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COMING UP

 **September 15th, 2022:**

Oktoberfest Fellowship @ Cafe Panama

 **September 18th, 2022:**

Fifth RCB Tennis Tournament on Sunday, at YMCA Colaba, from 9 am onwards. Please Register with Jamshyd Vazifdar (9821435558/ jamshydv@gmail.com)


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RCB's record-breaking fund-raiser for paediatric heart surgeries



RCB goes to Talwada



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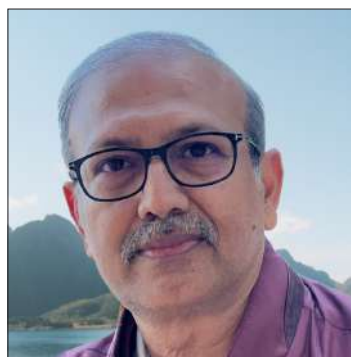
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4th September, 2022



President Vineet Bhatnagar

Thank You – the first words that come to my mind as I look back at the last weekly meeting. I wish to thank the members of our Club for many reasons. It is my experience that the members of our great Club are always receptive to the requests that I take to them. Most of them always oblige me with their Time, Talent and Treasure – the three magic words coined by PP Nirav Shah. I sincerely appreciate our members for being patient with me and, also, extending their help whenever they can.

In the last few months, I have approached many members to help with committee work, guest speakers, fellowship events, participation in district events, etc. Almost every time I have noted that our members respond with immediate help. I have been urging our members to make time to attend the weekly meetings and I was thrilled to see the great turn out on August 31st, 2022. The number of members in attendance crossed 100 and I was delighted to see a full room.

During the same meeting, the level of spontaneous fund support that came from our members for paediatric heart surgeries was unprecedented. **We registered a record-breaking Rs 94 lakhs in this fund raise which includes a corporate CSR donor of Rs 25 lakhs.** Our members offered support straight from their hearts and I am very thankful to each one of them.

I cannot emphasise enough that member engagement is the key factor in determining the level of service activity that RCB aspires to achieve. There is a direct and immediate correlation between the number of actively engaged members and the scale of community work that we can deliver. It is important to note that legacy offers credibility but it cannot ensure relevance. To remain a relevant civil society organisation, RCB has to adopt a very inclusive approach of involving more and more members in all its activities and, at the same time, adapt to the evolving expectations of our donors in implementing and managing service projects. Once again, I reach out to all our members to lend me their very valued help because only then RCB will continue to remain the benchmark of service before self.



LAST TUESDAY, ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY AWARDED THE SHYAM MUNSHI AWARD FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN ARTS TO GRAMMY AWARD WINNER **RICKY KEJ**

1. WHAT IS THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ROTARY AWARD TO YOU?

It is a huge honour for me to receive this prestigious award from the Rotary Club of Bombay. I have always admired the commitment of the Rotary Club and the passion through which its millions of members globally work together to take action on some of the most critical issues

that affect our planet. My thoughts and principles are in complete alignment with their vision and this award further encourages me to continue on my path of inspiring environmental consciousness through my music and action.

2. HOW IMPORTANT IS THE CAUSE OF ENVIRONMENTALISM FOR YOU?

Ever since I won the Grammy Award in 2015, I have dedicated my life and all of my music towards elevating environmental consciousness. All of the music that I have made since then have addressed different aspects of various environmental and social issues such as climate action, human-animal conflict, sustainable farming, the refugee crisis,

etc. I am humbled to serve as an ambassador for a few agencies of the United Nations such as UNICEF, UNCCD, UNESCO-MGIEP and also to work closely with organisations such as WHO, Earth Day Network, etc. Music and the environment are two pillars that define my life and I draw inspiration from these pillars in everything that I do.

3. WHAT IS THE NEED FOR THE CAUSE OF ENVIRONMENT TO BE TAKEN UP BY PROMINENT NAMES LIKE YOURSELF AND HOW DOES IT AFFECT OTHERS?

Climate change is an existential threat and its effects continue to grow dire every year. At this very moment, 1/3rd of Pakistan is underwater due to excessive flooding and over 9 million people in India and Bangladesh have been affected since May. Searing heatwaves across Europe, global pandemics, and other environmental issues in India and around the world are affecting people's health, livelihoods, and entire economies.


Awareness is key and it is only when we acknowledge an issue and start a dialogue


around it, solutions will come. People with a large following have the power to make a massive difference through their reach and can help inspire people to make small incremental changes in their own lives to create a ripple effect to ensure lasting change.


4. HAVE YOU BEEN WORKING WITH THE INDIAN AUTHORITIES? WHAT WAS YOUR EXPERIENCE?


PEOPLE MAY OR MAY NOT CARE ABOUT THE POLAR BEAR DYING SOMEWHERE IN THE FUTURE BUT WHAT THEY DO CARE IS ABOUT THEIR KIDS GETTING ASTHMA OR BRONCHITIS. SO, THE WHOLE NARRATIVE OF CLIMATE CHANGE NEEDS TO BE DIRECTED TO HEALTH. I have worked closely with our Central Government and they are charged up to work towards environmental issues. India was the first country when it came to plastic resolution, to pass the nitrogen fixation resolution. India has created a solar alliance to create solar energy to help the global south. Cochin airport is 100 per cent renewable energy. There has been a lot of work done by the Indian Government.

5. WHICH INDIVIDUAL CHANGES WOULD BE MOST POWERFUL?

 I do not own a car, I realised that I can use public transport. In India there is a stigma associated with public transportation.

 I do not subscribe to fast fashion. People don't realise that there is a huge cause and effect. When you buy a pair of jeans, we don't realise the cotton used, the land needed to grow it, the water used, the harvest and transport and processing, there is a lot of carbon and water footprint involved in it. It takes 9000 litres of water for a single pair of jeans. A cotton t-shirt is 7000 litres. I have only 11 sets of clothes. I believe fashion can be fashionable even if you repeat the outfit.

 I am an aspiring vegan. I am not able to get there yet but I am trying.

 I audit my carbon footprint and we try to mitigate it through investment in renewable companies, or tree plantation. It is green washing at the end of the day but it helps you sleep better at night.



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THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION CENTRE (IWA) CLINIC AT FORT WHICH IS SUPPORTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY HELD A CAMP FOR CHILDREN from Garden School, Colaba, at the clinic. Over 30 young children (approx. five-six years old), underwent paediatric and dental check-ups. The children were given milk and snacks as well as a goodie bag in the end.

The IWA clinic in Fort offers the following medical services:
 - Dental clinic: root canals, crowns, fillings from 11 am - 4 pm daily
 - GP consultations from 11 am - 4 pm daily
 - Paediatrician from 11 am - 1 pm every Monday
 - Gynaecologist from 11 am - 1 pm every Tuesday
 - Skin specialist from 11 am - 1 pm every Friday

- Homeopathy from 2 pm - 4 pm every Wednesday
 - Digital X-Ray at Rs. 150 from 11 am - 4 pm daily
 All consultations and medicines for one week are offered for Rs. 50 only. Dental treatment costs are highly subsidised. Members are encouraged to avail of clinic services for their domestic help, drivers, office staff and spread the word about the clinic.



RCB hosts first-ever Bridge Tournament

RCB HISTORY WAS CREATED ON AUGUST 27TH, 2022, WHEN OUR FIRST BRIDGE TOURNAMENT WAS HELD AT THE ROYAL BOMBAY YACHT CLUB. It has been a long-held view that bridge should get included in the annual calendar of sports events conducted by RCB. Encouraged by PP Arun Sanghi and a very willing Sports Committee chair Rtn. Moy Biswas, President Vineet Bhatnagar decided that bridge would be the first event to kick off the activities of the committee this year. The event was led committee member Rtn. Dr. Mehernosh Dotivala.

A short survey had been carried out amongst RCB members earlier this Rotary year to note their sports interests. As the number of members who put down bridge was high, it was decided during the planning stage itself to incubate bridge in RCB in the format of a sports-cum-fellowship morning. "Bridge over Brunch" was the apt title for this event.

Eight pairs played on four tables for approximately two hours. The invitation was extended to RCB partners, parents and a few non-RCB Rotarians. The game was conducted by professional organisers from Bridge Pathshala led by their Director Ravi Varman, Diksha and the scorer Vishwanath. They laid out the tables and the following pairs participated:



Rtn. Pradeep Chinai / Rtn. Ptn. Irma Chinai
 Rtn. Ptn. Niloufer Vazifdar / Ms. Anjali Sinha
 Mrs. Ranjan Kaji / Mr. Vinod Nevatia
 Rtn. Ptn. Poonam Surana / Ms. Minal Marphatia
 Rtn. Dr. Mehernosh Dotivala / Rtn. Dilip Dalal
 Rtn. Pankaj Tanna / Rtn. Deepak Mehta
 Ms. Sandra Ali Merchant / Mr. Farhad Gimi
 Mr. Ashok Bhavnani / Mr. Amit Dalal

President Vineet invited Chief Guest PP Arun Sanghi and Rtn. Moy to say a few words before starting the games. 21 non-participating members of RCB including PP Pradeep Saxena came to support the event and also enjoyed the fellowship over drinks and finger foods. Everyone agreed the sport should find a permanent place on the annual RCB calendar.

Ashok Bhavnani/ Amit Dalal were announced the winning pair and Pankaj Tanna/ Deepak Mehta were declared the runners up.

Medical camp for Talwada kids

THE TALWADA MEDICAL CENTRE COMMITTEE HELD ITS FIRST MEDICAL CAMP AT THE AJIT DESHPANDE MEDICAL CENTRE AT TALWADA ON AUGUST 28TH AND 29TH, 2022.

1076 children from Mahajan Guruji Primary Ashram, Mahadei Panmesaridas Jindal Secondary Ashram and Anusuya Devi Taparia Higher Secondary Ashram schools participated eagerly.

4 paediatricians, 4 gynaecologists and 4 ENT surgeons from Vedantaa Hospital and Research Centre, Dahanu, Palghar District, 10 dentists from the Dental Department of MGM Dental College, Navi Mumbai, 4 audiometrists from Audiology & Speech Department of Nair Hospital, Mumbai, 4 optometrists from Opticraft, Mumbai, 38 volunteers from Impact India Foundation (IIF) and our very own 2 pathologists who performed complete blood count (CBC) were on hand to conduct a

complete health check-up of kids of these three tribal schools. This was a first of its kind event, completed in two days.

Off to an early start at 8.45 am on Saturday, students were lined up class wise. They were eager in the way children are when they spend a day out of the classroom. They were given a banana each as their first meal of the day. At the end of the exam, they were given a packet of goodies and Frooti, which they enjoyed.

They went in groups of 8-10 to each medical facility and the doctors examined them patiently and thoroughly, noting their findings on a set of pre-printed forms given to each student and then sending them along to the next facility. During the initial analysis, 212 students were identified for "refractory error" and were given a choice of spectacles they would like. Other medical intervention required will be referred to Vedantaa Hospital.



The two Community Health Officers (CHO) recently appointed at our Talwada Medical Centre recorded each student's personal information and vitals were recorded in the weeks prior to the Medical Camp. Our pathologist also did a complete blood count of all students. This saved valuable time at the venue.

The 38 volunteers from Impact India Foundation, stationed at the facilities, helped keep each



batch of students together and ensured that order was maintained. These young men and women were effective, disciplined and polite, and one could see them enjoying their duties in the way they gently hurried along the children.

Special thanks to: Dr. R. M. Chaturvedi M.D. (PSM), Dean, and Dr. Mukund Khandelwar, Administrative Officer, Vedantaa Hospital who initially sent us 10 doctors and, on the last day, added 10 more,

entirely free of cost.

Dr. Gayatri Hatangadi, Head of Department AST, Nair Hospital, who sent 4 audiologists with audiometry equipment, also free of cost.

Dr. Ashwini Bhusara (ADMC) and Dr. Anil Deshpande (PVERC) and Impact India Foundation's (IIF), Mr. Pravin Londe (Administrator), Dr. Saurav Gaurav (CMO) and their 38 volunteers, who ensured that all logistical arrangements

for the Camp were amicably made so as to make it convenient and hassle-free for the 1076 children.

Rotary is ever so grateful to Mr. Bharat Yashwant Pashte (Principal) and Mr. Giridhar Shankar Rikame (Head Master- Primary) for giving us the opportunity to serve the Ashram Shala students.

All praise must go to our very own Rtn. Prof (Dr.) Rohini Chowgule, who has masterminded this health check-up camp. Her efficiency and keen eye for detail were instrumental in the success of this medical camp.

Sincere thanks also to PP Nowroze Vazifdar and Rtn. Ravi Fotedar for holding down the fort on Sunday and assisting in the distribution of the "Certificates of Appreciation" to all the doctors and volunteers.

This first-of-its-kind initiative was a complete success.

Setting up the Vaidu community



Aashray was a month-long collection drive led by the Rotaract Club of Bombay. We collected clothes, mattresses, pillows, blankets, and vessels etc. from all over the city. We also tied up with the mattresses company, Wakefit. Wakefit had an internal collection drive within company as well as donated 15 brand new mattresses. On August 29th, 2022, the club went for distribution of these items along with Rtn. Rhea Bhungara, Rtn. Akhil Sanghi, Rtn. Ptn. Priyanka Jatia and members of RC Atlas who came in solidarity.



We visited the Jogeshwari settlement of the Vaidu tribe and distributed approximately 1300 clothing items and approximately 300 items which included blankets, bedsheets, pillows, utensils, tiffin boxes etc. These donations served 1000+ families. We would like to thank the Rotary Club of Bombay for giving us the opportunity to serve the Vaidu community by taking part in RCB's Tribal Upliftment Programme. We have many more things lined up for them and we are very excited.



Rotaract plays Pictionary with Vaidu women

Team Partners-In-Services of the Rotaract Club of Hinduja College organised 'Never Too Old', an initiative to educate the Vaidu women via the Adult Literacy Programme (project by RCB in association with TCS). Fun learning activities were planned. In Pictionary, women were given words which they had to draw and explain to others. The women learned words like fountain, firework, scenery, bittergourd, etc. The team also played antakshari to give our learners a break from their routine.



To market, to market

62 children from Lighthouse Project's Junior KG, Senior KG, and standards 1 and 2 participated in a supermarket role scenario. Play builds confidence, creativity communication, and physical development. It is fun and allows children to explore real life roles in a controlled environment. At Supermarket Day, our Lighthouse kids learned about dairy products, fresh foods, cleaning supplies and grocery items which they purchased with fake currency. After shopping, the children also enjoyed eating fruits. We thank Rtn. Dilip Dalal for sending baskets full of fresh fruit for our kids. Each fruit was cut and served separately to make them experience and know different tastes. This included uncommon fruits like grapefruit, dragon fruit and kiwi. While they especially enjoyed pineapple, they ate everything served to them be it apple, pear, banana, sweet lime, papaya, custard apple and muskmelon.

Lighthouse kids make their own idols



This Ganesh Chaturthi, Lighthouse students take home idols crafted by themselves. Child Welfare Committee of RCB thanks Rtn. Poonam Lalvani and the Life Foundation for organising this fun workshop. Children spent their weekend getting their hands dirty, playing in the mud, being creative and learning how to make eco-friendly Ganesh idols for the festival! Life Foundation also talked to the kids about being responsible and not using POP and plastic.



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We were happy to hear that Rtn. Samir S. Mogul played cricket for the Cricket Club of India Ltd. The Team (CCI) won the coveted Mumbai Club Cricket Championship (MCCC) 2021-2022 in which 14 reputed clubs in Mumbai competed for the trophy. He had the opportunity to meet former Indian Captain Dilip Vengsarkar who runs the Vengsarkar Cricket Academy and who graced the award event and celebrations recently held at CCI. Congrats, Samir!



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Rtn. Tanya
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SEPTEMBER 7
Rtn. Mudit
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SEPTEMBER 8
Rtn. Devinder
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SEPTEMBER 8
Rtn. Jamshed
Vakharia



SEPTEMBER 9
PP Paul
George



SEPTEMBER 9
Rtn. Ashok
Jatia



SEPTEMBER 9
Rtn. Kanta
Masand



SEPTEMBER 12
Rtn. Ashish
Jalan

Rotarian Partner Birthdays

SEPTEMBER 7
Rtn. Ptn. Percy
Master

SEPTEMBER 9
Rtn. Ptn. Shobha
Jagtiani

SEPTEMBER 8
Rtn. Ptn. Priti Shah

SEPTEMBER 10
Rtn. Ptn. Swati
Mahansaria

Anniversaries

SEPTEMBER 7
Rtn. Ptn. Rashmi & PP Arvind Jolly

SEPTEMBER 10
Rtn. Ptn. Sheila & PP Gul Kripalani

Rotary Club of Bombay

Weekly Speaker
6 Sept, 2022 | PHYSICAL MEETING

SIDDHARTH ROY KAPUR
Founder & MD, Roy Kapur Films
President, Producers Guild of India

IN CONVERSATION ABOUT
How content disruption happened in Bollywood- My personal experience

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An Illustrated History of the Unbuilt by Robert Stephens

Robert Stephens, Architect, Principal, RMA

THE STORY OF 200 UNREALISED URBAN VISIONS

After completing his Bachelor of Architecture degree from Virginia Tech in 2007, Robert Stephens left his childhood hometown of Summerville, South Carolina and moved to Mumbai, India. He joined RMA Architects as an apprentice at the age of 22 and is now a principal at the same firm. Robert is part of the core team at RMA responsible for recent additions to Mumbai's built environment.

In 2016, he founded Urbs Indis, a studio that narrates lesser-known civic histories through the juxtaposition of archival material with contemporary aerial photographs of urban India. His work has been exhibited in Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Chennai and Edinburgh, and has appeared in publications such as The Guardian, DOMUS India and Scroll.in. He lives in Mumbai with his wife and son.

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Thursday 15th September
Cafe Panama, Lower Parel

7:30 pm onwards
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@ 2500 per person

Dress code: Smart Casuals

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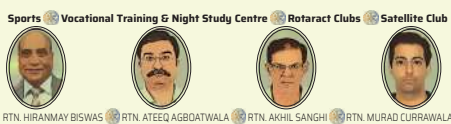
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