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**THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY MID-TOWN
DISTRICT 3141 | CLUB 15496 | MUMBAI, INDIA**



AND THE AWARD GOES TO....

From the President's desk...



Dear Friends,

This is the last quarter of my year as the President of the club. Suddenly, I feel the pressure to finish projects that we had begun earlier or get some non-starter projects moving ahead. Suddenly, I feel disappointed as well as relieved that my year as the President is coming to an end. So yes, I have got mixed emotions about it and I do not know what to make of them.

The month of April started with a bang. We had Mr. Kumar Ketkar, a prominent Rajya Sabha member from the Congress party. His talk was scheduled on a day shortly before the 2019 General Elections and we were expecting him to make predictions about what is going to happen in the coming month. Instead, he spoke about how one out of many news channels predicted a Trump victory in the United States, when that country is relatively similar to ours even though

it is such a large land mass. India, on the other hand, has many states, languages and dialects, cultures, customs, religions, regions, gods and so on and so forth. If it was not possible in America, how could it ever be possible in our India? But he did indicate that the BJP might come to power.

We had fellowships at CCI in April and May which were well attended. Overall, in the year our attendance in the fellowships has been over 100 people every time. So cheers to our members for their participation!

Our Rotary Club falls in District 3141 and the district organised a joint meeting with all South Mumbai clubs at Indian Merchants Chamber (IMC), Churchgate. The Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town co-hosted this event. The topic of discussion was 'RTI and Public Interest Litigation'. Many members of our club attended this event and at the end of the meeting, our club was recognised for its participation.

The month of May saw three interesting speakers. One was our very own Rtn. Rajeev Thakkar. He heads the investments division at PPFAS Mutual Fund. His topic was 'Main hoon con'—dedicated to all the comen and women of this world. He spoke to us about how to identify potential frauds by giving examples. We also had Mr. Raghunath Medge, President of the Nutan Mumbai Tiffin Box Suppliers Association (NMTBSA), more popularly known as the *dabbawalas* of Mumbai. Apart from explaining how they work and what are the rules of their employment, he explained in detail about their most elusive coding system which we have all seen written on *dabbas*. Finally, our very own Rtn. Bernhard Steinruecke spoke about the European Elections 2019, and their outcome and outlook. He even explained how India's Alphonso mango influenced the result of the referendum that was held in Britain.

The 4th club assembly was held in June and our club directors and committee chairmen submitted their reports to the members of the club. In June, we also had Surabhi and Sugandh Gupta speaking to us about 'Blockchain – Beyond the Crypto Hype'. These young ladies are twins and not surprisingly, started a company called SpiderTwin Solutions which helps start-ups scale their businesses through the use of technology. Many questions were asked by the attendees, which proved that it was an interesting topic for sure.

Finally, the Awards Night was on us. The list of awardees will be there in the bulletin but preparing this list made me look back at the year gone by. I ended up remembering the invitations that I received to people's homes and celebrations, how they called me and spoke to me about Rotary, and how they contributed to a cause even before being asked to do so. I express my gratitude for these experiences and interactions.

This is my final President's address that will appear in the bulletin and I would like to take this opportunity to say a few things. At the outset, I would like to thank all members for this opportunity. I have learnt so much from all of you. Help had always been a phone call away and this made my life very easy. Thank you, all office bearers, for your support. Thank you, Manoj and Sonali, for your support. I would like to pick out Parab and Anil for a special mention, for their wonderful work behind the scenes.

Lastly, something that I have regretted not doing earlier: I did not thank my wife Sarika on the Awards Night. I am correcting this mistake now by saying that she has helped me significantly during the year gone by and all this would not have been possible without her.

**Yours in Rotary,
Pres. Rtn. Dr. Deepak Garg**

Mid-Day Meal Project

The Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town (RCBMT) took-up the Mid-Day Meal Project about nine years ago. Since then the RCBMT has been either the highest donor or the second highest donor to this worthy cause.

Every year, a function is held at the ISKCON temple at Babulnath where the Club President of the year hands over the donations collected to Dr. Radhakrishna Das Prabhu, the Managing Director of ISKCON Food Relief Foundation (FRF).

This year, on 13th May, Rotarian President Dr. Deepak Garg, accompanied by several Rotarians, handed over cheques by way of donations, to Prabhuji of FRF towards the Mid-Day Meal Project. The total amount donated was ₹5.04 lakh. The total amount donated so far by the club is almost ₹14 lakh.

Prabhuji thanked Dr. Deepak Garg and RCBMT for this kind gesture. All Rotarians present at this occasion took the opportunity to have a darshan at the temple. Thereafter, Prabhuji invited them for lunch—comprising a *satvik*, healthy and delicious meal—at the adjoining Govinda restaurant.

The list of donors is: Rtn. K.K. Khemka, Rtn. Piyush Khaitan, Rtn. Ashwin Shah, Rtn. Gopal Motwane and Rtn. Shaunak Thacker. We give our grateful thanks to all the donors!

We also express our sincere gratitude and heartfelt thanks to Shri Radha Krishna Das (Founder,



Left to Right: Rtn. Abuzar Zakir, Shri Radha Krishna Das Prabhu, Rtn. Uttara Bhandare



Rtn. Gaurav Kapadia and Rtn. Naren Mohatta at ISKCON

Annamrita Foundation), Shri Achyut Patil and Ms. Dilzad Khariwalla for the phenomenal success of the Mid-Day Meal Programme organised by ISKCON Food Relief Foundation.

- Naren Mohatta

Benefitting the Differently-abled

Under the dynamic leadership and guidance of President Dr. Deepak Garg, we have been able to sustain many of our core activities to improve the quality of life of differently-abled beneficiaries at NASEOH. Thanks to your latest initiative and support, we could complete the following two activities successfully:

- Providing mobility appliances to identified, needy persons with disabilities.
- Upgrading the Data Entry Facilitation Unit for the differently-abled.

While deeply cherishing these initiatives, we look forward to your continued participation in all our endeavours as always.

- Yogendra Shetty
Director General, NASEOH

Insight into the Lok Sabha 2019 Elections

On 3rd April 2019 at the Taj Mahal Palace in Mumbai, our Rotary Club hosted Mr. Kumar Ketkar who gave us important insights into the Lok Sabha 2019 elections. It was an honour to listen to him talk about how elections and opinion polls function in other countries around the world.

Mr. Kumar Ketkar is an Indian veteran journalist, writer and politician. He is the chief editor of *Dainik Divya Marathi*, the Marathi-language daily of the Dainik Bhaskar Group of Newspapers. Prior to this, he has been editor for leading dailies such as *Maharashtra Times* and *Loksatta*.

He has written on various topics over the years and has also provided media coverage to the following core issues:

- (i) Eight presidential elections in the US since 1988
- (ii) Collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991
- (iii) Integration of Germany in 1992

- (iv) Integration of Hong Kong with China in 1997

These apart, he is a member of the Rajya Sabha as well as a member of the Parliamentary Committee on External Affairs. He was India co-ordinator for South Asian Free Media Association (Mumbai-Karachi Educational Forum) and was founder of Granthali, a major literacy movement in Maharashtra which he set up along with other literary activists.

He has been the recipient of several awards over the years, including the prestigious award for journalistic excellence—Indian Affairs Transformational Journalist of the Decade—which he received at the 9th Annual India Leadership Conclave & Awards 2018. He has also been honoured with the Padma Shri in 2001; Special Recognition Award for Journalism by the state of Maharashtra in 2010; and USA-based Maharashtra Foundation’s Lifetime Achievement Award in 2014.



Left to Right: Rtn. Ellen Ghelardi, Rtn. Vinod Mirchandani, Rtn. Gargi Mukherjee, PP. Rtn. Manoj Jalan, Sonali Jalan



Rtn. Ellen Ghelardi



Mr. Kumar Ketkar

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9th April and 8th May 2019: Fellowship Dinner

Fellowship Dinners are always special for members of the Rotary Club of Mumbai Mid-Town. On 9th April and 8th May 2019, our club hosted Fellowship evenings, which as usual were very well attended and fun occasions.

On both the evenings, delicious appetisers and a well-stocked bar tended by an enthusiastic

bartender set the mood. Members who had their birthdays and marriage anniversaries in April and May came onstage to cut the cake.

At the Rotary Club of Mumbai Mid-Town, we believe that being a Rotarian is as much about fellowship as it is about philanthropy and evenings like these really reinforce the former.

9th April 2019: Fellowship Dinner



Rtn. Rohit Patel (extreme left) with President Dr. Deepak Garg



Left to Right: PP. Rtn. Akhil Shahani, President Dr. Deepak Garg, PP. Rtn. Manoj Jalan, Rtn. Munna Mitha, Rtn. Kamlesh Sonawala



Left to Right: Rtn. Abuzar Zakir, PP. Rtn. Akhil Shahani, Sapna Punjabi, PP. Rtn. Manoj Jalan, Rtn. Rajendra Barwale, President Dr. Deepak Garg, Sushama Barwale, Rtn. Prasanna Bhagat, Rtn. Vicky Punjabi

8th May 2019: Fellowship Dinner



Left to Right: Rtn. Navin Shah, Rtn. Prabhat Kumar Srivastava, Rtn. Anil Ambo



Left to Right: Rtn. Anil Kejriwal, Rtn. Sunil Gautam, Rtn. Gaurav Kapadia, PP. Rtn. Manoj Jalan, Rtn. Anil Ambo



President Dr. Deepak Garg



Left to Right: Hansa Kejriwal, Rtn. Dr. C. K. Goyal, Pushpa Goyal, Rtn. Harshad Vora



Left to Right: PP. Rtn. Mohan Lalvani, Madhu Mehra, Jyotika Premnarayen, Alka Anil



Left to Right: Rtn. Uttara Bhandare, PP. Rtn. Mohan Shahani, Madhu Mehra, Shanti Shahani



Rotarians and spouses: Cake cutting for birthdays and anniversaries

Panel Discussion on Right to Information and Public Interest Litigation

On 23rd April 2019 at IMC Churchgate, the Rotary International District 3141, The Chamber of Tax Consultants and the IMC Chamber of Commerce and Industry ran a panel discussion on 'Right to Information and Public Interest Litigation'. The panel comprised the following panellists, all of whom made the entire discussion very interesting:

- B. N. Srikrishna, Supreme Court Judge (retired)
- Shailesh Gandhi, former Central Information Commissioner (CIC)
- Sucheta Dalal, MD, *Moneylife* magazine
- Jamshed Sukhadwalla, RTI activist

- Dr. Milind Sathe, Senior Advocate, Bombay High Court

The session was moderated by Jimmy Pochkhanawala, a senior advocate from the Bombay High Court.

The panel discussion witnessed a large audience comprising members from host organisations and the Rotary Club of Bombay (Platinum sponsor), our very own the Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town (Gold Sponsor), the Rotary Club of Bombay Seacoast, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Malabar Hill, the Rotary Club of Mumbai - Shivaji Park and Rotary Club of Bombay West—all of whom were Silver sponsors.



President Dr. Deepak Garg being acknowledged for co-hosting the district event



PP. Rtn. Anil Kamath with the District Team

Talk by Rtn. Rajeev Thakkar

Rajeev Thakkar, our very own member, was the guest speaker on 15th May 2019. Rtn. Sucharita Hegde introduced Rajeev, who of course, is known to most of the members of the Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town.

Rajeev's presentation was on the topic 'Main hoon con', dedicated to the comen and women

of the business world. It covered famous con cases from all over the world. Several questions were asked by the audience, and no doubt the questions whose answers kept everyone glued to their seats were those regarding Indian business and more curiously, governments!

Rtn. Anil Ambo made the vote of thanks.



The audience enjoying the talk



Naazendeh Mecklai being inducted by PDG. Dr. Shirish Sheth



Rtn. Rajeev Thakkar

The *Dabbawalas* of Mumbai

It all started 125 years ago when a Parsi banker in Mumbai, who wanted home-cooked food delivered to his office, employed a young man to get his lunch from home to office every afternoon. Over the years, that one-man tiffin service grew into Mumbai's *dabbawala* service, comprising *dabbawalas* who have been meticulously ferrying lunch boxes to thousands of office-goers.

On 22nd May 2019, Mr. Raghunath D. Medge, the President of Mumbai Dabbawala Association with more than 42 years of experience in his field, addressed our Club as a speaker. He highlighted the supply chain system used by the *dabbawalas* under the topic 'Management Lessons'.

Mr. Raghunath D. Medge is a much-in-demand speaker at business schools and functions organised by businessmen. He has spoken in 16 countries, including the United States, England,



Mr. Raghunath D. Medge, President of Mumbai Dabbawala Association

Switzerland and Thailand. Today 5,000 *dabbawalas* deliver approximately 2 lakh *dabbas* a month. They collect the lunch boxes from peoples' homes and deliver to customers via bicycles or local trains. Once the food is eaten by customers, their lunch boxes are returned to their respective homes before dusk.

Over the years, the *dabbawalas* have only grown and become a household name. Their famous business model has even been

studied by IIM Ahmedabad. *The New York Times* reported that the 125-year-old industry continues to grow at 5-10 per cent annually, and Prince Charles—the Prince of Wales—even met the core team on his visit to Mumbai city. The *dabbawalas* have challenges to face on a daily basis in a city like Mumbai. However, their work philosophy keeps them going with precision each time: "We believe that serving food is like serving God."



Left to Right: Rtn. Dr. Arvind Kasbekar, Mr. Raghunath D. Medge, President Rtn. Deepak Garg, Rtn. Dr. Simone Currim, Rtn. Ashwin Ankhad

Talk on EU Elections 2019

On 29th May 2019, our club hosted Bernhard Alfons Steinruecke as speaker, at the Taj Mahal Palace in Mumbai. Titled 'EU Elections 2019: Outcome and Outlook', the session saw him giving a deep insight into the EU elections 2019. He also explained to the audience how different the EU elections are from the Indian elections. Speaking in detail about the structure, he stated that during the EU elections, all 28 member governments play an important role; candidates are elected from all the 28 member countries; selection is done for the party



Rtn. Bernhard Alfons Steinruecke

not the person; and elections happen every five years, with 28 member states.

Bernhard Alfons Steinruecke is Director General of the Indo-German Chamber of Commerce. He is also on the board of several other companies. In



Left to Right: PP. Rtn. Anil Kamath, Rtn. Bernhard Steinruecke, Pres. Rtn. Deepak Garg, PP. Rtn. Anil Ambo, PP. Rtn. Kersi Hilloo

the past, he has occupied the positions of Co-Chief Executive Officer of Deutsche Bank AG (Mumbai Branch) and Director & Managing Partner at ABC Privatkunden-Bank GmbH. He has completed his graduation from Heidelberg University (Ohio).

12th June 2019: Club Assembly



Club Assembly in session with Rtn. Dr. Firoze Mirza, PDG. Dr. Shirish Sheth, PP. Rtn. Tilak Mehta, Rtn. Abuzar Zakir, Rtn. Vicky Punjabi, PP. Rtn. Anil Kamath



PP. Rtn. Anil Kamath



A section of the audience



Rtn. Nirbhay Jain

Talk by Sugandh and Surabhi Gupta on Blockchain

A talk titled 'Blockchain: Beyond the Crypto Hype' was hosted at the Taj Mahal Palace on 19th June 2019. The speakers were Sugandh and Surabhi Gupta, the co-founders of SpiderTwin Solutions.

SpiderTwin Solutions was co-founded in 2019 by twin sisters Sugandh and Surabhi Gupta. Having studied and worked in 17 countries while learning eight languages, they realised that questions in every field were becoming increasingly complex and unpredictable. A statement made by them on their website reads: "We help entrepreneurs peddle push their tech journeys by using data, decentralisation, distributed computing and device engineering. Focusing on deep analytics, scalable design and measurable impact—each solution is uniquely designed to solve the problems of tomorrow."

Their talk was centred on blockchain, a platform where people are allowed to carry out all kinds of transactions in all parts of the world, and wherein each stage of the transaction is verified and validated. The time taken for these transactions would be a few seconds and the costs are clearly reduced due to the absence of middlemen, which is beneficial to the end-consumer as well as the manufacturer.

The created database is shared among network participants in a transparent manner, whereby everyone can access its contents. Conducted through peer-to-peer networks and a time-stamping server, each block in a blockchain is arranged in such a way that it references the matter of the previous block.

During the session, the sisters explained that

blockchain is the underlying technology which powers the exchange of digital currency which is cryptocurrency. The volatile market and lack of transparency has given cryptocurrencies a bad press and raised environmental concerns as they require the power equivalent to that of a small country in order to operate.

Sugandh and Surabhi Gupta told the audience that the three pillars of a blockchain cryptocurrency are consensus, cryptography and smart contracts. The dynamic sisters also briefed us about web 3.0, the collection of next gen web applications which use emerging technologies such as blockchain. They highlighted how the blockchain interaction would then give the power to the people on how much data they want to share or use. Blockchain and artificial Intelligence also provide security in health-care and financial services industries.

They also explained the power and magic of blockchain beyond cryptocurrency; how blockchains can be utilised to allow artists to get on their platform and earn directly rather than go through recording companies; and how laws, logistics and user interfaces can be traversed using blockchains. It was also good to learn from them how cloud computing is monopolised by a few conglomerates and new features being introduced frequently makes it a vulnerable platform for hacking—this could be prevented with blockchain.

The talk by Sugandh and Surabhi Gupta really embodies the creativity and enterprise of millennials, and in doing so, teaches us about yet another innovative disruption that can change the way we function—blockchain!



Sugandh and Surabhi Gupta



PDG. Dr. Shirish Sheth welcoming Consul General of Ireland Gerry Kelly as an honorary member



Left to Right: Rtn. Dr. Lotika Purohit, Sugandh Gupta, Surabhi Gupta, Pres. Rtn. Deepak Garg, Rtn. Vicky Punjabi, Rtn. Vinod Mirchandani

Awards Night

Our Awards Night was organised at the Royal Bombay Yacht Club on 26th June 2019. This was an occasion dedicated to all achievers—those who have worked towards a single-minded goal of extending a helping hand to less privileged people.

PP Satya Bhushan Anand Trophy for Club Service	Bulletin Committee 2018-2019
<p>“It is a great honour to receive the award on behalf of our team for our collective efforts during the very short time that we worked together. We look forward to an exciting year ahead and hope to retain this award for the coming year too!”</p> <p>- Bulletin Committee</p>	



Late Dayaram Santdas Kamlani Trophy for Community Service	Rtn. Gaurav Kapadia 2018-2019
<p>“I have received this prestigious award on behalf of my committee for physically challenged persons. NASEOH has been our partner in service for over three decades and I dedicate this award to my team members.”</p> <p>- Rtn. Gaurav Kapadia</p>	



PP Yoginder Shankardas Trophy for Service to Youth	Rtn. Vinod Mirchandani 2018-2019
<p>“As a new member, I am humbled to have received this award. This is an acknowledgment of my efforts towards engaging with the youth—the leaders of tomorrow. We hope to spread our services to as many people as possible through our own Rotary Club and national and international collaborative efforts.”</p> <p>- Rtn. Vinod Mirchandani</p>	

PP Dr. Firoze Mirza Trophy for Vocational Service	PP. Rtn. Akhil Shahani 2018-2019
<p>“It was a great honour to receive this award. I will ensure that my work as the Head of the Rotary Foundation Committee lives up to the expectations set by it.”</p> <p>- Rtn. Gaurav Kapadia</p>	

PDG Dr. Shirish Sheth Trophy for Outstanding Performance by a New Member	Rtn. Dr. Alifiya Bapai 2018-2019
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PDG Dr. Shirish Sheth Trohy for Outstanding Performance by a Past President	PP. Rtn. R. P. Anand 2018-2019
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**Late Shamdas Malaney Trophy
for Best Project Medical**

**Lotus Eye Hospital &
Saifee Hospital
2018-2019**



**Shreeprakash Agarwal Trophy
for Outstanding Senior Active Member**

**Rtn. Naren Mohatta
2018-2019**



**Murlidhar Jalan Trophy for
Environment Protection**

**Rtn. Jigisha Parikh
2018-2019**



**PP Adil Kajiji Trophy for Best
Rotaract Activity**

**Rtn. Gargi Mukherjee
2018-2019**



PP V. B. Haribhakti Trophy for Outstanding Interact Activity

**Rtn. Gargi Mukherjee
2018-2019**

**Late Firoze Baldiwala Trophy
for Most Active Couple**

**Rtn. Burjor and
Maharukh Nariman
2018-2019**



Kishor Jhaveri Trophy for Best Rotary Couple

**PP. Rtn. Kersi and Binaifer Hilloo
2018-2019**

“We are humbled to accept this award and will continue to contribute to the club’s initiatives to the best of our abilities.”
- PP. Rtn. Kersi and Rtn. Binaifer Hilloo

PP Navin Shah Trophy for The Most Caring Rotarian	PP. Rtn. Sucharita Hegde 2018-2019
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Rtn. Sucharita Hegde shares her best experiences and learning from Rotary: “One learns every day from good and bad experiences. Rotary offers better and meaningful lessons, an insight into the different needs of our environment and how to address them effectively—thereby providing social purpose to us as well as our parallel selves, along with healing too. Personally, I have found happy fulfilment in all aspects of Rotary and have truly benefitted from my interactions with fellow Rotarians and project teams apart from engaging in the multiple avenues provided by the Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town.” She adds, “Understand... and therefore enjoy Rotary. There is a Rotarian in every one... find that Rotarian in yourself and others.” Indeed, this quote by her is worth memorising and re-quoting by all of us in the times to come. She concludes by saying, “To genuinely ‘care’ requires no funds’. This sums up why she is genuinely the most caring Rotarian!



Praful Sheth Trophy for Whole-hearted Club Participation	Rtn. Abuzar Zakir 2018-2019
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Rtn. Abuzar Zakir, the recipient of the Praful Sheth Trophy for ‘Whole-hearted Club Participation’ talks about his participation in medical projects: “We have organised medical camps and health awareness programmes in and around Mumbai, rural Maharashtra, across India as well as in Tanzania. In such camps, it is not only the people attending who benefit but we are able to create a general awareness that ‘health is wealth’.”

Furthermore, he conveys, “Rotary is a fabulous platform to learn about giving and enjoying it simultaneously. Moreover, Rotary gives you wonderful friends who help you in becoming a better person.” He gives his regards to the senior members of our club by saying, “What drives all of us at the club to work towards its goals are the times when we see our senior members—who are mostly all Past Presidents—still working selflessly and devoting so much time to our club activities. It gives us a boost of positive energy to work alongside them.” That is true indeed!

Rtn. Abuzar Zakir believes that funds have never been a problem for our club, since the Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town only supports good projects and members always support good work. These positive views and beliefs fuel his enthusiasm and it is no wonder that he deserves an award for his whole-hearted participation towards our club.

PP Dr. Kirit Mody Trophy for Outstanding Endeavour to bring about Social Change	Rtn. Raju Barwale 2018-2019
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Rtn. Raju Barwale, the recipient of the PP. Dr. Kirit Mody Trophy for ‘Outstanding Endeavour to bring about Social Change’, is a man whose contributions along with those of the ISKCON Team are something that many Rotarians are unaware of. He has sponsored an entire kitchen with a contribution to the tune of ₹7 crore! Furthermore, he has contributed ₹50 lakh for a water project in his hometown, working with another Rotary club. He heads the plastic surgery camp project as a mentor to all involved. He is our host along with Sushma Barwale for Rotarians when they visit Jalna, and yet, when Team Bulletin requested him to share his words, he had nothing to say. God bless Rotarian Barwale and his philanthropic attitude! We are blessed to have you as a member.



PP Mohan Shahani Trophy for 'Best Club Partner NGO'	Anugraha 2018-2019
<p>The founder of Anugraha is a doctor by profession who takes care of dying children. She does her service with such dedication that we, as a club, chose to acknowledge them by honouring Anugraha with the PP Mohan Shahani Trophy for 'Best Club Partner NGO'. Rotarians Kersi and Binaifer Hilloo know the founder well and support her school. Mr. Kamlesh Sonawalla was kind enough to award the trophy to Anugraha and Kersi Hilloo accepted it on their behalf.</p>	

Late Usha Lalvani Award for 'Best Lady'	Rtn. Aditi Choksey 2018-2019
<p>The quiet manner in which Rtn. Aditi Choksey has contributed to our club's philanthropic initiatives was mentioned by President Deepak Garg when he was announcing the winner for the 'Usha Lalvani, Best Lady Award'. When Team Bulletin contacted Rtn. Aditi Choksey to know her reaction considering that she had won, it was no surprise to us when she stated that she had nothing to say and that, in her opinion, we should share the words of a more deserving member. Well, we all know there is no 'more deserving member' than you, Rtn. Aditi Choksey. We are fortunate to have you as a role model to emulate for the newer lady members of the club.</p>	



Kishore Jhaveri Trophy for IW member attending maximum	Asha Singh 2018-2019
<p>"I dedicate my award to all Innerwheel and Rotary members as without a team effort we would not have achieved Platinum Club Status for all-round achievement and best Jubilee Year status. The Rotary Award was a seal of partnership as most of our Innerwheel members are Rotarians. Thank you all." - Asha Singh</p>	



PP Rustom Davar Trophy for Significant Achievement Award	PP. Rtn. Anil Kamath 2018-2019
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Dinyar Jamshedji Trophy for Best Rotarian Of The Year	PP. Rtn. Manoj Jalan 2018-2019
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<p>Rtn. Kamlesh Sonawala Trophy in memory of his father, Late Shantilal N. Sonawala, for Best Community Project – Non Medical</p>	<p>Rtn. Nirbhay Jain 2018-2019</p>
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<p>Rtn. Dr. Prakash Mody Trophy in memory of his father, Late Amrutlal Mody, for Best Committee of the Year</p>	<p>Child Welfare 2018-2019</p>
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<p>Late PP Arrow Sinharoy Trophy for Outstanding Outreach Service</p>	<p>Rtn. Yogesh Pandya 2018-2019</p>
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“My heart is full of gratitude with the way my dear Rotarians appreciate good efforts. But in the end, it is a team effort and contribution of all members.”

- Rtn. Yogesh Pandya



<p>Vocational Service Award</p>	<p>Mr. Sadanand Jadhav</p>
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Left to Right: Rtn. Yogesh Pandya, PP. Rtn. Anil Ambo, PP. Rtn. Manoj Jalan, PP. Rtn. R. P. Anand, Rtn. Jamsheed Patel, Rtn. Munna Mitha, Rtn. Vicky Punjabi, Rtn. Deepak Mehta, Pres. Dr. Deepak Garg



Left to Right: Rtn. Uttara Bhandare, Rtn. Naren Mohatta, Pres. Dr. Deepak Garg, Rtn. Vicky Punjabi



Left to Right: Sushu Kamlani, Madhuri Mehta, Avani Vora, Ashok Mehta, Aarti Gautam



Hundred Percenters - 2018 to 2019 - from 1.7.2018 to 30.6.2019



President Dr. Deepak Garg

Hundred Percenters - 1.7.2018 to 30.6.2019	
1.	Anil Ambo
2.	R. P. Anand
3.	Dr. Deepak Garg
4.	Kersi Hilloo
5.	Manoj Jalan

6.	Gaurav Kapadia
7.	Deepak Mehta
8.	Munna Mitha
9.	Yogesh Pandya
10.	Jamsheed Patel
11.	Vicky Punjabi

AN APPEAL

The Literacy Committee has decided to embark on a project which would improve the quality of teaching in municipal schools and additionally make the teaching more uniform. Currently, the committee is working on an e-learning project to provide e-learning kits in all subjects covering Std. I right up to Std. X, at Jagannath Shankar Sheth Marathi School in Nana Chowk that comes under 'D' ward of the Municipality. We would like to supply one kit for each standard, which means 10 kits for 10 standards. The kits are available in English medium as well as Marathi medium. We would like to supply kits of both mediums to the school and would therefore need to purchase a minimum of 20 e-learning kits for the school.

The approximate budget for this project would be around ₹20 lakh and once completed, it will cover almost 800-900 students. In view of the large budget it is possible that the project may have to be split up into two phases. The first phase can provide English e-learning kits and the second will of course supply the Marathi e-learning kits. We request members and well-wishers to come forward for this noble cause and contribute generously.

Please contact anyone of us:

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International Youth Exchange Students in Germany



The Rotary Youth Exchange programme provided us with an opportunity to experience the culture of Germany, build good relations and make new friends in the country and enrich our personality. It also allowed students like us to develop a global perspective. Moreover, it helped us increase our understanding and tolerance of other cultures and improved our language skills while broadening our social horizons. The 21 days that we spent in Germany passed so quickly that we did not even realise that it was soon time to return home.

We all arrived in Frankfurt on 10th May 2019 to a bright and sunny evening. Our host parents and siblings were waiting for us at the airport and welcomed us cheerfully with banners and garlands in colours of the German flag. We then proceeded to the home of our respective host families. The two days that followed were days where we could spend some quality time with our host family and get to know them better and bond with them.

At the beginning of our first week in Germany, we had a get-together at Mr. Knoll's house where we had a delicious meal and spent some time in the backyard of his lavish house. We then proceeded to the Town Hall where we met the mayor of Hungen. Thereafter, we had a tour of the Liebig Museum where we saw various science experiments and also took part in some of them.

All of us attended two days of school in Grünberg and Nidda. At the Theo Koch Schule, Grünberg, we were hosted by the headmaster Mr. Jörg Keller and the English professor Mr. Klaus Steuger. We had an introductory session about the various courses offered by the school and learnt some basic German phrases. We also attended some lectures at the school with our host siblings.



On the second day of school, we were introduced to the foreign class that had German as their second language. It was a very interactive session with all the students and we had an amazing time in exploring and getting acquainted with the German education pattern. At the Gymnasium Nidda, we were guided by Mr. Roman Belter. We also attended English and Chemistry classes with our host siblings.

At night, we had an Indian Reception which was held at Festhalle in Schotten. We represented our country by wearing Indian outfits and presenting a dance performance which consisted of classical and Bollywood numbers. We also had a brief presentation about India and Mumbai. The host families, Rotary members and a representative from the Indian Consulate in Frankfurt were present for this event. The evening culminated with music, dance and food. Everyone present enjoyed the Indian music that we played.

Famous for its cars, Germany is the place of birth of iconic automobile brands like Mercedes, BMW, Audi, Porsche and Opel. The car museums in Germany have a variety of vintage and sports cars on display. The Auto & Technik Museum in Sinsheim is one such museum where enthusiasts can spend hours perusing the exhibits. Our visit to this museum allowed us to see the huge number of vintage cars on display, such as the Mercedes Maybach from the early 1900s, Ferrari from the late 1900s and many more. A part of the museum was reserved for tanks and planes too! We also got to enter some of the planes and see how they were from the inside.

Germany is also home to a huge number of castles and other heritage sites. Some of the castles that we all visited were: Weilburg Castle, Schloss Gedern

and Rheinfels Castle. We also toured the Frankfurt Cathedral. The various museums that we visited were the Bach Museum (dedicated to Johann Sebastian Bach, a composer and musician from the 1600s-1700s), Leica Camera and Production Exhibition Centre, Vulkaneum (focusing on volcanic phenomena), and OVAG Information Centre where we learnt about German water treatment and biogas plants. There was also a day when we climbed trees with ropes. It was a new experience for all of us! We also went to East Germany for a historical tour and visited the Inner German border which had divided the country into two halves: the west and the east.

We had a nice time during a barbecue evening with our host families and Mr. and Mrs. Knoll. After participating in a plethora of day-to-day programmes over the last few days, we always looked forward to these ‘family days’. On such days, we would get to be with our host families, just spending time together or enjoying outings with them. These days would be all about bonding with our host families and making the most of the time with them.

As in any other student exchange programme, we had to undergo a change of family after every few days. It was tough for us to let go—none of us wanted to leave our first host family as we all had become close to each other. Although we had to move on to a new host family, we did not lose contact with the first host family that we had lived with.

One of the fun events we had participated in was when all of us had prepared an Indian dinner for our host families. We prepared the food in the kitchen of Theo Koch Schule with the help of our host families. The variety of Indian dishes made included

sev puri, anda bhurji, vegetable makhnwala, aloo tikki, sali par eedu, white chicken and gulab jamun. We also offered attendees some special mango *lassi* made from mangoes that we had brought with us to Germany. We also participated in a group tour where we took a serene cruise ride along the River Rhine and saw castles which were situated on the riverbank. We subsequently took a guided tour to one of the castles and spent an amazing day together.

Another of our most memorable experiences was the canoeing trip. We had all gone for a fantastic canoeing trip near the Weilburg Castle. Even though the weather was extremely cold, all of us jumped into the River Lahn to take a dip and experience the beauty of a German river! After the canoeing, we stopped at a nearby café to relax and later headed back home by train.

The Farewell Dinner was scheduled on the last evening of our trip. All of us students as well as our host sisters and brothers prepared a small speech and talked about our overall experience during this exchange programme. Later, we also gave Mr. Knoll and Mrs. Knoll a token of appreciation from all of us. Overall, it was a lovely and emotional evening as the next day we were heading back home, to Mumbai.

Our final goodbyes at the airport could not get any more emotional. We were not ready to leave Germany—none of us realised how the last three weeks had passed by! All of us had made beautiful memories with our host families that it was tough to say goodbye. After a lot of hugs and well wishes, we finally departed on our flight back to India.

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Krish Shah,
Shenelle Aldons,
Shikha Raika,
Vahista Anklesaria
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Agarwal



The Innerwheel Club of Bombay Mid-Town Contributes to Big Initiatives

‘Akshar Picture’, the essay-writing competition devised by ISO Rajul Shah, gave us an opportunity to get acquainted with the people in charge of the National Association for the Blind (NAB). IWC was invited to their meeting on 2nd April 2019. During this meeting, our members got to know more about NAB’s activities and also interacted with the people in charge at the organisation. Our members also took this opportunity to give prizes to the winners of the essay competition.

We would also like to mention that our Club ISO was talked about in the June 2019 Issue 8 of *The Hub*, a newsletter by Parkstone & Poole District IWC. In this newsletter, Christine Gadsdon has spoken about her experience while on a visit to India and her correspondence with ISO Rajul Shah.

On 5th April, Madhavrao Kane High School at Wada was declared a ‘Happy School’. The inauguration of the new playground, four toilets, and *laadi* (flooring) and *jaali* (railing) of the girls’ hostel was done by PDC Shubbha Chhapwale. Toys, games and books were given to the children. The function was attended by Kate, Ila, Madhu Gandhi, Asha S, Asha B, Sushma Hora, Rtn. Yogeshbhai, Rtn. Gopal Motwane and two others. The donors were Padma V, Gopal M, Siloo S, Asha B and friends. The lunch to 800 children was provided by Madhu G, the biscuits were given by Meryum and bananas were offered by Asha.

A new project was introduced by Kirti Dalal under the name ‘Miracle Feet’. It involves sponsoring corrective surgeries for children having a clubfoot, at Wadia Hospital in Mumbai. Approximately ₹52,000 was donated and the beneficiaries will be many.

A delightful talk on ‘Emerging trends in Dentistry’ was given by Radhika Parekh Paleja, the dynamic daughter of Rupande and Bharat. A new Roster was released by Siloo and Malini and given to members.

Approximately ₹1 lakh was given to the Mid-Day Meal programme of ISKCON while ₹2 lakh was given to Bharat Ke Veer, a fund-raising initiative by the Ministry of Home Affairs on behalf of members of the Indian paramilitary forces. Our contribution to IWC Deonar’s project for supporting burn victims was ₹10,000. Around ₹42,100 was given to the Water Project while ₹20,000 was spent on the Braille Project.

As the year came to an end, we got busy preparing for the AGM on 11th June. Our Club is proud of President Asha S who earned us a ‘Platinum Certificate for the Best Jubilee Club’ and a ‘Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding All-round Excellence’ from DC Vidhya Subramanian.

- Aarti Gautam



A gesture of friendship - flags of various IWCs collected by ISO Rajul Shah during the year



President Asha Singh presenting a cheque of ₹1 lakh to Shri Radha Krishna Das Prabhu of ISKCON



Sushu Kamlani giving a guest introduction at our General Business Meeting



Kirti Dalal introducing Miracle Feet Project to IWC. Seen here with guest Leena Gandhi, who is also the President of IWC Queen's Necklace

Awards Won by Rotaract Club of Lala Lajpatrai College



For the Rotaract Club of Lala Lajpatrai College, the month of April was characterised by a slew of amazing events, kicked off by one of the greatest joint projects—‘Pehchaan 2019’. A mega project done in collaboration with RCHR, RCKC, RCNM, RCHinduja, RCRuia, RCSophias and ISME, Pehchaan’s focus is on development and upliftment of the lives of the needy. It works on educating and empowering the lives of underprivileged youth.

The Team Club Service held two fun events for Rotaractors: ‘Strike Down’ and ‘Pokemon Go’. Team Professional Development helped Rotaractors develop their abilities through their events: Avengers Assemble and D-Code. The Community Service Team educated the youth through their events, namely ‘Seekh’ and ‘Thuk Thikkan’. Team International Service celebrated International Poet’s Day and Bluff Day with Rotaractors in this month.

In the month of May, Team Club Service held two events to help Rotaractors beat the heat: ‘Battle Text’ and ‘Guess What’. Team Professional Development held scattergories to help participants understand better the connections between various things in our lives. Lastly, international service celebrated the two international occasions of Star Wars Day and Biscuit Day.

Winning accolades and gathering appreciation from various organisations, 2018-2019 is

turning out to be a glorious period for us. Let us take a look at the awards and accolades that we have won:

Achievements of RCLALAS at AARA 2018-19:

- Achieved 3rd Rank in Rotaract District 3141
- Award for Best Editorial Project – Writer’s Unboxed
- Award for Best Ambassadorial Club
- Award for Best Ambassador – Rtr. Chinmay Surkund
- Citation for Best Joint Project – Pehchaan 2019

PROJECT NOMINATIONS:

Club Service:

- Nomination for September – Play without Lights
- Nomination for November – Jollification
- Nomination for January – Beyond the Limits 5.0
- Nomination for May – Battle Text

Community Service:

- Nomination for July – La Femme
- Nomination for August – SOME (So Others May Eat)
- Nomination for October – Astitva Ek Pehchaan 2018
- Nomination for November – Angels Carnival
- Nomination for January – Street Store 2019

Professional Development:

Nomination for August – Footloose Session 2
 Nomination for September – Business Tycoon
 Nomination for October – Partium
 Nomination for December – Bol Bachan
 Nomination for January – ZERO

International Service:

Nomination for July – The Linguistic Day
 Nomination for August – Melody Melon
 Nomination for September – Vidya Daan
 Nomination for October – International Artistic Day
 Nomination for January – Artistic Pursuits

Sports:

Nomination for Quarter 1 – H2O – An Aquatic Championship
 Nomination for Quarter 3 – Sports Olympiad
 Nomination for Quarter 4 – 24 Skates for UNICEF 2019

Public Relations:

Nomination for Quarter 3 – Bombay Culture 2019

Partners-in-Service:

Nomination for Quarter 1 – Mini Science Lab
 Nomination for Quarter 2 – Pink

Digital Communication:

Nomination for Quarter 1 – E-Movies
 Nomination for Quarter 2 – Technotronic

Human Resource Development:

Nomination for Quarter 2 – Big Boss Season 2

Entrepreneurship Development:

Nomination for Quarter 3 – Entrepreneurship Mela 2019

Editorial:

Nomination for Quarter 3 – Writer's Unboxed

Total No. of Project Nominations – 30

CROWNS:

Community Service:

Crown for October – Astitva Ek Pehchaan 2018
 Crown for January – Street Store 2019

International Service:

Crown for July – The Linguistic Day
 Crown for October – International Artistic Day

Crown for January – Artistic Pursuits

Editorial:

Crown for Quarter 3 – Writer's Unboxed

Total no. of Crowns - 6

INDIVIDUAL NOMINATIONS:

Best President – Rtr. Navneet Kabra

Best Secretariat Team – Rtr. Chinmay Surkund & Rtr. Janhavi Pandey

Best PresSec Relations – Rtr. Navneet Kabra & Rtr. Chinmay Surkund

Best Director Club Service – Rtr. Ajay Sengar & Rtr. Ethel D'souza

Best Director Community Service – Rtr. Manav Jain & Rtr. Tulika Tatipamula

Best Director Professional Development – Rtr. Anokhi Shah & Rtr. Mohammed Khan

Best Director International Service – Rtr. Preksha Jain & Rtr. Varun Chaurasia

Best Director Partners-In-Service – Rtr. Anokhi Shah

Best Director Digital Communication – Rtr. Tulika Tatipamula & Rtr. Mehak Julka

Best Editor – Rtr. Mehak Julka

Best New Rotaractor (Female) – Rtr. Tejal Uppal

Best Ambassador - Rtr. Chinmay Surkund

Total No. of Individual Nominations – 12

OTHER NOMINATIONS:

Best Rotary – Rotaract Relations

Best Ambassadorial Club

Total no. of Nominations & Crowns – 51

Total no. of Awards – 3

Grand Total – 54

Past President Rtn. Atul Premnarayan has written this article with joy and pride specially for our RCBMT Bulletin.

THE FOUR MAGICAL TENNIS GRAND SLAMS... The Heartbeat... The Soul... The Pulse of the Sporting World!



Atul Premnarayan is a passionate sportsman and the only Indian to have reported and broadcasted 80 Tennis Grand Slam tournaments from their venues for All India Radio, Doordarshan Television, private FM Radio and TV channels, BBC World Service and BBC World Service Asia. He has been awarded several prestigious sports trophies including the Voice of Tennis Grand Slams in India.

Here, he closely looks at the four prestigious Grand Slams.

WIMBLEDON

Wimbledon is the cathedral of tennis with the centre court being its Mecca. The golden words, ‘If you can meet with triumph and disaster and treat these two impostors just the same’ are written right on top of the swing doors from where you enter into the grass tennis court—a masterpiece where the world’s greatest players have fought battles to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat, where their world-class shot-making served as a torchlight in their hour of darkness. Wimbledon is the most beautiful, prestigious and most loved Grand Slam.



Around 45,000 fans come to see the action every day and it is a magnificent total of seven lakh fans who visit in a Wimbledon fortnight. During the span of the 35 Grand Slams that I have witnessed, I coined two slogans: “Wimbledon is a trek to the summer shrine of the sporting world” and “When you enter Wimbledon, you enter history and when

you leave Wimbledon, you take history along with you.”

When at Wimbledon, experiencing rains and gorging on one of the world-class combinations of strawberries and cream is a must. At Wimbledon, the golden rule is to always ‘Serve and Volley’. From the Open era, there were many tennis stars who displayed the kind of winning that made Wimbledon proud. In the men’s category, Aussie players Rod Laver and John Newcombe; American players John McEnroe, Pete Sampras and Jimmy Connors, who attacked the net; German players Boris Becker and Michael Stich; Swedish players Stefan Edberg and Bjorn Borg, a 5-time in a row winner who, even though not a serve-and-volleyer, was Wimbledon’s first real superstar; and Swiss player Roger Federer. In the women’s category were Martina Navratilova, the Williams sisters—who with sheer raw power came up to the net easily, and Czech player Jana Novotna.

Wimbledon has seen all the great and greatest of all players battle it out for fame, fortune and their dream to achieve a Golden Slam. Some of the greatest matches of all time have been played at Wimbledon. They have inspired generations of players across the world to emulate those highs. The Wimbledon arena echoes the agony and ecstasy of the battling stars. One of the greatest matches played was in the 1980 Men’s Final where Bjorn Borg fought a Himalayan battle to win over John McEnroe. The classic fourth-set tie-breaker and each moment of unmatched tension shook and dazzled the tennis world. Another historic match was played in 1985 by Boris Becker, the youngest

Wimbledon Men's champion. Every German knew where they were and what they were doing when Becker lifted the Wimbledon Trophy. The longest match in tennis was in 2010, which saw the brilliance of American John Isner and the shot-making prowess of Frenchman Nicolas Pietrangeli, and which shall be remembered forever. It lasted three days, 11 hours and five minutes. Jimmy Connors, Roger Federer, Steffi Graf, Martina Navratilova, Gabriela Sabatini, Chris Evert and the Williams sisters have given great joy to the tennis world. Ivan Lendl who reached the finals twice was ready to give away his other Grand Slam titles to get that revered Wimbledon trophy. Maestro John McEnroe said that the greatest match he had ever seen in the history of tennis was when Rafael Nadal beat Roger Federer in the 2008 Wimbledon Men's Final in five sets over four hours and 48 minutes. This is Wimbledon. This is where history is made. The song for Wimbledon is 'Can't help falling in love with you' by Elvis Presley.

FRENCH OPEN

This is the world's greatest clay court tennis championship that is the toughest tennis Grand Slam to win. It challenges the player to play like they have got wings on their heels. As a player wins more and more matches, there comes a war-like stage in the finals where the rallies become long, longer and longest. Soon, the dust from the red surface of the tennis court starts coating the player's pristine white shoes and socks; so much so that it is impossible to distinguish where the socks end and the human flesh begins!

Come spring, the whole of Paris is draped in the glamour of the French Open, and in its romance and tragedy comes alive the world-famous Roland-Garros tennis arena. It's a sight of a lifetime. The heavy topspin from both flanks, over-head lob, the vicious second kick serve, spinning, curling



and rising to heights from which a player finds returning next to impossible, the magical drop volley, the backhand, slice-skimming, over the net, deep into the corners of the opponent's court, you get the gist.

Around 45,000 fans come in daily and around seven lakh of them come to Roland-Garros during the French Open fortnight. They and the billions of fans around the world would have seen Rafael Nadal—the superman of clay court tennis—winning his 11 French Open Grand Slam crowns! We salute Nadal as well as Roger Federer as they both are legends in the world of tennis. Two hundred and fifty-six players enter the French Open and at the end, only two get to take home the coveted trophy. Bjorn Borg won six French Open titles, each time winning seven rounds, each lasting for three to four hours. At the finale of each win, he said that it's like climbing Mt. Everest. Rafael Nadal is the Eiffel Tower of French Open, however, after 35 years, when French player Yannick Noah won the Men's French Open title, France did not sleep that night! One huge question arises: why has Roger Federer won just one French Open title (in 2009)? This is simply because Roger Federer does not have clay court shot-making genius. Pete Sampras, Jimmy Connors and Boris Becker never won as they never had the patience to fight spin with spin and topspin with topspin.

John McEnroe in his very best year 1984 almost beat Ivan Lendl in the finals but lost after being in a two-set-to-love lead. McEnroe dreams of those moments daily! Nostalgic encounters of clay court gladiators in raging battles give supreme joy to the world. 1989 saw the youngest Men's winner of a Grand Slam. American player Michael Chang at 17 years three months and 20 days lifted the Musketeers' Trophy named after four legendary French champions—Rene Lacoste, Henri Cochet, Jean Borotra and Jacques Brugnon. Chang in the semi-finals was so tired that he could not even hold his racket. He was walking towards the umpire to say that he was quitting when suddenly he served an underarm serve and Ivan Lendl, his opponent, was dazed. In the finals, Chang beat Stefan Edberg. Another nostalgic match was by Austrian player Thomas Muster who, after recovering from a truck accident, came back to win the French Open title in 1995, beating Chang in the finals. That year, we saw Muster playing tennis like Rocky Balboa, in Rambo style. It was indeed a marvellous sight on court!

POINTS TO PONDER

Another marvellous sight on the court was when Brazilian player Gustavo Guga Kuerten won the French Open for the third time with an inside-out forehand shot and a powerful serve with a deadly spin. Guga was very popular at Roland-Garros. Even Steffi Graf won it six times and was very popular. In the 1999 finals, Andre Agassi battled the Russian player Andrei Medvedev, losing the first two sets. Agassi won the next three and lifted the Cup. Ivan Lendl, Justine Henin, Mats Wilander, Jim Courier, Sergi Bruguera, Juan Carlos Ferrero, Carlos Moyá and Albert Costa were champions too. Paris always has two great options, watch the movie *Titanic* for four hours or watch the greatest clay court match for four hours. It's Paris. It's Roland-Garros. It's the greatest battle in tennis. Sing along for the romance in Paris and for the joy at Roland-Garros, 'It's now or never!'.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Australia has always been a sports-loving nation. The country is home to tennis players who are very talented and gutsy and possess inborn sportsmanship. The Aussie Open is truly 'tennis thunder down under'! It is no wonder that the highest attendance, over seven hundred and forty-three thousand, in any Grand Slam for one single day, happened this year at the Melbourne Tennis Park. On the court, you will almost always find one Aussie player on the courtside helping the other with cries of 'Come on, mate!'

The Australian Open started for men in the year 1905 and for women in the year 1922. From 1972, it was played at Kooyong on grass courts and then from 1988, at the present Melbourne Park. Equal prize money was introduced here in 2001. Hawk-Eye's instant review was introduced in 2002. The



Australian Open is casual and, at the same time, one of the grandest sporting events in Australia. The fans are very sporting and vocal. The night matches are especially a dream to watch. The two world-class stadiums, Rod Laver Arena and Margaret Court Arena, feature retractable roofs which only the referee can decide when to close or open. Two of the all-time favourite records were set at the Aussie Open. One of them was the longest Men's Singles final match which was played between Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal in 2012. Novak won in five sets over a duration of five hours and 53 minutes. The longest Women's Singles match in a Grand Slam was played in 2011 when Italian player Francesca Schiavone beat Russian player Svetlana Kuznetsova in three sets over a duration of four hours and 44 minutes. It was here in 1995 that Pete Sampras, playing vs. Michael Chang, shed tears of agony on court as his coach Tim Gullikson was seriously ill.

Australia's Patrick Rafter won the US Open in '97 and '98 and Lleyton Hewitt won the 2002 Wimbledon and the 2001 US Open. Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic have won the Australian Open six times each, and Andre Agassi has won it four times. In the women's category, Monica Seles and Steffi Graf won four times each, while Serena Williams has won seven times. However, the all-time record is held by Margaret Court who won the Australian Open a whopping 11 times. On the Indian front, at the Aussie Open, Leander Paes has won three mixed doubles and one doubles title. Mahesh Bhupathi has won two mixed doubles titles.

At the Australian Open, the basic shot-making is a huge serve and play from the baseline with hard-pounding ground shots. The burning heat from long matches can be dangerous both for the sole and the head. That's why Ivan Lendl, the winner in '89 and '90, designed a special cap called 'cocker spaniel' which covered his ears and rear of the head, on court. That is also why ice towels are regularly used by players on the court to keep cool. In the past, Boris Becker, who won in '96, ran outside the arena and jumped in the nearby Yarra River because he was dying to cool his head; Jim Courier, the winner in '92 and '93, did the same to cool his burning soles.

These memories are here to stay forever. The song for the Aussie Open is 'You are always on my mind'.



US OPEN

At the US Open, it's tennis from daylight to twilight and beyond. In America, the greatest tennis theatre is the Arthur Ashe Tennis Court in the USTA Billie Jean National Tennis Center. The beautiful court was named after Arthur Ashe, winner of the inaugural US Open match in 1968.

The majestic USTA Billie Jean National Tennis Center in Flushing with its magical night sessions brightens the magnificent skyline of New York—a city that never sleeps. The beautiful stadium here is named after the famous jazz musician Louis Armstrong; this was the main tennis court till the Arthur Ashe court came up in 1997. Both have roofs.

The US Open has always been very special. The US Open is a marathon of sorts, the ultimate test of the contestant's game, nerves, determination and desire. It sees the most powerful shot-makers of the game battling on one of the fastest and hardest tennis courts of the world. It is said that even the Statue of Liberty smiles and the torch is raised higher during scintillating moments of the US Open. The sporting world calls the US Open 'the fortnight of blood, guts, and glory' where each moment is magical. The night session is still young and battles are raging on as the floodlights come on in a flood of terrific drama at the tennis court.

Players kill themselves on hard courts for eight straight weeks post-Wimbledon, and that is why the US Open is called the hard court season. Former World No. 1 tennis player Bjorn Borg never won the US Open. He was a finalist four times—in '76, '78, '80 and '81—but he was never victorious. Borg could **never play** his best game as

the planes kept flying overhead, boisterous fans were loud, and the heat and night session were discomforting. American tennis player and entertainer James Scott Connors won the title five times, and he was the only player to win the US Open on all three different surfaces—on the grass in '74, on clay in '76, and on the present hard court in '83. John McEnroe won four US Open titles; Ivan Lendl played eight finals in a row and won three—in '85, '86, and '87. Pete Sampras, at 19 years and 28 days, became the youngest US Open Men's winner when he won the 1990 US Open crown.

The best matches are played in the night and it's then that the touts raise their prices like champagne in a beer bar. US Open matches are fast, hard and quick. Roger Federer won five US Open crowns, in a row, between 2004 and 2008. As Boris Becker, McEnroe, Agassi and Lendl say, the forehand of Federer is the single greatest shot in the history of the game. In the women's category, Evert won six, Navratilova won four, Graf won five and Serena has won six. In the Men's, Nadal has won three and Novak has won three. These are players who play like a speeding truck on the court, crushing opponents like pebbles on the highway.

Watching the US Open, one thinks of the Golden Ages. Only a few people seem to appreciate them. The electronic review was introduced at the US Open in 2006 and equal prize money became the norm in 1973.

In the history of the US Open, Roger Federer has been World's No.1 for three hundred and two weeks, and Steffi Graf has been World's No. 1 for three hundred and seventy-seven weeks. These two players are tennis jewels who come once in the life of a game. The ultimate joy was when Japan's 20-year-old Naomi Osaka won the 2018 Women's Finals, crushing Serena Williams with a 6-2 6-4 score. Becoming the first-ever player from Japan to win a singles Grand Slam and pocket prize money of \$3.8 million is no easy feat.

Each night session of the US Open sees the best Hollywood stars come in to watch. When it is time for US Open, New York City in unison says, "If you can do it here, then you can do it anywhere." Also, when it's time for the US Open it's the right time to play the song 'Jailhouse Rock'.

Making students globally competitive while they learn



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In this article, he talks about how becoming globally competent is not a simple process, but if pursued correctly, it can be achieved successfully, yielding far-reaching benefits that last throughout one's life.

The world of today is extraordinarily competitive and rife with countless challenges. While globalisation has expanded the horizons of students all over the world, it has also increased the demanding conditions and requirements that they have to satisfy in order to craft their future in it. Throughout their future careers, they will have to work for a wide range of companies with connections spanning continents, as well as encounter people from various cultures, and products and clientele from different parts of the world. Thus, it is extremely critical that students of today are trained and equipped to combat the problems and challenges that they will face, on a global scale. Therefore, their success, today, will largely be shaped by how 'globally competent' they are.

What it means to be globally competent

The Asia Society's Centre for Global Education defines a globally competent student using four primary characteristics:

1. Investigating the world

Students should be aware and eager to learn about different cultures around the world.

2. Recognising perspectives

Students should understand that a difference in opinion is always a possibility between people belonging to different cultures. Thus, they should be able to acknowledge different perspectives, without trying to enforce their own.

3. Communicating ideas

Students should be adept at conveying their thoughts and emotions, verbally as well as non-verbally, to a diverse audience.

4. Taking Action

Students should not only obtain knowledge about the world but also learn to utilise and leverage their learnings in a positive way, to make a difference in the world.

Need for innovation in educational systems

Through constant innovation, educational systems can incorporate a number of measures to make students more globally competent:

1. Introduction of new languages in the curriculum

Apart from teaching a globally accepted language like English, institutes can also teach second languages like Mandarin, Spanish and French, which are fast becoming prominent language skills required by any multinational company.

2. Incorporate global resources into every subject

Students should be encouraged to refer to research papers and studies from different countries to understand different perspectives from across the globe. Resources from non-English-speaking countries may also be used to inculcate fresh perspectives and encourage empathy.

3. Utilise problem-based learning

Students who are globally competent need to be able to solve real-world problems and apply their theoretical learnings in practical situations. Problem-based learning is a great way to do that, as it requires students to conduct research on specific problems by themselves, incorporate a range of perspectives, and formulate a solution accordingly. This will aid students in developing critical-thinking skills instead of simply relying on their textbooks for solutions. This, in turn, will facilitate a better and deeper understanding of the concepts, as well as enhance their communication skills.

4. Organise educational trips

Perhaps the best way to make a student culturally aware is by encouraging travel in the teaching pedagogy—through educational trips to different countries. Such trips would act as a gateway for students to experience different locales on a first-hand basis.

5. Explore the city

Immersive learning experiences can play a key role in facilitating a student's all-round development and problem-solving skills. By using the city as a classroom, students can be exposed to a range of real-life problems, which will train them in devising strategic and well-planned solutions.

Measures that the student can take

While institutions play a key role in helping students become globally competent, this competency can only be leveraged to yield results, if the students also take certain steps to further their development.

1. Watch global news

Students need to explore and be aware of everything that is going on around the world. By watching and listening to news from a number of different countries, they will be able to understand a number of differing perspectives for the same news. A lot of countries including the US and the UK broadcast news in English, which students can tap into.

2. Learn a foreign language from your phone

Smartphones have taken the world by storm, and offer a variety of means to enhance one's knowledge and keep learning. Apps allow students to learn a range of new languages in a fun and interactive manner by using their phones.

3. Travel the globe on a budget

Travelling abroad can be quite daunting for most students due to their expensive nature. However, many students have nowadays managed to find ways to travel on a low budget, through backpacking. With multiple options like homestays and youth hostels now being available, travelling to a different destination has become extremely convenient. Using public transportation systems like buses or local trains, students can explore a number of different places, and understand the ground realities of life there. It can also help them grasp the many nuances of various cultures through an interaction with native people while staying within the limits of their budget.

4. Intern abroad

Apart from travelling, the best way for students to expose themselves to new cultures is by taking up internships in a foreign country. Many organisations today arrange internships in companies or volunteering positions in NGOs for foreign students, to enable them to learn from exposure to various other cities and countries.

Becoming globally competent is not a simple process, but if pursued correctly, it can be achieved successfully, yielding far-reaching benefits that last throughout their lives. The crucial ingredients for achieving this success include appropriate support from institutions leveraging innovative pedagogy and curriculums, and personal motivation and drive to learn and consume more information and knowledge. With the world becoming a smaller and more connected space every day, this kind of competency will soon become absolutely essential for the survival of a student in the job market.

Interview with Rtn. Vinod Mirchandani



It was a pleasure to interview one of our new and dynamic Rotarians, Vinod Mirchandani, who has joined our club recently. He is already involved in many activities and has been awarded the Yoginder Shankardas Trophy for Service

to Youth. During the course of the interview, I got the opportunity to learn more about Vinod's specialisation in the field of education and the resulting deep connect that he feels with the youth.

Here are excerpts from the interview:

1. Tell us something about your growing years?

My growing years at home in Mumbai with my family have been beautiful. I grew up as the only son with two elder sisters who nurtured me and continue to pamper me till date. The values inculcated by my parents have made me what I am today.

I studied at Sydenham College of Commerce and Economics, Mumbai and went on to pursue studies at The University of Buckingham, UK, followed by an international career. It has kept me grounded and based in India, but I still have opportunities to explore the world and its offerings.

2. Are there any role models who have influenced you?

My father continues to be my role model on how to be a successful businessman and a best friend to one's son.

3. You have lived in India and abroad. Which city holds the best memories for you and why?

In my years as a student in the UK, I found London to be memorable as it is a truly cosmopolitan city that allowed me to develop friendships across the globe. Even though I have lived in the UK, India, UAE and Australia, I believe that the home is where the heart is—Mumbai!

4. What inspired you to take up a profession in education?

I have a Master's in Service Management and worked in various industries: banking, travel and tourism. I have always been passionate about management of service businesses, and education, according to me, is a very important service.

I was pursuing my PhD at The University of Melbourne, Australia when I decided to return to India. I had been invited to be the inaugural Country Director (India) of The University of Melbourne and then there was no looking back.

I now run an advisory services business that specialises in international education. We work with governments, businesses and institutions that have an interest in India.

5. Considering your vast exposure to international education, how does the educational system in India compare?

The Indian educational system is robust and thorough. However, the downside is the internationalisation and lack of industry-academia linkages—both of which are areas that my company focuses on.

6. What according to you is the ultimate goal of education?

The ultimate goal of education is to touch as many lives as possible at any age—it is a continuous process and not an end.

7. What are your hobbies?

Meeting People: I truly enjoy meeting people and sometimes, my encounters with them lead to friendships. I have a wide network of connections with people across the globe and such strong links are built on reciprocity and respect for each other.

Golf and sports in general: I started playing golf at the age of 18 and the precision of the game and eye for perfection (that is required for playing it) is what attracted me to it. It also allows you to meet people of all ages and varied experiences.

Reading: The reading I have done has mainly been for academic purposes. After I started my business venture, my reading list has comprised many professional and management books. Recently, while reflecting on life, I have developed a keen interest in books that are philosophical and religious. Here are some of my recommended books:

What Color is Your Parachute by Richard Nelson Bolles

This was a book recommended by a High Commissioner to India and it has given me a great perspective on career choices. We all live with moving goals and this helps us achieve them—mainly through the perspective of jobs but I feel that this book can be adapted to life too.

The Fakir by Ruzbeh N. Bharucha
The author is a man whom I met quite recently. He explains life in a simple way within the pages of this book. It is a fascinating story that explores complex issues in a simple and easy-to-understand way. It talks about karma, divine action, life after death, spirit communication, the power of prayer, faith and forgiveness, energy and healing, the search for God in goodness and most importantly, being constantly attuned with your master.

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8. What does Rotary mean to you?

Rotary values have been a part of my life as I was a Rotaractor in my college days. It is a platform of exchange—to give and take—values being one of the many offerings.

9. As a new Rotarian you have already been so active. What avenues in Rotary do you find most interesting?

I am a part of the International Projects, Vocational Education and Career Guidance teams. The interactions with and learning from fellow Rotarians have made it interesting for me and contributed to my personal and professional growth.

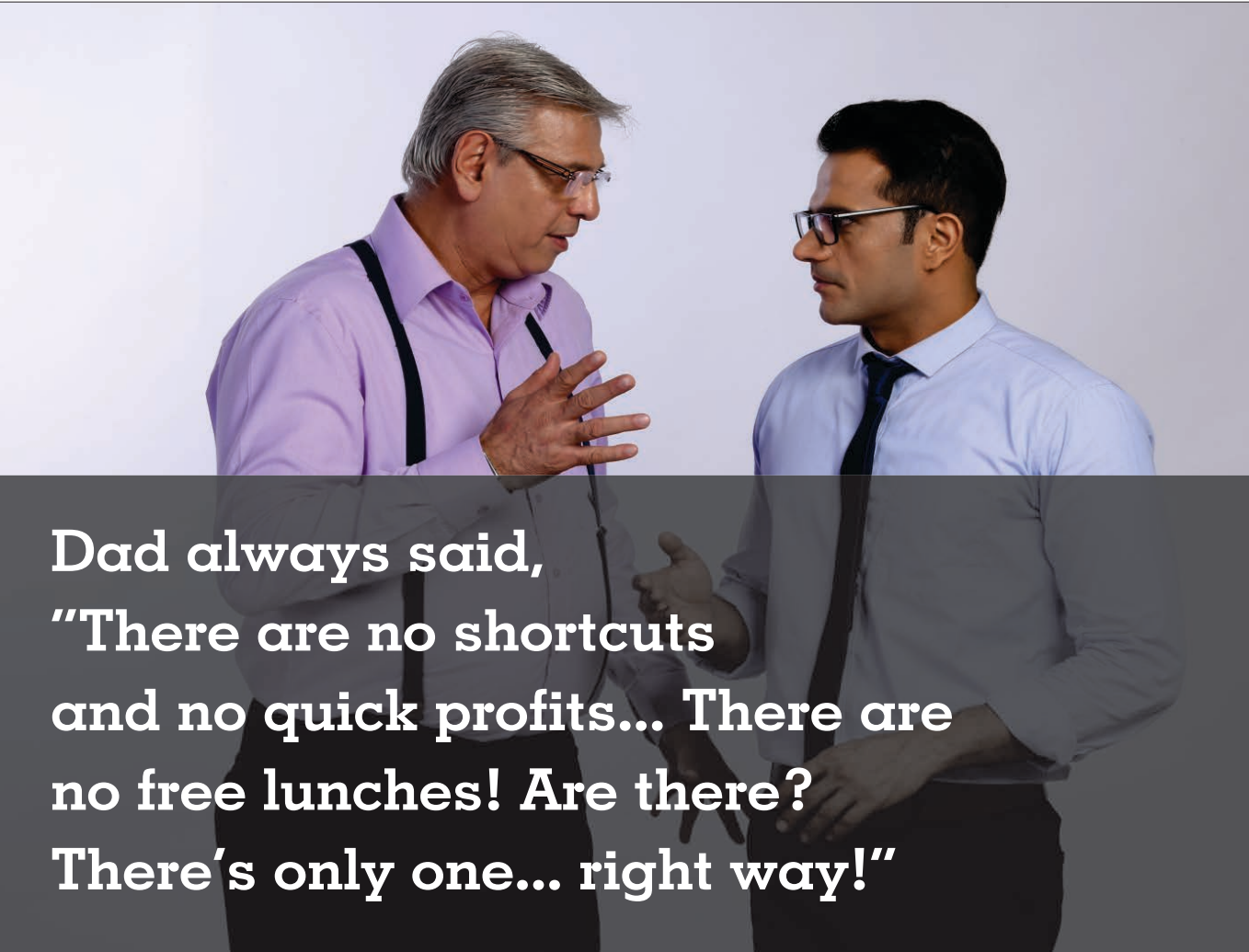
10. What is your philosophy of LIFE?

I believe in *shraddha* (faith), *saburi* (patience) and *vishwas* (belief)—in yourself and in what you do.

We wish Vinod the very best in his deep commitment to the cause of education. We are confident that there would be many milestones that he would be achieving in his Rotary activities too.

- Prasanna Bhagat





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09 July
Shashikant Bhartia



10 July
Harshad Vora



10 July
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10 July
Dr. Ghanashyam Kasbekar



11 July
Reena Khanna



13 July
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13 July
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Aditi Choksey



19 July
Rajeev Thakkar



19 July
Homi Kaka



21 July
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23 July
Munna Mitha



23 July
Gita Parikh

Birthdays in August 2019



01 August
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06 August
Anil Ambo



07 August
R. P. Anand



08 August
Jaidev Mehta



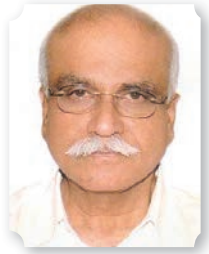
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Dr. Deepak Garg



11 August
Prabhat Srivastava



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Radha Dhir



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Birthdays in August 2019



26 August
Nadir Godrej



26 August
Deepak Gupta



28 August
Satya Prakash Agarwal

July

Belated Birthday Wishes to Rotarians' Spouses

- 02 Alka Ambo
- 10 Usha Khira
- 17 Arati Agarwal
- 17 Madhuri Mehta
- 20 Sarita Shroff
- 20 Malini Jasani
- 27 Siloo Sheth

Belated Anniversary Wishes

- 10 Petra and Dr. Jurgen Morhard

August

Anniversaries

- 14 Rekha and Satyaprakash Agarwal
- 16 Prafulla and Ashok Sanghvi
- 31 Alka and Anil Ambo

JULY 2019

WEDNESDAY, 01 JULY MEETING

Project Blood Donation Camp
 Venue: Saifee Hospital Blood Bank from 9.30 am to 2.00 pm

WEDNESDAY, 03 JULY MEETING

Speaker: Mr. Gajendra Chauhan (Yudhisthir of Mahabharat fame)
 Venue: Taj Mahal Hotel at 1.15 pm

SUNDAY, 07 JULY

Project Women Wellness
 Venue: Saifee Hospital Auditorium

WEDNESDAY, 10 JULY MEETING

Installation Meeting
 Time: 7.30 pm

WEDNESDAY, 17 JULY MEETING

FIRST CLUB ASSEMBLY
 Venue: Taj Mahal Hotel at 1.15 pm

SATURDAY, 20 JULY

Project Career Opportunities
 Venue: KC College Multi Media Room from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm

WEDNESDAY, 24 JULY MEETING

Speaker: Sanjana Kapoor, Chairperson, Prithvi Theatre & Junoon
 Venue: Taj Mahal Hotel at 1.15 pm

WEDNESDAY, 31 JULY MEETING

Speaker: Shailesh Haribhakti
 Subject: Budget 2019
 Venue: Taj Mahal Hotel at 1.15 pm

AUGUST 2019

MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH

WEDNESDAY, 7 AUGUST

Fellowship Evening
 Venue: CCI, C. K. Nayudu Hall at 7.00 pm

SATURDAY, 03 AUGUST

Sophia College Annual Scholarships Awards Function
 Meeting at 10.30 am at the Red Room

WEDNESDAY, 14 AUGUST

MEETING
 Venue: Taj Mahal Hotel at 1.15 pm

WEDNESDAY, 21 AUGUST

MEETING
 Venue: Taj Mahal Hotel at 1.15 pm

WEDNESDAY, 28 AUGUST

MEETING
 Venue: Taj Mahal Hotel at 1.15 pm

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