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COMING UP



January 14th, 2023:

14th RCB Golf
Tournament at
Willingdon Club
followed by
fellowship lunch
hosted by Rtn. Moy
Biswas




January 19th-23rd,

2023: Fellowship to
Hampi with glimpses
of heritage, adventure
and mythology.

Rotary Club of Bombay

Weekly Speaker
19 Jan, 2023



ATUL KUMAR
Founder Trustee of Art Deco Mumbai

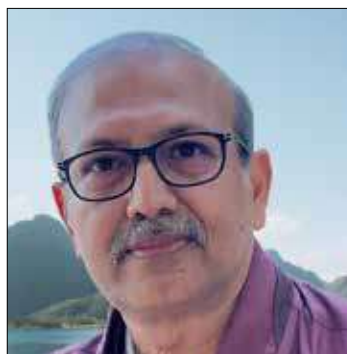
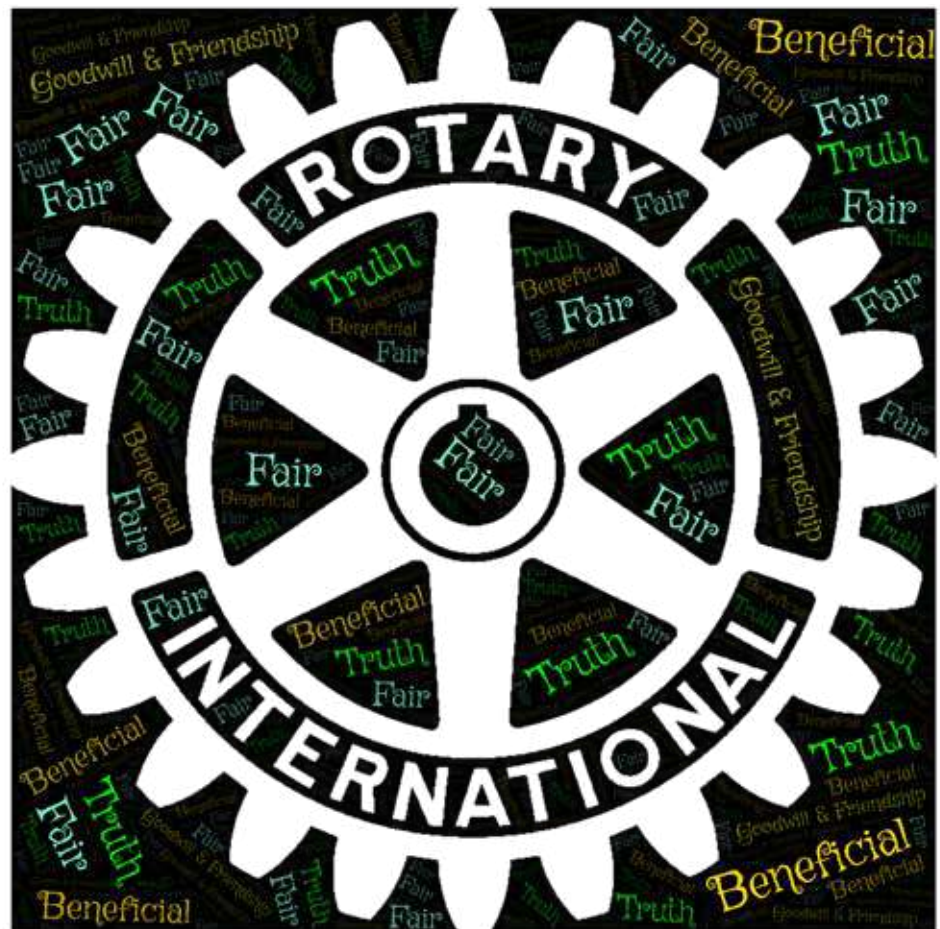
The story of Swastik Court
A residential-style Art Deco building in Mumbai.

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President Vineet Bhatnagar

New Year Greetings. It is my sincere hope that 2023 brings our members and their loved ones, new joys, good health and long term success.

Every New Year, most of us jot down new wish lists and bigger goals. Whilst this works as a reasonable approach that provides motivation and clarity, I am wishing that this year

PRESIDENT VINEET BHATNAGAR'S ARTICLE CONTINUES ON THE NEXT PAGE



brings clear focus on items that must become a constant in our lives. It is a popular adage – change is the only constant. I would like to offer the counter point – let a few things never change.

The Four Way Test propounded and adopted universally by Rotary Clubs is one such list that must continue to be a constant in our lives. The critical yet simple and comprehensive value guidance that the test offers is remarkable. The relevance of these principles will persist through every time period and across different contextual settings.

The quest for Truth; Ongoing search for fairness to maximum; Creating an environment of sustainable goodwill and friendships; Formulating interventions that have the potential to bring about benefit to maximum are maxims that must define the conduct of each one of us. More so, for those who personify the movement called Rotary.

In a changing world where there is growing competition even amongst charitable organisations and philanthropic initiatives, it is important for Rotarians to continue to apply a



THE FOUR-WAY TEST
Of the things we think, say or do:

first

Is it the **TRUTH**?

second

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

third

Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

fourth

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

time-tested yardstick against which impact of our every intervention gets evaluated. It is noteworthy to mention that the framework of Four Way Test does not conflict with any of the social impact assessment metric sheet.

In a world that is replete with “good till dates” it is a relief that there are a few that come with an unlimited shelf life. The Four Way Test of Rotary is indeed one such compilation. Best example of Old is Gold.



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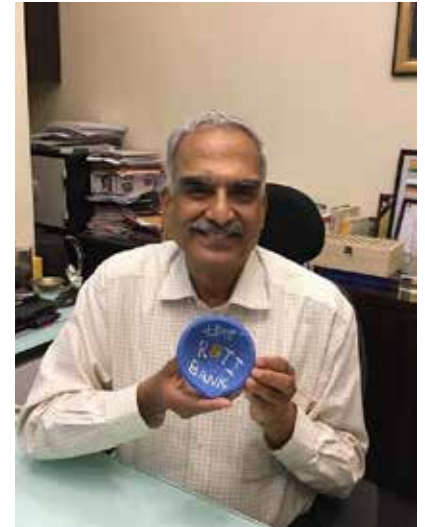


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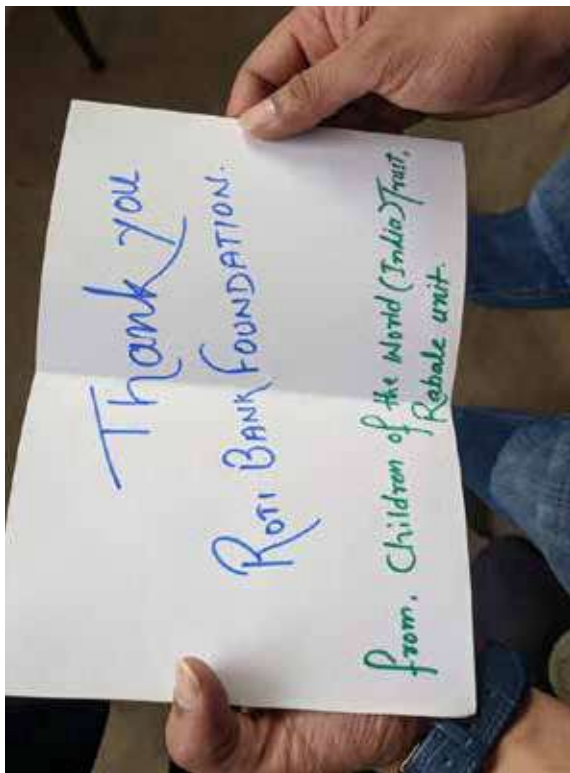
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**D. SIVANANDAN, FORMER
POLICE COMMISSIONER OF
MUMBAI, ON THE ROTI BANK**

**IN THE '90S, THERE WERE SHOOTOUTS
EVERY FEW DAYS. BUSINESSPEOPLE,
FILM STARS, AND BUILDERS WERE SHOT
ON THE ROAD, OR IN THEIR OFFICES OR
HOMES.** Since 2002, not a single shootout has
taken place. This was achieved by Mumbai police.



I am going to talk about my Roti bank venture which I began after retirement. I had seen a lot of hunger in Gadchiroli and Naxal areas. I realised that a hundred rupees is the biggest gift you can give an Adivasi family because it takes care of their ration for a month. I have seen them eating red ants with salt; it is sustenance for them. And, of course, there are the street children in Mumbai as well. So, when I got the chance, I started the Roti bank. Today, our country gives 81 crore people free ration of 5 kg per month. This was done because of the pandemic.

I hope you don't mistake us for a poor country; we have 97 million tonne of food waiting in FCI godowns but there is no purchasing power because of lack of employment. So, more than half our population gets free ration. We began with a simple vehicle in 2018 and delivered 5 lakh meals that year.

Then came Covid and there were issues of migrant workers; we managed 47,000 meals a day. From

March 2020, we have served 98 lakh meals. We give 80G certificates also, for the cause.

We are not keen on feeding the population that is able to work. We feed the old and the young. There are people going to the school with food which, in turn, has led to more attendance in the school. That is my shortcut to cutting crime - by educating the children.

So, we aim for one smile at one time. We are also serving food to Tata patients and the families there. We have a roti making machine from Rajkot and a rice making machine from Bangalore. So, hygiene is guaranteed.

I have now applied for land in CIDCO for a Roti Bhavan. I am likely to get it in 10 days at Rs 96 lakh for a 60-year lease

near Mumbai-Pune highway. We began this journey with one vehicle but are slowly and gradually going ahead.

We don't miss an opportunity to celebrate; we distributed 60,000 meals on World Food Day on October 16th, 2022. We are bringing more people from corporations, schools, and every corner, to join the drive.

ROTARIANS ASK **How do you manage** **administrative costs at just 10%?**

By not increasing the number of people who work in the office. We are not an army of people; there is an MBA student from Chetana College. We pay the fuel and the drivers, but rest is all voluntary. And we plan to build a scientific kitchen with the help of chef Sanjeev Kapoor.

How much does a meal cost?

It's Rs. 40 per meal. We manage it through various donations and contacts. A lot of good people donated a lot of money during covid. We have spent about Rs one crore 9 lakh on meals over the years. Just the other day, I received Rs 9.76 from someone. Maybe they did an online transfer of Rs 10 and a fee was deducted. But it made my day that someone found it worth their while to send us Rs 10.

Money apart, food grains are also donated; my Ashoka Tower society collects 300 kg of food grains every Amavasya (no moon day). The CEO of Dmart is a friend and he agreed to donate 6 tonne of rice, 3000 kg of toor dal and 500 kg of oil. That's the success story. So, approximately Rs. 40 is the price of per meal at subsidised rates.



TUESDAYS @ TAJ



New Year Rotary Resolutions

1. Have Fun!
2. Grow My Club Membership
3. Support The Rotary Foundation
4. Introduce a Friend to Rotary
5. Promote Rotary More!
6. Tell More People About the Good Work We Do!
7. Engage More With Rotary Alumni, eg Rotaract & Interact
8. Eradicate Polio!!
9. Connect More with Local and Global Communities
10. INSPIRE OTHERS!



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**Rotary Club
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14th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT 14 JANUARY 2023

**At Willingdon Club
Tee off, 8 a.m. onwards
followed by Fellowship,
1:30 p.m. onwards
Hosted by
Rtn. Hiranmay (Moy) Biswas
at Cabbage Patch.**

Register for participation with
Rtn. Hiranmay (Moy) Biswas 9820051887
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RCHC celebrates Christmas with Lighthouse

Team Partners-In-Service of the Rotaract Club of Hinduja College celebrated Christmas on December 22nd, 2022, with the Lighthouse children through a wonderful event called Hola Santa!

Celebrations began with introductory sessions in which Rtr. Medhaa Asnani shared the significance of Christmas and why it is celebrated. The event was

a combination of fun and learning activities.

Our Lighthouse students showcased their skills by reciting their favourite poems, imitating their favourite actors or cartoon characters etc.

The party finally ended with a distribution of presents and Christmas carols.



CELEBRATIONS

Member Birthdays



JANUARY 10

Rtn. Mahesh
Goenka



JANUARY 11

PP Dr. Adi
Dastur



JANUARY 11

Rtn. V. Ramana
Piniseti



JANUARY 13

Rtn. Jai
Advani



JANUARY 13

Rtn. Sheila
Bulchandani



JANUARY 13

Rtn. Pranay
Vakil



JANUARY 14

PP Kalpana
Munshi



JANUARY 15

Rtn. Baji
Billimoria



JANUARY 15

Rtn. Dinesh
Lal



JANUARY 15

Rtn. Chandra Singh
Lodha



JANUARY 16

Rtn. Darious
Irani



JANUARY 16

Rtn. Prakash
Jotwani



JANUARY 16

Rtn. Arin
Master

Rotarian Partner Birthdays

JANUARY 13

Rtn. Ptn. Radhika Sheth

Anniversaries

JANUARY 10

Rtn. Ptn. Kavita & Rtn. Kamal Bulchandani

JANUARY 10

Rtn. Ptn. Niloufer & Rtn. Hormazdiyaar Vakil

JANUARY 12

Rtn. Ptn. Rittu & Rtn. Nikhil Bhatia

JANUARY 15

Rtn. Ptn. Vrishali & Rtn. Dr. Ameet Pispati

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**ART COLLECTOR & AUCTIONEER,
DINESH VAZIRANI (CEO & CO-
FOUNDER OF SAFFRONART) IN
CONVERSATION WITH
ARTIST JAYASRI BURMAN**

Kolkata-born Jayasri Burman studied art at Kala Bhavana, Santiniketan (1977-1979), and the Government College of Art and Craft, Kolkata (1979-1980), followed by a year in Paris where she studied print-making.

Despite this formal grounding in art, Burman refuses to be constrained by the conventional codes. She combines her academically trained image-making style with practices of collection and embellishment that have affinities with more modest, domestic forms of art-making. She gains artistic momentum by replenishing

herself with folklore and the cruelly undervalued women's arts of India's villages and small towns. One sees the influence of the rich cultural heritage of Bengal that is predominant in Jayasri Burman's work.

Burman has held many solo exhibitions, including *Dhārā*, 2023, which is currently exhibiting at Art Musings gallery, located in Colaba, Mumbai. Her works are in prominent collections, including the National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi, and the Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi.

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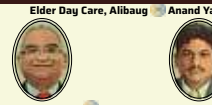
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