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IT'S THE SHARED PURPOSE THAT BRINGS US TOGETHER

Greetings, Fellow Rotarians!

Welcome to another edition of RCKP Plus, highlighting our club's activities and a memorable fellowship. Despite the unpredictable monsoon rains and false weather alerts that disrupted plans, our enthusiasm remains high.

As we look ahead, I'm sure many of you are gearing up for the vibrant celebrations of the Navratri Garba and the Diwali.

Wishing you all a joyous festive season!

Cheers ..!!

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From the desk of the President

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Anns of RCKP,

As September comes to a close, I'm thrilled to reflect on the remarkable accomplishments of our Rotary Club of Koregaon Park..

Thank you to each and every member who contributed to our successful literacy initiatives, medical service projects, and fundraising efforts. Your dedication and teamwork made it possible..



Now, as we step into October, I invite all members to participate actively in our upcoming events and projects. Let's foster an everlasting bonding among us, strengthening our Rotary Family..

I encourage you to:

- Attend meetings and events.
- Bring a friend to join our club.
- Share ideas for new projects.
- Volunteer for community service.

Together, let's create a lasting impact and make this Rotary year unforgettable!

Service Above Self..

Rtn Navin Gupta

President, Rotary Club of Koregaon Park.

Ganesh Mahapooja Sahitya Distribution

RCKP and Rotaract Clubs Distribute Ganesh Pooja Sahitya

This year, young Rotarian Swarup proposed a unique initiative to provide Ganesh Pooja kits to underprivileged members of the community, including helpers, housekeeping staff, and vendors. The goal was to ensure that everyone could welcome Ganesh Bappa without incurring additional expenses.

RCKP, in collaboration with the Rotaract Clubs of KP and Viman Nagar, decided to distribute 125 of these kits. Appropriately named Ganesh Mahapooja Sahitya, each kit contained all the necessary items for the Ganpati Sthapana, on the first day of Ganesh Chaturthi.



गणपति बाप्पा मोर्चा

We will be distributing 125 Ganesh MahaPuja Sahitya Kit to the needy people around us.

Let's all celebrate this Ganesh Utsav with the community helpers and under privileged around us.



5th September: World Skate Games, Italia, 2024

During our regular weekly meeting on September 5th, we had the pleasure of hosting Mr. Jaykant Sarode and his talented daughters, Shrutika and Vaidehi. Both girls are passionate roller skaters, a sport that, while not widely recognized, has seen them achieve remarkable feats. Shrutika has already represented India on the world stage at championships in Taipei and Arnhem, and boasts an impressive collection of medals from competitions across India.

Excitingly, both Shrutika and Vaidehi have been selected to represent India in the upcoming World Skate Games in Italy. Shrutika will even captain the Women's Roller Derby Senior Team. In preparation for this event, they've been seeking financial support to cover their expenses.

Touched by their dedication, RCKP members swiftly agreed to contribute 10% of the required funds (Rs. 50,000). Meanwhile, Mr. Kunal Tembwalkar and Rtn. George Harry are actively exploring avenues to secure the remaining 90%. Harry has even reached out to his College of President (COP) network for additional support.

We wish Shrutika and Vaidehi all the best as they embark on their journey to Italy on September 15th, and we're proud to play a part in their pursuit of excellence.



5th September: World Skate Games, Italia, 2024



9th September: Dagdusheth Ganapati Darshan

Ganesh Chaturthi, a grand celebration in Pune, traces its roots back to 1893, when Lokmanya Bai Gangadhar Tilak initiated this now 131-year-old tradition. The Shrimant Dagdusheth Halwai Ganapati holds a special place in the hearts of devotees, symbolizing the city's pride and honor. Every year, people from all corners of India and the world gather to seek blessings from Lord Ganesha at this revered temple.

Today, the Temple, through the Shrimant Dagdusheth Halwai Sarvajanic Ganapati Trust, is not just a prominent place of worship but also a dedicated institution actively contributing to social welfare and cultural development.

Thanks to Rtn. Shani's connections with Mr. Mahesh Suryavanshi (Trustee and Treasurer) and Mr. Mangesh Suryavanshi, about 20 RCKP members had the privilege of an early morning Darshan of the Dagdusheth Ganapati Bappa on Monday, September 9th. Gathering near the beautifully decorated mandap at 6:45 AM, they witnessed the awe-inspiring recreation of the Jatoli Shiv Mandir from Himachal Pradesh.

Shani's meticulous arrangements allowed everyone to get close to the idol and experience a fulfilling Darshan. The RCKP also made a generous donation of Rs 5100 to the Dagdusheth Halwai Pratishthan. The memorable event concluded with a delightful breakfast at the Supria restaurant in the Camp.



9th September: Dagdusheth Ganapati Darshan



12th September: Books Donation

A Brief History of Written Documents

From the earliest Mesopotamian cuneiform scripts around 3500 BCE to the digital texts of today, civilizations have continually evolved their methods of recording information. Throughout history, materials like clay tablets, bamboo, papyrus, and beech bark have served as the foundations of written communication.

The Decline of Physical Books

While books have been a cornerstone of human culture for centuries, the proliferation of mobile devices has led to a decline in physical book reading, particularly among younger generations. This trend raises concerns about the long-term impact on literacy and intellectual development.

RCKP Promotes Literacy

In a commendable effort to counter this trend, RCKP took a significant step on September 12th. Club members Navin Gupta, Satish, Sandesh, and Purnima visited Azad Mitra Mandal in Janata Vasahat, Parvati, to distribute 150 Marathi storybooks to children aged 8-15. These engaging and educational books were designed to foster a love of reading and learning.

To ensure the books were well-preserved, RCKP also provided a cupboard for storage. The children's excitement was palpable as they eagerly selected books to explore. Social Service volunteer Ms. Radhika Dhingra and her team were received the books on behalf of the Mandal.



तैलात् रक्षेत् जलात् रक्षेत्
रक्षेत् शिथिलबंधनात् ।
मूर्खहस्ते न दातव्यं
एवं वदति पुस्तकम् ।

20th September: Rainbow Fellowship, A Colourful Affair

Rainbow Fellowship: A Colorful Affair

The Rainbow Fellowship was a vibrant celebration of color and camaraderie. The balloons adorning the walls were a riot of color, far surpassing the hues in attendees' attire. However, the lively chatter and laughter, fueled by refreshing drinks and delectable starters, more than made up for the lack of colorful clothing.

The two games provided ample entertainment. In the first, the participants had to jump left or right of a line based on a "yes" or "no" call from the conductor. After a few drinks, the men's ability to listen seemed to have vanished, leading to their swift disqualification. As for women, perhaps unaccustomed to hearing 'no', responded only to 'yes', never returning to the other side of the line .. 😊😊.

The second game, involving balancing a paper cup on the head and pushing a ring forward, proved to be more challenging. A few enterprising members even took advantage of the chaos, selling cello tape and Fevicol at exorbitant prices to struggling participants .. 😊😊.

Relive the joyous moments of the Rainbow Fellowship through these photos.



20th September: Rainbow Fellowship, A Colourful Affair



21st September: Medical Camp for Women

In collaboration with Badlaav Foundation and Family Planning Association (FPA), a renowned NGO established in 1947, RCKP organized a medical checkup camp on September 21st in Janata Vasahat Colony, Prvati. The camp primarily focused on providing healthcare services to women aged 10 to 49.



For adolescent girls, the camp offered counseling on menarche, anemia treatment, and menstrual hygiene. Essential medicines like iron, calcium, protein powder, vitamin C, and folic acid were distributed.

Adult women received consultations on various family planning services, including education on condoms, pills, IUCDs, tubal ligation, no-scalpel vasectomy, comprehensive abortion care, infertility treatment, and antenatal/postnatal care.

A total of 30 adolescent girls and 85 adult women benefited from the camp.

In addition to general consultations, the camp also provided specialized procedures. Four colposcopies were performed to examine the cervix for potential cancerous changes. Cervical cancer screening, breast screening examinations, and post-BSE sonographies were conducted on 33, 42, and 4 women, respectively.

To assess overall health, the camp performed 83 hemoglobin tests, 59 fasting blood sugar tests, 61 HIV tests, 61 HBsAg tests (for Hepatitis B), 61 VDRL tests (for syphilis), and 16 blood group type tests.

This comprehensive medical camp demonstrated RCKP's commitment to providing essential healthcare services to the community, particularly for women and adolescent girls.



21st September: Medical Camp for Women



The Rotary Foundation: Transforming Lives Through Giving

Giving to The Rotary Foundation is more than just a donation; it's an investment in humanity. By supporting the Foundation, we learn the importance of interconnectedness, the power of selflessness, and the profound impact we can have on the lives of others.

The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into impactful service projects that make a difference both locally and globally. Over the past century, the Foundation has dedicated \$3 billion to life-changing, sustainable initiatives.



When you contribute to The Rotary Foundation, you directly support Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio, promote peace, and develop communities. RCKP has a long history of generous giving to the Foundation. Many of our members have been Paul Harris Fellows for years, demonstrating their commitment to Rotary's ideals. Additionally, some members belong to the Paul Harris Society, pledging to donate \$1000 annually.

President Rtn. Navin Gupta and Foundation Director Rtn. Sudesh Hadke encourage all members to consider making generous donations to the Rotary Foundation, even if they may not be able to become Paul Harris Fellows or members of the Paul Harris Society.

| Name | Recognition Amount | PHF Level | PHF Date | Recognition Points | Last Contribution |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Bhagwat, Ramkrishna Bhalchandra | 7,167.38 | PHF+6 | Oct-19 | 6,087.38 | Aug-24 |
| Bijoor, Niranjana B | 1,065.81 | PHF | May-22 | 535.81 | Nov-22 |
| Deshchougule, Satish Padmakar | 5,958.12 | PHF+4 | Jun-21 | 4,758.12 | Jul-24 |
| Gupta, Navin Sudarshan | 2,391.71 | PHF+1 | Oct-19 | 1,891.71 | Jul-24 |
| Gupta, Sandesh Dinesh | 1,097.55 | PHF | Mar-18 | 417.55 | Jul-21 |
| Hadke, Sudesh D | 1,117.55 | PHF | Jul-13 | 217.55 | Jul-21 |
| Khullar, Ajaya | 8,513.59 | PHF+7 | Jun-21 | 7813.59 | Aug-24 |
| Kumar, Aditya | 1,000.88 | PHF | Jun-23 | 237.88 | Jul-21 |
| Mediratta, Vinay | 1,000.41 | PHF | Mar-22 | 405.41 | Jan-22 |
| Mehta, Niraj Sudhir | 1,917.55 | PHF | Nov-13 | 1,017.55 | Jun-24 |
| Nathwani, Rakesh Maganlal | 1,117.55 | PHF | Mar-15 | 117.55 | Jul-21 |
| Naushad, Shani | 1,218.33 | PHF | Oct-19 | 818.33 | Nov-23 |
| Pendse, Purnima Ram | 2,132.99 | PHF+1 | Nov-16 | 2,132.99 | Feb-23 |
| Sadalkar, Ashok Appasaheb | 1,417.55 | PHF | Aug-04 | 417.55 | Mar-22 |
| Shah, Mahesh Lalji | 1,117.55 | PHF | Oct-19 | 717.55 | Jul-21 |
| Shetty, Rathnakar | 2,595.70 | PHF+1 | Dec-21 | 1,695.70 | Oct-23 |

26th September: Inspiring Talk by Ms. Radhika Dalvie

RCKP Hosts Inspiring Talk by Ms. Radhika Dalvie

On 26th September, we had the privilege of hosting Ms. Radhika Dalvie, a renowned educator and philanthropist, as the guest speaker for our weekly meeting. Ms. Dalvie, a recipient of the National Award for Teachers in 2019, shared her inspiring journey and the impact of her NGO, Arun Aashray.

With over four decades of experience in education, Ms. Dalvie has taught in prestigious ICSE schools in Mumbai and Pune. She retired as Principal of Wisdom World School in Pune and currently serves as an Educational Consultant.

A turning point in her life came in 2007 when she lost her 18-year-old son in a road accident. This tragic event led her to establish Arun Aashray, a home for abandoned children, as a tribute to her son. Since its inception in 2011, Arun Aashray has rescued 117 children and found loving homes for them, including reuniting some with their biological parents.

The organization provides comprehensive care, including healing, education, and rehabilitation, to children who have been abandoned on railway tracks, bus stations, or in other vulnerable locations. These children face immense challenges, including exposure



26th September: Inspiring Talk by Ms Radhika Dalvie

to harsh weather, dangerous animals, and potential predators.

With unwavering support from her family, friends, and supporters, Ms. Dalvie continues to dedicate her life to changing the destinies of abandoned children. She and her team have been instrumental in advocating for changes in adoption policies for foreign mothers married to Indian citizens.

In addition to her work with Arun Aashray, Ms. Dalvie is actively involved in welfare activities for women in need.

Sharing her wisdom with parents who have lost children, Ms. Dalvie emphasized the importance of moving forward and finding strength in grief. She encouraged parents to focus on helping others in pain, as this can be a powerful source of healing.

Ms. Dalvie's inspiring talk left a lasting impression on our members, reminding us of the power of compassion and the positive impact we can have on the lives of others.

We also inducted Cdr. Aswini Kumar Borkotoky, Indian Navy (Retd), and his wife Mrs. Sanjana as a new member to RCKP family.



Happy Birthday ..!!



Rtn. Niraj Mehta -
1st October



Annette Kruti
Nathwani - 1st
October



Ann Deepali Mehta -
5th October



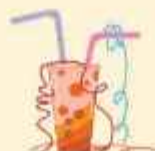
Annette Hanut
Khullar - 6th
October



Ann Anuradha
Khullar - 8th
October



Rtn. Ajaya Khullar -
14th October



Happy Birthday ..!!



Rtn. Purnima
Pendse - 15th
October



Annette Reet
Mediratta - 16th
October



Ann Mary George -
19th October



Annette Sanjana
Takale - 20th
October



Happy Birthday ..!!



Ann Preeti Gupta -
25th October



Ann Beena Hiremath
- 26th October



Annette Tarun
Gupta - 19th
October



Annette Yash Thole
- 31st October

