

President's message

My Dear Metropolitans,

As I write to you, the first month of the Rotary year is over. The *Josh* and *Enthusiasm* shown by the club members is truly amazing. Be it attendance at the meetings or be it taking on project responsibilities, everyone's response has been truly overwhelming. We have also been consistently seeing guest participation at our meetings which is a very good way to spread the word of our good deeds/ideas beyond Rotary.

We all know that **Marico CSR** team committed to financially support our Phalode Water shed management project. Happy to inform you that the first tranche was received on July 31st. Second tranche will come in the next Financial year. The Phalode Global Grant project is also under review at **TRF**. Hopefully we will soon hear about it.

As you all know, the District has given us the responsibility for Webinar series for promotion of 'Addiction Prevention'. The Inauguration happened in style on August 1st. The team worked hard to pull this first event off. First lecture of the web series was

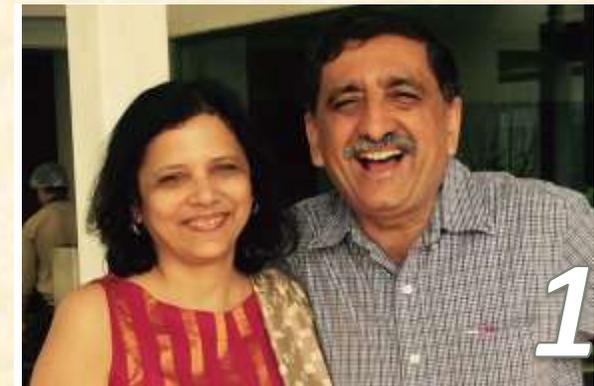
broadcasted on August 8th 2020. This lecture features our own PP Madhavi Mehendaley in conversation with famous psychiatrist Dr. **Anand Nadakarni**. The program is available on YouTube as well as Face Book. The lecture already has received 1300 views. Please spread the word amongst your friends & families about the web series. The web series will not only raise the awareness about this important issue but will also be an excellent PI opportunity for our Club.

August is a membership month. We inducted six new Metropolitans on August 6th. We were fortunate to have district leaders like PDG **Mohan Palesha** and District Director Membership, Rtn **Manjoo Phadke** grace the occasion. I am sure you are also eager to make our new Metropolitans feel at home right from the word go. Our weekly meeting on August 13th features get-to-know members program. This will be a great way to start the assimilation process of these new entrants. Be there in large numbers. We are embarking upon an exciting project "Digital Gurumantra" that is being launched by District Literacy team. The aim of this project is to enhance Digital skills of over 25000 teachers that will help improve teacher outcomes. We will be doing our bit.

Ann Sangeeta Sontakke have agreed to be convener for this project. Ann **Pournima Halbe**, Ann **Jyoti Bokil** and Anna **Rawindra Mehendaley** are also part of the team. For your information, we also have digital upskilling workshop being conducted by PP Deepak Bodhani & IPP Mukund Chiplunkar for our club members – about 35 Metropolitans are participating. This is a great way to enhance personal skills and at the same time build up fellowship. Thank you PP Deepak & IPP Mukund for starting this initiative.

Our Annettes **Sharv Bodhani** & **Gargi Jog** have done very well in 10th SSC examinations. Students from our Interact schools as well as other schools that we have been associated with have also done very well. Congratulations to all the young winners!!

More in the next Bulletin. Until then, so long. Take care & stay safe.





ROTARY PRINCIPLES by PP Jayant Bokil

Rotary is an ideal base to enrich one's life. Its transparency, rotational seats of positions and dedication of other members as well give enough opportunities to everyone to improve your outlook towards life and make your dreams real.

Rotary is strongly built on four pillars which enabled it to not only remain alive but make its impact felt for 115 years.

Service above self: Rotary's motto is "Service above Self" for itself and members. Most of its members are well established in their business/Professions and are leaders in their society. So they are expected to contribute to betterment of less endowed, privileged or deprived persons to alleviate their difficulties. Members, therefore, contribute monetarily themselves and through their friends, organisations or business contacts. As a result, a large pool of resources of expertise and talents of members is supported by sizable money to do bigger and better Service projects for humanity.

International understanding and networking: Rotary's members develop long standing friendships and connectivity to support each others in business and personal needs. Many projects are done in their surroundings as well all over country and even internationally with support, involvement and contributions from other clubs and its members. Even sometimes other NGOs are also taken as partners to improve execution and follow ups later.

4 the Way Test

Of all the things we think say or do

Is it the **TRUTH** ?

Is it **FAIR** to all concern?

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

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to **All** concern?



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Fellowship: Rotary strongly believes in Fellowship activities among its members. The main objective of Service to the society can be achieved only if members have a strong bond amongst themselves and they meet more often to help each others in their vocation and leisure as well. Therefore each club and its committees meet as often as possible over high teas or dinners.

Four way test: Rotary believes entire organisation follows “Four way test of the things we think, say or do” and all its members are also expected to follow in their vocation and daily workings to demonstrate high ethics and morals. It was developed by Herbert J Taylor in 1932 for his company which was facing bankruptcy and come out of it. Rotary adopted it in 1940 which has remained as its backbone still. Only if this test is followed it gives authenticity and good name to organisation and members which ultimately helps in carrying out better and bigger Service projects.

by PP Jayant Bokil



Annette stories

Annette **Leena**, daughter of Rtn PP **Seema** and Anna **Vivek Deshpande**, completed her graduation in Interior design from BN college of Architecture, Pune and Post graduation in Spatial design from Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Singapore under the **Huddersfield University**, UK.

Returning home she founded ThinkSpace in 2011. Meanwhile, she earned a *scholarship* course in Leadership & Management from **ISB** (Indian school of Business). She also augmented her design expertise with a graduate program in Construction Project Management at **NICMAR**, Pune.

As principal designer for **ThinkSpace** she has successfully designed and delivered a whopping 22,000 sq. ft. of premium interior space for more than a dozen clients including two clinics.

RCPM congratulates Deshpande family and wish Annet **Leena** many more such projects to come.



Frontline Corona Warrior Dr. Shreya Chahure

Congratulations Dr **Shreya!!**

We all take care of our selves, but it takes a lot of courage to work for society in such a risky situation.

PP Rtn **Bhavna** and **Milind Chahure**, your courage and support to Dr. Shreya commands a salute.

We feel proud to be associated with your family through RC Pune Metro Parivar.



My Dear Metropolitans,

This year, when I took the responsibility of updating the Club Roster, to make the job at hand interesting, I started looking out for patterns in the dates of birthdays and anniversaries of our fellow members and annets. Here are few really very interesting snippets that I came across.

We have two Rotarians sharing their birthdays with sons (**Nayana-Akash, Datta-Yash**). Siblings sharing birthdays is not uncommon, **Tanaya** and **Ashmit Nene** both were born on January 23rd and **Gargi** and **Maitreyi Choudhari** both share the birthday on August 20th. Other pair of siblings have missed sharing birthdays just by a day.

Aishwarya Joglekar was born on January 11th while her younger sister on January, 12th. Ann **Madhavi's** birthday falls on a national holiday ~ August 15th.

Anagha and Girish Ranade joined in matrimony on the International Labour Day or we can say, on our very own Maharashtra Day. **Amita** and **Sachin** chose Valentine's Day to get united in marriage. Ex member **Kiran Kulkarny** chose his own birthday to tie the knot with **Smita**. September has no anniversaries. December is the month with maximum no of anniversaries in the whole Rotary year (10 nos). The eight days between December 29th and January 5th, five couples celebrate anniversaries.

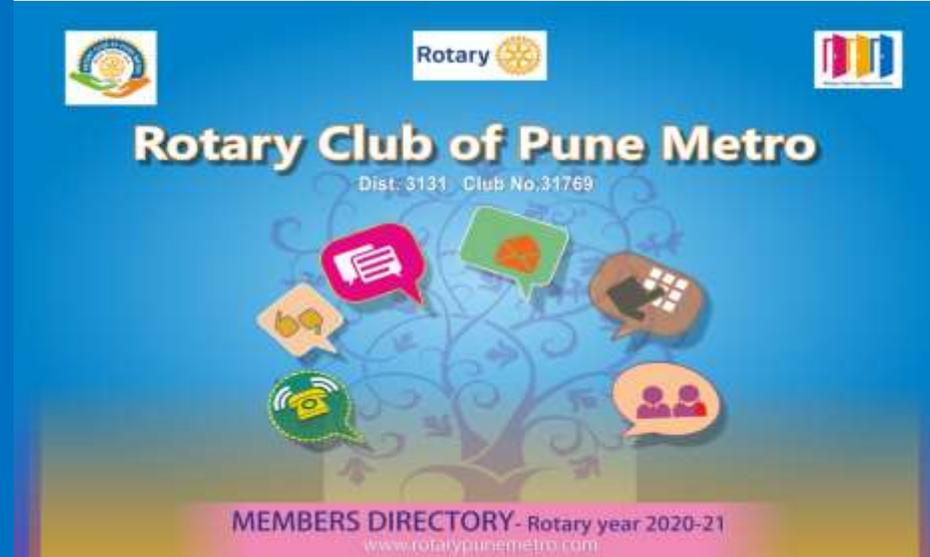
Yours in Rotary,

Rtn **Vivek Kulkarni** 

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Shiledar's 'Barkha Bahar'

The new Rotary year has begun on 1st July 2020. Although due to the COVID 19 situation there is a lock down for almost 4 months, the enthusiasm of Metropolitans is not affected. It is evident from the excellent variety entertainment programme hosted by SHILEDAR team for July 2020. 4 Couples namely, PP Shardul, Ann Madhavi Gandhi, PP Aneel, Ann Anjali Joshis, Rtn Varsha, Anna Girish Bapats & Rtn Ashish & Ann Vaidehi Joag were selected to select, organize & present an entertainment programme for the month end performance for July 2020. It was really a challenge as the programme was to be on ZOOM platform & the performance was to be given by the couples from their residences as gathering of so many people together was to be avoided. Therefore everything had to be meticulously planned & tested.

Since its a Monsoon Rainy season, the programme was aptly named as 'Barkha Bahar'. A meeting was organized at Shardul's house to decide about the programme. It was decided that the programme will include filmy songs clips on rainy season, poems, skits jokes, dance performance clips, rainy seasons incidences & off course comparing by Varsha & Madhavi. Once the programme was finalized, individuals were asked to decide the contents & practice. Another meeting was convened at Vasha's house to give final touches. Brig Sunil Gokhale who was not in the team was asked to prepare a narration on his experience on the rains when he was on duty in the front. Ann Vaidehi proposed that she can get a dance performance clip in Bharat Natyam on moods of monsoon by Amita Godbole whom she knows well. Another practice session was held at Aneels residence to do further practice. Finally, the last session was at Shardul's residence where everything was frozen. Then we had a ZOOM Meeting with the technical team. This was required as there were frequent changes on spotlight & there were song & dance clips in between & it was really a challenge to handle such mixing & changes. We then had a non-stop mock practice performance day before the actual performance. And it went on so well that we all were completely relieved. The result? You all have seen it on the 30th.

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It was really a great effort by Madhavi & Varsha who both did the comparing. They had to collect the material, write a script, decide who will do what, select song clips, decide on the flow of the programme & practice. It was a big task as the complete flow of the programme was dependent on their comparing. They both did a great job. Ann Madhavi prepared a wonderful invite of the programme which was posted on RCPM groups. Further it was Shardul who pitched in to handle the technical part. It was a great & flawless work by Shardul. In the programme, everybody did an excellent job in their individual performances. Ashish & Vaidehi are really a new talent find in our club & they both performed very well. Anjali, who had never done any skit before did a great work in the joke skits performed with Aneel. Amita Godbole's dance clip was very apt for the season. She displayed different moods of monsoon through the dance performance. Brig Sunil presented really a horrifying experience & he still has many more such experiences. The programme ended with an entertaining skit by Ashish, Shardul, Aneel & Dr. Girish.

In this lock down period, when people are banned to go out visit each other's place, the practice sessions & the meetings were a great relief. In fact we are all missing the regular Rotary gatherings & fellowship activities but this month end performance was a great opportunity. In fact, this year, although it is end of July, we are missing the regular Monsoon Rains. Let's hope that with this 'Barkha Bahar' performance, lets pray rain gods that lets have good rains in the coming monsoon months.

by PP Aneel Joshi