



DISTRICT 3141

President's Message

Dear Friends,

I am glad to see the increasing number of members at our weekly meetings. I do hope the attendance continues to increase in the coming weeks.

Last week RCB took part in the District 3141 Mega Medical camp at Lower Parel. Rotary Club of Bombay put up a stall, the message of which was: 'Yoga as a means of Health and Healing'. We witnessed a footfall of almost 150 people in three days.

Our club also hosted jazz pianist and composer Richard X Bennett as part of the Urban Heritage Committee's fund-raising activities for the Asiatic Library. If you missed it, you have a chance to attend the next one: the UHC's staging of the play Love Letters. Starring Shernaz Patel and Rajit Kapur, the evening will be at the majestic Durbar Hall on February 8, 2019.

The Rotary Club of Madras has invited our club members for a fellowship from February 15 to 17. For details kindly contact Ms. Rashmi at the Rotary office.

The District Conference will be held on February 23rd and 24th, 2019 at Hotel Renaissance. I request you all to make the most of these events and partake in them. For details on both, kindly get in touch with Ms. Rashmi. Thank You!



Vijay Jatia

Rtn. Vijay Jatia,
President

'We are our biggest enemies'

Raveena Tandon makes an appeal: Save Mumbai's green lungs, SGNP and Aarey Milk Colony



Raveena Tandon, brand ambassador of the Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SGNP), addressed the Rotary Club of Bombay on 'Taking Mumbai to a Greener Future' last Tuesday.

Taking a blunt approach, Raveena made it clear that she was there not as an actress but as a citizen and a Mumbaikar worried about growing environment problems, especially those surrounding the SGNP.

Raveena threw rhetorical questions at the audience to bolster her presentation. Everyone loves their city and wants to live a healthy and happy life, but what kind of a planet are we leaving for future generations? Is it only a concrete jungle? These questions lead one to conclude that there has been a complete global environmental breakdown. The reason, Raveena said, is "We".

Raveena then read out a poem to Rotarians:

**When the trees are gone,
when all the animals are dead,
when all the grass is brown and there
are no birds in the sky, what are we
going to eat? Money?**

Thus, we have an immense battle ahead of us, said Raveena. Even though Mumbai is at an advantage because its coastal range minimises the effects of pollution, how long will this go on? The levels of pollution at BKC matched those of Delhi, said Raveena, which should send Mumbai's alarm bells ringing.

Mumbai has always been at the forefront of development. However, environmental issues and global warming are on the rise, too, she said.

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TODAY'S SPEAKER: ROTARY PEACE SCHOLAR RETD. JUSTICE ROSHAN DALVI

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**SPEAKER FOR
FEBRUARY 4, 2019:**

Sanjiv Mehta, Chairman & MD, Hindustan Lever Ltd.





Rtn. Tarjani Vakil, Rtn. Ptn. Rashmi Jolly and PP. Rtn. Kalpana Munshi



Raveena Tandon mingling with Rotarians Sanjiv Saran Mehra and Roda Billimoria

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She then added that educating young minds through workshops and academic knowledge and environmental studies were paramount but ineffectual if not backed by government implementation of rules in favour of forests and green land.

“Unfortunately, the human race is at an alarming trend of destroying humanity itself. We are our biggest enemies whether it is the pollution in the seas, forests, whether it is deforestation or whether it is over development. There is a line that we have to draw and fight,” said Raveena.

About SGNP, she said that encroachment, littering, poaching and forest fires remained the major challenges. Man-animal conflict is on a rise. She pointed

out that we are saving tigers but there are no forests for them. These animals then enter areas populated by humans where they get shot or poisoned. Vote bank politics worsens this conflict. Rapid urbanisation cannot be stopped but there are alternatives that can be sought, felt Raveena. “Development and environment can go hand in hand with better planning, implementation and execution! It is WE who should take the responsibility to save the Green Lungs of our Mumbai.”

SGNP along with Aarey Milk Colony together form Mumbai’s green lungs. And yet there are many proposals afoot to cut Aarey down to size:

1. Widening of Aarey road by MCGM to convert it into the Goregaon-Mulund Link Road. This will involve the felling of over 1,000 trees.

2. The construction of a zoo and metro yard by the MCGM and MMRDA. Over 2,500 trees will be felled towards this.
3. The MCGM has also proposed an economic growth hub in Aarey.

Aarey’s plight was brought to light at the Tuesday meeting by Green Warrior Stalin. Aarey is home to many species, a unique oasis of life; it hosts 76 species of birds, 86 species of butterflies, 38 species of reptiles and numerous mammals such as leopards, civets and barking deer. Citizens and crusaders have banded together to form ‘Save Aarey’, a community determined to save this tract of green land.

Towards its protest of the Metro 3 Car Shed project which will destroy 33 hectares of Aarey Forest Land, Save Aarey has provided the government with options. Stalin said, “Our people



Stalin, Rtn. Farhat Jamal, Raveena Tandon, Rtn. Mahesh Khubchandani, President Vijay Jatia and Hon. Sec. Rekha Tanna



Isha Mogul hands over a donation cheque to President Vijay Jatia



Eco warrior Stalin takes a stand

surveyed and found open space alternatives for the car shed which can be used instead of green space in Aarey. We have seven different options for the government including open land in Kalina or Kanjurmarg where the car shed can be made,” said Stalin. This is a battle that citizens are fighting on all fronts; from the top levels where the government itself is eating into the land to lower down the food chain with RTO encroachment, SRA building, “accidental” forest fires and more.

Various workshops and protests are being held with just one purpose: ‘Save Aarey’. Hence Stalin and Raveena urged Rotarians to shower their support in any way possible. It is time to stand up together and speak for our ecosystem. To show your support: @ConserveAarey



PP. Rtn. Nandan Damani, Rtn. Jagdish Malkani, PP. Rtn. Ajay Kanoria, Rtn. Anil Goyel



Rtn. Sunil Taparia, Rtn. Sameer Tapia, PP. Rtn. Gul Kripalani, Rtn. Bipin Vazirani, PP. Rtn. Ashish Vaid, Rtn. Shome Jagtiani



(Above) Rtn. Mahesh Khubchandani, Rtn. Subhash Sagar, Rtn. Mudit Jain, Rtn. Sameer Tapia, PP. Rtn. Nandan Damani

(Below) Rotarians lend a listening ear



Announcements

Miracle District Conference (DISCON) on February 23rd and 24th at Renaissance, Powai.

This conference will be unique, with an array of erudite and celebrated personalities addressing it. The wisdom they impart and the warm ambience of the conference will be cherished for all time to come. We have also planned an impressive closing ceremony on the second day, during which we will distribute mega prizes for a lucky draw from among the first 800 registrations.

The present registration fee is Rs 11,500 per individual and Rs 22,000 for a couple. This rate will be maintained up to January 31. After this date, the rate will be Rs 12,500 per individual and Rs 24,000 for a couple.

Madras Fellowship

Two years ago, the Rotary Club of Bombay hosted a fellowship programme for the Rotary Club of Madras; this year, the Madras Club has invited all clubs formed in 1929 to a meet hosted by them in Chennai. Home-stays will be arranged for those who wish to join the meet which will be held from February 15 to 17, 2019. Those interested in attending should give their names to Rashmi at the RCB office. The same will be communicated to President Ranjit Pratap of the Rotary Club of Madras. For detailed information contact Rashmi.



MUSICAL EVENING AT THE ASIATIC

The Urban Heritage Committee organised a wonderful evening of music, featuring acclaimed **jazz pianist and composer Richard X Bennett** at the Durbar Hall of the Asiatic Library on January 18, 2019. The concert was well attended by a select audience of about 80 guests. Richard, a New York-based musician has headlined in Mumbai at the Kalaghoda Festival.

In New York, he has performed at Lincoln Center Out of Doors, the Guggenheim Museum, the Rubin Museum and Central Park Summerstage. During the performance at the Asiatic, Richard's wife, Paula took everyone by surprise by coming up to the stage and singing beautifully. After the interval, Dhanashree Pandit Rai, a

well-known Indian classical vocalist made a surprise appearance and gave a wonderful performance. All proceeds raised from the show go towards the Asiatic preservation projects being carried out by RCB.

If you missed out on this one, don't fret! The UHC is organising another wonderful evening at the majestic Durbar Hall on February 8, 2019. UHC is staging the play *Love Letters* starring Shernaz Patel and Rajit Kapur. *Love Letters* is A. R. Gurney's internationally acclaimed stage hit. It is a heart-warming, poignant play about two people, Andy Ladd III and Melissa Gardner, who write letters to each other over a period of 50 years. Donor passes may be booked with Rashmi at the Rotary office. Don't miss out!

Fellowship by Kanan and Ravi Fotedar

Rtn. Ravi Fotedar and wife Kanan graciously welcomed 75-80 Rotarians for a wonderful fellowship on January 19, 2019.



RCB participates in Mega Medical Camp

A medical camp was held at the Phoenix Mega Medical Camp, held from January 18 to 20, 2019 at Phoenix Mill compound, Lower Parel, Mumbai. The Rotary Club of Bombay organised for a team of specialists from the Kaivalyadhama Yoga Institute to arrange the facilities at the camp, and attend and manage all walk-ins.

They gave free service to members of our community on "Yoga Therapy and Yoga Culture of Life".

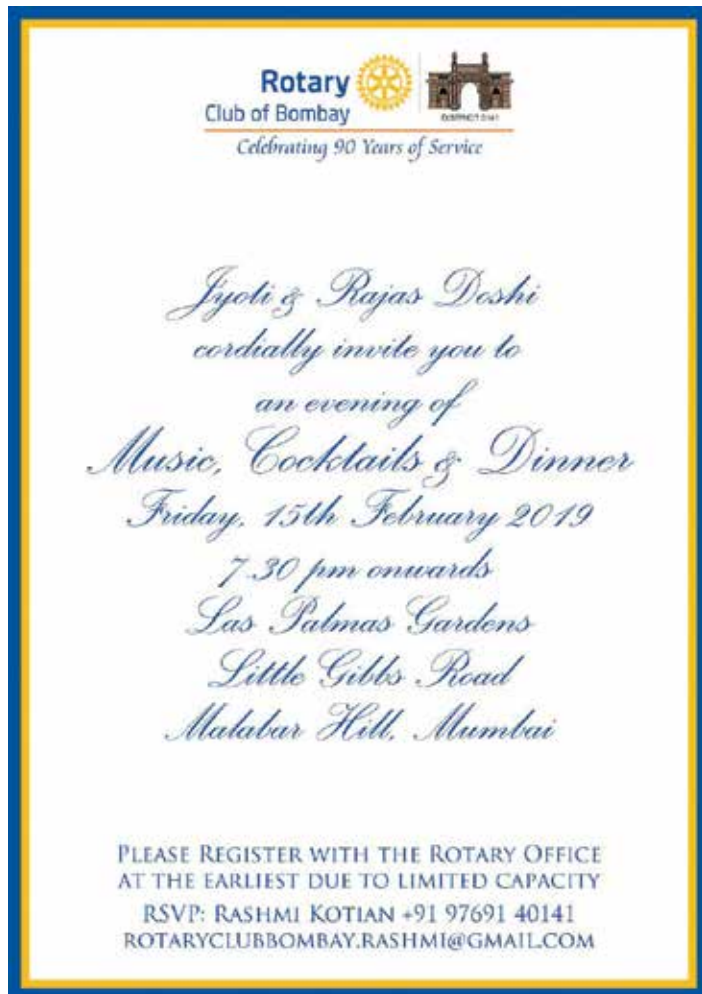
The concept of holding a medical camp was begun in 2007 by the Rotary Club of Bombay Queen City. The Rotary Club of Bombay added "Yoga Therapy" services since 2011-12 and about 2,500 members have taken advantage of the medical camp for various therapeutic benefits such as eye check-up, dental, asthma, orthopaedic, diabetes, cancer, Ayurveda, skin & hair related therapies,

yogic therapy, suyog therapy, varicose veins, Jaipur foot callipers, acupressure, etc.,

The first day of the free medical camp started with an inauguration ceremony by the Chief Guest DG Rtn. Shashikumar Sharma, Dist. 3141 and Rtn. Sitaram B. Shah of the Rotary Club of Bombay.

President Vijay Jatia of the Rotary Club of Bombay and Rtn. Ramesh Mehta were also present for the inauguration. They were supported by RCB staff. The following officers participated on behalf of Kaivalyadhama: Dr. Nutan Pakhare (PRO) Dr. G.P. Shukla (Asst. Director), Dr. Animesh Karmarkar (Ayurvedic doctor) and Dr. Shushma (Ayurvedic doctor) along with supporting staff.

After the inauguration, the chief guest, the presidents and project leader from the Rotary Club of Bombay Queen



City and a few more Rotarians visited each stall. They also visited the RCB stall on yoga and expressed satisfaction

with RCB's involvement in yoga-related science and service.

Many patients visited the stall. The patients were first checked by doctors and then by the yoga teachers who taught them practices beneficial to their health and also explained the concept of yoga. A lot of information on yoga-related practices was provided to visitors on all three days.

A TOTAL OF 150 PEOPLE VISITED THE RCB STALL DURING THE THREE DAYS FOR BENEFITS OF YOGA THERAPIES. THE ENTIRE CAMP WAS A HUGE SUCCESS.



Chief Guest DG Rtn. Shashikumar Sharma, Dist. 3141 and Rtn. Sitaram B. Shah of the Rotary Club of Bombay with RCB President Vijay Jatia, et al

Join us for an interesting and fun perspective on maintaining a healthy lifestyle with renowned physician Dr. Jehangir Sorabjee.

Dr. Sorabjee will share learnings from his many years of experience on how to lead a balanced life, even in today's fast paced world.

IN CAMERA EVENING

On February 14, 2019, 7 pm onwards followed by drinks & dinner Hosted by Shernaz Vakil

At 17 D, Il Palazzo, Malabar Hill, Little Gibbs Road, Behind Malabar Hill Club

Please RSVP in advance: First 30 people in. Ritu Desai 98200 49520 Email: galleria.bombay@gmail.com

A tryst with RC of AA



Rtn. S. K. Mitra visits Rotary Clubs in Ann Arbor, Michigan, during a trip to USA

I have just spent over a month with my daughter, Srimoyee (Director, Stamps Gallery) and her family in Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA. I have been here before but this was a longish stay as Srimoyee delivered her second child a few weeks back. I therefore had time to look up Rotary Clubs in this area. Ann Arbor is a beautiful, friendly, University town with amazing India connections. As expected in this height of cold weather I received warm welcome from the RCs here.

I first attended the meeting of RCAA North on January 3. PP Rtn. Manish Mehta offered to pick me up. This club meets on Thursdays at noon at the Holiday Inn, Plymouth Road. This is a small club. It was chartered by RCAA in 1967, but the way they conduct the meetings and take up various social projects is remarkable. Manish himself has led projects in Sunderbans in West Bengal, Africa etc. He is now planning a sanitation project in Nepal. His network

is impressive. I was warmly received by the members and the President Joyce Williams.

I then attended a meeting of the hundred-year-old RCAA on January 16. Here, again, PP Ashish D. Sarkar and his wife Norma were very warm in welcoming and introducing me to the members and President Greg Stejskal, Resident Nominee Rosemarie Rooney. This is a much bigger club with many activities. They meet at Weber's Inn at noon.

Membership at RCAA stands over 325 and out of 34500 Rotary Clubs, only 32 are larger than RCAA.

I did take the opportunity in both the Clubs to mention that ours is one of the biggest and oldest in India and in the world, with a large number of wonderful projects.

My experience in AA now motivates me to visit clubs in other cities during my frequent trips, which I have not tried in the past.



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**Totalling
₹ 3,41,700**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars



FEBRUARY 5, 2019



Guest Speaker
Sanjiv Mehta, Chairman & MD, Hindustan Unilever Limited, on 'Responsible Growth'

FEBRUARY 8, 2019

Love Letters, a play, at Asiatic Library's Durbar Hall, 6.30 pm

FEBRUARY 12, 2019

Guest Speaker
Retd. Supreme Court Judge B N SriKrishna on 'Depolarizing India'



FEBRUARY 14, 2019

In Camera Evening with

Dr. Jehangir Sorabjee, at 17 D, Il Palazzo, Malabar Hill, Little Gibbs Road, Behind Malabar Hill Club, 7 pm onwards.

FEBRUARY 15, 2019

Fellowship by Rtn. Ptn. Jyoti & Rtn. Rajas Doshi At Las Palmas Gardens, Little Gibbs Road, Malabar Hill, 7.30 pm onwards

FEBRUARY 23-24, 2019

District Conference at Hotel Renaissance



All Directors and Committee Chairpersons are requested to send their project write ups with high resolution pictures to Rtn. Satyan Israni for publishing in the Gateway at the following email id:

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THE TAJ MAHAL PALACE
MUMBAI

**MENU (INDIAN)
FEBRUARY 5, 2019**

SOUP

Badam ka shorba, Assorted bread rolls & butter

SALAD BAR

Sev papdi chaat, Pakodi chaat, Hara chana chaat

VEGETARIAN MAIN COURSE

Aloo Puneri, Lasooni palak, Paneer makhani, Baingan bharta, Dal Hyderabad

NON-VEGETARIAN MAIN COURSE

Malabari fish curry, Murg lababdar

ACCOMPANIMENTS

Steamed rice, Assorted Indian breads, Raita, Pickle / Papad / Kachumber

DESSERT



Rice kheer, Hot gulab jamun, Cut fruit platter



Rotary Club of Bombay



ASIATIC SOCIETY MUMBAI



LOVE
LETTERS



A.R. Gurney's internationally acclaimed hit. A heartfelt look at love, life and friendship.

Shernaz Patel & Rajit Kapur

Venue: Asiatic Library's Darbar Hall
(Entry from library's side entrance — Opp. Hermès Store)

Date: Friday, February 8, 2019

Doors Open: 6.30 pm

Performance: 7 to 8.45 pm
(with a short interval for light refreshments)



Proceeds in aid of Asiatic's conservation drive

Next Week: Sanjiv Mehta, Chairman & MD, Hindustan Unilever Ltd.

Sanjiv Mehta is a firm believer that 'doing well' and 'doing good' are two sides of the same coin and he propagates the cause of compassionate capitalism. Sanjiv has been with Hindustan Unilever for nearly 26 years and for the last 17 years he has led businesses in different parts of the world. Chairman & Managing Director of Hindustan Unilever Limited, Sanjiv also heads Unilever's business in South Asia as its Executive Vice President.



Commerce (India), Chartered Accountancy (India) and has also completed his Advanced Management Program (Harvard Business School). Sanjiv was a high ranker and award winner at The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India's final examination. Hindustan Unilever is India's largest FMCG Company and one of the most valuable companies in the country. He will be speaking to RCB about 'Responsible Growth'

Sanjiv is a Director on the Board of Indian School of Business, a member of the Breach Candy Hospital Trust, member of the Advisory Board of Harvard Business School and Chairs Xynteo's 'India 2022' coalition. He also chairs FICCI's FMCG Committee and CII's National Committee on MNCs.

Sanjiv has done his Bachelors in

BIRTHDAYS FROM JANUARY 28TH TO FEBRUARY 4TH, 2019



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Rtn. Ptn. Mona & Rtn. Gaurav Nevatia	
FEBRUARY 4	
Rtn. Ptn. Nandini & PP Rtn. Vikram Kamdar	

STATISTICS FOR THE LAST MEETING

Club Members	156
Rtn. Partners	10
Visiting Rotarians	01
Guests	05
Rotaractors	08
Total	180
SERVICE BOX COLLECTION	₹ 1880

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