



PP Rtn. Nowroze Vazifdar: Well done, Vijay. A truly **memorable** and **classy** evening, very much the RCB style. My compliments to all those who made this possible. PRID Rtn. Ashok Mahajan: Congratulations, **good** show! The venue was **excellent** and the gathering was **superb**. The programme was not lengthy. The **coffee table book** will make us know the inside of the Club! Looking forward to witnessing Centenary celebrations in just 10 years. PDG Rtn. Gopal Mandhania: **Congratulations!** The 90<sup>th</sup> year celebration event was **well-planned**, gracious and crisp. The ambience and hospitality were too good. The 'A Living Legacy' book is beautiful and will be preserved by all of us. Please convey our best **compliments** to Rtn. Suresh Kotak for sponsoring this **treasure** (book). Congratulations to other Rotarians including PP Rtn. Sandip Agarwalla for making it an **unforgettable** event. *Jai ho* Rotary, *jai ho* RCB! Rtn. Abhishek Saraf: Abhinav, congratulations! What a **lovely** do. Also, the yearbook is stunning. Hon. Secretary Rekha Tanna: It was an excellent event. Everything was **perfect** and the programme and evening were **outstanding**. **Well done** Vijay, Sandeep, Abhinav and team. Rtn. Priyasri Patodia: Congratulations! PP Rtn. Pradip Saxena: What a super show last evening. Congratulations! Well done. DGE Rtn. Harjit Singh: Thanks for a **wonderful** evening. PP Rtn. Nirav Shah: Dear President Vijay, PP Rtn. Sandip and team, the 90<sup>th</sup> year event at The Taj Mahal was very **memorable**. It was a classy evening. The coffee table book design and content are **par excellence**. *Shukriya*. *Jai ho* and god bless. President of Rotary Club of Bombay Bay View Nayan Maskai and Rtn. Ptn. Hemai Maskai: Heartiest congratulations to you and your entire Club on this **wonderful** journey towards this **landmark** year. PP Rtn. Paul George: Dear Vijay, many congratulations on the beautiful and **well-crafted** celebrations on the occasion of the 90<sup>th</sup> year of the Rotary Club of Bombay! You deserve all the **kudos** and **plaudits** that come your way. I was **privileged** and **delighted** to be part of the team that worked on the book 'A Living Legacy'! PDG Rtn. Lata Subraidu: Congratulations. It was a lovely **celebration** of 90 years of **service**. Thanks for making us a part of it. Our **best** wishes. We look **forward** to the **Centennial** year. DGN Rtn. Sunil Mehra: Super show yesterday! **Thanks** for inviting us to be a part of the celebrations. Rtn. Jaidev Merchant: Congratulations Mr. President – last night's programme was **excellent**. PP Rtn. Kalpana Munshi: President Vijay, you are, indeed, a super **leader**. It was a fantabulous 90<sup>th</sup> year celebration of our premier Rotary Club of Bombay. It was a great ambience with a super **layout** of the food and the presence of district **dignitaries**. Simply super. All the best for your **future** endeavours. Rtn. Kasimali Merchant: Dear President Vijay, thank you so very much for the wonderful evening marking the **completion** of **90 years** of our Club. The entire event was just **perfect** in every way. Your effort and labour in organising such an **eventful** evening is highly **commendable**. Thank you very much for being our President. Rtn. Abhishek Saraf: Dear Vijayji, congratulations on an excellent celebration last evening and a **wonderful** coffee table book. It is truly a **masterpiece**! Rtn. Ptn. Komal Israni: A big thanks to you for **celebrating** and organising this big event with all of us. Rtn. Ravi Fotedar: Dear President Vijay, happy Holi. Kanan and I thank you for a **spectacular** evening. Once I got home, it was difficult to stop **reading** 'A Living Legacy' until late night. Thank you Vijayji, **memories** of yesterday will **linger** on for a long time. DGE Rtn. Harjit Talwar: Thanks for a wonderful, crisp, meaningful and **well-conceived** celebration. The coffee table book is a masterpiece. IP DG Prafull and Vidyottama Sharma: Dear Vijayji, it was a **pleasure** for us to be a part of this **grand** celebration. It was very nice, crisp and well-organised. We **enjoyed** every moment of the **evening**. Thank you for **inviting** us. PE Rtn. Preeti Mehta: Thanks to you and all who organised this wonderful **event**. Rtn. Leela Deshpande: I wanted to **congratulate** you on a really memorable 90<sup>th</sup> year celebration evening. It was one of the **nicest** I have attended. The food was **gourmet**, the ambience magical and the **camaraderie** heart-warming. A grand show, thank you. Rtn. Jimmy Pochkhanawalla: Thank you ever so much. And once again thanks for a truly enchanting and **magical** evening.



## President's Message

Dear Friends,

I hope everyone had a colourful Holi. Thank you to Rtn. Naresh Jain and Rtn. Mohit Jain for hosting such a fabulous Holi bash.

Our 90<sup>th</sup> year celebrations kicked the week off to a good start. My heart-felt thanks to all the guests who made it and we sure missed those who couldn't be with us on this joyous occasion. The entire team worked relentlessly to put up such a great show – I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

I thank the entire staff of the Taj Hotels, particularly Rtn. Puneet Chhatwal, Rtn. Farhat Jamal, Rtn. Camellia Panjabi, Taljinder Singh, Rtn. Renu Basu, Rtn. Ashrafi Matcheswala, Geet Nazir, Akshay Gupta, Sonia Sharma and Sarita Singh.

Thank you PP Rtn. Sandip Agarwalla, Rtn. Abhinav Aggarwal, Rtn. Ptn. Avaan Vakharia, Rtn. Ptn. Malini Agarwalla for all the effort put in making the celebration a memorable



one. I thank the team who helped in the making of the 90 years book - Rtn. Jimmy Pochkhanawalla, PP Rtn. Sandip Agarwalla, PP Rtn. Paul George, Rtn. Deepak Kapadia, Reshma Jain and team for all their hardwork. Lastly I thank the Rotary Club office staff for all their effort.

Our speaker today, Dr. Deepak Apte, will be presented with the Taru Lalvani Environment Protection Award. I would like to quote Allen Klein who says, "Your attitude is like a box of crayons that colour your world. Constantly colour your picture gray, and your picture will always be bleak. Try adding some bright colours to the picture by including humour, and your picture begins to lighten up."

Thank You!

*Vijay Jatia*

**Rtn. Vijay Jatia  
President**

# FELLOWSHIP &



*The dialogue between Bombay's Rotary and The Taj Mahal Hotel began with the Club's inauguration in 1929 and has still not ended, the subjects of exchanges between them being the size of tables, rooms, microphones, the quality of food and the charges for using the Hotel's facilities. In the beginning, The Taj Mahal Hotel had a single, large table for the Tuesday meetings. The Club asked it to provide a number of small tables instead so as to create a feeling of camaraderie and to enable members to get to know each other.*

**#celebrating90amazingyears**



# CAMARADERIE



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*Serious and determined though the motivations of Rotary were, there was clearly no bar to conviviality at the weekly luncheons where personal relationships and a sense of belonging could be fostered. In 1929, appetites were probably somewhat larger than those of today and some attention was consequently given to both the size and quality of the lunches served on Tuesdays. It was decreed, a few months after the Club was established, that The Taj lunch at Rs 3 to Rs 8 was not value for money. At this time, the Club's balance at its bankers Thomas Cook & Sons (Bks.) was Rs 1,950. #celebrating90amazingyears*



## 90 AMAZING YEARS



A reflection of the cultural mix of Mumbai!



### HOLI FOR THE ELDERLY

Holi Hai is a project organised by the Rotaract Club of H.R. College along with the Ananda Yaan Committee.

Twenty-five members of the Club celebrated Holi with 70 senior citizens at the Ananda Yaan Centre in Byculla. To break the ice in the start, and to make the senior citizens feel comfortable, everyone played *antakshari*. Post that, the RCB held a *rangoli* competition in

which members and senior citizens both made beautiful rangolis together. Following that, a game of 'passing the parcel' was played and everyone sang and danced.

Lastly, they played dry Holi together with the coordinating team member from the Dignity Foundation. The senior citizens were given fruits, juice and a memento by RCB. The Club would like to thank Rtn. Ptn. Ekta Shah and Rtn. Chris, without whom this project would not have been possible.



*By July of 1929, the President of the Club was stressing the importance of inviting more Indians to join it, a sentiment that found ready and widespread approval and was soon acted upon. Discussions then took place on the Club's insignia and flag after which it was also agreed that those proposed for membership should first be vetted by the Board of Directors before being referred to the Classifications Committee. The highest standards of membership qualification have been maintained since, with emphasis being as much on the person himself, apart from his acceptability under the Classification rules. #celebrating90amazingyears*





## FOR EVERY HEAD A HAT!

Members of Ananda Yaan, Byculla made hats at a creative origami workshop taken by Bobbie Vijayakkar on March 15. Bobbie Vijayakkar or Bob, as everyone calls him, is a 65-year-old acclaimed architect and interior designer by profession and an origami enthusiast. Bobbie graduated from Sir JJ college of Architecture, Mumbai in 1977.

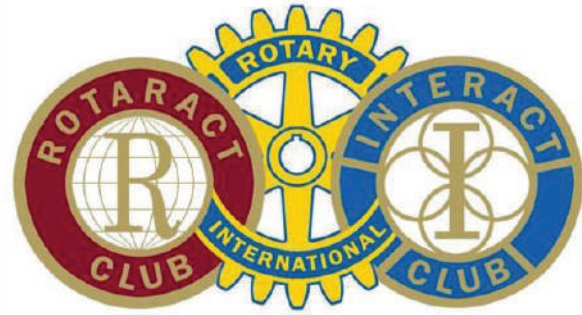
"I'm just 25-years-old with 40 years of experience," says a high-spirited Bob who one can always find busy, making creative origami models and developing folds and

working out simpler ways to make students of all ages understand origami models.

Bobbie specialises in 'utility origami' which he believes can be used by the student and not just be a piece of decoration. He propagates the ideology of wealth from waste.

RCB thanks artist Brinda Miller for introducing Bob to our project. RCB also thanks Bobbie for taking time out for Ananda Yaan's senior citizens who welcomed him with a traditional *tilak* and blessings.

The workshop was organised by Rtn. Vandan Shah and coordinated by the team from the Dignity Foundation.



The Rotary Club of Bombay  
has inspired the incorporation of  
26 Interact Clubs & 6 Rotaract Clubs.  
There is also a very active Inner Wheel Club.



90 AMAZING YEARS



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*In the first year of its existence, the Rotary Club of Bombay decided that members could bring guests to the weekly luncheons but drew the line at having more than two ladies per member. Meanwhile, the luncheon contretemps with The Taj continued and Rtn. Griffin was assigned the task of sounding Mongini's on the provision of a menu for Rotary at the cost of Rs 5 per person including drinks. There was no doubt that not a few Rotarians in those relatively hearty days were firmly of the school that believes that civilised eating and drinking and the relaxation that follows were invaluable as well as enjoyable aids to friendship and cooperation. #celebrating90amazingyears*





**March 26:** Guest speaker Dr. Deepak Apte on the need to protect the environment. Dr. Apte will receive the Taru Lalvani Environmental Protection Award.

**April 2:** To be announced.

**April 9:** Guest speaker DG of Police, Maharashtra, Subodh Jaiswal.

**April 16:** Official Club visit of DG Rtn. Shashi Sharma will visit the Rotary Club of Bombay.

**April 16:** Fellowship dinner by Rtn. Ptn. Amita and Rtn. Ravi Sheth at Ocean House Terrace, Worli.



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: [rotary.satyanisrani@gmail.com](mailto:rotary.satyanisrani@gmail.com)

**CORRIGENDUM:** Rtn. Nanik Rupani handed over donation of Rs 2.6 crore to Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, not Rs 25 lakh, as mentioned in the previous issue.



## THE TAJ MAHAL PALACE MUMBAI

### MENU (PAN ASIAN)

APRIL 2, 2019

#### SOUP

Tom Yum soup, Assorted bread rolls & butter

#### SALAD BAR

Cucumber & coriander salad with spicy peanut dressing, Pineapple red pepper & peanut salad, Glass noodle salad, Kimchi

#### VEGETARIAN MAIN COURSE

Mapo tofu, Malay curry, Kung Pao potatoes, Vegetable manchurian, Mixed vegetable in chilli garlic coriander sauce

#### NON-VEGETARIAN MAIN COURSE

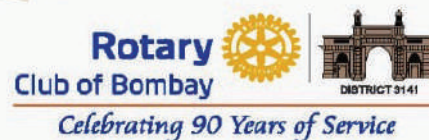
Thai chicken red curry, Sliced fish in sweet basil chilli sauce

#### ACCOMPANIMENTS

Steamed rice, Pad Thai noodles

#### DESSERT

Darsaan, Honey nut ice-cream, Cut fruit platter



AMITA AND RAVI SHETH

have great pleasure in inviting you for

## Dinner

ON TUESDAY, 16TH APRIL AT 8 PM

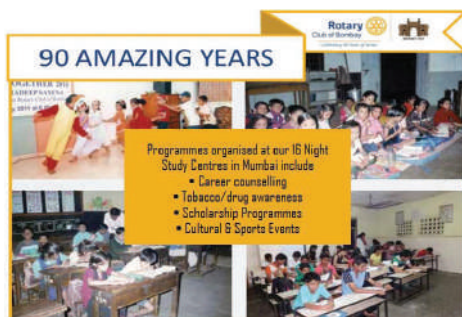
at Ocean House Terrace, 134A Dr Annie Besant Road, opposite Worli Police Station, Worli, Mumbai 400 018

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The first 150 registrations will be accepted



Early in 1930, a proposal was put forward for a conference of Rotary Clubs of India, Burma and Ceylon with Bombay at its centre. This was indicative of the Club's own consciousness of itself as a rapidly developing unit; and this was reflected in the first traces of the complexities of classification, an example of the finer subtleties being two classifications reading "Matches (Manufacturing)" and "Matches (Distributing)". It could be seen, even in those early days, that as much accommodation as possible would be provided consistent with the Classification rules if the applicant was considered a potentially good Rotarian. #celebrating90amazingyears



## 90 AMAZING YEARS

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### THANK YOU!

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*Progress was made in regard to the weekly luncheon venue. The Club had become time-conscious and there was a keener sense of the need to organise lunches and addresses as expeditiously as possible while allowing for the relaxation which busy people needed. Mongini was asked and agreed to fix a clock on the wall facing the head table and Rtn. Mongini himself placed a room for furniture and stores at the Club's disposal. On June 17, "salaams" were telegraphed to the Chicago Convention and thereafter a quick multiplication followed of the Club's relationships with organisations and Rotary Clubs in India and around the world.*

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#### BIRTHDAYS FROM MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup> TO APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2019

28<sup>th</sup>



**RTN. SHARIQ**  
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28<sup>th</sup>



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30<sup>th</sup>



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30<sup>th</sup>



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MALUSTE

31<sup>st</sup>



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MARCH 26

Rtn. Ptn. Berryl Hirani

MARCH 28

Honorary Rtn. Ptn. Swati Piramal

Rtn. Ptn. Mina Somani

MARCH 29

Rtn. Ptn. Gauri Daiya

MARCH 30

Rtn. Ptn. Sudha Gokal

MARCH 31

Rtn. Ptn. Radhika Kaji

#### ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH 28

Rtn. Ptn. Radhika & Rtn. Dipan Mehta

MARCH 29

Rtn. Ptn. Vera & Rtn. Dara Mehta

#### STATISTICS FOR THE LAST MEETING

Club Members	239
Rtn. Partners	59
Visiting Rotarians	00
Guests	47
Rotaractors	00
Total	345
SERVICE BOX COLLECTION	₹ 4050



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