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Merry
Christmas

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS



"And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice cold in the snow,

Stood puzzling and puzzling, how could it be so?

It came without ribbons. It came without tags.

It came without packages, boxes or bags.

And he puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore.



Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before.

What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store?

What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more?"

How The Grinch Stole Christmas is perhaps the most accurate account of Christmas as we are reminded through his journey of how Christmas is not just about exchanging gifts, but about gathering with family and friends and rejoicing the life we have.



It is also not just about enjoying Christmas in the comfort of our homes – it is a time to give back to society, especially to those less fortunate than we are. While this year the festivities we normally see all around our city were sorely missing, our spirit continued to soar and our endeavours to bring comfort to our brethren did not diminish.

And the spirit of fellowship was just as strong, as this year too our Club members attend the Christmas Fellowship with enthusiasm. It was so wonderful to see all of us dressed in our Sunday best, singing and swaying away to carols, foot tapping and some even dancing to the merry tunes of yesteryear and also attentively listening to our favourite bartender mixing and twisting up our

favourite cocktails. A very merry time was had by all.

The last few days of this most unusual year are now upon us and as we look back to the catastrophes that nature threw at us – in her own way to maybe re-boot the planet – mankind stood tall and not only weathered the storm, but ensured that we forgot our perceived differences and worked hand-in-hand to support one another and to make sure that the coming year brings back normalcy in both body and spirit.



I now look forward to the beginning of the new decade with hope and compassion in my heart and with strength and determination in my mind to do whatever it takes to work towards keeping us happy and healthy!



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Framroze Mehta

President Framroze Mehta

TODAY: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT 12 NOON; ALL MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND

FELLOWSHIP: THE GIFT

THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE ORGANISED A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP ON DECEMBER 22, 2020. IT WAS ATTENDED BY A LARGE NUMBER OF MEMBERS AND PARTNERS, DRESSED IN THEIR FESTIVE BEST!

Rtn. Rituprakash Desai, Chairperson of the Fellowship Committee, welcomed members to the virtual party and thanked hosts President Framroze Mehta, PP Dr. Mukesh Batra, PP Paul George, and Rotarians Christopher Bluemel, Ian Pinto, Peter Born, Sabira Merchant, Sameer Tapia, Samir Chinai, Satya Bansal, Sheila Bulchandani, and Sherbanu Baldiwala.

Rtn. Ian Pinto and Rtn. Ptn. Blossom set the mood with talking about the Christmas spirit and introduced the performers for the evening – Raturaj Bhosle and Lindsay & Reena. Raturaj kicked off with a cocktail demo that put everyone in the right spirit.

Next, the talented duo Lindsay & Reena sang evergreen Christmas songs and some goldies oldies as RCM members joined the party by singing and dancing along.

Prizes were given to those with the best festive spirit, dress and Christmas decor. President Framroze Mehta thanked the Fellowship Committee and also the attendees for their enthusiastic participation.



MIXOLOGIST RUTURAJ BHOSLE



SINGER-PERFORMER LINDSAY & REENA

AND THE AWARDS GO TO



BEST DECORATIONS: RTN. PTN. BLOSSOM



BEST TREE: RTN. PTN. DINA GOLWALA



**PRESIDENT
FRAMROZE
MEHTA**



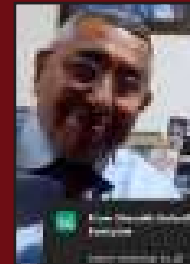
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JEHANGIR**



**PP NIRAV SHAH WITH RTN.
DEVINA**



**RTN. MEERA
ALREJA**



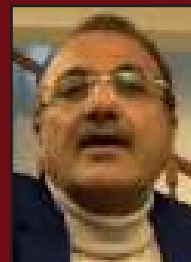
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BORN**



RTN. ANAR SHAH



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AVAAAN
VAKHARIA**



**RTN. DUSHYANT
DAVE**



**RTN. PRADEEP
CHINAI**



**RTN. RAMESH
MEHTA**



**RTN.
SHEREN
BALDIWALA**

OF CHRISTMAS

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DM & RTN. DR. IAN PINTO



BEST COUPLE: RTN PTN GOPI & PP ASHISH VAID



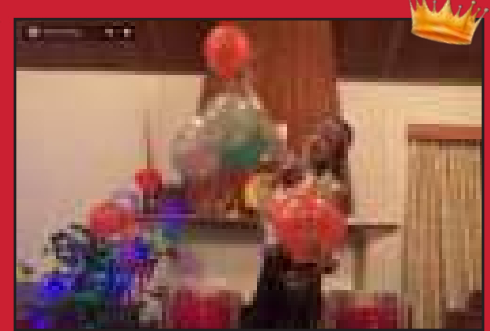
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BEST DRESSED FEMALE: RTN. ZINIA LAWYER & RTN. PTN. MEHER POONAWALA



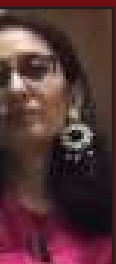
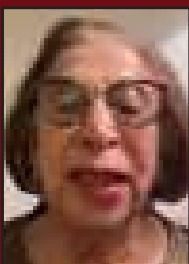
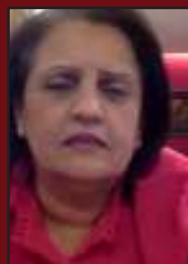
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HIS DAUGHTER SHANAYARTN. MANOJ
PATODIABANU
WALARTN. RITU
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KUMAR MITRARTN. SWATI
MAYEKARRTN. TANYA
SOODRTN. VRINDA
RAJGARHIA

ONLINE CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR LIGHTHOUSE

LIGHTHOUSE CELEBRATED CHRISTMAS WITH AN ONLINE EVENT. SENIOR ROTARIANS INCLUDING IPP PREETI MEHTA, CHAIRMAN OF THE CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE RAJESH SHAH, PE SHERNAZ VAKIL, RTN. DILIP DALAL AND RTN. PTN. EKTA SHAH TURNED ATTENDED THE SHOW WHICH WAS EMCEED BY RTR. PURVI TODI AND JINAY PARIKH OF ROTARACT CUB OF H.R. COLLEGE.



The event commenced with students of classes 1 and 2 describing the benevolent Santa Claus in their own words. The students, all of seven, wowed listeners with their oratory skills and confidence. This was followed by a carol singing session.

Everyone joined in cheerfully when the K.G. tots sang the ever-popular Jingle Bells and We Wish You a Merry Christmas. Rudolph the Red-

Nosed Reindeer came next, followed by Frosty the Snowman which was sung by students of classes 3, 4 and 5, in pairs.

The last item was a skit (The Baker's Dozen) performed in the Readers Theatre style that conveyed the universal Christmas message of giving and caring that has remained unchanged through the ages. The evening ended with everyone jiving to a medley of

Christmas rock and Bollywood tunes as our Rotaractors turned DJs.

A big thank you to Ms Manisha Ahuja from Vidya for her support and the teachers of Lighthouse and, most of all, our wonderful students and their parents who – in spite of network and logistic issues – ensured their kids turned up for rehearsals.

SANTA COMES TO GK MARG BEARING GIFTS !



WHAT BETTER WAY TO CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS THAN ENGAGING KIDS WITH LEARNING AND FUN!

Nearly 25 happy students of G K Marg School celebrated Christmas in a two-session event (December 19 and 25) on Walt Disney where they were introduced to the man behind their favourite cartoon characters. There were quizzes, games, drawing, painting, singing, prizes and gifts along with lots of happiness, joy and cheer!

SALAAM BAALAK HAS A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS VISIT



IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS, SANTA VISITED THE STREET CHILDREN OF THE NGO SALAAM BAALAK AT THEIR CHOWPATTY CENTRE.

The Child Welfare Committee of Rotary Club of Bombay organised snack boxes and sweat shirts for the children who came to the day shelter for the first time in eight months.

The centre is now open and thanks RCB and Rtn. Charu Agrawal for spreading joy this festive season.

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS FOR BHAVISHYA YAAN (NMJ)



BHAVISHYA YAAN NMJ CELEBRATED A CHRISTMAS WITH A VIRTUAL PARTY ON DECEMBER 19, FROM 9.30 TO 11.00 AM.

The party started with a welcome note by the school mentor after which the teacher showed a film on YouTube. Children were told why Christmas is celebrated every year and both students and teachers engaged in games that were fun and educational. The party ended with everyone singing "We wish You a Merry Christmas" together.



CHRISTMAS TREAT FOR AY

THE ROTARACT CLUB OF ISME COLLEGE (RCISME) COLLABORATED WITH THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY AND DIGNITY FOUNDATION TO CONDUCT A TWO-DAY CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP FOR OUR SENIOR CITIZENS OF ANANDA YAAN.

Called Jashn-E-Christmas, the first day (December 15, 2020) saw RCISME teach AY members how to make Santa caps and colourful bracelets. This was our elderly members' first virtual art and craft class on Zoom.

All warmed up, they were then taught a few dance steps to be performed at the next day's Christmas party. Each participant received a candle and a Christmas gift.

The Christmas party was held on December 16, 2020. 172 senior citizens participated from across the Dignity Centres and the event was well-attended by Rotarians, RCB Lighthouse parents and friends.

AY members wore the Santa caps made by them and friendly greetings were exchanged by all. PP Ramesh Narayan, Rtn. Ptn. Devi Narayan, IPP Preeti Mehta, Chairman Rtn Madhusudan Daga, Rtn. Ptn. Vandana Daga, Rtn. Ptn. Ekta Shah, co-Chair Rtn. Vrinda Rajgarhia appreciated RCISME for the effort and enthusiasm that it infuses into every event it organises. Rtn. Christopher

Bluemel, who has been AY's designated Santa Claus since AY began, hosted the party this year, too.

RCISME performed a live skit about the meaning of Christmas, following which they lit up a tree for the elders. Everyone then sang carols. RCISME's in-house magician Shrey Kothari entertained the audience by performing out a few tricks.

The evening began to wind down with a lighting of candles that RCISME had provided to everyone before the party. With more than 80 people lighting an equal number of candles, a warm glow spread out across their collective Zoom screens.

Lastly, everyone danced to the title track from the film Om Shanti Om which had been taught to them the previous day with Rotarians and other audience members joining in.

Chairman Madhusudan Daga thanked Rtn. Christopher Bluemel and the RCISME team with a special mention for the Organising Committee comprising: Rtrs. Riya Jain, Dhvani Shah, Sakshi Chauhan, Avisha Pokharna, Yash V Shah, Mahima Kochar, Payal Rupani, Yash J Shah, Dishti Doshi, Janvi Kela, Khushboo Ranka, Lokesh Sheth, Gurjas Singh, Ishita Malde, Fiza Sheikh, Bhakti Parwani, and Aashka Oberoi.



DEAR FELLOW
ROTARIAN,
WISHING YOU
AND YOUR LOVED ONES
A JOYOUS, HEALTHY
& SUCCESSFUL
NEW YEAR.
WARM REGARDS,
ZARINA & FRAMROZE
MEHTA

SCHOOL WINS ALL THE WAY

THE ALL-PRESTIGIOUS WASH IN SCHOOLS (WASH STANDS FOR WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE) PROJECT DHAAL HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT HEADWAY IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS. A QUICK RECAP: THE WINS COMMITTEE OF DIST. 3141 UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF DGN SANDIP AGARWALLA UNDER TOOK THE PROJECT TO INSTALL HAND WASH STATIONS (HWS) IN 752 SCHOOLS OF PALGHAR DISTRICT IN MAHARASHTRA.

The Rotary Club of Bombay is covering 600 schools and 775 HWS. A Global Grant of US\$ 264,465 has been sanctioned to our Club and our very own Rtn. Dilip Piramal of VIP Industries has contributed generously to support the project whole heartedly.

In spite of all uncertainties and challenges thrown at us during these COVID times, the team has executed the project meticulously and without much delay. Despite the initial production delays at the end of the equipment supplier due to Covid followed by lack of transportation, non-availability of labour and severe monsoon the installation team has executed the project flawlessly.

Local support extended by the Rotary Club of Palghar contributed to the successful implementation of the project. 600 Schools covering Palghar, Talasari, Vasai and Dahanu have been completed and the School Management Committees' (SMC) training at 432 schools have also been completed. Menstrual Health Management (MHM) training to the teachers have also been initiated and is being well received. Next month, will see the completion of SMC and MHM training. We are waiting for the children to return to school which will allow for the rest of the project work to be completed.

Recently a three-day visit was conducted by a team member of RCB for random inspection to different schools in Palghar, Talasari, Vasai and Dahanu and it yielded satisfactory results.



CHRISTMAS CRAFTS FOR LIGHTHOUSE

HANG UP THE HOLLY 'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY!

Our youngsters at Lighthouse have begun to celebrate the Christmas season. Festivities commenced with the tiny tots of the K.G. class crooning all- time favourites Jingle Bells and We Wish You a Merry Christmas. With a little guidance from their teacher, Ms. Priyanka, they also made pretty greeting cards.

Early elementary students of classes 1 and 2 designed cute Santas while also describing Santa, in their own words, what he means to them.

As the week drew to a close, the oldest students aged 8 to 10 years listened to the story of Frosty the Snowman, a popular Christmas character. Next, they created a 2- in -1 craft- a Christmas tree showpiece which doubles up as a gift box to store 'treasures' even after the Christmas season is over. Our outstation students (and their parents) who, despite network issues and logistic difficulties in obtaining craft materials, made every effort to participate in class activities, deserve special mention.

That's not all. A number of exciting activities including a virtual performance are scheduled for the upcoming Christmas Assembly.



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Jan 5th Club Meeting

Rotary
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Shishir Joshi

Co-Founder & CEO, Project Mumbai.



Building a Brand In Times Of A Crisis.

Venue : Online at zoom.us (members only)

Time : 12:00pm

ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS



JANUARY 1

Rtn. Satyanarayan Bansal



JANUARY 1

Rtn. Dr. Dinesh Daftary

ROTARIAN PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER 30:
Rtn. Ptn. Binaifar Nazir

JANUARY 1:
Rtn. Ptn. Usha Mittal

JANUARY 1:
Rtn. Ptn. Zarina Mehta

JANUARY 1:
Rtn. Ptn. Aziz Zaveri

JANUARY 3:
Rtn. Ptn. Gauri Jatia

JANUARY 3:
Rtn. Ptn. Dhvanika Thakkar

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DECEMBER 29:
Rtn. Ptn. Sangeeta & Rtn. Ashwin Ramesh

DECEMBER 29:
Rtn. Ptn. Brinda & Rtn. Dr. Anand Somaya

DECEMBER 30:
Rtn. Ptn. Shakuntala & Rtn. Suresh Lulla

DECEMBER 30:
Rtn. Ptn. Devina & Rtn. Nirav Shah

DECEMBER 30:
Rtn. Ptn. Aziz & Rtn. Harshbeena Zaveri

DECEMBER 31:
Rtn. Ptn. Franklin John & Rtn. Natasha Treasurywala

JANUARY 1:
Rtn. Ptn. Sangita & Rtn. Pashupati Advani

JANUARY 4:
Rtn. Ptn. Naheed & Rtn. Dr. Rustom Ginwalla

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