

President's Message

Dear Friends,

Last week, we spent time with DG Rtn. Shashi Sharma. I would like to thank him on behalf of all our members for his inspiring words and taking out the time to be with our Club. We will follow his valuable advice and work towards our Rotary goal together.

With elections coming up soon, I would urge all of you to go out and cast your vote and make a difference.

I would like to remind you of something George Jean Nathan said: Bad officials are elected by good citizens who don't vote."

Thank You!

Rtn. Vijay Jatia
President



DG Rtn. Shashi Sharma's talk to RCB last Tuesday

Every year, the Governor gives the year a name. I have named my year the Miracle Year. The new Governor who will start from July 1, 2019, has named his year the Smart Year.

Why have I called my year the Miracle Year? I think this is important to know. Miracle has got seven letters and the number seven is very important to me as I believe it is the

most powerful number I have encountered. Seven days in a week, 52 weeks (which add to seven), 365 days in a year (which adds up to 14, again a multiplication of seven), seven seas, seven wonders, the pilgrimage involves traveling to seven hills.

I always say, jokingly, that for Hindus, marriage involves around seven *phas*, which is nothing but revolving 360 degree and 360 can be divided by any number but not by 7. That is why they say marriages

are made in heaven and not to be broken. That is why I have made my strategy turn around, that there is a net growth of 700 memberships and for which we are number one in the world. We have given the target of \$ 7 million for The Rotary Foundation and we are hopeful of reaching that.

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What I began with on July 1 is started our journey with blessings from the elderly people at old age homes. In a survey of Mumbai, I found 55 old age homes with around 4,000 resident senior citizens. I tried to find what necessitated them staying in old age homes and came across a situation where a leading businessman's parents were staying in an old age home. Apparently, the son and daughter-in-law took their ageing parents' signatures on the property papers and sent them here. I came to know about a daughter who was given the best quality education by her mother, a single parent, who, after getting a job with Microsoft said to her mother, "You stay here in an old age home, I'll come within six months and then we will go to the US!" She has not come back in the last 13 years. So, I wanted to take blessings from them. And, we started creating miracles.

The journey which we took for diabetic awareness, skin donation, organ donation, eye donation from Mumbai to Goa got us into The Guinness Book of World Records. A guy who ran for 89.1 km blindfolded on 23rd February got us a world record. Things are happening very well and that is why I say:

'MIRACLES ARE BOUND TO TAKE PLACE' AND I AM CONFIDENT ABOUT THAT.

At the Official Club Visit this morning, I was very happy and I asked Vijay: 'How you feel about it?' He said,

"Wonderful!" And I feel very good about it. You Bombay people are not only the best Club in India but the best Club in the world. The reason behind it is that the service you provide,

THE SERIES OF ACTIVITIES YOU DO – BE IT TOWARDS FIGHTING DISEASE, PROVIDING CLEAN WATER AND ENSURING BETTER SANITATION OR COMPLETE LITERACY, VOCATION TRAINING AND SO ON AND SO FORTH – ARE UNMATCHABLE.

I was talking to the Inner Wheel Club President Pallavi ji and Das madam the other day and I came to know that they are doing a project worth Rs 1.82 crore which is the highest for Inner Wheel, at least in Mumbai. And if you are doing so much, normally the Governor gives marks for the performance of the President. Coming into contact with a good human being like Vijay, I must say he is warm, everlasting and a rich man of life. I am very fortunate to have known him.

Vijay has served Rotary as a good leader and, as a Miracle President, with sincerity, dedication and openness to new ideas throughout the year. He has attended almost all Co-Presidents' installations and almost each and every District event. The seriousness with which he takes Rotary will ensure that your Club rock not just in the District but also in the world. Also, after going through the book, I must say, your President has scored 98 per cent marks. The remainder



two per cent marks will be added only when he reaches US\$ 1.5 mn.

Friends, this Club has been very close to me. Rtn. Rajnikant Reshamwala and I were fighting the election together for the same panel during 2006-07. We have an excellent relation with Rtn. Rumi Jehangir, PP. Rtn. Ashish Vaid, my friend Nirav Shah, leading from the front, Pradeep Saxena, PP. Rtn. Paul George, Rtn. Bimal Mehta and, I want to talk about three important people.

First, Rtn. Satyan Israni, the

man who has given Race For Humanity, an excellent programme, to the District. I want to put it on record that my year's success, if I have to give some credit to the Clubs, I think your Club deserves the highest.

Then, Rtn. Sanjiv Saran Mehra, for the amazing idea of the Corporate Cricket Tournament that happened for the first time. And, what to say about PP. Rtn. Sandip Agarwalla! I think Sandip has led the District from the front. On the public image front, as a District Secretary and on the Foundation.

"We are capable of consciously freshening our own destiny with knowledge, understanding, learning to choose the right path and undertaking a journey to serve others." - DG Shashi Sharma

We have formed a focus team with 16 people – this team is going to work with him. Along with him, the team is going to work with all other six teams, because the guidance of Sandip Agarwalla is tremendously important, as we all know. I think we look forward to your leadership qualities which will enable us to touch the US\$ 7 million figure.

In a closed-door meeting, someone asked me: when will there be a leader from our own Club? I'd like to answer openly. Your Club deserves to have a Governor because we look forward to the Bombay Club. And the day is not far! But the condition is that Bombay Rotarians should be seen in the District. And, I say openly, Sandip Agarwalla deserves to be Governor!

What kept me going was my dream to achieve something big, my desire to live a better life and live for others, the commitment of giving and the way of living.

HISTORY HAS PROVEN THAT THOSE WHO DARE TO DREAM THE IMPOSSIBLE ARE THE ONES WHO BREAK ALL HUMAN LIMITATION.

Discover the essence of your own self and build upon it. You must be the first citizen rather than the second citizen of someone else. We are capable of consciously freshening our

own destiny with knowledge, understanding, learning to choose the right path and undertaking a journey to serve others.

THE MOST SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE ACCORDING TO ME ARE THOSE WHO SELECT THE AREA OF THEIR INTEREST AND THEN FOCUS UPON ACHIEVING THEM.

I quote of our former President, APJ Abdul Kalam, 'As a President and a scientist, I have learned the three fundamental principles of attribute: knowledge, sweetness and value acquisition. 'Work with integrity and succeed with integrity' should be the motto of anybody's life. That is the only way society as a whole can progress and create peace and harmony in the world.

WHAT YOU ARE TODAY IS FATE BUT WHAT YOU WILL BE TOMORROW IS KARMA, WHICH PEOPLE FORGET.'

We have to inculcate a positive attitude about what we can do for society and mankind so that together we can build a Rotary movement by creating a miracle.

Nothing is impossible. Seven million is not an impossible target to achieve. If you keep showering your blessings upon me and President Vijay, we believe it will happen.



12 MORE JAL JEEVAN PROJECTS, IN VIDARBHA



Rotary Club of Bombay's Water Resources Committee inaugurated the installation of seven RO plants, one UV plant and distributed a total of 879 gravity-based filters in four villages in the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra. These were done as part of the Jal Jeevan initiative which provides safe drinking water to villages which will benefit them and improve their economic condition.

Wadgaon Patan (Akola), Goral (Amravati)

This marks the completion of the first phase of the project encompassing a total of 42 villages which the Rotary Club of Bombay proposed to complete. The project envisaged a need assessment, testing of water at each of the villages, evaluation of the right equipment that would sustain in each location and, finally making sure that the plants are installed in appropriate sheds and training is provided to the villagers to operate and maintain the plants on an ongoing basis.



Two teams from the Club comprising PP. Rtn. Sandip Agarwalla, Rtn. Vineet Suchanti, Rtn. Bimal Mehta and Rtn. Abhishek Saraf, along with a representative of Eureka Forbes, travelled to each of the villages to ensure that the plants are installed. These are expected to benefit over 12,000 adults and children by providing them a constant supply of safe and clean drinking water.

In villages where the RO plant could not be installed due to infrastructure or non-availability of consistent source of electricity or raw water, gravity-based filters have been given to every household. A comprehensive maintenance for a period of three years has also been provided for each of the plants.



RO plants at seven villages – Mandwa, Shivani (Yavatmal), Zarandi (Akola), Shivangaon, Fattepur, Pimpalgaon Behani (Amravati), Khadka (Wardha) UV plant at one village – Wai (Wardha) Gravity filters at four villages – Karanji, Tapona (Yavatmal),

The projects were done under a cooperation agreement and participation with Eureka Forbes along with ground-level assistance from the NGO AVGSS.

International Fellowship in Taiwan-Korea



Members from our Club recently took off for a two-week tour to Taiwan-South Korea. Twenty-eight Rotarians enjoyed a fellowship in Taiwan and South Korea led by Hon. Sec.. Rtn. Rekha Tanna from March 28th to April 8th.

They visited the National Palace Museum in Taipei, National Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall in Taipei, Taiwanese Opera (Ke-Tse Opera),

Taroko National Park in Taichung, Jinhae Cherry Blossom Festival in Busan (South Korea), a Changing of the Royal Guard ceremony at Gwanghwamun Square in central Seoul, Jogyesa Temple in Seoul, Queens Head at Namsan Park in Seoul and the Gangnam-style statue in Seoul.

The Rotarians returned back with happy memories of Taiwan and Korea.

AT THE CEREMONIAL LIGHTING UP AT CSMVS

**CHIEF GUEST:
DGE HARJIT SINGH
TALWAR**

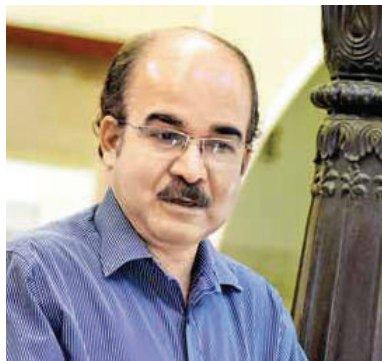


Harjit is an alumnus of India's two premier management and engineering institutes. The managerial acumen and scientific

engineering approach have earned Harjeet a reputation for clarity of thought. His deep insight into any subject and commitment to the Rotary movement for the last 24 years is apparent when one sees him in action at any event or project of Rotary.

He rose to Presidentship of his home within five years of joining the Club and was duly recommended by his home Club, Rotary Club of Mulund Valley, for Governorship 2019-20 for District 3141. His entrepreneurial abilities have turned his Dolphin Inks into a prime venture in the print market.

**GUEST OF HONOUR:
SABYASACHI
MUKHERJEE, DIRECTOR
GENERAL, CHHATRAPATI
SHIVAJI MAHARAJ
VASTU SANGRAHALAYA**



Sabyasachi Mukherjee is Director General of CSMVS and also Director of the Postgraduate (Diploma) Programme in Museology and Art Conservation at CSMVS Institute, University of Mumbai. Under his leadership, from 2007, CSMVS has undergone extensive modernization, including refurbishment of the museum's main building and the establishment of a conservation centre, a new Children's Museum, an institutional archive, new galleries and educational initiatives. In 2010, in recognition

of his initiatives, UNESCO awarded the museum the 2010 Asia-Pacific Heritage Award for Cultural Heritage Conservation.

He helms the Research and Publication Department at CSMVS, having expanded operations and revived several publications including the CSMVS Research Journal (a formerly defunct Bulletin). He has been a fellow of the Nehru Trust, Charles Wallace India Trust and the Salzburg Global Seminar. He holds an MA in Museology and an MA in Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology from Maharaja Sayajirao University.

The Bombay Management Association conferred the 'Special Jury Mention Award 2016-17' upon him in recognition of his outstanding contribution towards the preservation of Indian culture and enhancing the glory of the prestigious museum. The University of Edinburgh recently conferred an Honorary Doctorate upon Sabyasachi for transformation of CSMVS to a vibrant, engaged and cultural catalyst in Mumbai.



The Rotary Club of Bombay will provide free paediatric surgeries to deserving patients. This will be carried out at RCB's partner hospitals — SRCC, Wadia Hospital, Wockhardt Hospital, H.N. Reliance Foundation Hospital and Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani hospital. For details please contact project in-charge: Jaymin Jhaveri on 98204 07774.


Sharing is Caring




Birthdays for a cause: two siblings from Bombay Scottish School, Aadya Bapna and Atarva Bapna, chose to celebrate their birthday month with the Lighthouse children from Machimar community at Cuffe Parade. The children from Lighthouse made a beautiful card and helped in decorating the hall to welcome the birthday boy

and girl who had arranged for a magic show.


Magician Dolly enthralled 110 kids and involved them in a variety of magic tricks. The party ended with cake, chips, candies, prizes and a lot of dancing. The smiles are a testimony to how much a gesture like this affects them.




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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, April 26, 2019

Doors Open: 6.30 pm

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



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April 23: Panel Discussion on RTI and PIL at Walchand Hirachand Hall, IMC, at 6.30 pm.

April 24: Rotary Meeting at CSMVS, at 6 pm.



April 26: *Love Letters*, a play to be staged at Asiatie Library's Durbar Hall, at 6.30 pm.

April 30: Speaker Siddharth Varadarajan.



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Gudi Padwa Fellowship dinner

Rtn. Swati Mayekar and Rtn. Ptn. (Dr.) Sandesh hosted a dinner at their residence on April 14th, 2019 to celebrate Gudi Padwa. Over 35 Rotarians and their partners enjoyed a lovely evening as well as a fabulous spread of traditional Maharashtra food. President Vijay Jatia thanked the gracious hosts for their warm hospitality on behalf of those present.



"Art is too important not to share"- Romero Britto



Giving back to those in need is a mandate at Urvi Shah & Associates, and its founder Urvi regularly donates her time and creative energy to invigorate the minds of young children. Urvi, an interior designer by profession, established Urvi Shah & Associates 15 years ago.

She started her journey of volunteering once a week at Bhavishya Yaan two years ago. Since then she has taught the children of GK Marg Municipal School art in all its forms. She guides the children and makes them try their hand at

new mediums, from sketching to oil pastels to paints using different techniques in each medium. Recently, she took a 'Fabric painting workshop' which the kids enjoyed. They made their own personalised cloth bags which will be used to store their artwork and colours.

In her own words, "The children are extremely responsive and eager to learn which makes teaching them all the more fun. I can safely say it is the best part of my week!"

Next Week's Speaker : Siddharth Varadarajan

Siddharth Varadarajan (born 1965) is an Indian American journalist, editor, political analyst, and academic. He is the former editor of The Hindu. He has reported on the NATO war against Yugoslavia, the destruction of the Bamyar Buddhas by the Taliban regime in Afghanistan, the war in Iraq and the crisis in Kashmir. Varadarajan has edited a book titled Gujarat: The Making of a Tragedy which is about the 2002 Gujarat riots.

Siddharth Varadarajan was born into a Tamil Brahmin family to an IAS officer, Muthusamy, and a businesswoman, Usha. Even as a kid, he had an atheistic bent and refused to have the sacred thread ceremony done. Varadarajan was studying in the Mayo College when his father was posted in the Indian High Commission in London in 1978 whereupon

Siddharth joined the Brockley County state school. He went on to join the London School of Economics (LSE) which, he claims, shaped much of the world view that he has today.

In LSE, he was very involved in progressive causes such as opposing racism, apartheid, arms race and the miners' strikes against Margaret Thatcher. One of his favourite memories from his LSE days is spending a couple of days with a striking miner which gave him a strong insight into the life of the British working class. London was also a formative time in that it was the first time that he had a chance to form relationships with fellow students from Pakistan and through them discovered their shared heritage and common problems.

RTN. PTN. BIRTHDAYS

APRIL 24

Rtn. Ptn. Anuradha Agarwal

APRIL 26

Rtn. Ptn. Seena Sanghi

APRIL 27

Rtn. Ptn. Purvi Shah

Rtn. Ptn. Sharmila Lele

Rtn. Ptn. Niloufer Vazifdar

ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL 24

Rtn. Ptn. Berryl & Rtn. Akil Hirani

April 25

Rtn. Ptn. Kiran & Rtn. Shekhar Bajaj

APRIL 27

Rtn. Ptn. Achala & Rtn. (Dr.) Suhas Shah

APRIL 29

Rtn. Tara Deshpande & Rtn. Ptn. Daniel Tennebaum

BIRTHDAYS FROM APRIL 23RD TO APRIL 29TH, 2019

23rd



RTN. ASHWIN
RAMESH

23rd



RTN. ANAND
PARIKH

25th



RTN. (DR.)
AMEET PISPATI

27th



RTN. DARIUS
PANDOLE

27th



RTN. RENU
BASU

STATISTICS FOR THE LAST MEETING

Club Members	79
Rtn. Partners	04
Visiting Rotarians	05
Guests	0
Rotaractors	09
Interactors	08
Total	105
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