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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,
IndIAA Awards were presented on August 26th, with glitz and glamour. IAA Rotary Campaign for Good for Elders Award, presented by District Governor Harjit Talwar and yours truly,

is relevant to us Rotarians. This campaign is a testimony that when 'Good meets Good', it creates the best of the best. An issue which we need to be conscious of and find ways and means to resolve – "Care for Our Elders". Our heartfelt gratitude to PP Rtn. Ramesh Narayan and IAA for joining hands with Rotary and becoming part of Rotary's mission to create a society with opportunities and benefits for ALL.

Our much-awaited fund-raiser on August 27th – "Sonu Nigam – Live in Concert" at NCPA, as Rtn. Tara Deshpande pointed out, was unique in some aspects: Sonu Nigam was performing in Mumbai for the first time after 2008 and the first time ever at NCPA. Sonu Nigam had the audience enthralled, mesmerised, excited, shouting and in non-stop rapture for over two hours. NCPA was packed and the show was a sell-out. The publicity and buzz the show generated for RCB was worth all those anxious moments. Cool and experienced heads prevailed. The RCB team made it all look simple; it was their hard work, commitment and never-say-die and always positive attitude that stole the show. Take a bow, the entire team – you simply are magnificent. Will not mention names, we all know who these amazing people are. Let's applaud their terrific work.

Life is made of ups and downs. On August 28th, very early in the day, I lost my dear mother – it's a vacuum that can never be filled. Loss of one's mother is a deep sorrow for any child, which the heart knows. My mother Niranjana's goodness, caring, concern (especially for the underprivileged) and her wisdom will live on - 'a legacy of love and giving' that will always be with our family. My family joins me in thanking all of you, my friends, for your care, support condolences and being there for us.

Those 24 hours of my life were an experience with a happy high and then immediately sorrow and grief. It reminded me that nothing is permanent or static and it's only the good that we do to help others that is fulfilling and gratifying – 'Service above Self'.

President Preeti Mehta



SOUND OF MUSIC

Singer **Sonu Nigam** put his vocal chords to good use with his stellar performance at the Rotary Club of Bombay's headlining fund-raiser

TUNE TOH PAL BHAR MEIN CHORI KIYA REY JIYA... SONU NIGAM

THE Rotary Club of Bombay's fund-raiser "Sonu Nigam- Live in Concert", held on August 27th, 2019, at NCPA was a great success, thanks to the efforts of hard-working Rotaractors, Rotarian Partners and Rotarians.

This was Sonu Nigam's first show in India since 2008. Although small, compared to his big concerts abroad, Sonu's performance was power-packed much to the delight of the houseful NCPA auditorium. From old songs to new, Sonu had everything for everyone.

RCB President Preeti Mehta thanked all the listed and anonymous people who helped in fund-raising and

making the event successful. Sonu Nigam performed beyond his capacity as a singer. He entertained and kept the audience engaged: it was not just the songs but also his puns and stories. He got the audience involved in his story-telling style performance. From 'Main hoon deewana tera' to 'Yeh dil deewana' to a heart touching and everyone's favourite, 'Sandese aatein hai', Sonu had it all.

The audience enjoyed tapping their feet and singing along to the his melodious voice. Sonu, who started performing at the age of six, will now complete 42 years of stage performances.

The non-stop two hour concert was power packed with loads of feeling, humour, songs and a lot of cheers and applause.

TODAY'S SPEAKER: RAHUL KADRI ON 'THE COASTAL ROAD AND SOLVING MUMBAI'S TRANSPORT PROBLEMS'



BY Alumni with Rtn. Ptn. Asha Shah, Rtn. Ptn. Ekta Shah & Rtn. Ptn. Mayuri Sekhsaria



Ashwin, Nabanita & Aarush Kakade, Rtn. Chris & Rtn. Ptn. Sushmita Bluemel & Rtn. Jagdish Malkani



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IPP Rtn. Vijay Kumar Jatia and PP Rtn. Rajnikant Reshamwala



Pratibha Pai and Rtn. Shekhar Bajaj



Master of Ceremonies Rtn. Tara Deshpande



PP Rtn. Ramesh Narayan with Rtn. Shekhar Bajaj



Shivani Dahanukar, Rtn. Ptn. Ekta Shah and PP Rtn. Kalpana Munshi



PP Rtn. Nirav Shah with Shivam Khanna, Sanjay & Divya Khanna



Rotarians Ashok Minawala and Pranay Vakil with PP Rtn. Kalpana Munshi



Rotarians Jaymin Jhaveri, Manish Reshamwala and Mehul Sampat



Rtn. Ashok Jatia, Bhagirathi Pasari, Rtn. Shekhar Bajaj and Urmila Pasari



Rtn. Bimal Mehta and PP Rtn. Sandip Agarwalla



Rtn. Charu Agrawal, Rtn. Dolly Thakore, Rtn. Ptn. Ekta and Rtn. Vandan Shah, PP Rtn. Kalpana Munshi, PP Rtn. Ramesh Narayan, Rtn. Mudit Jain and Rtn. Naresh Kumar Jain



Rtn. Jamshed Vakharia, Rtn. Ptn. Beena and Rtn. Ulhas Yargop

FACT: Six German clubs were formed after Hitler came to power. They came under pressure almost immediately to expel their Jewish members. While Rotary Clubs do not appear to have had a unified policy towards the Nazi regime, several German Rotary clubs decided to disband their organisations in 1933.

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President Preeti Mehta



Sonu Nigam belts out the classics from his repertoire



Rtn. Ptn. Radhika and Rtn. Abhishek Saraf with Rtn. Siddharth Bhimrajka



Sonu Nigam is flanked by Rtn. Ptn. Gautam and President Preeti Mehta



Rtn. Ptn. Rajul and Rtn. Anand Parikh, Rtn. Ptn. Kavita Dalal, Rtn. Ptn. Kashmira Dalal and Rtn. Ramesh Mehta



Rtn. Madhusudhan Daga, Rtn. Manoj Murarka, PP Rtn. Nirav Shah, Rtn. Ptn. Swapana Murarka and Rtn. Samir Chinai



Rtn. Ptn. Alpana Chinai, Rtn. Purnima Sheth and Rtn. Ptn. Binaifer Nazir



Rtn. Ptn. Shreelekha and PP Rtn. Nandan Damani with Badal and Anu Mittal, Rtn. Ptn. Irma Chinai and Rtn. Ptn. Vandana Daga



Rtn. Meera Alreja with Chandrakant and Rita Khetan



Rtn. Ptn. Neelam and Rtn. Anil Goyel



Rukmani Daiya, Rtn. Ptn. Silu Sheth and Rtn. Rahil Shah



Rtn. Pranay Vakil, Kishan Daiya and Rtn. Dilip Dalal



Rtn. Ptn. Pervin Jehangir, Rtn. Ritu Desai and PP Rtn. Rumi Jehangir



Rukmani & Kishan Daiya, PP Rtn. (Dr.) Mukesh Batra with his grandson Hriman and Rtn. Pranay Vakil

LITTLE GOPIS AND KOLI DANCERS CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT OF KRISHNA!



ON Thursday, August 22nd, 2019, students of the **Lighthouse** class were treated to a storytelling session by a professional storyteller. Sarita Shetty – Creative Writer and Head of Operations of Little Readers Nook, Bandra – a storyteller par excellence, enthralled the children with the story of Krishna's birth. She used simple props like coloured *dupattas* and

encouraged the audience to participate by performing various actions like blowing a conch to signal the arrival of Lord Vishnu. She kept engagement levels high throughout the 90-minute session. At the end, children were taught how to create a '*matki*' on paper using simple, *rangoli* drawing techniques. Over a hundred students from kindergarten to



standard 5 attended the story session. Rtn. Ptn. Ekta Shah participated in the celebrations and distributed *barfis*, a traditional Janmashtami sweet, to the children before they left.

We thank Manisha Ahuja, our mentor from NGO Vidya who organised this creative session and Sarita who brought the story alive and made it interactive.

MACHIMAAR KIDS LEARN ABOUT PARSI NEW YEAR

PARSI New Year was celebrated by **Lighthouse** students on Friday, August 23rd, 2019. Students of classes 3 and 4 decorated the porch outside the class and a portion of the classroom floor with *rangoli* designs under the guidance of the teacher.

The celebration was held in two batches – at 4 pm for classes 1 to 4 and at 5 pm for class 5. Since hardly anyone had heard of Parsis, the teacher first explained who Parsis are with the help of a video.

She also narrated the popular '*doodh ma sakar*'



(sugar in milk) story about how the Parsis fled Iran and came to adopt India as their homeland. Then, a live demonstration of the *ses (arti)* ceremony was performed in front of the children. Finally, a plate containing *dar ni pori*, a traditional Parsi sweet, along with other snacks, was distributed to each child, sponsored by Rtn. Charu Agrawal.

We especially thank our teacher Ms Ivaaz for patiently explaining the beautiful traditions of Parsis to all our kids.

VTC - EMPOWERING WOMEN AND YOUTH



Manual typing



The beautician course



Computer typing coaching underway



The end result of an embroidery class



Fashion designing



An Arabic and bridal mehendi class



Tailoring: a stitch in time

THE Vocational Training Centre (VTC) for Excellence is a joint project of Bombay YMCA and Rotary Club of Bombay. It was established in 1993 and has, since then, provided vocational training facilities and services. It has touched close to 50,000 lives since inception and presently offers courses such as Tailoring, Advance Tailoring, Beautician, Mehendi-Basic and Advance, Zardozi Aari Work, Embroidery, Fabric Painting, Satin Ribbon Work, Fashion Designing, Designer Tailoring, Computer and Manual Typing, MSCIT and other important computer-related courses.

The beneficiaries of this project are women, adolescent girls, youth and children. It provides a platform of vocational education to 15 to 40-year-old illiterate, underprivileged girls whose education was interrupted due to poor economical conditions. They could complete it because of the minimal course fees offered by YMCA's VTC courses. VTC also provides opportunities to students to pursue mandatory government recognised courses with minimal charges e.g. - MSCIT, manual and computer typing. Students benefiting from these courses qualify for government examinations.

Overall, the VTC enhances the beneficiary's self-esteem, self-confidence and socially empowers them to re-construct their personal and social life and make a sustainable livelihood.



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JAL IS JEEVAN



THE Jal Jeevan project is very close to all our hearts at the **Water Resources Committee** of the Rotary Club of Bombay.

On August 29th, 2019, IPP Rtn. Vijay Jatia, PP Rtn. Sandip Agarwalla, Rtn. Siddharth Bhimrajka and Rtn. Anand Parikh visited Jalna to inaugurate three Jal Jeevan Safe Drinking Water facilities in villages in Jalna District.

Jal Jeevan Safe Drinking Water facilities at Khedgaon village in Jalna district

The population of the village is 1000 people. To express their joy and gratitude, the students of the village welcomed Rotarian members with a lezim show. RCB provided the village a 500 litre per hour RO plant.

Jal Jeevan Safe Drinking Water facilities at village Nihalsinghwadi in Jalna district.

The village has a population of 1300 people. The students of the village welcomed RCB with applause and were very thankful for the 500 LPH UV plant set up by us.

Jal Jeevan Safe Drinking Water facilities at village Pimperkhed in Jalna district.

The village has a population of 1500 people. The Club



provided them a 500 LPH UV plant. The highlight of the day was a sumptuous traditional lunch arranged by the village for the guests and RCB members.

Under the Jal Jeevan project,



Rotary Club of Bombay's Water Resources Committee has installed several RO plants, UV plants and distributed over a thousand gravity-based filters in villages in the Vidarbha and



the Marathwada regions of Maharashtra.

The Jal Jeevan initiative aims to provide safe drinking water to villages which will improve their health and economic conditions.

When completed, the project is expected to benefit over 12,000 adults and children by providing them with a constant supply of safe and clean drinking water across 42 villages.

The project envisaged a need assessment, testing water conditions 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.

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 contract for a period of three years has also been provided for each of the plants.

SPOTLIGHT ON ELDERS



DISTRICT 3141's team headed by our very own PP Rtn. Ramesh Narayan executed an awareness campaign on what exactly elders in society need from young adults. Research showed that what they really wanted, predominantly, was just one thing: 'time' from their young.

The India Chapter of the International Advertising Association (IAA) decided to take this up as their new

project in partnership with Rotary, to visibly demonstrate that what's good is good for business.

Campaign India (the most popular advertising publication) invited entries for an integrated communications campaign to be created only by young professionals in the advertising industry.

A top class jury judged 94 entries that were received.



The winning team from Ogilvy was felicitated at the IndIAA awards event by District Governor Harjit Singh Talwar, Rotary Club of Bombay President Preeti Mehta, Nestlé Chairman Suresh Narayanan and IAA Awards Committee Chairman Abhishek Karnani.

Free Press Journal and the Mid-Day have already run these winning three ad campaign while the Zee media group has agreed to

produce the winning film entry at their own cost and run it across their platforms.

The entire advertising industry and District 3141 are chipping in to help this much required cause – "Care for Elders". Thank you PP Rtn. Ramesh Narayan for this wonderful initiative and bringing this need of the hour cause to fruition with an expansive and prominent reach-out.



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Members of the **Water Resource Committee** of the Rotary Club of Bombay met with PRIP Raja Saboo during their recent visit to Jalna

ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS



SEPTEMBER 3
RTN. MUDIT
JAIN



SEPTEMBER 4
RTN. ANAND
SHAH



SEPTEMBER 6
RTN. TANYA
SOOD



SEPTEMBER 7
RTN. MUDIT
JATIA



SEPTEMBER 8
RTN. DEVINDER
THUKRAL



SEPTEMBER 8
RTN. JAMSHED
VAKHARIA



SEPTEMBER 9
PP RTN. PAUL
GEORGE



SEPTEMBER 9
RTN. ASHOK
JATIA

ROTARIAN PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER 3
RTN. PTN. DEVI NARAYAN
RTN. PTN. BRINDA SHAH

SEPTEMBER 5
RTN. PTN. FALGUNI PADODE

SEPTEMBER 7
RTN. PTN. PERCY MASTER

SEPTEMBER 9
RTN. PTN. SHOBHA JAGTIANI
RTN. PTN. INDU KOTHARI

ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER 7
RTN. PTN. RASHMI & PP RTN. ARVIND JOLLY

Forthcoming events

SEPTEMBER 17: Madhav Nalapat on Geo Politics and US, China and India Power Shifts.

SEPTEMBER 24: Zulfikar Memon on the Evolution of White Collar Crime and the Legal Practice

NEW INITIATIVE

There is no better deed than to feed a hungry person, especially a child. So to mark the event of each member's birthday the club will feed a child in your name.

If you wish to feed more children or for a longer duration, then the charges for feeding a child nutritious food is Rs. 500 per month per child.

Members (and/or their friends and relatives) wishing to continue beyond their birthday month can donate in multiples of Rs. 500 specifying the term or the number of children to the Rotary office.

The cheques would be required in the name of: "ROTARY CLUB BOMBAY CHARITIES TRUST NO. 3"

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