



Necklace Glitters

Bulletin of Rotary Club of Mumbai Queen's Necklace

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Dear Friends,

The past few months have been tumultuous and full of the unexpected. 26/11, Global slowdown, heating up of politics, traumatic changes in commodity and property prices, etc. have dramatically impacted our lives. Meanwhile Rotary life has continued albeit a little slowly.

Our Club continued its "Comfort Zone" activities with Strong Speakers for the Weekly Meetings, Happening Spouse Nights & Interesting and Varied Projects. Snap shots and details of the same forms part of this bulletin. For those who missed these events, here is a recap with a Reminder to get back and enjoy the Spirit of Rotary.

In the coming months we have planned to take forward the good work that has already been initiated. I sincerely request Members and Spouses to participate in full strength and do justice to the efforts of your Board.

Lastly, some of our Projects have still not been completely Funded. I request Members & Friends to come forward with the Contributions enabling us to make a complete success of these Projects.

I look forward to your continued support and stronger participation.

Enjoy Rotary

Rtn.Akkshay G Mehta



Global Community Pledges \$835 million (Rs. 4175 crores) for Polio Eradication

Rotary International, Gates Foundation as well as the British & German Government have made a total commitment of US \$835 million (Rs. 4175 crores) for the global fight against Polio.

The Gates Foundation will be awarding a US \$ 355 million challenge grant to Rotary, which Rotary will match by raising \$200 million from its members, over the next three years. Britain will be giving a contribution of \$ 150 million (200 million pounds) and Germany will be awarding \$ 130 million, that will go to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) over the next five years.

"Rotarians, Government leaders and Health Professionals have made a phenomenal commitment, so Polio afflicts only a small number of the world's Children. Rotary in particular has inspired my own personal commitment to get deeply involved in achieving eradication." Said Bill Gates, co-chair of the Gates Foundation.

Stressing on the importance of this new commitment of Polio funds to India, Rotary's INPPC Chairman Deepak Kapur said, "For India to continue with the Polio campaign, these funds are very necessary and significant in eradicating the virus from its stronghold in U.P and Bihar". So far, Rotary's contribution of US \$86.97 million (Rs. 391 crores) to India alone has helped provide the much needed operational support, surveillance, medical personnel, social mobilization and educational materials for health workers and parents."



Weekly Meetings

A glimpse of our Club Meetings



3rd Nov 2008.

Speaker: Mr. Manish Chokhani
(Director: Enam Securities Pvt. Ltd.),

Topic: Outlook in Stock Markets and Current Economic Situation

Mr. Manish Chokhani spoke about how the world markets are going through times of de-leveraging. He said everyone was focusing on the sub-prime problem and American banks, whereas European banks are the ones which were more leveraged than American banks. He stated that it is in times such as these that one should choose the businesses which one wants to invest in as many are available at near distress levels. If one were to make good investments at this point of time one may make good returns in times to come. However he added that the coming few months could be those of intense pain and bad news would continue to flow from overseas markets.

10 November 2008

Speaker: Dr. Vidyadhar Oke,

Topic: Astrology

Dr. Vidyadhar Oke spoke about Astrology in general and how planetary positioning affects a man's life. He stated that man is a maker of his own destiny. His life depends on 2 aspects - his karma, which he creates for himself and the second is the planetary alignment at different points of time. He went on to say that Astrology cannot be used to predict definitive dates and events, and should be used merely for guidance to tell us if we are swimming with the tide or against the tide.



18th November 2008

Speaker: Mr. Ajay Mitra
(CEO World Gold Council),

Topic: Investment Opportunities in Gold

Mr. Ajay Mitra gave us a perspective on the demand-supply of gold and its uses. Although jewellery still accounts for about 70% of the total demand of this yellow metal, new uses are being developed with efforts from World Gold Council. India continues to be one of the largest consumers of gold today. Mr. Mitra also spoke of Gold as an alternative investment and how it has appreciated faster than many other asset classes and how it is used as a store of value especially in times of economic upheaval and times of war.

24th November 2008

Speaker: DGN Jayant Kulkarni

Topic: Relevance of Rotary Today

DGN Jayant Kulkarni spoke about the Relevance of Rotary and of his Vision of Rotary and our District in the future. He spoke eloquently about the current World need for serious NGOs such as Rotary and about how Rotary is even more relevant and necessary in these critical times.

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8th December, 2008
Annual General Meeting &
Discussion on Mumbai Attacks

We had the Annual General Meeting of the Club where the Club and Trust Accounts of the year 2007-8 were Adopted and Passed. We also held the Election for the Board of Directors for the Year 2009-10.

Full list of Members elected to this Board:

Anju Siraj	President
Akkshay Mehta	I PP
Jayesh Sheth	President Elect 09-10
Sonal Jhaveri	Secretary
Chetan Jhaveri	Jt. Secretary
Ashok N. Shah	Treasurer
Nikesh Parekh	Sergeant at Arms



Director : Bindu Sheth, Saurin Shah, Manoj Gursahani, Ketan Parikh, Manesh Ganjawala, Kastur Maroo, Ketan Sheth, Sanjeev Mehta, Radhika Mehta, Mahesh Dalal, Nikhil Shah, Kuber Hemchand.

President for the Year 2011-12 was not elected as we did not receive any nominations for this position. It was passed that we should try and have these elections before 31st Jan 2009.

Amendments to the Club Bye Laws was discussed for implementation of the Club Leadership Plan. However it was decided that a more thorough discussion was necessary before our Club could take a decision in this regard.

Discussion on Mumbai Terror Attacks:

Our very own member Mr. Manish Mody and his wife Ipsuta who were celebrating their anniversary at the Golden Dragon in Taj at the time of the terrorist attacks spoke to us about their chilling experience and how they were finally rescued by the NSG commandos the following morning. A lot of members gave suggestions on steps the city should take to tackle terror. One of our members put forward a suggestion - to set up a crisis committee where the committee member can be a one point contact for club members who may need to interact with fire fighters / police or other services that may be necessary during times of emergencies. Rtn Amit Dalal is heading this Crisis Committee.



15th December 2008
Speaker: Mr. N. Chandra,
(Well Known Filmmaker)
Topic: Changing Face of Indian Cinema

Mr. N. Chandra threw light on development of movies from the days of Alam Ara to the movies of today with their special effects, etc. He also described the changes in the definitions of heros & heroines from earlier days to today.

22 December 2008.
Speaker: Ms. Shaheen Mistri,
Topic: Teach For India

Teach for India's mission is to create a movement of leaders who will bring in equality in education. Teach for India aims to narrow the education gap in India by placing India's most outstanding college graduates, post graduates and young professionals in low- income schools to Teach for 2 years. Teach for India is inspired by Teach for America in the US, which, since 1990, has successfully recruited and placed top graduates from colleges like Harvard, Yale, Princeton, etc as teachers in low – income schools in the U.S. In the same way Teach for India will provide a source of dedicated teachers who will expand educational opportunities to thousands of India's underprivileged children.



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5th January 2009.
Speaker Col. Tarneja, Tops Intl Security.
Topic : Security Challenges of the day

Col. Tarneja made a presentation on the need for a very alert security in our residence and workplace in the current environment. He spoke of the methodology adopted by his firm in recruitment, training, rotation of guards etc. He gave us real life examples and tried to tell us how a well trained security is different and better equipped to tackle emergency situations as against the conventional watchman that a lot of buildings still employ.

12th January 2009.
Speaker : Dr. Anand Gokani,
Topic : The Health Balance

Dr. Anand Gokhani visited our Club and Spoke on **The Health Balance**. He explained his theory about how the pH of our human body affects our health and functioning. He then went on outline how Alkaline foods improve the functioning of our system as against Acidic foods. He explained this new Philosophy with specific incidents about how a correction in food habits actually helped to relieve and correct grave Physical Disorders and improve health dramatically.



2nd February 2009.
Speaker: Dr. Dara Rupa
Topic: Biorhythm

Dr . Dara Rupa explained the interesting concept of Biorhythm. He said, life is subject to consistent changes and is governed by a set of regular cycles influenced by the Sun, Moon, Day, Night, etc. The biorhythm sinusoidal cycles can be calculated, interpreted and day to day life movements can be predicted. The study helps is to predict the future based on 8 different cycles such as Physical cycle, Emotional cycle, Intellectual cycle, etc. These predictions can help us take better decisions pertaining to day to day life, business and relationships.



16th February 2009.
Speaker : Mr. Julio Ribeiro
Topic : CTC(Citizens Take Charge) Following 26/11

Mr. Julio Ribeiro, former Police Commissioner of Mumbai came together with other active citizens of CTC. The CTC is a movement whereby citizens through a common platform constantly remind the government of the need to increase security and beef up intelligence for protection of the common man. All members of the CTC are free to come with suggestions to increase security. They want responsible people to form an area-wise crisis management committee so that proper aid can reach the people in case of emergencies. 5 Rotary Presidents from our district attended the meeting and many clubs guaranteed membership to CTC.



Major Projects



8th December 2008
Micro Credit Project

We did the Micro Credit Project on 08.12.08 with Streehitakarini. We handed over contribution amount of Rs. 75,000/- besides asking them to rollover our previous contribution of Rs 25,000/- taking our total current support to Rs 1,00,000/-

16th December 2008
Cancer Camp at Small Causes Court

We held a Cancer Camp Project at Mazgaon. 50 Female and 44 Male were given a complete check up for detection of Cancer.

7th December 2008 to 13th December 2008
Rose Festival Week at Phoenix Mills

We co-hosted a large function for the Rose Festival Week from 7th December to 13th December. DG Bansi Dhurandhar & Other Dignitaries came and graced this 7 day long function. We also conducted Blood and Sugar Tests free of cost for all those who came there. We also felicitated policemen who bravely faced the Mumbai 26/11 dastardly act.



Dharampur School Visit on 14th December 2008



where a 45 – 60 days vocational course is arranged for them in fields like carpentry, plumbing, tailoring, etc so that they can get self employed and live a better life. Besides adopting a school, our Club has built 40 Check dams that help the farmers store water during monsoon and use it for farming for the rest of the year.

We have also helped the farmers with Soil Bunding to conserve the upper soil and minerals from being washed away with the monsoon water. Other activities that our Club has undertaken in the district are Cleft Palate surgeries and Tree Plantation. The members who attended the project had a wonderful experience of knowing what life is like in backward areas & how people who have so little in monetary terms are still content. We look forward to our member's and our friend's support so that we can continue to do the good work that has been started.

We visited Dharampur on 14.12.08 for inspection of the School and handing over of our contribution of Rs. 3,50,000/- for the School. 15 Members and 4 Spouses came to Dharampur for this project.



Major Projects



21th December 2008 & 1st February 2009
Polio NID @ Nana Chowk

We have conducted Polio NID on 21.12.08 and 01.02.09 where a number of children were given Polio Vaccines at Nana Chowk.

24th January 2009
International Youth Exchange (IYE)

Rtn. Bhavin Kothari's son Jay was interviewed for IYE for the year 2009-2010. He is getting selected for a year long exchange visit to Brazil.



30th January 2009
Contribution of vehicle for Cancer patients

We have contributed a Maruti Van to V Care for transportation of Cancer affected patients on 30.01.09. The ceremony was held at Tata Memorial Hospital, Parel, Mumbai . We completed this Project in collaboration with M/s. Weizmann Finance Limited.

18th February 2009
GSE Farewell function at Radio Club

We have co-hosted the GSE Team Dinner for the incoming team members of Sri Lanka and Germany and outgoing teams from India. It was a warm event where the Incoming Teams expressed great satisfaction with their visit to India and described how they have built an intimate bond of friendship during their visit here.



21st February 2009
Rainbow Workshop at Horniman Circle

We held the Rainbow Workshop at Horniman Circle where more than 180 children participated. It was a fun filled evening for the Children where film actor Mr. Aftab Shivdasni and the Maharashtra State Women's Council ladies participated.



Spouse Evening

Overnighter on 24th January 2009 & 25th January 2009

We had a wonderful trip to Sula Wines with about 68 participants. The party started from 7 am and lasted for 2 days. Members, Spouses and children had a lot of fun at the Vine yard with grape crushing, great food and a great party, where the DJ ensured that everybody was continuously on the floor. It was a hugely successful Club Overnight Trip. After this trip, we have received numerous requests for more Overnight Trips.



Firesides

Three Fire Side dinners were held by Rtn. Rajesh Desai on 14.11.08, Rtn. Akkshay G Mehta on 09.01.09 and Rtn. Anil Khiraon 25.02.09. A total of 40 couples attended the Fire Sides.

Treasure Hunt on 7th December 2008

We had a wonderful Treasure Hunt with Inner Wheel Club Members. 14 Cars and about 54 people participated. The first prize was won by the Team lead by Ann Ami Parekh. Second Prize was won by Rtn Manesh Ganjawala. This was a successful Club get together with our Inner Club Members.



Marathon on 18th January 2009

◀ We participated in the Mumbai Marathon on 18.01.2009 in a limited way due to non-availability of Marathon passes. We participated in the 7 km Dream Run. This was followed by refreshments at Tea Centre.

Movie Rang Rasiya on 28th January 2009

We saw the pre-release of movie Rang Rasiya. It was a wonderful movie and all of those who attended liked the movie a lot. There was a request to hold other such pre-release shows by the Club.

Cricket Match on 31st January 2009

The Day & Night Club Cricket Match was held on Mumbai Police Gymkhana grounds amongst Club Members with DJ Music and loud Cheers. This 20 over Cricket Match was held after holding a number of practice sessions which ensured that all players were somewhat fit and could enjoy fielding and bowling also! Everybody enjoyed the Match and the after match Cocktails and Dinner in the Terrace of the Gymkhana. It was a fun filled event which ended only at midnight!



Winning Team – Captain Rtn. Samir Haji,
Best Batsman – Rtn. Samir Haji, Best Bowler – Rtn. Jayesh Sheth,
Man of the Match – Rtn. Pranabh Mody, Best Fielder – Rtn. Sanjiv Mehta

Club Awards 2007-08

Club Awards

Our Club was recognized for its Outstanding Performance in the year 2007-8 under PP Bindu's Leadership at the District Conference (held on 31/1/9 & 1/2/9). Our Club continued to do well at the District level and won a number of prestigious Awards, Trophies and Certificates as given below:



Certificate of Merit - for achieving excellence in the sphere of Balanced Program

Certificate of Merit - for significant contribution towards the welfare of children 2007-08

Certificate of Merit for Best Community Service 2007-08

Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Vocational Service 2007 - 08

Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Work in all 4 avenues of Service



Rotating Trophy for Outstanding contribution in Promotion of Functional Literacy 2007 - 08



Rotating Award for Best Community Service Non - Medical Projects 2007 - 08



Rotating Trophy for Unusual Activity for the year (actual)



Certificate for EREY 2007 08



Rotating trophy for outstanding contribution in promotion of functional literacy program



Vocational Service Award 2007 - 08



Rotating Trophy for Unusual Rotary Activity for the year 2007 -2008

By The Numbers

1,206,089	Rotarians Worldwide*	11,695	Interact Clubs
534	Rotary Districts	2,68,985	Interact Members
33,144	Rotary Clubs*	6,436	Rotary Community Corps
7,385	Rotaract Clubs	1,48,028	RCC Members
1,69,855	Rotaract Members		

*Updated 30 June Figures. All other figures as of 30 September 2008.

March

BIRTHDAYS - ROTARIANS

2 Narendra Somani
5 Sunil Mittal
8 Falguni Mehta
9 Dr. Chandrashekhar.Joshi
10 Manish Mody
12 Sonal Shah
16 Bimal Parekh
20 Mahesh Shroff
23 Suresh Rajani
25 Sunil Mittal

ANNIVERSARIES

10 Vijay & Suman Aggarwal
13 Umesh & Nita Shah
20 Anil & Kalpana Khira
23 Kunal & Uchita Gandhi
24 Ketan & Sonal Sheth
28 Radhika & Dipan Mehta

April

BIRTHDAYS - ROTARIANS

1 Rajen Shah
4 Sunish Behl
11 Ketan Sheth
11 Shilpa R. Mehta
13 Vikash Berlia
17 Anju D. Siraj
18 Dr. Shailesh J. Divecha
28 Chaitanya Mehta
30 Devanshu Mehta

ANNIVERSARIES

2 Mukesh & Leena Gandhi
15 Shrikant & Sonal Dalal
18 Aziz & Mahera Valiulla
21 Satish & Sarita Patwari
26 Anju & Dharmendra Siraj
29 Ajay & Ami Parekh

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