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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,
Very warm greetings.
What a delightful afternoon it was at our weekly meeting with the recipient of the Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan, the batting legend, Mr. Sunil Manohar Gavaskar. The audience was completely enthralled and in raptures with

his eloquent and humorous speech.

Fondly called Sunny Gavaskar, and known for his batting prowess against fast bowlers, Sunil made his first class debut for Vazir Sultan Colts XI in 1966/67. His Test Cricket debut was against West Indies in Port of Spain, Trinidad – India's first-ever win over West Indies. Sunil's score in the series was a remarkable 774 runs.

Sunil also became the captain of India's cricket team. With his 30th Test Century, he overtook Sir Donald Bradman's record of 29 centuries. A fine slip fielder and a great and innovative commentator on Cricket. The rest is history...

In 1996, the 'Border-Gavaskar Trophy' was initiated in his co-honour for bilateral series between India and Australia. Trinidad Calypso singer Lord Realtor (Willard Harris) wrote a song in Gavaskar's tribute called the 'Gavaskar Calypso'.

Sunil was inducted into ICC Cricket Hall of Fame in 2009 and in 2012 awarded Col. C.K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award for Cricket in India.

Many may not be aware but Sunil had a stint with the movie world – he acted in the Marathi film *Savli Premachi* and later appeared in a guest role in *Malamaal*. He also sung a Marathi song: 'Ya Duniyamadhye Thambayaala Vel Konala'.

This 'Little Master' from Mumbai had one weakness; apart from his appetite for runs, Sunil had cravings for Parel-G Glucose biscuits. A weakness for me, too, which I try to resist and looking at his fitness, Sunil too surely does the same. It was my first meeting with him and he did leave me very impressed.... such a fine and humble person, in spite of his very many records and achievements. A well-deserving awardee of the Citizen of Mumbai Award. Cricketers will come, achieve and go – Sunil Manohar Gavaskar will always remain in the pantheon of great cricketing legends.

Life always has its very many ups and downs. It is rather sad and unfortunate that we have lost our very dear Rotarian Sitaram Shah. He was a person with high values. We shall all miss him.

The RCB visit to the Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital was a pleasant eye-opener. Seeing the tiny tots in the Pediatric Intensive Care Units (PICUs) was very moving. For those who may not be in the know, our Club has supported approximately a hundred paediatric heart surgeries over the last 12 months. Rtn Jaymin Jhaveri deserves a special mention for his effort in coordinating these. Thank you, Jaymin.

The Club Assembly on November 11th was well-attended. Many of the Committee Reports were impressive. However, there is always room for improvement, bettering ourselves and more work by all of us.

Preeti Mehta
President Preeti Mehta



Rotarians Farhat Jamal, President Preeti Mehta, Manish Reshamwala and Sanjiv Saran Mehra confer the Citizen of Mumbai award upon speaker Sunil Gavaskar

A HEART TO HEART WITH SUNNY

Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan, cricketer **Sunil Gavaskar** shared laughs and lessons he learned along life's way at the Tuesday meeting

THE Rotary Club of Bombay was delighted to welcome Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan, Sunil Gavaskar, as a speaker for their weekly meeting on November 5th, 2019 at the Taj President Hotel. Rotarians were pleased to welcome the legend and confer, upon him, the Citizen of Mumbai Award at the hands of President Preeti Mehta. Sunil's citation read:



"The Rotary Club of Bombay is pleased to honour Mr. Sunil Manohar Gavaskar with the Citizen of Mumbai Award for 2019-20 on being the greatest opening batsman of all time and bringing glory to India in International Cricket arena,

on captaining Indian cricket team for 47 Tests, on an astonishing career spanning 16 years and 125 test matches, on being the first cricketer to score 10,000 runs and 30 centuries, on being the recipient of the Padma Shri and

TODAY'S SPEAKER: INVESTOR RAKESH JHUNJHUNWALA



President Preeti Mehta and PP Rtn. (Dr.) Mukesh Batra with speaker Sunil Gavaskar



President Preeti Mehta confers the Citizen of Mumbai Award upon Sunil Gavaskar



Speaker Sunil Gavaskar signs a bat for Rtn. Samir Mogul



President Preeti Mehta and PE Rtn. Framroze Mehta with speaker Sunil Gavaskar

Padma Bhushan, on being nominated as Chairman of ICC cricket committee, on being inducted into International Cricket council's Hall of Fame, 2009, on being the most respected cricket commentator, columnist, author and his contribution to social work. Congratulations!"

Rtn. Farhat Jamal introduced Sunil to the members while Rtn. Sanjiv Saran Mehra gave the vote of thanks at the close. Sunil grabbed everyone's attention straight off the bat:

"Thank you, Farhat, for the introduction. Generally, masters of ceremonies get away by saying, 'Sunil Gavaskar needs no introduction' which is an easy way out but when you have been retired from the game for 30-35 years, it is nice to hear nice things said about you and some old records mentioned."

"Speaking of introductions, I must share an incident. My maternal uncle Madhav Mantri played four test matches for India in the 1950s. He was a wicketkeeper captain. So, when I was the captain of the Indian cricket team, he was called as the Chief Guest for a sports day function at a school. The principal of the school asked him how he should introduce him. My uncle said, 'These children would not know me at all, so why don't you ask them who is your favourite cricketer and, say, that I am his uncle. That way it is easy.' The principal agreed. So the principal, before introducing my uncle, asked the children, 'who is your favourite cricketer?' In one voice, all of them said, 'Kapil Dev'. So that introduction went for a toss."

"I am fortunate to be playing my third innings now; the first was as a cricketer, the second being part

business-part media person and the third is as Chairman of the Heart to Heart foundation which is along with the Sai Sanjeevani Hospital in Haryana, Chattisgarh, and now in Mumbai, offering free services to children, mainly from the poorer sections of society, born with heart defects. I believe and hope that this is going to be the best innings of my life, to try and save the lives of as many people as possible."

"As a child, one of my first lessons was from my mother. I must have been three or four years old. We were in the small balcony of our flat, she was lobbing a tennis ball at me and I was swinging the bat. I connected with the ball and it went and hit her on the nose. She started bleeding. I ran to her crying and hugged her. But she wiped her nose with the *pallu* of her sari and said, 'No, go bat! If you want to play cricket, you must be prepared to bear the pain, this is nothing at all!' That was my first lesson: you are going to play with a hard ball and there is going to be more than one painful event."

"Another lesson followed quickly. She would take me to her brother Madhav Mantri's place and, in one of his drawers, there were some jumpers and caps. I would ask for them but he would say, 'No, these are things I have earned. So if you want to wear these caps, earn them.' That, again, was a lesson that nothing comes easily, you have to work hard. You have to earn every single cap, blazer or jumper you get for representing a particular team, state or country."

"When it came to representing the country, I had the most unbelievable stats anyone could imagine. My first runs in tests were actually leg-byes. The ball

hit the pad as I tried to flip it away and I took two runs. Through the corner of my eye, I saw that the Umpire had not signaled a leg-bye. I said to myself, 'First innings in Test and not out for a duck'. But then when I was batting at 12, Gary Sobers dropped an absolute dolly catch which allowed me to get to 50 and keep my place in the next Test. When I was batting at 6 in the next Test, I slashed hard into the ball. The ball went like a rocket, again to Gary Sobers, and it hit him in the chest and bounced up. By the time he recovered, it had fallen on the ground. That is how I got my first hundred and kept y place on the team for a while. During that hundred, also, when I was batting on 94 I went ahead for an off-spinner, got a glove and the ball just looped up. Gary Sobers who was standing there when the ball was bowled, had seen me move forward and hence moved a little left to catch it and the ball went exactly to his original position. If he hadn't moved, it would have been a simple catch."

"In those days, there was a lot of interaction between the teams. The general trend was for the batting team to go to the other team's changing room at the end of the day with a crate of beer or soft drinks. So we sat, had our soft drinks, talked about the day's play, enjoyed a little bit of banter and that's when Gary Sobers said to me, 'Hey, man, I am going to touch you for luck'. Because at the time, he was struggling a little bit, and the last two matches he had failed. So, as luck would have it, during the second innings he came to our changing room and asked, 'Where is that little fella?' He touched me on the back and when he went to bat, he was given not-out when he thought he'd be given LBW. I think the umpire wanted



PP Rtn. Paul George with speaker Sunil Gavaskar



PP Rtn. Sandip Agarwalla



Speaker Sunil Gavaskar with Rotarians Puneet Chatwal, Anand Dalal and Farhat Jamal



President Preeti Mehta with speaker Sunil Gavaskar

to see Gary play more so he did not give him an out; he went on to score a 100. It was fine. Next game, he came to our changing room again to ask about the game of the previous evening and everything. And he spotted me and touched me for luck. He scored 178."

"Then we came to the last Test, India was only 1-0 up. In those days, if the series was not decided, you played a six-day Test match. So this was the final Test. So again he came in when we were batting and touched me, and scored 138. Now, the day before the final day, he had fallen while taking Ajit Wadekar's catch. The ball hit him in the ribs so he was a little bit hurt. But the changing rooms in Queen's Park Oval in Trinidad

were such that you could hear the other team through the ventilators. The West Indians were playing music over their radio and once the music stopped, we heard Gary say, 'Okay, I am going to say hello to Ajit and the boys'. This was just before the game was about to start. Ajit, my captain, heard this and said, 'arrey toh Gary yetoy'. I was batting 180 overnight and he went and locked me in the bathroom. I kept arguing with him, saying things like, 'Look I am batting, I need to pad up, I need to mentally prepare myself, what are you saying, are you serious about Gary Sobers touching me and scoring a 100? I mean he can touch me on the ground also na, if he wants.' Anyway, he locked me in there and then Gary came and

obviously didn't notice me. At the end of the day we had a situation where West Indies had to score 180 in 90 minutes of batting to win the series and level the game. So, because of the urgency and because he could play those big shots, Gary promoted himself from 6 to 5 and he was clean bowled for a zero. As soon as we came back to the changing room, Ajit Wadekar says to me, 'mee sangitlela na tula.' So that was my first series, really memorable. We went to England after that, and we beat them as well."

"I had the good fortune of being part of the Rest Of The World Team, because South Africa's tour of Australia was called off. So in my first year, I had the good fortune of going to the three

ROTARIANS ASK

Do you think commentary these days has become more of a chat? It loses the focus upon the game.

Yes, when there are three commentators, one may feel left out while two are talking. It can be difficult but that has somehow been the trend. To me, commentary is like two people watching the game from the stand, with the only difference being that they have a mic in front of them to reach the rest of the world. There is a lot of chatter but we have producers who quickly point it out and help us bring focus back to the game. It is a team effort. The real hard work is done by the technicians.

What are your views on the

substitution rule that they are introducing in IPL?

I don't know if it is happening or not because it has to be discussed. But you are changing the game in the sense that with the substitute, if you are going to have a situation where he can come in during the last over when you need 15 runs. And he is somebody who has not been in the field for the whole day but you know that in three deliveries can hit three sixes and go to 18, I think it takes away from the game. This is my view. I think the game has been good so far, we have had our entertainment.

What are your views on concussion substitution?

Again, this idea I do not agree with because I could have a broken hand in the

game and I still don't get a substitute. Nine times out of 10, somebody who is hit on the head while batting is because of incompetence. So you are actually allowing a substitution for incompetence. So I don't agree with it at all.

Why is Mahendra Singh Dhoni's life so mysterious?

He has always kept a low profile. Even when he won trophies, he has taken the trophies and given them to younger players and moved to the corner. So he has let everyone hog the limelight. That is exactly how he is going to go. He's going to go quietly in to the sunset. I don't think he requires any sound and fury around his retirement.

You were an important pillar

in the Indian cricket team of your time with the other being GR Viswanath; how come the two of you did not have too many partnerships? And how do you compare your batting and his?

He was a better batsman without a doubt because he had the ability to hit the good balls for runs. I could do that occasionally. We had a hundred plus partnership the first time we played together, my second Test. After that, I think we again had just one 100-run partnership. I guess we were destined to have another partnership in the family when he married my sister. So when many young cricketers ask me about some tips on the game, I always say, 'Do not invite one of your teammates home if you have a sister.'

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Rotarians Farhat Jamal, President Preeti Mehta, Manish Reshamwala and Sanjiv Saran Mehra with Sunil Gavaskar



Sunil Gavaskar flanked by Rotarians Sunita Mandelia, Swati Mayekar, Shanta Chatterjee, S V Prasad, Kirit Kamdar, Ujjwala Singhania and Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain

major countries of cricket: West Indies, Australia and England to get experience of various cricketing conditions. One thing that struck me was that while there was so much talk on Indian umpiring, umpiring in these countries was pretty biased. I always found it strange that their media would come down to criticise our umpiring skills because umpiring, at that time, was an amateur job except if you were in England. Everybody who umpired did it for the love of the game and obviously if you had not played the game you were bound to make the odd mistake."

"I was also fortunate to be asked to captain the Indian team in circumstances where we had lost to Pakistan on the first-ever trip we made to Pakistan in 1978. Our manager was the late Maharaja of Baroda, Fateh Singh Gaekwad. He was, without question, the most popular person from the Indian team. He had the Pakistanis eating out of his hand. At any meeting or function, and he would start by saying Asalam Walekum and the whole congregation would say Walekum Salam. He had a rectangular watch then, which had all the countries and their time. He would sit with us in the evenings, after the game, to talk. Once, I said, 'it is a very good watch'. That was all I said. He gave it to me."

"First Test, I was clean bowled at 89, 11 runs short. Second Test I am batting on 97, Chetan Chauhan and I had a partnership of about 150 and we had gone out to bat, Wasim Raja walked in to our changing room and said, 'You guys are gone, there was just a meeting of Captain and Vice-Captain, senior players and umpires. So you guys are gone.'

That is exactly what happened. Chetan Chauhan was batting at 95, and he was given out. I was playing forward and out at 97. Come to the last Test and I got 100 in the 1st innings and in the 2nd I was batting on 7 or 8 and Imran balls a real snorter, it hits my glove and then the bat and the catch is taken. Low and behold the umpire says 'not out'!"

"But I managed 100, and you sort of raise your bat to the changing room and I saw Fateh Singh ji waving the watch. It hadn't even struck me, because at that stage you focus on the batting. I still have that watch. It's like a prize, a memento. We had some amazing times but none better than the 1983 World Cup. Nobody gave us the chance but we were quietly confident. For the simple reason that we had just beaten the West Indies on their home turf, and the first match of that campaign, we beat them again. So twice, it wasn't a fluke, we were very confident and that is what happened. We had an incredible innings by Kapil Dev, 175, unfortunately BBC was on strike, should have been recorded but it wasn't. But it was the best One Day Innings I have seen because after that also I saw so many: Sachin's, Virat Kohli's, Rohit Sharma's 100s. But none beat Kapil, because of the situation the team was in and those conditions. Then, of course, the catch he took to get rid of Viv Richards in the final was unbelievable."

"Then it came to commentary and I was happy that I was at the right place at the right time. The skies opened up and instead of the BCCI paying Doordarshan to cover the match the Supreme Court ruled that the air waves were BCCI property to sell. So we had the

International Management Group with a production house cover the matches. It was just a couple of hours after I finished playing cricket."

"Coming to my third innings at the Heart to Heart Foundation. We help with free surgeries. There are no billing counters at these hospitals – only *dil*, no bill. Every surgery, because we brought down the cost, we call it a gift of life and it resonates with me. Because I know that but for the two lives Sir Garfield Sobers gave me, I would not have had the cricketing career of 17 years and which I was simply fortunate for because of these same opportunities."

"Not to forget, the very first day of that series, there was a batsman from Hyderabad, Kenya Jayanthilal, he was senior to me, brought up on matting pitches in the south. He was a very good player on bouncers and short balls. So that first Test, he got in position to play the short ball but unfortunately it skipped his mind that he was now playing a West Indian fast bowler on a West Indian pitch. So he swayed out of the way but kept his bat hanging up and it went wide to Gary Sobers who picked an absolutely beautiful catch. For the rest of the tour, he got runs but he never played a Test match again for India. That's what I mean, when you save a life you might save the life of somebody who might go on to do good things for the country. The satisfaction and feeling of relief and joy on the parents' faces when they come to know that the baby is going to lead a healthy life is much more than a double hundred."

A TRIBUTE TO RTN. SITARAM SHAH

By President Preeti Mehta

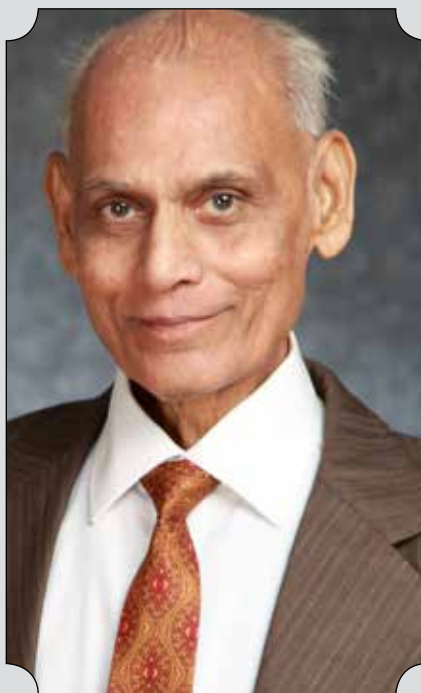
Rtn. Sitaram Shah joined our Rotary Club on April 3rd, 1990 and continued as an active Rotarian since, until he passed on November 6th, 2019.

Sitaramji was an amazing person. A true and dedicated Rotarian, committed to various causes, Yoga being his favourite. His passion for Yoga and its practice was a given.

Though an excused member, he was quite regular at the Club's weekly meetings. In recent years, despite his age and health issues, he was full of energy and enthusiasm and had a very positive attitude. He led life on his own terms and in a very disciplined manner.

We will, at RCB, fondly remember Sitaramji and miss his presence, particularly at meetings, where he invariably had interesting and thought-provoking questions for our guest speakers. He was and will remain an inspiration to many of us.

Sitaramji leaves behind his wife, Veena, son, Rtn. Vandan and his wife Ekta who, as a Rotary Partner, is actively involved in several of our Club's projects.



By PE Rtn. Framroze Mehta

Our very own yogi, Sitaram Shah, was a gentleman who epitomized Rotary. Whilst serving in various capacities in our Club, he put his heart into all that he did. He used his passion and knowledge of yoga to encourage so many school children to take up yoga daily. I have vivid memories of Sitaram, during the Q&A sessions at Club meetings, being the first to rise, action his customary knock (tuk-tuk) on the mike and ask questions of the speaker. He was a soft-spoken man, who had ingrained himself in all our hearts, with his gentleness and sincerity. Sitaram will surely be missed by us all.

By PP Rtn. Nowroze Vazifdar

In the passing away of Sitaram Shah we have lost a fine man.

He was a true Rotarian and committed to several causes which he espoused with vigour and dedicated focus.

Despite being in poor health, he made it a point to attend our meetings and I last saw him at our Club's EGM on October 22nd, when he admonished me for my irregular attendance.

He had an enquiring mind - as evidenced by the questions he posed to almost every guest speaker - and he knew he was being gently and good-naturedly mocked for this. Those who worked with him, as I had the privilege of doing when he was Honorary Secretary of our Club, came to know him and admire him as a sincere, dedicated, meticulous and warm human being.

Truly a loss for our Club. Sitaram will be missed".

By RCB Staff

He was a man of principle, who followed the FOUR WAY TEST in his daily life.



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AY MAKES A 'SHAAM MASTANI'



Rtr. Bushra Shaikh and Rtr. Sejal Kesarwani, Partners-in-Services Directors of the Rotaract Club of Hinduja College, along with other Rotaractors of Hinduja College conducted a project called 'Yeh Shaam Mastani' on November 2nd, 2019 at the Byculla Centre of Ananda Yaan (in association with Dignity Foundation).

The project mainly focused on giving AY members a chance to perform and

showcase their singing talents. Six teams of five AY members each had already been formed. They had been given a week to choose and practice their chosen songs.

On the day of the event, each team performed in front of the judges Rtr. Yashh Purohit (who has been participating and practising music for a few years) and Nidhi Tank, an award-winning singer who has participated in many competitions.

The event began with Rtr. Yashh Purohit playing the National Anthem upon his guitar. As soon as the teams were called upon, each performed their selected numbers which turned out to be both retro and classical. Their camaraderie and coordination impressed judges.

After the performances, the judges too performed a few songs for the AY members.

The winners were then announced and rewarded gifts. Not only did the event bear witness to the beautiful voices of these senior citizens, it also marked the sincere effort of each team in making the evening an enjoyable one.

We would like to thank Rtn. Zeenia Master and the Rotaractors of Hinduja College for coming up with this outstanding idea and executing it with so much energy and enthusiasm.

DHANTERAS PUJA WITH ELDERS

By Rtn. Jaya Prasad

On the auspicious occasion of Dhanteras, I decided to spend some valuable time with elders at Ananda Yaan. It was a celebration day for them and for me too. Upon arrival at the centre, I was greeted by Dileep, CC from Dignity and was warmly welcomed by very enthusiastic members of Ananda Yaan.

I noticed a small Puja had been performed on the occasion of Diwali. I did pranam to Goddess Laxmiji. Thereafter, I introduced myself to all of them. Told them that I had wanted



to visit them for some time. And what better day to choose than Dhanteras.

It was a good and auspicious day to

visit and wish them all a very happy Deepawali. And get their blessings in return. It was a pleasure to see them all with smiling faces enjoying their snacks and golas.

They shared with me that these afternoons mean a lot to them. They loved all the activities that they did at the centre like yoga, music, dance, the trip to Pune and, not to forget, Shankar Mahadevan's visit.

Of course I myself was overwhelmed with this visit and felt that the afternoon was truly touching.

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KIDS BATS FOR DIABETES AWARENESS

District 3141 conducted a radio awareness programme for juvenile diabetes. Five children of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar School took part in the radio recording.

The children, who had never been to a studio before, were very excited at the recording procedure. Rahul of 24Fret, the recording studio, did a fabulous job and Mrs Neelam Lakhani and Ms Sneh brought out the best in the children with their encouragement and appreciation.

The children were amazing – recording words with expression and confidence. A great learning experience!



CHILDREN'S DAY WITH BY

The BY children at the Ambedkar School saw a wonderful magic show on Children's Day! The kids rocked with laughter all through the show. The magician, who had come from Mahabaleshwar, was amazing! He performed several tricks like making a ring disappear and then bringing it out of a banana, making a ball drop from a little boy's pants, making a girl cough out a cloth ball and, of course, the age-old trick of tearing a card up into pieces and reassembling it! The children and teachers were amazed at the performance. Everyone had a blast!

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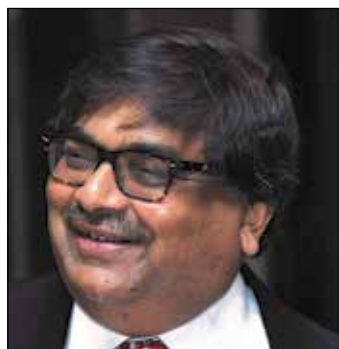
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SHEKHAR AND STIRRED!

**Part II of PP Rtn.
SANDIP AGARWALLA'S
interview with RIPN
SHEKHAR MEHTA about
his journey from the
Calcutta Mahanagar
Club to the 18th floor of
the Rotary World office
in Evanston, USA**



Sandip Agarwalla: What is your message to our Rotary family in District 3141?

Shekhar Mehta: I look at your district as one of the most outstanding districts in the world. My message to everybody here is – introspect and see what have you done to make it and where can you take it to. There is still a lot of unexploited potential. People should be in awe of Rotary in Mumbai and the surrounding areas. That is the impact you can have.

So, my message to you is start dreaming bigger, dreams that others have not even thought of. You should not see things

as they are and ask why – dream of things that never were and ask why not! You need leaders that arouse the imagination and kindle the spark within.

Sandip Agarwalla: What has been the proudest moment for you as a Rotarian?

Shekhar Mehta: I was involved with the '2000 Paediatric Heart Surgeries' programme. Ten years ago, as a part of it, Rashi and I went to Durgapur to Mission Hospital where one of the surgeries was taking place. We met a mother and child who had come from Pakistan



Shekhar, with spouse Rashi, visit a child who has had heart surgery

for the child's surgery. The mother told us how they had travelled very far to reach Lahore and even further to come to India and to Durgapur for the surgery. She said, and I will never forget, "In my son's veins flows Pakistani and Indian blood! He may have been born in Pakistan but he has got the gift of life in Hindustan! Long live Rotary." I still have goose bumps when I think of it. That was one of the proudest moments for me.

Sandip Agarwalla: Rotary has always been a major part of your life and you seemed to have achieved a beautiful work life balance. What advice would you have for other Rotarians who want to do more but cannot find this balance?

Shekhar Mehta: My advice is to find the balance! The first thing I say to them is get your family involved. Everyone has a personal horizon they want to conquer. Early in life, maybe 20 years back, I took a decision to spend a lot of

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time helping other people. Ten years back I decided, along with Rashi, that my life would now be dedicated to doing good for other people in the world. My platform is Rotary. If I was not in Rotary now, even then I would be doing just this work. So I would advise that even as you care for yourself, your family – think about your community, your country and our world.

Sandip Agarwalla: I hope we can inspire more people

to act like Azim Premji in India because generally giving by the very wealthy and the big families in India is disproportionate when you compare it to the top families even in the west.

Shekhar Mehta: Gandhi had said, “There is enough in this world for every man’s need. But not enough even for one man’s greed”. Wealthy people should be philanthropic. Bill Gates and Warren Buffett are examples to emulate. Back home, Azim Premji and Shiv Nadar amongst many others

have shared their wealth. I am sure more will follow soon.

Sandip Agarwalla: Club days or RI days? What do you find more exhilarating?

Shekhar Mehta: Both! When I say this, imagine what a big compliment I am giving to my Club. That a meeting in my Club is just as exhilarating an experience as the feeling I get out of chairing a meeting on the 18th floor of the Rotary World office

in Evanston, USA! When I sit there, it is exhilarating to see the internationality of Rotary and the power of the Rotary network. When I come down to my Club, I see grass-root implementation of the same plans we are making on the 18th floor!

Of course, the friendship and fellowship at the Club level are unbelievable. As I said earlier, my Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar has been my testing ground, my springboard and my immediate family.

AY @ DR. E. MOSES ROAD TURNS 1

Senior citizens of Ananda Yaan's E Moses Centre (a collaboration between the Rotary Club of Bombay and The Dignity Foundation) celebrated the first-year anniversary of the centre. They prayed for the well-being and continuity of the centre at Maharashtra's most important religious places.

The journey took place on November 7th. An all-ladies team of 53 senior citizens set out at sharp 5.45 am. For 90 per cent of them, this was the very first time they were going to visit these places. Most had heard of these places but not imagined they would see them, five at a go.

After a quick halt for breakfast at Khopoli, they reached Gagangiri Maharaj Samadhi at 9.30 am. From then on,



through the day, with regular one-hour halts at each place, they prayed at Pati Shirdi, Dehu for Tukaram Maharaj (the old and new Samadhi) and Anandi (Yaneshwar Maharaj). They had timed themselves well so that they could have lunch at the Pati Shirdi Samadhi at 1 pm and take a half-hour rest.

An excursion is never complete without shopping! The elders packed in a spree with fresh market produce like onions, potatoes and fruits and garam masalas. They took advantage of the freshness of the supplies at rock-bottom prices.

At about 6 pm, they headed

home and were back, safely, by 10 pm. They said they had been overwhelmed by the opportunity afforded to them and surprised that they had the energy to be on their feet for 12 hours. But with a prayer on their lips, through the day, Ananda Yaan members made this the journey of their lifetime.

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JEANGIR

NOVEMBER 18



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SAGAR

NOVEMBER 18



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SHROFF

NOVEMBER 20



RTN. JAGDISH
MALKANI

NOVEMBER 22



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PATEL

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PADODE

NOVEMBER 25



RTN. FAROKH
BALSARA

NOVEMBER 25



RTN. ANIL
GOYEL

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THIS WEEK'S SPEAKER: INVESTOR RAKESH JHUNJHUNWALA

Investor with a Midas touch, Rakesh Jhunjunwala is often referred to as India's Warren Buffett. Rakesh calls himself an old-fashioned investor and shuns startups.

Son of an income tax officer, Rakesh started dabbling in stocks while still in college. He began investing with \$100 in 1985 when the Bombay Stock Exchange Index was at 150; it now trades over 38,000.

His most valuable holding is watch and jewellery maker Titan, worth \$1.1 billion. His privately owned stock



trading firm Rare Enterprises, derives its name from the first two initials of his name and wife Rekha's name. (Source: Forbes.com)

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER: PP RTN. M K SANGHI

PP Rtn. Mahendra Sanghi is Chairman of the M K Sanghi Group. A graduate of Mayo College and Jodhpur University, he was sent to Mumbai in 1962 to establish the group's presence in the commercial capital.

Besides having been a president of the Indian Merchant's Chamber (one of Mumbai's premier trade and industry associations) and the International Chamber of Commerce India Chapter, he has also served as President of the Associated Chambers of Commerce (Assocham).

He also devotes substantial time to philanthropic work and has been a president of the Bombay Red Cross Society as well as of the Rotary Club



of Bombay. He currently serves on the global board of the World Chambers Federation.

His spouse Manju, who is also active in business, has served as President of Indian Merchants' Chamber Ladies Wing and primarily looks after the group's charitable activities.

In the 1960s, the M. K. Sanghi Group established the Motilal Sanghi Charitable Trust. The main objective of this trust is to contribute to society in part as the group progresses. The trust contributes funds to worthy causes in the fields of education, health care and sports.

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November 22: Fellowship to Uzbekistan including a visit to Charvak Lake and the Chimgan Mountains.

November 26: Award for Excellence in Public Service for Mr M K Sanghi, also the Speaker

December 23: Christmas Fellowship. Save the date! Details soon.