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Fellowship dinner hosted by President Vineet Bhatnagar and First Lady Rangita.

Details inside.

**April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023:** Club visit to Cotton Green Clinic. <u>Details</u> inside.

**May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023:** Mapped, an exhibition of rare maps and a special talk by Riaz Dean, author of *Mapping the Great Game*. Details inside.

June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023: Shukriya Nite with President Vineet Bhatnagar & Rtn. Ptn Rangeeta. Details inside.

July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023: Installation ceremony of incoming President Rtn. Manoj Patodia & his team. Details inside.











15th April, 2023



Have you heard of normal people like you and me walking on hot coals? Not as a parlour trick but as part of a deliberate inclusion in corporate offsite sessions. Why would someone include a trick such as walking on hot coals as a part of, say, a leadership programme? It is to simply break down the walls that we create around ourselves as individuals at home and even at a workplace.

Such short and unexpected experiences show us that we can do things that are beyond our limitations and fears. It allows us to see what could open up for us in the totality of possibilities. Perhaps, everything is possible. We live and dwell in the totality of possibilities. So, can we reprogramme ourselves where we consciously tell ourselves that, "Where I live, there is all good." Think about these words for a minute - "All good." Not some, or a little bit, BUT all good. When you believe that anything is possible, you open up to answers in all areas of your life. 'Where we are' is in the realm of our own totality of possibilities. It is always up to us - individually and collectively. We either have walls around us or we take them down and feel safe enough to be totally open and to allow all good to come into our lives.

Someone once told me, "Begin to observe yourself. Notice what is going on inside you – what you feel, how you

PRESIDENT VINEET BHATNAGAR'S ARTICLE CONTINUES ON THE NEXT PAGE

react, what you believe and allow to observe yourself without any comment or judgement". When you can, you will start moving towards a larger canvas of the totality of possibilities. And then consider what should change. Usually, we want others to change for our good, isn't it? Next time try the other trick – start the change with you.

Change means that we free ourselves from feelings of fear, isolations, separation, anger, loneliness, and pain. Someone once suggested to me to replace the word "pain". I could not, so she suggested, try saying, "I am going through a lot of sensation". By viewing a painful experience in such a way, you allow yourself to heal more quickly from what could have been a very unpleasant experience. Sometimes, if we can alter our thinking just a little bit, we can completely change our own experience from a situation.

Think of change as an inner house cleaning.

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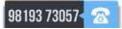
Investment in securities market are subject to market risk, Road all the related documents carefully before investing For registration and detailed disclaimer, kindly visit www.ghillipoapital.in Do a little bit at a time but eventually it will all get done. It could take time but it should be done. Then we are on to a life that is filled with illogical but wonderful peacefulness, where we relax and enjoy life as it comes to us. Many agree that we will rarely be able to change the card that we will be dealt in life, but many of us agree that it is the way we respond to the card that we have been dealt which will create a life of joy or suffering. Find ways to tell yourself that everything is or will be alright. Expand the world of your totality of possibilities.

I like to use the premise that life is wonderful. Life is taking me into a place of greater good. So, it matters less in which direction my life is going at the moment or it was in the past. I believe that it will be all good. This allows me to manage all sorts of situations and circumstances. Because, in the totality of possibilities, the answer to my challenge is around the corner. Raju Hirani gave us the best line in his movie 3 Idiots - All is Well.















We are delighted to invite you to a special

# DINNER

# THURSDAY 20 APRIL, 2023

At the Club House, Vivarea, Mahalakshmi 7:30 pm onward.

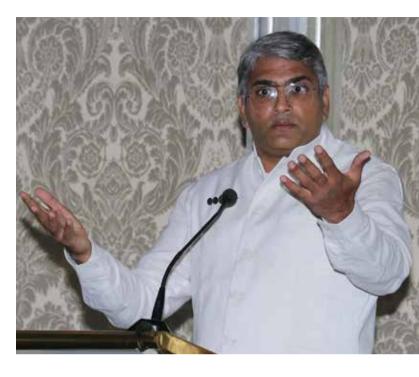
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# ANAND KOTHARI, ARCHAEOLOGIST & AVID COIN COLLECTOR, SPECIALISING IN ANCIENT AND MUGHAL ERA COINS

What exactly is a coin? It's just a piece of metal. It can be any metal, any shape. Gifting a coin to someone, say a silver coin, does not make it currency. For it to become a currency, it has to have someone who has issued it and who takes a guarantee for it. That is where any state or the government comes into the picture.

The word 'coin' came into existence in 600 BC in the time of the 16 Mahajanapadas. The English excavated a huge plaque in Bharuch, in MP, which narrates a story from the life of Gautam Buddha. One of his disciples was a very wealthy merchant called Anathapindika who wanted to build a temple for Buddha and his disciples. He found a piece of land owned by the prince of the region, Jeta, of Kosala. Jeta did not want to sell the land and, to deter Anathapindika, told him that he would sell it to him if he covered the entire land with coin pieces. Anathapindika did so and square pieces of coin (Karshapana) cover the whole ground of Jetavana Monastery even today.

The prince was so stunned that he requested Anathapindika to let him



make a door and here, we find it written: *Sau Koti Karshapana*.

How do I know this story? One person told their kid, then they told their kid and so on and so forth and. after some time, we forget the story. This is exactly what happened with our script, Brahmi, which is called the mother of 40 scripts in India. That script was there all over the walls, but nobody could decipher it. We had a good eight to nine hundred uears of Islamic rule in India. And this is where I would like to thank the British. When theu came to India, they instituted the Archaeological Survey of India to find out what is written on the walls.

A mint master in Kolkata, James

Prinsep deciphered and wrote about this script and his source for deciphering was coins. You have the Greek alphabet on one side which says Basileus and on the other side we have the same in Brahmi letters. It took him around two and a half years to find out exactly what each letter meant. And the last two letters he got were 'dhamma' from the Sanchi Stupa. This caused a boom in India at the time amongst the British, who worked Monday to Friday and went on excavations and expeditions over the weekend.

In modern times, everybody has heard the word cryptocurrency. Here's the background. It's like a casino where you get your rupees converted to tokens and which allows you to play. This casino has branches all over the world, and these tokens are acceptable all over the world. So, tokens purchased here in Indian currency can be used in the US or anywhere else where the currency is. And, again, the casino decides its rate.

But this idea is a little late. It was Muhammad-bin Tughlaq who decreed that all currency of any type had to be deposited in the treasury and you would be given copper coins called *taka* against it.

People were curious how they would use the coin outside the kingdom.



(ABOVE) MUHAMMAD TUGHLAK ORDERS HIS BRASS COINS (BELOW) TO PASS FOR SILVER, 1330 CE

The king then told them that if they brought the *taka* back, they would get silver coins in return. He was then thrown out by the slave dynasty who started converting those coins to silver again. Foreign travellers in India have written that there were mountains of these coins lying around, but there were still no takers. So, modern-day cryptocurrency is like this *taka* from our history.



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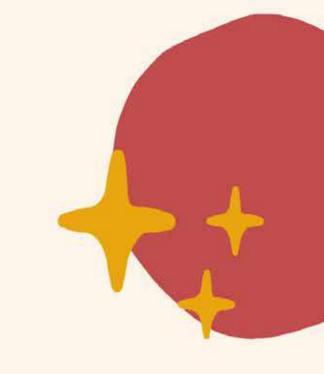
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#### From DG Sandip Agarwalla

I used to lovingly introduce Harry as the "youngest" Rotarian of our Club to all my friends. Always sporting, he was a most accomplished dancer, prancing around like a thoroughbred making Biba, his wife, nervous, that he should not be exerting.

During my final month as President in June 2003 we had an art auction, and the redoubtable Mallika Sagar was our auctioneer. She was concerned whether our Rotarians knew how to bid and was wondering how we should educate them. I immediately offered Harry as the "piece of art" to be auctioned and he spontaneously agreed.

So, we started the bidding for Harry and after each round he would jettison one piece of clothing starting with the tie, then his jacket, shoes, socks and mercifully it ended there because by then the crowd had fully understood how to go about the bidding. He drew much amusement and laughter from those attending and helped set the mood for the actual auction which was a complete success.

We always shared jokes and invariably mine were about Sardars especially when with him. His sense of humour, jovial and loving nature will be sorely missed. We followed that identical routine only a couple of weeks ago when I met him at CCI. In him, we have lost a devoted servant of Rotary and I have personally lost a good friend.

As he transcends to a higher realm, I pray for eternal peace for his soul.





### Our batchmate Harry by PP Gul Kripalani

A kind and happy man who worshipped his family and a proud Sikh who always wrote about philanthropy and help extended to humanity through langars and aid to the needy. He was passionate about living life to the full and dancing and never afraid to laugh at himself and his shortcomings.

He fondly wrote about his son's achievements, and showed love and care when Biba was recently ill.

I admired him for being considerate and active on the St. Xavier's 60 group, appreciated most of the posts and always appreciated the content.

His humour was fresh, and sprinkled with a bit of naughtiness that made everybody feel light-headed and uplifted his batchmates' mood.

We became even closer recently at the get-together in January 2023 and at lunch a few days later at the CCI. He was a wonderful host, and we exchanged our views on various subjects and the extraordinary knowledge of our batchmates Eddy and John. He was a gentle giant with the ladies, respectful and made sure that all were happy with his conversation.

We will fondly remember him as a true friend and batchmate and pray for his soul to rest in peace and bless us all from his abode in heaven.

Our condolences to the whole family and may God give them the strength to carry on with their lives missing his presence.



#### **MY ODE TO HARRY PAJI**

You are dead?

I cannot say and I will not say,

That you are dead.

You are just away.

With a cheery smile and a wave of your hand,

You have wandered into an unknown land, And left us dreaming that it must indeed be fair,

Since you deign to linger there.

And oh how we yearn for an old time step, a joke,

And a glad return.

Think of you as still the same, I say, You are not dead.

You are just away.

And I hear you say,

Call me by my old familiar name,

Speak to me in your old familiar tone,

Put no forced air of solemnity or sorrow,

Laugh as we always laughed,

At the little jokes we enjoyed together.

Remember me with a smile,

As I remember you with love.

~ PP Gul

#### From Trustee & PP Zerxis Umrigar

One can't get more clichéd than when writing a remembrance to our dearest Harry. He never left us with any option.

A superlative human being, totally devoted family man, and a friend for all time. How truly fortunate are his family, and us. Blessed with his compassionate presence and infected with his joi de vivre, we're grateful to the Almighty, in whose lap he rejoices, I'm sure, even more.

Harry truly embraced all the good things in life but never let it dictate to him his priorities. Care for his fellow beings found expression in his Rotary life. Ever ready to help out on a project, or walk a half marathon, he lived his word. Never spoke about himself but offered ready praise ungrudgingly. Always carrying a smile as an inseparable part of his countenance, it seemed like his life's passion was to spread happiness. There was no effort to it, as it came from the depth of his soul.

As grief of his passing spreads, the messages flow in and are truly heartbreaking.

Never seen a guy with zero malice towards anyone. Anytime of the day or night was happy hour for him.

A treasure, my buddy Harry, RIP.







### A eulogy to my dear friend and Rotary mentor by Mahesh (Macy) Khubchandani, London, April 11th, 2023

It is with a very heavy heart that we must convey to our members the grievous, sudden and saddest loss of our ever smiling, energetic and ebullient larger than life PP Harjinder (Harry) Singh Arora (December 26<sup>th</sup>, 1942, Karachi to April 11th, 2023 Mumbai).

Harry being a member of RCB since October 1991 and an active Rotarian of both our Club and District until his end, became our Club's very memorable President in the Rotary Year 2006-2007.

A dynamic, vivacious and accomplished individual, Sir Harry, as I called him, was born in Karachi, undivided India and initially named Dodamal Ichpanani as a Sikh from Sindh as per his birthchart. Harjinder then moved to Mumbai with his family from Karachi post-Partition and, after his initial education at St. Xavier's College in Mumbai, went on to study engineering at the University of Nevada, Reno.

Having worked for several years in the US as an engineering products salesman including selling vacuum cleaners, at one time doing even door to door demo sales, Harry returned to India in his early thirties and married his fair lady Biba thereafter and set up Rajco Metal Works, a copper tube manufacturer in Murbad, Maharashtra, a product used in air conditioning and other applications.







Harry is survived by Biba and their three children Gurmit, Priya and Sumit and their seven grandchildren and his brother Paramjit.

Harry being a six foot tall, handsome, strapping gent became the poster boy for Indian industry as he featured in a full page display in his dark beige suit and red turban on the inside pages of Time magazine as MD of Rajco Metal Works as part of their series to promote Asian business and culture.

Harry was a respected and admired employer and leaves behind a legacy not only in industry, but in Rotary, at the Cricket Club of India as an EC Member, Otters Club and Maharashtra Squash Association as their squash winner and administrator in the 1970s and 1980s and, most of all, as a dancing champion who could do everything from a waltz to the chachacha to the twist and jive, winning several prizes worldwide and hence my moniker for him as Harry "Dan Singh".

Being passionate about equality of all humans and faiths and service to community and society, Harry pioneered several welfare activities including food support and green initiatives in his Rotary Presidency year which he carried on until now. A stalwart of south Mumbai society, Harry was an outstanding sportsman and a thorough gentleman who, besides being loved by ladies of all ages and hues, was fondly admired by his male friends as well.

After the 80<sup>th</sup> year and 1000 full moons after Sir Harry's birth, our Good Lord Jesus



Christ while rising from the dead again on Easter Monday, decided to take our super talented, loving, compassionate and ever smiling multi faith Sikh Past President Harry Singh Arora to the heavens with Him, after letting Harry have his final evening drink to celebrate his granddaughter Kareena's engagement, leaving us all heartbroken.

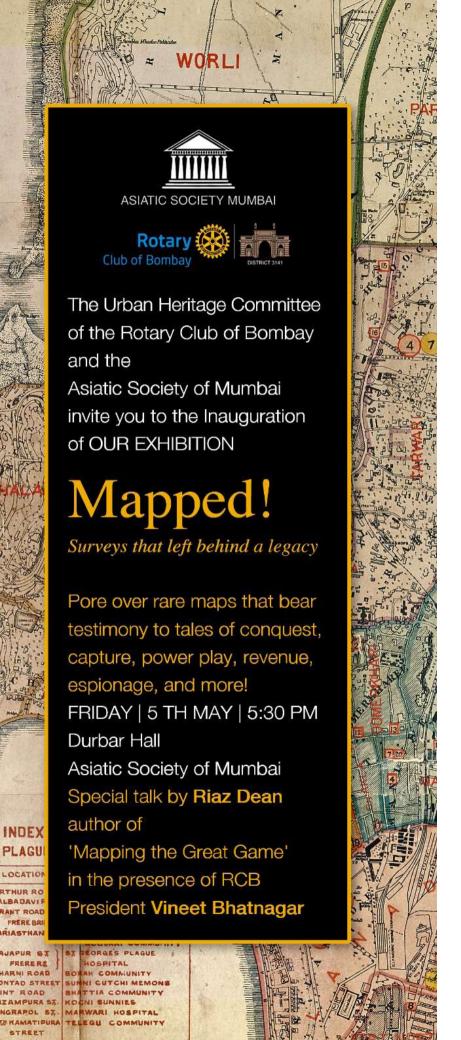
Our heartfelt and warmest condolences to Mrs. Biba Harry Singh and all of Harry's family.

The earth is shorn of a wonderful soul while the heavens are blessed with Sir Harry's return.

Thank You, Sir Harry for all your time, love, service above self and warm presence in our lives.

Will cherish your memory and love forever.

Aum Sadgati, Godspeed, Al Vida & Sat Sri Akaal, until we meet again, our sweet and noble Rotarian friend.



# Elders in Alibaug get together at RCB centre





The Rotary Club of Bombay's Elders Day Care Centre is a tribute to the elders of our society.

This has been constructed in Aawas Village, Alibaug, and has become an important focal point for elders to meet daily and spend their time in togetherness with worthwhile activities.

The elders who were lonely at home with not very much to do, meet here in batches and have something to look forward to. The centre also provides them with refreshments.

Soon, RCB members will conduct medical check-ups for them on weekends.

All in all, a dream come true for RCB and the aged in Alibaug.



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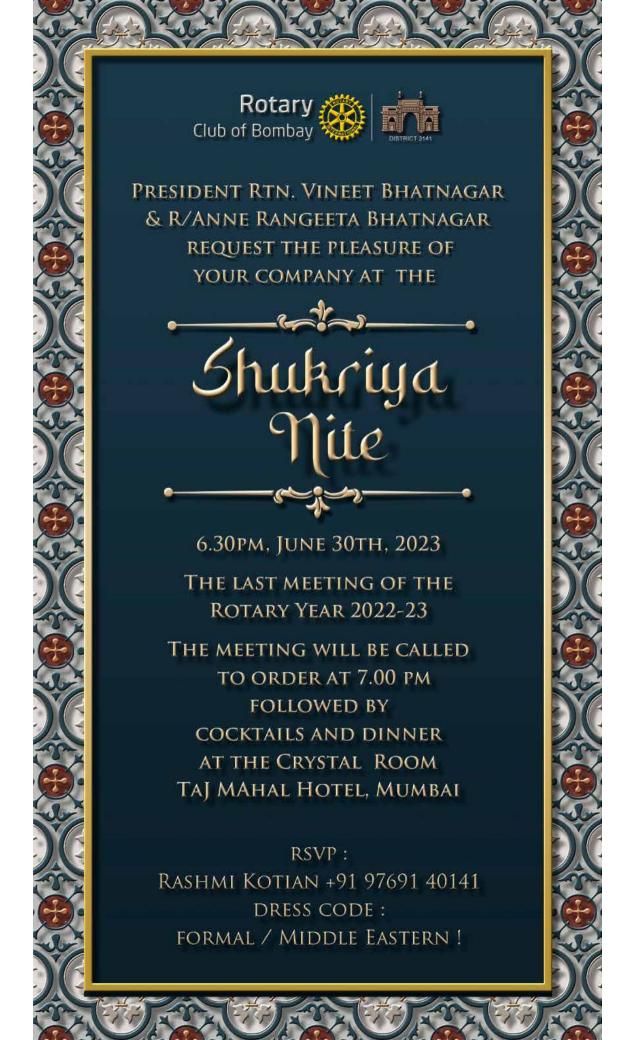
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**APRIL 19** Rtn. Suresh Agarwal



**APRIL 20** Rtn. Vijau Dhawan



**APRIL 20** Rtn. Vinod Juneja



**APRIL 21** Rtn. Naresh Pachisia



**APRIL 23** Rtn. Ashwin Mansharamani



**APRIL 23** Rtn. Anand Parikh

#### **Rotarian Partner Birthdays**

**APRIL 20** 

Rtn. Ptn. Poonam Dave **APRIL 20** 

Rtn. Ptn. Pervin Jehangir **APRIL 20** 

Rtn. Ptn. Rita Sagar **APRIL 21** 

Rtn. Ptn. Nita Bhambhani Rtn. Ptn. Nisreen Tapia

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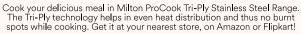
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