make-believe. In every kind of movie Bollywood, Hollywood or any...wood, sometime, somewhere, someone is made the exaggerated joker. What happens in our own Parsi *nataks* (plays)? A Parsi is the writer and other Parsis are the director, producer and actors, etc. We're having a hearty laugh at ourselves there too, and why not? People should learn to take it with a pinch of salt.

Please complete the following sentences —

- a) "If I could only change one thing in my life it would be... I always wanted to study further abroad. I got involved with the family business at a very young age. The responsibilities came thick and fast, by then it was not possible to leave and go anywhere, even for a short time. That's an experience I would have liked to have had."
- b) If I could have a boon, I would ask for..."to be able to become invisible at will. Expose all the thieving scoundrels! We have had far too many scams."
- c) In my next life, I would like to be born as..."a Parsi for sure. Wouldn't dream of missing out on the Sunday beer and Dhansaak!!!"

— Interview by Rtn. Nargis Wadia

Northern fun



Dr Kirit and Anjana Mody, Taru and Praful Sheth, Avani Vora



Anjana Mody, Taru Sheth and Harshad Vora

A group of 23 Rotary family members left for Chandigarh on the route to Simla on September 24, 2012 and returned on October 2, 2012.

On arrival at Chandigarh airport, we were pleasantly surprised to find Past RI President Rtn. Raja Saboo present at the airport to receive all of us. After exchanging pleasantries, we headed to his residence. He made sure that we could drive straight from his house to Wildflower Hall, Mashobra on the outskirts of Simla. We handed over two CDs containing powerpoint presentations of our projects, prepared by Rtn. Arrow Sinha Roy. He was very impressed and has acknowledged the same by email.

The group left for Wildflower Simla at around 11:30 a.m. arrived at the hotel by about 3-3:30 p.m. Wildflower Hall is an excellent Oberoi property and by far, the best they have in India or anywhere else in the world. The location, climate, food and above all service by their staff was outstanding.

On September 25, lunch was arranged in open area garden at Kufri, overlooking mountains and valleys. The next evening, we had a bonfire and barbecue on the terrace parallel to the dining room, lit by candles and dim lights. Swiss fondue, English bread and butter puddings were served along with a large spread of other dishes.

Everybody was kept busy throughout the stay, either swimming, being together in Hotel Zucuzi/spa, playing card games, a few having cocktails, etc. One group went up to Mall Road to enjoy the city of Simla, to experience the local culture.

On September 27, 18 members left for Span Resorts, Kulu Manali. The drive was good passing through mountains and a river flowing parallel to the road. Rtn. Vishnu Haribhakti and Rtn. N K Mohatta left for Mumbai via Chandigarh. Whereas Rtn. Kamlesh Sonawala and Rtn. Gopal Motwane stayed back in Simla for an additional two days before leaving for Mumbai.

The next five days at Span Resorts were outstanding, full of fellowship mixing together, excellent walking trails, sight-seeing of temples, going on mountains, visiting Manali, etc.



Rtn. N K Mohatta, Rtn. V B Haribhakti, Past RI President Rtn. Raja Saboo and Rtn. Santosh Kejriwal

The group went to Sonamarg valley (a skiing resort), taking in the lift to the mountain top for the beautiful view of snow-clad mountains. After lunch, we went to Gagar town and saw the 600 year old palace converted into hotel now made of wood and stone tiles; at a height overlooking the Himalayas and Manali.

Next stop was the Museum of the famous Russian artist Nicholas K. Roerick, who had spent lot of time with Devika Rani, famous Indian film star of the 1930s. His exhibition of paintings on Himalayas was outstanding.

We visited the famous Pashmina shawl weaving factory and found the factory prices were 30-40% cheaper than in Mumbai and Delhi.

While in Span Resorts everybody enjoyed the afternoon sitting, drinking, playing various games adjoining the river and relishing the food in beautiful atmosphere with mild sun and a little nip in the air. One evening we had a bonfire 'antakshari' sitting in the lawn having soup and starters. Around 8:30 p.m., we moved to the dining room for dinner.

The group returned to Mumbai on October 2, via Chandigarh spending two hours in Taj after having tea and then leaving for airport. The trip was enjoyed by each and every delegate of the group, excellent fellowship.

– Report by Rtn. Santosh Kejriwal

The 'Inner Wheel' of life...

So far, October proved itself as the busiest month for the Inner Wheel Club. The month began with us attending the Toy Foundation Day held at Radio Club. We learnt some new interesting games and realised how important these activities are for the mental growth of children, of any age and social background. We are glad our members contributed for purchase of chairs and tables for their Toy Library at Dadar. It is sure to bring a smile on the faces of a lot of children.

Our dream of doing a project in the name of past and present president, materialised this month. On October 9, some of our members went to Wada, for a Project on the installation of a 3,000 litre capacity tank to provide drinking water to the 667 children of the Ashramshala there. The Madhavrao Kane Ashramshala which lies in the tribal belt bordering Gujarat and is a Government aided Marathi medium school. It already has a borewell and now this tank with its iron framework and 6 taps is sure to take care of the children's needs for a long time to come!

I also had a chance to visit a Detection Camp organised by the Cancer Patients Aid Association at Naigaon, Dadar. One cannot help but admire the selfless work put in by Dr. Shashi Bakre and her team in spreading awareness and providing guidance and counselling to the patients. CPAA does not treat cancer but complements the work done by medical practitioners and hospitals. Groups of women referred to them are educated about personal hygiene, cancer and its symptoms, self breast examination etc. Each of them is screened by a physician, and get pap-smears and ultrasounds of the breast/pelvis/abdomen done free of cost. We, at Inner Wheel, are humbled to be of some help to this noble cause. Our financial help to them is but a drop in the ocean, but we hope we can do more for the Cancer patients in future.

The much awaited District Rally proved to be entertaining and rewarding by all means. We belong to Zone I, which won the Fashion Show Competition with flying colours! The summer fashions displayed, the Assamese song rendered and the Bollywood style dances, unleashed the talent of many of our members.

We had a guest speaker — Zenobia — at the GBM this month. She spoke on Relationship Mastery and Feng Shui which was enjoyed by all the beautiful members of IWC Bombay Mid-Town.

— Report by President Aarti Gautam



Asha Bhatia and Soumyalatha Shetty at Toy Foundation event



President Aarti with Dr. Shashi Bakre and her team at CPAA



Gita, Guest speaker Zenobia with Rupa, Saloni, Raksha at GBM

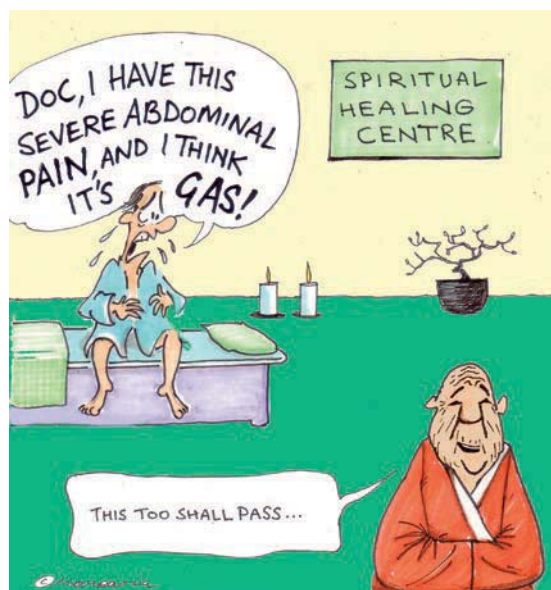
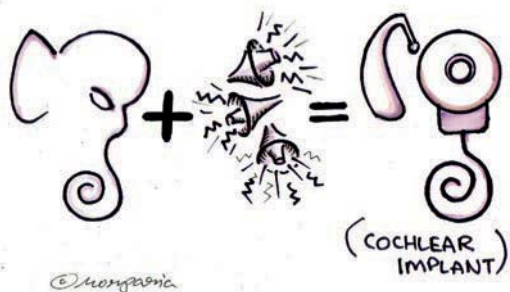


IPDC Shubbha Chhapwale and Past Presidents at Wada, District Thane

THE INCORRUPTIBLE ACP DHOBLE



BUGGED BY ALL THE HAPPENINGS AROUND HIM & THE MEGA-SCAM ACCUSATIONS, THE PM SEEKS REFUGE IN A MEDITATION RETREAT ... BUT ONLY TO QUIT MID-WAY



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Dr Rumi Jehangir

Group Coordinator:

Aditya Singh

November

<< Wedding Anniversary >>

01	Jyotika-Atul Premnarayan
11	Shanti-Mohan Shahani
17	Nina-Om Mehra
17	Seema-Dinesh Kanabar
17	Mukesh-Bina Shah
19	Hansa-Kishore Sharma
21	Nainu-Shaunak Thacker
22	Nishi-Nitin Mathur
24	Pragati-Deepak Gupta
24	Kalpna-Prabhat Srivastava
25	Niharika-Sohrab Davar
26	Chandra-Om Degan
27	Aditi-Sunil Choksey
30	Sushma-Raju Barwale

<< Spouse's Birthdays >>

01	Pushpa Krishna Khemka
04	Kate Mehernosh Currawalla
05	Bharti Arrow Sinharoy
05	Sarika Deepak Garg
13	Dr. Sandhya Anil Kamath
14	Bindu Krishna Mehta
15	Thrity Sam Daruwala
19	Hansa Kishore Sharma
21	Supriya Shashi Kapoor
21	Bindu Rahul Mehta
23	Hiroo Ratan Hingorani
24	Suman B. Kumar
25	Cathrin Robert Lenzen
29	Shobha Gopal Motwane
30	Poonam Arun Jatia

<< EVENTS IN NOVEMBER >>

10 Saturday

Fellowship Dinner Meeting - CHARTER
NIGHT CELEBRATION @ Sunville
Banquets, Worli @ 7.30 pm

12,13,14 Wednesday

Diwali – No Meeting

21 Wednesday

Mr. Avinash Thadani who will speak on
"Around South America on Two Wheels"

28 Wednesday

No Meeting

Holiday - Guru Nanak Jayanthi

<< Birthdays >>



02 NOVEMBER
PP Dilip Piramal



05 NOVEMBER
Murlidhar Jalan



06 NOVEMBER
PP Bimal Shroff



08 NOVEMBER
PP Mehernosh Currawalla



14 NOVEMBER
Dr Prakash Mody



16 NOVEMBER
Kirit Jasani



16 NOVEMBER
Sunil Agrawal



17 NOVEMBER
Reyaz Mama



21 NOVEMBER
Dr Pratap Satap



21 NOVEMBER
Dr Madhav Kamat



23 NOVEMBER
Piyush Khaitan



24 NOVEMBER
Shailendra Mittal



24 NOVEMBER
Ghansham Dembla



25 NOVEMBER
Robert Lenzen



26 NOVEMBER
Arvind Doshi



27 NOVEMBER
Krishan Khanna

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