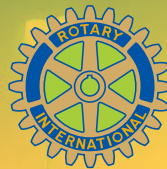


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Stephanie A. Urchick , Rotary International President, 2024-2025

Stephanie A. Urchick, is the second only woman, in the history to have been selected as the President of Rotary International for 2024-25.

Urchick is partner and chief operating officer of Doctors at Work LLC, a consulting and training company. She holds a doctorate in leadership studies from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She is active on numerous community boards and committees, and has been honored by organizations including Zonta International and the Sons of the American Revolution.

A Rotary member since 1991, Urchick has traveled to Vietnam to help build a primary school and to the Dominican Republic to install water filters. She studies several Slavic languages, has mentored new Rotarians in Ukraine, and coordinated a Rotary Foundation grant project in Poland.

Urchick has served Rotary in many roles, including as a director, Foundation trustee, and chair of the RI Strategic Planning Committee and the Foundation's Centennial Celebration Committee. She currently serves on the Election Review Committee and the Operations Review Committee. She is a Rotary Foundation



Major Donor and a member of the Bequest Society.

With the world facing incredible challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic, disasters driven by climate changes, and conflict in many regions, Urchick says Rotary's leaders can offer a vision and a plan for overcoming these challenges.

"Measures taken by Rotary leadership to survive and end critical challenges often make

our organization stronger and more resilient for future events," Urchick says. "This kind of essential leadership also creates new levels of cooperation, even among rivals, when Rotarians pull together as people of action to serve and solve a crisis."

Because Rotary operates in more than 200 countries and regions, it is vital to recognize that the organization has the potential to become more efficient and effective by understanding and reacting to how regional differences affect the way Rotarians work together to address providing service, promoting integrity, and advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace," Urchick says.

Making regionalization a priority is crucial, says Urchick.

WE MEET AT 7:00 PM ON EVERY FRIDAY.



Message from Stephanie A. Urchick , Rotary International President, 2024-2025

Stephanie A. Urchick



22 February 2024

Dear fellow Rotary leaders:

As we begin a new year of service, let us not forget the importance of every one of Rotary's members.

We need your leadership now more than ever if we are to make every club and district an irresistible experience. Rotary has a chance to capture the world's attention and realize possibilities beyond our expectations. But we must build on the work that has come before us if we are to reach our goals, such as defeating polio and unlocking the power of girls and women.

Rotary offers people of action a chance to connect and find belonging, and this fellowship gives us the potential to improve our communities and the world. By following Rotary's Action Plan and helping make sure all members feel a sense of belonging in their club, you have a special opportunity to inspire members to new heights of service.

Our ability to create lasting change begins with our family of Rotary. Together, it is within our power to bring healing in a divided world.

Join me in making Rotary a source of strength for those who need it most, within and beyond our membership. Let this be the year we harness The Magic of Rotary, and let Rotary be known as an organization that takes care of its members as well as the people we serve.

It is within your power to help make Rotary a beacon of goodwill and fellowship in every community.

Remember that your work can and will change the world with The Magic of Rotary.

Warm regards,



Stephanie A. Urchick

Rotary International President, 2024-2025



District Governor 2024-25 , Rotarian Shital Shah

“Be Good. Do Good”

A Rotarian who lives by this motto and spreads this message everywhere he goes.

District Governor for RY 24-25 of RID 3131, Rtn. Shital Shah joined Rotary Club of Pune East in Rotary’s Centennial Year 2005-06 and became President in RY 2013-14. He has worked tirelessly to make RID 3131 a well-structured and economically prosperous district.

Rtn. Shital Shah has worked at almost all District posts namely :

District Director – Membership, record breaking performance of 550+ net growth.

District Director – Foundation- broke all the APF records till then. He had successfully collected the highest, 6.72Lakh dollars to APF for which he was given the Best District Director Award

District Director – Non-Medical Service Projects. PANCHAM project, thereby adding a new dimension to synergy projects for which he again received the Best District Director Award He bagged Rotary International’s “Significant



Achievement Award” for mega project of distributing 10,000+ Sweaters to needy people.

Known as founding father of International RYLA for District 3131, he pioneered a month-long Mega singing competition “Rotary Idol”, which was awarded as the “Best Fellowship Event” of the year 2009-10.

He devised the super successful, mega-synergy “Happy Family Kit” Project, which is reaching out to thousands of beneficiaries.

He is Major Donor Level 2 and has been bringing many more CSR partners to contribute to Rotary projects exceeding Rs.4 Crore.

He works as a financial planner and owns the firm Star Financials since 1988.

He is backboned by his loving wife Rtn. Ragini Shah and two sons Janak Shah and Raunak Shah, Janak’s wife, Ritika and while Raunak is engaged to Twinkle.

Let us welcome a believer in “Be Good: Do Good” and unopposed District Governor of RID 3131 for RY 24-25, Rtn. Shital Shah.

Message from DGE Santosh Marathe

Dear President Niranjana and My RCPW family,

Let me first congratulate IPP Vipin and his team for an eventful and a most successful year full of enjoyment and result oriented hard work. In RY 2023-24 our club has achieved an all-time high in APF, a record in CSR funds and Service Projects covering every Focus Area of Rotary and great fellowships.

July 1, 2024 brings in a lot of excitement and enthusiasm to make yet another year a grand success. It is one more new Rotary year, and with it come more decisions, responsibilities, and most important, a lot of inspiration and aspirations of our members and spouses.

A new Rotary year is a great time to make a fresh start. Pres Niranjana and his Board have planned the Rotary Year 2024-25 meticulously. We have



just one year so let us dive straight in and make a big SPLASH!

Dear friends, it is the responsibility of each one of us to support our President and give our best to achieve the Club’s goals. I would request all of you to come forward and participate in the Service projects and all the Club and District events. Last year we began by Creating Hope in the minds of the needy and tried to help

them to have a better life. Community needs are changing and we too should change our approach to address the problems. We can demonstrate the Magic of Rotary through innovative approach to address community problems.

Wish you all the very best for a Rocking Rotary Year!!

DGE Santosh Marathe

Message from DG Rtn. Shital Shah

DG Rtn. Shital Shah



My dear Fellow Rotarian's,

As the new Rotary year 2024-25 sets in, the magical journey of District 3131 begins with "ROTARY CHATRA CHAYA" project - an initiative that will go a long way in engaging members & enhance the public image of Rotary by providing shelter to poor street vendors. I appreciate all Rotary Clubs for overwhelming response to this unique project.

District 3131 is on the rise & our journey has been progressive & impressive year after another. We have set high benchmark's to our Foundation givings & to the quantum of service projects we undertake in all 7 Focus areas. Participation of clubs in youth activities & structured programs has been fabulous. Our reach out to corporate for tapping CSR funds for Rotary projects has been phenomenal. As we move ahead, let us all strive to achieve new milestones for 3131.

RI President Stephanie Urchick has unveiled the theme for RY 24-25 "The Magic of Rotary ". It is the magic when we Rotarian's transform lives by providing education to illiterates, change lives when we provide pure drinking water, develop villages and eradicate dreadful diseases like polio. As a true Rotarian, responsibility lies upon us to continue our service for the deprived communities.

We have thoughtfully launched the Playing 11 initiative under District 3131 thrust area. Activities & projects listed in Playing 11 will create huge impact on communities in every corner of our District . The CHAUKAR & SHATKAR initiatives are well informed in District forums and I expect each and every club participate in this super initiative.

Rotary action plan begins with membership. Adding new members and engaging them in Rotary projects will make our clubs vibrant. Be sure that the member experience matters the most in retaining them.

In the end let me touch upon 4 pillars that will bring the magic of Rotary :- 1) Bringing Youth to Rotary 2) Getting Women in Rotary 3) Tap CSR funds by reaching out to corporate world & 4) Your wholehearted donation to Rotary Foundation.

Wish you all the best for the rocking and the most happening RY 2024-25 !!!

TOP REGARDS & TRULY YIR,

Rtn Shital shah District Governor, RID 3131



Message from Chief Guest Rt. Nitin Dhamale

Dear President Rtn Niranjn Mathure,

On behalf of District Governor Nominee Designate (DGND) Nitin, it is my distinct honor to extend heartfelt congratulations to you and your esteemed board members on your installation as President of the Rotary Club of Poona West for the year 2024-2025.

Your leadership and the collective efforts of your board members mark the beginning of an inspiring journey filled with promise and potential. The Rotary Club of Poona West has consistently demonstrated a deep commitment to "Service Above Self," and your recent accomplishments stand as a testament to this dedication.

The club's signature projects, such as Artificial Limbs, Adult Literacy, Srujan, Teachers Training Program and Residential RYLA, have left a lasting impact on the community by addressing critical needs and fostering sustainable development. The innovative approaches and tireless efforts behind these projects have not only enhanced the quality of life for many but have also showcased the true spirit of Rotary.

Moreover, the successful execution of various global grant projects, such as 110 Baby Warmers and the Upgradation of 55 Anganwadis, in recent years is a matter of immense pride. These initiatives have brought



about significant positive change, addressing pressing issues and providing long-term solutions. The club's ability to secure and effectively utilize these grants underscores your strategic vision and commitment to making a global impact.

The pride that the members of the Rotary Club of Poona West take in their service projects is evident and well-deserved. The club celebrated its 50th year in 2018-2019 and has produced two District Governors, with another set to take on the assignment next year. This is a testament to the club's great commitment to the community.

Their dedication, hard work, and unwavering spirit of volunteerism are truly commendable. President Rtn Niranjn, as you embark on this new chapter, please know that you have the full support and best wishes of the entire district. May your tenure be marked by continued success, innovative service projects, and a strengthened commitment to Rotary's ideals.

Wishing you all a year filled with meaningful service, lasting friendships, and remarkable achievements.

Yours In-Rotary World,

Rtn Nitin Dhamale
DGND 2023-24, Dist 3131, India.

Message from AG Rtn Jayshree Deshpande



Friends

Firstly I would like to wish you all a very happy Rotary New Year .

It gives me immense pleasure to be associated with your club and hope you all should feel the same. With our heads high we should aim to be the best in helping needy , contribute where required and most importantly upliftment of society. At the same time we should enjoy working together and also for a good cause.

Thank you

Rtn Dr. Jayashree Deshpande

AG 2024 - 2025

Our President Rtn. Niranjn Mathure – A ring side view of a splendid journey

In the early 80s of New Delhi, it was not customary for young men and women to strike up conversations with each other. One ‘observed’, one did not talk, much less make acquaintance. So it was that every morning,



Deepa have moved places and places – geographically, personally, and professionally. As a banker, Niranjn grew to positions of responsibility and authority, and he helped grow his bank (IDBI in its new avatar) to one of the most successful ones known to us.

around the same time that I left for the Delhi University campus, a young man, who lived at the other end of the lane in which we lived, ambled down it in a leisurely manner on his way to the United Western bank where he worked.

Niranjn Mathure. Eligible Young Bachelor. Probably the silent types (Good Lord! First impressions can be sooo wrong!). That’s all I knew about this personable young man.

So, in 1984, there was this jaw dropping, ‘whaaaaat???’ moment when my best friend, Deepali Khale, told me she was getting married.

“To whom?”

“Niranjn Mathure”

“That very same Niranjn Mathure? The one who lives in our galli?”

“Yes, we’re getting married.”

If not in these very words, the conversation was something to this effect. It doesn’t matter. What matters is that Deepa and Niranjn did tie the knot, and I received into my circle, a very fine human being who would be a good friend-in-law and eventually a really good friend.

Over the last four decades, Niranjn and

The job was transferable, and he and Deepa set down roots in different places and made several cities their home. The setting down of roots is also all about growing friends, and that’s something Niranjn is very good at.

His innate friendliness and easy affection help people warm up to him very easily. We’ve all seen that in Rotary. Extremely generous (and I mean the generosity of spirit which is way more important than the generosity of the wallet), he’s one of the first to reach out with help, the first to offer genuine encouragement and appreciation, and the first to respond to others, whether it is online or in person.

Together, Niranjn and Deepa have raised a fine family, and their two boys, Nishant and Varun (and now Neha too), are everything that parents can be proud of in their children.

Both of them love traveling, are





good hosts, great cooks, and share the same values and a similar North Indian upbringing.

Deepa has been a super fabulous life partner for Niranjana, and he for her (though they don't know it!). Both of them have a very close extended family and they do

everything it takes to keep their relationships warm and loving.

It is not surprising, therefore, that after I proposed Niranjana's name for membership of our Club In 2018, it took him very little time to get assimilated and make close friends within the Club. He has, since, been an integral part

of projects, notably focused on Literacy and Youth. He has done incredibly good work as Chair, Adult Literacy, at the District level, and we must look to him for a lot of good work in Rotary in the years to come.

Leadership is not new for Niranjana. In Rotary, it takes on different dimensions, the most important one being creating and sustaining personal connections. Our Club's President for RY 2024-25 is a pro at fostering warm relationships, and that will be his USP. He will infuse the Club with his infectious enthusiasm and create a very positive environment for everyone to work in.

Good wishes, then, to my friend-in-law and our Club's new leader for a splendid year that becomes part of a beautiful set of memories not just for him, but for Rotary Club of Poona West as well.

Rtn Kalyani Gokhale

Dear Papa,

Congratulations on your Installation as the President of the Rotary Club.

Over the years, you have dedicated yourself to the Club and its work and this is a truly proud moment for you and a show of appreciation for all the time and dedication that you've put in.

Whilst people would often advice others to take things a bit slower post professional retirement, you on the other hand have in fact stepped even faster as you have fully immersed yourself in the amazing work that Rotary does, showcasing the fact that age is indeed just a number.

I remember as kids you would tell us "it doesn't matter what you do as long as you are doing it to the best of your abilities". In this regard, you have certainly backed your words with your actions.

Congratulations once again on the amazing work you are doing and I'm sure you will achieve even more in your tenure as President.

Varun

Neha adds.....

Since I have known my father-in-law, there's two things I've come to know for sure.

Wherever you go with him ; cricket stadium, shopping mall, or tourist attraction, you will 100% lose him for a few hours. He's got an insatiable curiosity for the places around him and looks at the world in a state of awe.

The second thing is - once you've eventually found him, he'll surely be amongst a bunch of new people, he's just made best friends with. Everywhere he's been, he's collected friends and acquaintances across the world and actually made the effort to stay in touch and maintain those relationships - no small feat in today's busy schedules.

This role as Rotary President is strongly suited to his natural characteristics and hope he can abundantly share his skills and knowledge for the betterment of society.

I wish him a very happy & exciting year ahead.

Neha.



ON THE FRONT FOOT

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT NIRANJAN MATHURE

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As we embark on a new Rotary year, I am honored and excited to serve as your Club President & the Captain of "Playing 11" Team of RCPW. I extend a warm welcome to each of you, seasoned members and new members alike and we will continue our journey of service, fellowship, and growth.



Over the past year, our club has accomplished incredible feats. From our community projects to international initiatives, we have made a significant impact. Our efforts in upgradation of Anganwadi , supporting Schools & Community, Health initiatives, saving Environment, Empowering Women etc. have not only improved lives but also strengthened our bond as a Rotary family. I want to thank our outgoing President Vipin Ghate for his exemplary leadership and dedication. His vision and hard work have set a high standard for us to follow.

Looking ahead, I am inspired by the Rotary International theme for this year: "THE MAGIC OF ROTARY" {members to recognize & amplify the organization's power to save lives}. It challenges us to think creatively and act compassionately in addressing the needs of our community and beyond. I am fortunate to lead a club that has best practices, procedures & fine legacy.

In the Planning Assembly meeting, I presented our plans which are primarily based on our club's inherent strengths, past performances and, also goals of our District 3131 {which aims at 11 focus areas of DG Shital Shah}.

We will work to grow our membership by inviting passionate individuals who are committed to service. Our goal is to create a diverse and

inclusive club where everyone feels welcome and valued.

We will focus on sustainable & impactful projects that address the root causes of issues. By collaborating with local organizations and leveraging our collective expertise, we can achieve lasting change.

Rotary is not just about service; it's about the relationships we build. I encourage each of you to participate in our social events and meetings, fostering a sense of camaraderie and mutual support.

We have performed extremely well in collecting funds for Foundation and have mobilized sizable CSR funds from the corporates for our projects, last year. I am sure that my team will strive hard to achieve the same in RY 24-25, also. This will need us to approach & follow with a greater number of individuals as well as corporate doners. Nevertheless, we will continue to show our generosity as in the past.

I invite each of you to share your ideas, talents, and enthusiasm as we work together to achieve our goals. Whether you are leading a project, volunteering at an event, or simply attending meetings, your involvement is crucial to our success.

Let us embrace this new Rotary year with renewed energy and a shared commitment to making a difference. Together, we can do magic in the lives of the public.

Thank you for your trust and support. Looking forward to a year of meaningful service and unforgettable fellowship!

Yours in Rotary,

Niranjn Mathure



President Elect Rtn. Santosh Chiplunkar



Santosh Chiplunkar is an engg graduage from COEP and then studied ICWA – inter. He is also a Registered Valuer for Insolvency & Bankruptcy Board of India. Very recently , Santosh completed Certified CSR Professional Course from IICA.

He worked in Cummins India and Alfa Laval for 33 years out of which last 16 years in various leadership positions in top management. Opted early retirement and now runs his own engineering souring consultancy for foreign companies..

At Alfa Laval, Santosh worked as CSR program Manager for 4 years from 2014 till 2017. In this role, he worked with many NGOs in the field of Education, Health, Sanitation and Women Empowerment. Santosh is well aware of legal aspects with respect to CSR. Santosh Joined RCPW in Jan 2020. Worked as CSR committee chairman, Director Foundation Avenue, Club Secretary and Club admin director. He is a member of Strategic Planning Committee & will be heading it in RY 24-25.

Director Admin. Rtn. Pavandeep Singh Kohli

Pavandeep is passionate about bio fuels and renewable energy industry with related emerging technologies and its impact on the environment along with opportunity it creates for new jobs and talent . Pavandeep has a Hotel Management degree from University of Pune. Besides establishing new hotels in India and Abroad , Pavandeep has been associated in the areas of expertise in Research on Biofuel Renewables , Business Development, Analyst and Advisory roles at Ethanol Trading Corporation. Pavandeep enjoys playing Golf and loves traveling.



Pavandeep had been to Brazil under Rotary Youth Exchange program and joined RCPW in August, 2021. He worked as Chairman of “Fellowship” and “Peace Building & Conflict Resolution” Committee. He also served as Counsellor for RYE student.

Hon. Secretary Rtn. Vaishali Gadre



Rtn. Vaishali Gadre is a teacher by profession running her own Maths and Science classes for the past 34 years. Though she is an Electronics Science graduate, she realized that her true passion lay in simplifying and teaching mathematics to young children. She is interested in reading and is an avid bird watcher.

Vaishali is married to Rtn. Mandar Gadre and both are Rotarians at heart. They have a daughter, Rucha who is a lawyer by profession and a zentangle artist too.

Vaishali became a Rotarian in 2023 and was Editor of WEST WORD in RY 22-23 & Chairperson, Environment Committee, 23-24.



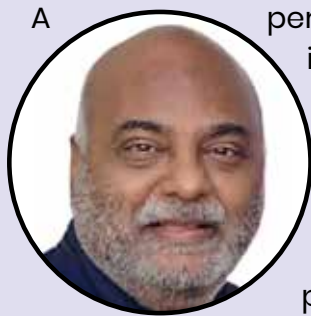
Treasurer: PP Rtn Ajit Damale

Ajit is a second generation RCPWian. His father late A.V Damle fondly known as Dada Damle was one of the founder members of the Club. He followed his late father's footsteps by not only joining RC Poona West but also by taking over his role as the Trustee of the Club's Trust. A practicing chartered accountant, RCPW has laid its "trust" on Ajit and he has lived up to it .He has been the trustee of RCPW Trust since 2008-09 and has also handled many global grant projects.



He has also worked in various club positions as chairperson Program committee, Fellowship committee chair , Honorary Secretary and President of the Club in 2007-08.He was appointed as the treasurer of the club for 22-23 , 23-24 and will be playing the hat-trick innings the same position in 24-25 also.

IPP Rtn. Vipin Ghate



A person with phenomenal leadership skills, Vipin has over 40 years' experience including leadership role in Corporate HR / IR, Administration & CSR having strategic & business oriented HR approach.

Vipin is currently Founder Director, Trans India Business Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Pune. (A premium HR consulting company at Pune)

Vipin , in the past over a long and successful carrier held leadership positions in large global MNCs.

Vipin worked with some of the big names in Indian Indurty such as Kalyani Group, Pune , Suzlon Group, Trenton Group, Nashik and many more.

Vipin has Masters in Personnel Management (MPM) and a Law degree from University of Pune , B.Sc. from University of Indore. Vipin is also serving on the board of many prestigious companies.

In his tenure as President of RCPW, Vipin led from front the record performance of the club in practically all the focus areas of Rotary.

Director without Portfolio Rtn. Vishwas Sapre

Vishwas has PG degree in commerce and Masters in Management Sciences from JBIMS Mumbai. A long carrier of 36 years with the prestigious global and domestic industry at top management level, Vishwas is currently running his own management consultancy. Vishwas has held multiple responsibilities in Rotary at club level as Treasurer, Secy, President, Chairman, Trustee on Board and CLF. At district level Vishwas has been a member of Foundation Committee and WINS committee. Zonal Chair in WINS committee 2020-21, Co chair By laws and Constitution in Dist Club Admin committee 2021-22, Chair



Laws, Constitution and MOP 2022-23, Avenue Secretary Dist Club Admin Committee 2023-24. Zonal Chairperson District Conference 2024-25

Vishwas has had a very distinguished innings with Rotary in various capacities and led very pretegiuous community, cultural, fundraising , education etc projects to a grand success. Vishwas enjoys reading, bird watching and nature.



Director Public Image Rtn. Dr. Savita Dhanorkar



Rtn. Dr Savita has PG Degree in Electronics Science . She also completed her PhD, while working for Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology. Her scientific research work has been published in various international journals. She has also received many best paper awards for scientific contributions for her research on Aerosol Science. Indian Govt nominated instruments developed by Dr Savita in Meteorology , for international awards. Rtn Savita has been a very active member of the club since 2021. Before joining as member she was the the editor of West Words for three years. She has also shouldered the responsibility of Chair – Programme Committee, Director – Service Projects II and Chairperson Interact and RYLA.

Savita likes music, travelling and reading and classical music. Her spouse PP Rtn. Saurabh, has been a strong support to our club.

Director Membership Rtn. Dr. Madhuri Ghate

A highly accomplished person, Dr Madhuri Ghate , is a PhD in Financial Management and M. Com gold medalist. She worked in various B Schools as Faculty Finance . Received Best Faculty Award at ICFAI . She received Best Research paper Award at International conference at Pondicherry. Madhuri authored many research papers published in national and international Journals.



Madhuri joined Rotary 2019, and has shouldered following responsibilities – worked as Chairperson, Bulletin Committee and as Director, PI in 2019 -20. Secretary in 2020-21 and as Director Service Projects 2 in the year 21-22 . in the year 22-23 Director, New Generation. As Club IT Officer, Editor Bulletin & Chairperson, Community Development in the year 23-24.

At District Level in the year 21-22 as Co-Chairperson GML and Co-Director, Publications in 22-23. Madhuri received Best Ann Award in 2018, Won Best Article Award for GML in 2018, Won silver crown in Rotary Samrangri contest in 2019.

Bulletin West Words won Best Bulletin Award under her Editorship in 2018-19 & now in 2023-24 in quarterly review.

Director Service Project - I Rtn. Rita Kothari



PP Rtn Rita has an illustrious career in Rotary . It would be appropriate to say that she has Rotary values in her DNA (Service Above Self) , as she joined Rotary as a Rotaractor, became a Rotary Ann and later became a Rotarian . Rita served as Club president in 2021-22 and has been a strong pillar of Cyber Surakasha campaign . Having served as chairperson of almost all committees and as Director, Service Projects and Honorary Secretary Rita has a huge experience to her credit . In District also, she has been on the Child Development committee and on WINS committee. She is a player who

can play at any sequence as needed by the team.

Rita is is a chartered accountant. She has been successfully running her own firm for the past 37 years. She also loves reading, theatre, sports; played basketball and volleyball in her college days . Besides this she also loves to travel, and is into music and social work. She has keen eye for detail as expected from her profession which will come useful for discharging her duties in critical Rotary roles. .

Director Service Project - II Rt. Deepak Walokar

An experienced and distinguished member of RCPW, Deepak is highly skilled in the areas of CSR, HRM, HRD, Organizational Behaviour, Industrial Relations, Labour Welfare and Personnel Management, Criminology & Correctional Administration, Social Work, Research Methodology, Child Rights, JJ Act, Adoption NGO Management & Administration, Family Counselling, Personality & Self Development, Time Management, Stress Management, Communication skills etc. Deepak has led the Club in the year 2016-2017. He has also served in various positions of Director and chairperson of service projects in the Club.



He has PhD in social work. He retired as Director Karve Institute of Social Services, Director Research & Consultancy Cell, Director CSR Cell of KINSS. He is past President & Present Convener of Quality Assurance Cell of Maharashtra Association of Social Work Educators, Member of Child Development Committee, Govt. Of Maharashtra and Member of Board of Governance- Swanath Foundation Mumbai.

Director Foundation PP Rtn. Bhagyashree Bhide



Heading various portfolios in the Club like Director Public Image, Director New Generation, Director Service Project and Treasurer of the Club and Director club Administration, Bhagyashree is one of the most experienced players of the team.

A banker by profession having worked in Bank of Maharashtra for more than three decades she rose through the ranks to head the legal department of the bank. She worked successfully for six years as CEO of METCO—a fully owned subsidiary of the Bank. She has also been a guest faculty at NIBM, Bank Staff Training College covering legal aspects of Banking and NPA management. As Chairperson of “Streeshakti”, Forum of Bank of Maharashtra women employees, she has organized various activities and seminars on women empowerment. Worked as Retainer as Senior Legal consultant to GDA Trusteeship Ltd. & for “Blue Print Strategic Solutions” and consultancy. She delivered more than 100 lectures on “Will”, management of Charitable Trusts, at Sr. Citizens Forums, Rotaries and other social institutions. Written Articles on various legal subjects in In-house magazines, newspaper.

Director New Generation Rtn. Harendra Deshpande

Harendra is an accomplished ‘Organizational Development’ expert, Professional Coach, Leadership Mentor and Facilitator has a rich experience of over 35 years. His contribution in personal transformation, enabling organizational leaders to transform business strategy into reality through people’s processes has received tremendous response across the country. He excels in creating focus on bringing the much-needed mindset change and helping people to unleash and realize their potential.



Harendra is an Electrical engineer complemented by PG Diploma in training and development and HR Gurukul (EMBA program) from TMTC as a part of Tata Leadership Development Initiative. He has Over 35 year of industry experience as Head L&D, Coach, Mentor and Facilitator.

During his leisure time Harendra enjoys spiritual reading and writing poems. He loves singing is also a sports enthusiast. He believes that his hobbies help him to be in tune with the human spirit.

His hobbies are Spiritual Reading, Poetry and Singing.



Club Learning Facilitator Rtn. Charuvhandra Shrotri

PP Rtn. Charuvhandra Shrotri, popularly known as Charu, is an Ex Promoter of “NIRMITI AUTOCOMPONENTS PVT LTD” a Company with branches in Pune, Uttarakhand and serving European, American, Chinese, South Korean, British markets for Design and Manufacturing of “PEDAL SYSTEMS” for Cars for all prestigious brands.

Charu’s Hobbies: Travelling/Driving, Nature, Animals, Photography, Organic Gardening, DIY, Carpentry, Socializing, Watching Netflix.



Charu has been an active member of Rotary Club of Poona West since last 27 years and have been involved in Service to Society since then. He held various District assignments in the avenues of IYE, International Service, Literacy, Synergy. He has also held other assignments like Assistant Governor and New Club Advisor. He is currently serving as District Director TRF Promotion. He recently became Major Donor level 3. He is a recipient of “Avenues of service award” from Rotary International and also a “citation for meritorious service” by the Rotary Foundation.

OUR CALENDAR FOR JULY 2024

DATE	MODE OF MEETING	ACTIVITY
JULY 5TH FRI	PHYSICAL	Shri Avinash Chandrachud, Music Director Arranger. Dr Rajeev Deshmukh will converse with him about his Musical Journey.
JULY 14TH SUN	OUTDOOR	Visit to Swaminarayan temple followed by breakfast- meeting.
JULY 19TH FRI	ONLINE	Presentation of Budget. Presentation – Rtn Deepali Deshpande on terrace gardening.
JULY 26TH FRI	PHYSICAL	Kirtan by HBP. Dr Avantika Tole.

DISTRICT ASSIGNMENT OF 2024 – 25

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| 1. PP Santosh Marathe | District Governor Elect – District Finance
Counsellor – Club Administration
Member – District Election Committee |
| 2. PP Dr. Tanuuja Marathe | District Director, Global Grants |
| 3. PP Bhagyashree Bhide | Co – Chair, GG Community Need Assessment |
| 4. PP Vishwas Sapre | Zonal Chairperson, District Conference Promotion |
| 5. PP Mandar Gadre | Director, District Disaster Management |
| 6. PP Charuchandra Shrotri | District Secretary – DG Visits (OCV)
Mentor – Synergy
Jt. Mentor – Foundation Promotion |
| 7. PN Pavandeeep Singh Kohli | Member, District Conference Promotion |

IT Officer Rtn. Mandar Gadre



Mandar A Gadre is a Civil Engineer. Mandar has a very distinguished profile. He is registered with leading institutions in India as a professional valuer. He is also a life member of prominent associations in the field of valuation of property and assets. Mandar is on the panel of leading banks in India as a valuer, to name few : SBI, Union Bank of India, Bank of India , HDFC , LIC Housing Finance and many more. Mandar is a SME in project consultancy and has led many prestigious construction projects. Mandar is blessed with variety of hobbies Reiki Grade I & II , Siddha Samadhi Yoga Course completed, Cycling. His latest accomplishment is cycling trip from Pune to Pandharpur .

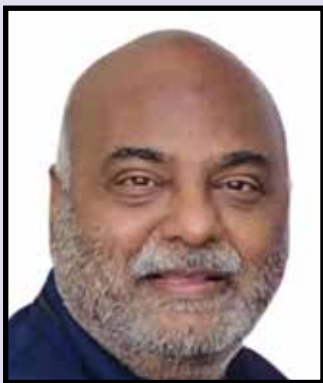
Mandar has been Past President , Rotary Club of Pune West End, Pune (2005-2006) and member of our club since 2019. Since then, he is involved in various activities/ committees of the club. District Officer for Rotary District 3131 since year since 2007 .

Sargent-At-Arms Rt. Dilip Londhe

Rtn Dilip Londhe , is a B.Tech. in Chemical Engineering and a Dip in Fin Mgmt. He has over 41 years of varied experience in Banking and Finance. He has worked with many prestigious companies namely Polyolefins Industries Ltd, Hico Products, ICICI Bank and Serum Institute of India Pvt Ltd. Dilip has very deep liking for music , especially old Bollywood melodies. He is also in love with Urdu language and enjoys the delicacy of Urdu Shayri. He is member of our club since 2009 and was Hon. Secretary in 22-23.



Best Wishes



Dear President Niranjana
Please accept my warm congratulations on you being nominated as President for RY 2024-25 and I wish you all your success as you prepare to take up the responsibilities

and challenges of your presidency.

I know what a huge commitment this is, but I am sure, you are up to the task, and will do a bang up job that will excel our club to a newer height as compared to past. I am confident that you will do an outstanding job as President and make us proud, just as you have in all your previous club's responsibilities.

As you embark upon your new responsibilities

from July 1, 2024, I assure you that I am always available for any support that you may need for the betterment of our club. It is an honor of mine to work beside you as we encourage our fellow Rotarians & rotary family for another successful year.

With my experience as President of RY 2023-24 and as club president, you have such an important role to play, I can say that the upcoming year promises to be one of the most joyful , satisfying and rewarding year of your life.

As IPP, I look forward to working with you not only on the board but any other help , needed by you from time to time.

This is a year to experience "Magic of Rotary" by envisioning society that deserves our best.

With Best Wishes

IPP Rtn Vipin Ghatge





Congratulations on your new role as President of the Rotary Club of Poona West! As you step into this esteemed position, you inherit a legacy that has been thriving for over 50 years. Your leadership marks the continuation of a journey

characterized by excellence, dedication, and a profound commitment to service.

The past Rotary year has set a high bar with remarkable achievements, and under your guidance, we are confident that the club will reach even greater heights. Your vision and passion for community service are exactly

what we need to navigate the challenges and embrace the opportunities ahead.

As President, you have the unique opportunity to inspire and mobilize our members, fostering a spirit of unity and purpose. As you know, leadership is not just about guiding others; it's about empowering them to find their own strength and capabilities. With your exemplary dedication and innovative ideas, the Rotary Club of Poona West is poised for another year of impactful service projects and community engagement.

Wishing you and the first lady Deepali all the success and fulfilment in this role. May your tenure be marked by significant contributions to the community, personal growth, and the strengthening of our club's distinguished legacy.

Rtn Santosh Chiplunkar President Elect

EDITOR KEE KALAM SE

“HOWZAAT” was the concluding question where Madhuri ended her editorial in last year West Word, installation bulletin edition. And my answer after one year to that is NOT OUT. Rightly so, as under the able leadership of President Vipin and all the Board of Directors and key officials along-with Chairpersons and committee members and last but not the least our RCPW members, RCPW played a splendid innings and carried the bat through. I feel highly privileged, having been given the responsibility of editing of RCPW club bulletin.

As also presented during the planning day meeting, we will build upon the strong foundation laid by the teams and our sincere attempt would be to enhance the reach of our bulletin by engaging all the stakeholders deeper and also further improve upon the inclusion our members. I consider myself very lucky to benefit from the guidance of current editor Dr Madhuri and also highly experienced



and innovative members such as Rtn. Dr Rajeev Deshmukh, Ann DR Savita, PP Rtn. Bhyashree, Ann Dipali Mathure, Ann Jyoti Kulkarni and Rtn. Vaishali Gadre.

There is a saying that there is no point in putting your heads together unless your hearts are together. So this year my humble request to all the members is to

make our bulletin, a reflection of your hearty feelings and emotions by contributing to ideas, content and much more. Our bulletin should become the source of inspiration to our current members, attract new members and make our stake holders such as donors and CSR partners feel proud. I know the pitch has uneven bounce, but with the high quality batsmen in our team and a seasoned Captain, Niranjana, we will weather the storm and come out victorious.

Cheers!!!

Rt. Ghanendra Sharma (GK)



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