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AUGUST USHERS IN RAINBOW DAZZLE



The month of August started off on a vibrant note with the Rotary Club of Pune Baner adopting the Indradhanu monthly colour theme and month wise team distribution for better coordination. It was Club Admin. Director Rtn. Sanjay Kulkarni's idea that a rainbow colour theme, Indradhanu for all the months of the current year be implemented. Thus, the colour yellow was chosen for the month of August and as decided, team coordinators were identified. Ann. Priya Dubey, the team coordinator for August, along with membership Director Rtn. Snehal Bhat and others zealously carried out 'Theme Yellow' throughout August.

Various initiatives were planned and executed with élan in August. A yellow meeting day, where all the members and Anns were dressed up in yellow costumes and some new members showcased their talents was a special evening of sorts. Other interesting programs for the month included the Independence Day celebrations at Bal Kalyan Sanstha; a synergy meet with RCP Khadki, the Club's participation in a Shukrangan Club meeting, the installation of the Interact club of NCL school Pashan, co-hosting Abhangwani, a District Cultural Committee program were some highlights. Rtn. Snehal was part of Abhangwani, a music program. IPP Rtn. S.D. Kabra was part of a mega tree plantation program on behalf of the District environment committee. Two epilepsy surgeries were carried out by the club. Also, two new members were inducted on August 15.

- Rtn. Surhuda Kulkarni, Editor

What Serving President Says..



President Rtn. Jigneash Karria

Dear Family,

Hello Family

Congratulations to each and every one behind the success until now. I wish to commend our club admin team for its successful initiative in building strong bonds and partnerships amongst our family members.

A busy and eventful month it has been for us, with members' inductions, epilepsy surgeries, tree plantations, Synergy meetings, New Interact Club addition, Speaker meetings and above all involvement of big number of members, Ann's and Annettes in our club's activities. What else can a president of any Rotary Club Ask for? I express my sincere thanks to all my family members in the club.

Dear Family, another month has begun and it's time to commit ourselves and reassure to work together even harder to ensure that our club reaches newer heights in the time to come. The months ahead will throw new challenges and opportunities and it's our responsibility, to shoulder our club to serve the society.

So dear Family, lets propel our growth in the right direction! **LET'S ROTARY !!!**

- Rtn. Jigneash Karria, President 2023-24, RCPB

Assistant Governor Rtn. Smita Shitole participates in yellow celebrations



AG Rtn. Smita Shitole

AG Rtn. Smita Shitole visited the Club in August and happily participated in a weekly meeting when all the members of RCPB were dressed in yellow colour costumes. After this vibrant meeting, AG Smita shares her message for RCPB.

Dear President Jigneash,

It's great to see your enthusiasm for creating hope and making a positive impact through your Rotary Club.

My words of advice for your club are:

1. Theme Alignment: Align club projects with the theme "Create Hope in the World." This could involve initiatives related to education, healthcare, community development, or environmental sustainability that promote hope and positive change. Your clubs signature project is very unique.

2. Membership Growth and Retention: Prioritize strategies to both attract new members and retain existing ones. Consider hosting engaging events, highlighting the benefits of being a Rotary member, and providing mentorship to new members.

You have a very dynamic membership director Snehal and she has done a fabulous job of getting 10 members and confident she will get few more to join .

3. Rotary Foundation Support: Emphasize the importance of supporting the Rotary Foundation. Encourage club members to contribute to foundation projects and initiatives, which can have a global impact on areas like eradicating polio, providing clean water, and promoting peace.

4. Member Bonding and Enjoyment: Foster a sense of camaraderie and enjoyment among club members. Organize social events, team-building activities, and collaborative projects to strengthen the bond and make Rotary a fulfilling and enjoyable experience for everyone. I can see that your Club Admin Sanjay kulkarni and Ann priya Dubey doing an awesome job. Very innovative ideas of the invites and creatives . I just loved them.

5. Communication with members and Board of directors -I can see that that you have open communication with your club and that is why each one is inspired to do his role to the best .

6. Taking the Club to New Heights: With dedication and collaborative effort, work towards achieving new milestones for the club. Set achievable goals, measure progress regularly, and celebrate achievements as a team. One more asset of your club is Unmesh . He is the backbone of District and your club is fortunate to have him as the guiding light and mentor.

Wishing you a successful year ahead as Assistant Governor. Your commitment to these points will surely contribute to a thriving and impactful Rotary Club.

- AG Rtn. Smita Shitole, RY 2023-24

Ann. Priya Dubey takes charge as Yellow Month Team Leader



Talent show in August



Ann. Priya Dubey



Rtn. Snehal Bhat

Ann. Priya Dubey, team coordinator and leader for Yellow Month narrates the happenings over the month of August, which was celebrated as the Yellow Month at RCPB.

The concept of RCPB Indradhanush (Rainbow) was conceived by Club Administration Director, Rtn. Sanjay Kulkarni in the current Rotary Year and was effectively executed and strengthened by the collaborative efforts of serving President Rtn Jigneash Karria, Rtn. Prreeya Karria, and the entire Board of Directors.

Kicking off with fervour, the Rainbow Teams assigned for each month debuted with the vibrant Team Yellow leading the way for August, under the leadership of Ann Priya Dubey. She was supported by the accomplished and talented Rtn Snehal Bhat (RCPB Membership Director), along with other dynamic team members—Rtn Sujeet Dubey (RCPB Non-Medical Project Director), Rtn Jeevan and Ann Kajol, Rtn Sarat and Ann Bijayalakshmi Swain, and Rtn Shashikant and Ann Malti Thakur.

The team set the tone for the month with a cheerful morning greeting, providing a sneak peek into the exciting plans ahead. The first event took place on August 11th, with the Club meeting radiating a vibrant yellow theme to align with the spirit of the month. Members donned striking yellow ensembles as they embraced the color theme with enthusiasm, including our esteemed Chief Guest for the evening, AG Rtn Smita Shitole. The event featured delightful fellowship, complete with a yellow-themed cake. As it was also a membership-focused month, the evening included cultural performances by our members and engaging interviews with new members that were both enjoyable & insightful.

Continuing the momentum, our next event on August 15th celebrated Independence Day in unison with RC Khadki and Bal Kalyan Sanstha members. The day's festivities commenced with a flag-hoisting ceremony and transitioned into a hearty breakfast. Next, in the joint meeting of RC Baner and RC Khadki meeting, two new promising members, Rtn Shashank Samarth

and Rtn Hitendra Sagar, were inducted into RCPB. It was followed by a musical extravaganza featuring patriotic and rain songs sung beautifully by RCPB members. The performances resonated strongly with all attendees, including the young Rotaractors.

Throughout the month, the Yellow Team consistently engaged members through the official RCPB WhatsApp group with an array of content that was both entertaining and informative, all steeped in the vibrant essence of yellow. This content not only brought joy but also offered inspiration to our members. **In conclusion, the month of August bloomed with the spirit of sunshine yellow, delivering an abundance of happiness and memorable moments that will be cherished by all members.**



Talent show in August

-Ann. Priya Dubey

RCPB takes away 4 awards at RID 3131 Membership Seminar, Tarangan

The Rotary Club of Pune Baner won four awards at the RID 3131 District Membership Seminar, Tarangan held in the city on August 26. The Club was recognized with a 7 star citation in the category 31 to 60 members for membership growth. The club witnessed the addition of 8 new members in the current year and was thus recognized with this award. The club Membership Director, Rtn. Snehal Bhat won a distinct honour of being an individual sponsor for women members. She was recognized with a 3 star citation and a personal pin. The third award, a 3 star citation went to Rtn. Manas Dalai for having sponsored two new members.



Club conducts 2 epilepsy surgeries under signature medical project

The Rotary Club of Pune Baner conducted two epilepsy surgeries in August 2023 under its signature medical project. The surgeries were conducted at the Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital and Research Centre Pune, by Dr. Nilesh Kurwale, an epilepsy surgeon. The Club conducts free epilepsy surgeries for needy patients of all ages under an MOU with Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital and Research Centre. The project was conceptualized in the year 2021-22 by PP Rtn. Sanket Saraf and team.

Rtn. Sanket writes a small note after visiting a patient, a ten year old girl in the month of August. The note goes thus -

“Yesterday we met the 10 year old Ishmita from Delhi, who was successfully operated for epilepsy. We also met her parents from at Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital. Thank you to President Jigneash, IPP Kabraji. In frame is seen Dr Sujit and administrator Nilam from DMH. Ishmita is the 10th patient under our club’s agreement with DMH . This year we have financially supported 3 patients in July and 2 in August. In September also we are planning a few surgeries subject to healthy donations.”

RCPB conducts these epilepsy surgeries year after year and has a plan to reach 50 such free surgeries in the coming two years. These special operations bring a relief to the aggrieved patients and their families as the condition of epilepsy is completely cured after these surgeries. The patients get a new lease of life and they start living life with a renewed zest.



Two new members join the Club

Know our new Rotarians

The membership director, Rtn. Snehal Bhat was instrumental inducting two new members at the Rotary Club of Pune Baner on August 15, during the membership month. They are Rtn. Hitendra (Sagar) Admuthe and Rtn. Shashank Samarth. Their short profiles -



Rtn. Hitendra Admuthe

Rtn. Hitendra Admuthe is a post graduate in Management from Pune University and Mechanical Engineer from Shivaji University. He is also a recipient of the Rotary Vocational Excellence Award.

He started his career with one of Pune's leading organization KSB Pumps. Then he moved on to Force Motors and currently he is leading the Procurement, Exports and Quality Functions at Ariston Group India Pvt. Ltd Pune. (a 100% subsidiary of 3.0 Billion Euro Ariston Group, Italy).

He is passionate about his work and strongly believes in hard work and think-big approach.

He is a past vice-chairman and National Councilor of IIMM (Indian Institute of Materials Management) , Pune. He is also associated with various professional organizations and NGOs.

Rtn. Shashank Samarth is a commerce graduate from Bombay University with Honors Diploma in Computers. He is currently working in Hinjewadi at Ensono Pvt Ltd and has about 30 years of experience in the IT industry.

After working initially in small organizations, he joined CMC Ltd which was leading IT company in India. Later switched to National Stock Exchange, Alltel Information Technology, Wipro and Atos.

During his Wipro tenure he shifted to Bangalore and stayed there for almost 20 years. In mid 2022, he returned to Pune. During his career, he predominantly worked in the following capacities - IBM Mainframe systems as part of managing Data Center, Systems Programmer, Team lead, Global Team lead and Global Manager. Currently he is driving Capacity Management for Mainframe, Distributed and Network infrastructure.

He is passionate about his work and enjoys challenges in professional life. He has done modelling in the past and he used to be an avid blogger.



Rtn. Shashank Samarth

At RCPB, synergy meetings & projects are a chosen path

Considering the fact that synergy meetings and joint projects bring along many benefits, RCPB has joined the Shukrangam Clubs group in the District this year. The group signifies the coming together of all the Rotary clubs in Pune, which meet on every Friday as a chosen day for their respective weekly meetings. RCPB attended one such Shukrangam Club meeting held at MCCIA in which 14 clubs took part.



Joint meeting with RC Khadki

The Club conducted a joint meeting with the Rotary club of Khadki on August 15, 2023 at the Bal Kalyan Sanstha. On this occasion, patriotic songs were rendered by the Club members after the flag hoisting ceremony. Also, two new club members, Rtn. Hitendra Admuthe and Rtn. Shashank Samarth were inducted on this day.

In another synergy projects conducted by the District, IPP Rtn. S.D. Kabra participated and led an initiative in environment. He was part of a mega tree plantation drive conducted by the RID 3131. He is a Co-Director for Environment avenue at the District. Rtn. Snehal Bhat was part of a district cultural program, Abhangwani, held on August 19. She is the Co-Director for Dist. Cultural Team.



Club members at a joint Shukrangam meeting