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TODAY

APARNA PIRAMAL
RAJE ON HER
NEW BOOK
*CHEMICAL
KHICHDI: HOW
I HACKED MY
MENTAL HEALTH*

AT TAJ MAHAL
HOTEL, 1 PM

NOTE FROM PRESIDENT SHERNAZ VAKIL



DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

In a world that is fast becoming polarised by politics, religion, ethnicity, and casteism we, at Rotary, are an international organisation that promotes diversity, equity, and inclusion.

How do we ensure this?

Our members are invited to be members of the Club based on their suitability to fit into the values and ethos of the Club.

We have a stringent process we follow that ensures that the members we invite will enjoy, participate, and actively engage in our fellowships and service projects.

In addition, Rotary values diversity and endeavours to unite people of diverse backgrounds, wanting to make that lasting change in the world.

The unifying process is the common need to do good and share a passion for community service.

As we come together in friendship, we strengthen our resolve to improve lives in our communities.

Leaders that come together and find solutions to challenges in our societies that have a lasting and long-term effect on the community.

The process of planning that we follow creates a model of sustainability.

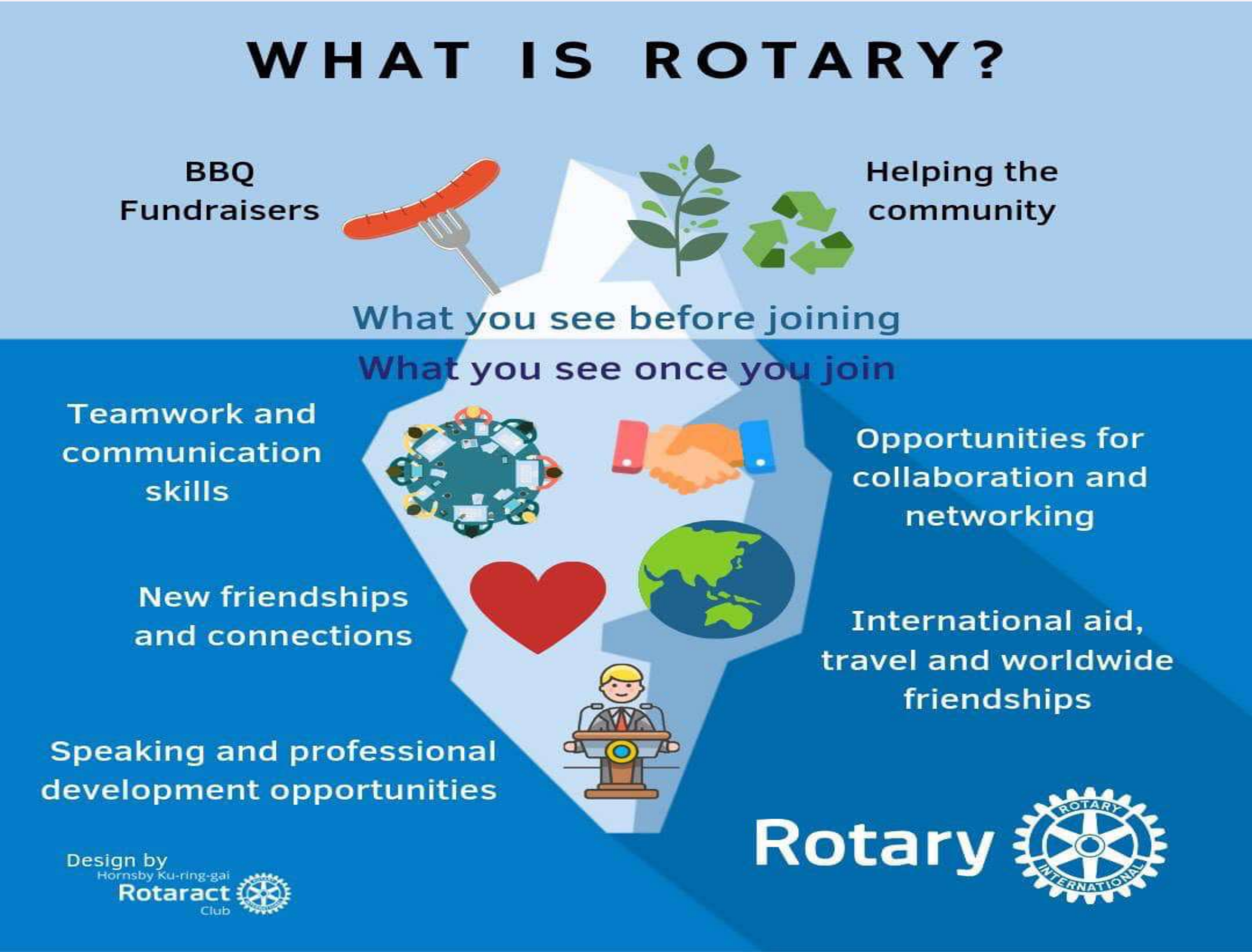
Past leaders provide the wisdom, the current board provides the

responsibility whilst new members showing leadership potential add to the possibilities.

This year, together with the President Elect and the next two in the Presidential succession, we were able to study and chart out a three-year plan. This was to provide continuity throughout the next three years.

As our Club moves towards a hundred years of existence, it is because of the diligence and dedication of our Past Presidents that we will be assured of a golden future.

I have, over this year, realised what an onerous responsibility it is to lead this Club and how important it is to follow our traditional values that ensure the sustainability that has kept us on course over 95 years! So, RCB may be discerning but not discriminating, selective of its members, choosing those that will enhance and progress its values and vision. ~ **President Shernaz Vakil**



PANEL DISCUSSION ON MARITAL RAPE:
PP HARESH JAGTIANI, RTN. TARA DESHPANDE,
RTN. NATASHA TREASURYWALA, RTN. SUHAIL NATHANI
MODERATED BY RTN. SATYAN ISRANI



SATYAN ISRANI: The discussion today is on the broader issue of marital rape, and we will not be restricting to the confines of the decision of the Delhi HC which in any case is now taken up by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Needless to state, the views of the Panelists are their personal views and shall not be taken to be the view of the Rotary Club of Bombay. Lots of thoughts have been exchanged on why we are discussing this issue as it is more of a western concept. How is it relevant to the Indian context? I just want to throw a few facts, a few numbers before we open the Q&A with the panel members. Recently, we had the National Family Health Survey which was conducted for years 2020-'21. Certain startling numbers:

- Nearly 20% of married women are not able

to say 'no' to their husbands if they do not want to engage in sexual intercourse with them. That is one in five women.

- 19% of men believe that they have the right to get angry and reprimand their wives if they refuse to have sex.

- A large number of men believe that they have the right to get angry with their wives, refuse financial support, use force to have sex and have sex with another woman if the wife refuses to have sex.

This is part of the official survey. So, having said that, it is a great time to have this discussion because there is a raging debate all over the country and all over the world. And, just an eye-opener, since 2019, more than 150 countries have criminalised marital

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rape, and India is not one of them.

QUESTION TO PP HARESH JAGTIANI: WHAT EXACTLY IS SECTION 375 OF THE IPC AND WHAT IS THE MARITAL RAPE EXCEPTION THAT IS CARVED OUT OF THE LAW?

PP HARESH JAGTIANI: Before I get into the legal definition of rape and what the contours of the exception are, I must say about the judgement delivered by the Delhi High Court. One, there is a considerable amount of misconception of that judgement. I rate these two treatises though they differ from each other on a Constitutional issue, but I rate them as one of the most intellectual discourses by the individual judges. It is just fantastic. It is a judgement that runs into 400 pages. Each of the judges have taken 200 pages to explain themselves and I am not surprised; when you talk about women, you need so many words to get your message across. But, be that as it may.

What do these judgements say? It appears to be ironical; they are not opposed to each other. None of the judgements advocate that a man/husband can thrust himself and demand sexual intercourse with his wife merely by the virtue of the status of being a married man. None of them advocate that. The difference is this, that the judge who says that I am not going to strike down the exception only says that the legislature thought it fit in its wisdom not to treat him as a rapist, not to treat him as a criminal. But that is the prerogative of the state. It is a policy.

After all who is a criminal? You are a criminal

if under the provisions of the IPC. So, the state says we will not treat as a rapist at par with a stranger who comes at a knife point or without the consent of a woman outrages her modesty and does an act of penetration. That is a person whom we call a rapist, not a husband. This is the reason we will not call him a rapist but that doesn't mean that he can get away with his act with impunity. That doesn't mean that the wife has no recourse to the other provisions of the law, namely, she can sue him for divorce if he forces himself on her, she can go to a court under the Domestic Violence Act, she can take actions against him under Section 498A of the IPC and also have him punished.

So, it is not that the person who forces himself and demands a sexual intercourse is a person who will go scot-free. So, on this, both the judges are in ad idem; they are in agreement except the first one goes a little further and says no, we must call him a rapist because not to call him a rapist is to create a class of people who do the same act as a stranger, but they don't get a label of being rapist. So, this is that according to me the judge says is abhorrent, that anathema because in one sense it diminishes the status of a woman and it just makes her to be a person who belongs to the husband to do what he likes with. So, that is it and these are two opposite points of view but none of them abjure or accept the fact that you can demand sexual intercourse from her even when she doesn't consent. So, this is something which is worth keeping in mind.



Committee News



CHALAANG SCULPTS A BETTER FUTURE

Students of Chalaang learn the art of sculpturing! The Vaidu Upliftment Committee of RCB thanks Mr. Manthan Teli and Mr. Nagesh Shirkalu for spending the day at Jogeshwari and teaching our tribal children how to sculpt. Photos of the workshop speak to the talent and creativity of the children who are learning how to be self-sufficient and will bring their own Ganapatis home this year to take their troubles away!

PROJECT CHALAANG EXPLORES THE WORLD

75 tribal children who have never stepped beyond the streets on which they begged, explored India's different states during a summer camp with Vipla Foundation. They are now being taught about the oceans and continents of the world.

By providing nutritional snacks and starting Project Chalaang, Rotary Club of Bombay has ensured that they spend at least three hours of the day learning and having fun.

A hot summer day at both the Jogeshwari and Marol centre starts with a prayer and Yoga. Post that, they learn about planet Earth, its shape, and the land-water distribution. They also create their own globes as a follow-up activity of the day. Their vocabulary for globe is enhanced with memory games.

They are also taught that Earth is our home and the world consist of human beings who must all take care of the planet and each other. They learn about Michael Jackson and the famous song: We are the world!



Committee News

CANADA ROCKY MOUNTAIN PEAK WAS NAMED AFTER JWD

World Citizen James Wheeler Davidson (1872 – 1933)

By Dr. Robert Lampard

As requested in his correspondence, the RI Board expanded the Rotary vocational classification system, included members with similar vocations but different ethnic backgrounds, expanded the Rotary literature into new languages and modified charter requirements to adapt to the monsoons and hot summers which led to absenteeism.

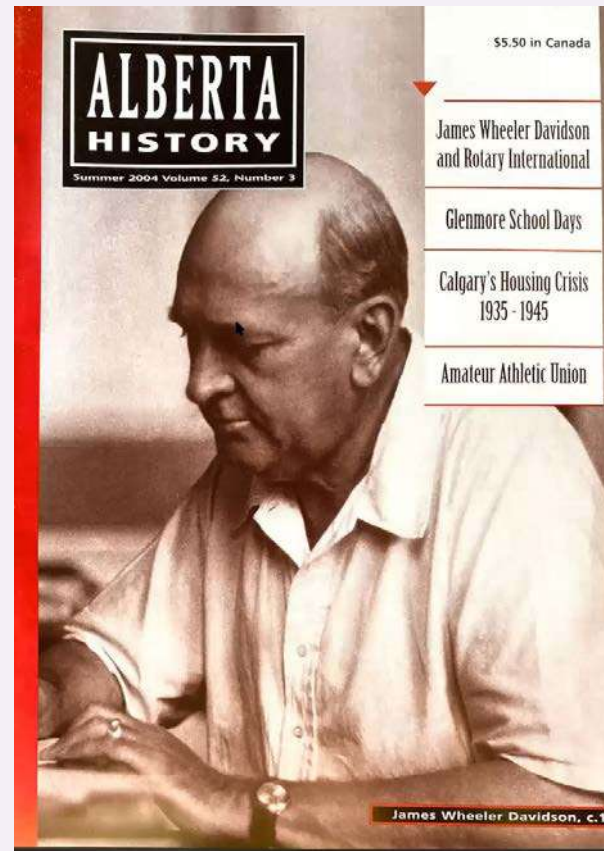
Paul Harris personally complimented Lillian Davidson on the articles from the trip she serialised in *The Rotarian* from 1931-33.

They revealed her latent literary talent and developed a large following. When she spoke at the 1932 Seattle RI convention in lieu of her husband, it was with passion, sensitivity, and insight that she captivated the all-male audience.

Lillian and Jim had prearranged to publish her articles in a book entitled *Making New Friends* before Davidson passed away July 18th, 1933. Six hundred copies were printed by RI in 1934. In 1932, Davidson had arranged for Calgary Clubmate Douglas Howland to follow in his footsteps from 1932-34. Howland chartered 15 more Clubs in five countries. Their work was sealed by RI Presidents Sydney Pascall and Allan Albert who visited the



new Clubs in 1932 and 1934 and finally by Paul Harris who cemented their work with his own Asian tour in 1935.



In October 1933, Lillian and Marjory Davidson accepted a Paul Harris invitation to plant a cultured blue spruce tree in the Harris' Garden of Friendship to which the marker was added "To the memory of James Wheeler Davidson, World Citizen".

The second Canadian RI President, Dr. Crawford McCullough, wrote in his Davidson eulogy: "He has done a great service, how great will perhaps never be measured, and with all, he is the most modest of men. Perhaps if Rotary had gone searching, she would never have found the militant apostle that she



Elevation of Mt. Davidson in the Ghost River Wilderness Area of Rocky Mountains, Canada



needed for successful work in the Near and Far East...there are no other fellows that I know of just like Jim Davidson; his personality is distinctly and

entirely his own, and it is an odd conglomerate – seer, politician, showman, adventurer, writer, philosopher, incorrigible youth and modern go getter. And it took his whole repertoire to succeed. Indeed, I believe he succeeded where no one else could have".

The Davidson saga was immortalised in 1935 when the Alberta Motor Association and the Calgary Rotary Club jointly requested that the Canadian Geographic Names Board add the Davidson name to a prominent Rocky Mountain peak. Approved, it

never reached the maps until the transposition error was discovered in 2002.

Mt. Davidson is located nine kilometers north of the Lake Minnewanka marker mountain the Devils Head, a mountain which has guided prairie travelers and natives for centuries. Now, this prominent peak has next door to it an even higher reminder of a celebrated Calgarian, Canadian and Rotarian James Wheeler Davidson.

"For the longer you look back, the farther you can look forward" (Winston Churchill)

Rotaract Chronicles



RCHC SPREADS HOPE

The Team Community Service of Rotaract Club of Hinduja College organised an event called H.O.P.E (Helping Other People Eat) in collaboration with the Uphaar Group on May 15th, 2022. It was a food donation drive for the underprivileged people near Lodha Excelus, Lower Parel. We donated food to around 200 people and brought smiles to their faces.

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“Nuit de gratitude”

Join us for a
Parisian Evening as we give
thanks for the past year.
President Shernaz Vakil
& Firoze Vakil

7.30 pm, 24th June, 2022
Taj Mahal Palace Hotel
Apollo Bunder, Mumbai

Rotary
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SAVE
THE
DATE

INSTALLATION OF
SANDIP AGARWALLA

AS

DISTRICT GOVERNOR OF DISTRICT 3141

AND

VINEET BHATNAGAR

AS

PRESIDENT OF ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY

10.00 AM, SUNDAY, 3RD JULY, 2022

Rotary
District 3141



Alpha
22-23



IMAGINE
ROTARY

ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS



MAY 31

PE Vineet
Bhatnagar



MAY 31

Rtn. Swati
Jajodia



JUNE 1

PDG Rtn. Gulam
Vahanvaty



JUNE 5

Rtn. Murad
Currawalla



JUNE 6

Rtn. Prem
Nath

**WE SALUTE OUR
ROTARIANS WHO HAVE
GIVEN SO MANY YEARS OF
SERVICE TO THE CLUB**

**Members who complete
more than 30 years in
May are:**



45 years
Rtn. Hans
Khimji



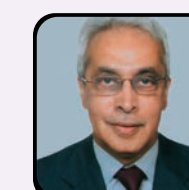
42 years
Rtn. Hoshang
Billimoria



41 years
Rtn. Farokh
Guzder



38 years
Rtn. Ramesh
Dhir



33 years
Rtn. Pankaj
Baliga

ROTARIAN PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

JUNE 1

Rtn. Ptn. Nandini Kamdar

JUNE 2

Rtn. Ptn. Devina Shah

JUNE 4

Rtn. Ptn. Hasmina Khan

JUNE 5

Rtn. Ptn. Sahil Javeri

JUNE 6

Rtn. Ptn. Erika Born

ANNIVERSARIES

MAY 31

Rtn. Ptn. Alpana
& Rtn. Samir Chinai

JUNE 1

Rtn. Ptn. Nirmala
& Rtn. Jamshed Banaji

JUNE 1

Rtn. Ptn. Bomi
& PP Dr. Sonya Mehta

JUNE 2

Rtn. Ptn. Niti
& Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Desai



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next week

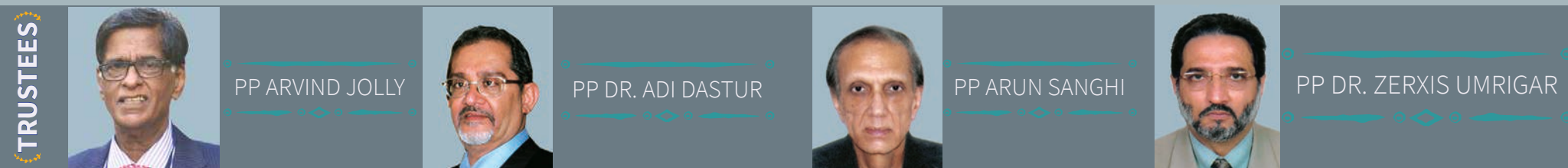
Rotary Club of Bombay
presents the Shyam Munshi
Lifetime Achievement in
Arts to

**Sudhir
Patwardhan**

June 7th, 2022
1.45 pm,
Taj Mahal hotel

Sudhir Patwardhan is one of India's foremost painters today. He graduated in medicine from the Armed Forces Medical College, Pune, and practised as a radiologist from 1975 to 2005 at Thane, where he continues to live and work. Patwardhan's works are in the permanent collection of National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi and Mumbai; Kiran Nadar Museum of Art, New Delhi; Roopankar Museum, Bhopal; Jehangir Nicholson Collection, Prince of Wales Museum, Mumbai; the Peabody Essex Museum, USA; The Alkazi Collection of Art, New Delhi; Mahindra and Mahindra, Mumbai; and in many other public and private collections.

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