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Rotary KBC with Rtn Nitin Dhamale

Rtn Nitin Dhamale, an accomplished Rotarian and entrepreneur, holds a B.E. in Production Engineering and an M.E. in Metallurgy Engineering from the University of Pune. He leads his family business, M/s Cee Dee Vacuum Equipment Pvt. Ltd., which specializes in manufacturing vacuum systems.

Rtn. Nitin joined Rotary in 2002-2003 with the Rotary Club of Pimpri. Over the years, he has championed large-scale, impactful projects, including distributing school bags to over 3,000 students, providing 700 benches, installing 127 water tanks with filters, and leading a literacy initiative across 162 ZP schools. Additionally, he organized daily waste collection awareness campaigns in PCMC involving 3,500 students and a local NGO. He has managed two Global Grants totaling ₹1.75 crore each and executed a CSR project with Cello Pens, building 24 restrooms in ZP schools.

After 20 years in Rotary, Rtn. Nitin served as Club President in 2018-2019, during which he completed a record 128 service projects. Under his leadership, the Rotary Club of Pimpri was ranked No. 1 in District 3131, earning him the title of Best Club President. He has also served as convener for various district events, including literacy, Blacktie, AGAC, Foundation, Membership, and PETS. Later, he was recognized as Best Performing Assistant Governor (2021-2022) and Best TRF Director (2022-2023), setting new records in The Rotary Foundation (TRF) for the maximum number of PHS, PHF, and AKS individual donors and contributions of \$2.6 million.

On the personal front, Rtn. Nitin is supported by his wife, Ann Dr. Neelam, a pediatrician and gold medalist. Both are Major Donors - II, and they are blessed with a son, Aryan, who is also a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF).

4th November 2024

Rotary Club of Poona

KBC Style Quiz on
Rotary & TRF
With DGN Nitin Dhamale

Venue: Conf Hall no 2, Poona Club
Fellowship: 6:30 to 7:00 pm
Meeting: 7:00 to 8:00 pm
Followed by Mini Fellowship
Guest Charges: ₹350 pp
Madira on payment
Dress Code: Semi Formals

Celebrating Diwali The Festival of Lights — The Rotary Way



The weekly meeting on 28th October saw our Lady Rotarians and Anns pull out all stops for starting the Diwali celebrations on a high note! Conference Hall No.1 at Poona Club was turned into a riot of colours!

Rich traditional sarees and heirloom jewellery were on full display! The ladies outdid each other with their glittering *Paithanis*, jewelled *naths* and *gajras* adorning fashionably coiffed hair ! Gentlemen Rotarians and spouses in their colourful Kurtas and *Puneri Pagdis* shored up the men's side !

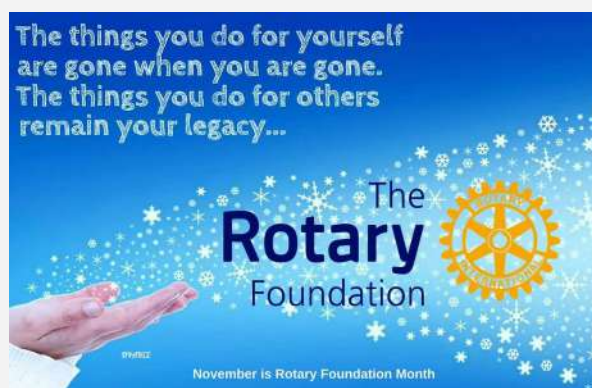
In keeping with the spirit of Diwali, tasty *Bakarwadis* were served for Fellowship instead of the usual biscuits. Packets of Diwali *pharal* were also distributed to all. The lady in red R/Ann Archana Dalvi was clearly the star of the show. She was the initiator, planner, director and conductor of the programme. She had devised different ways of playing the old favourite *Antakshari*.

The audience were divided into six teams and each of the teams met the challenge posed by Archana by zestfully belting out old and new movie songs. Teams E,C and F won the first, second and third prizes respectively.

Archana was very ably supported by a team of energetic and efficient Anns & Lady Rotarians and they truly excelled themselves in making the evening a grand success.

A traditional Maharashtrian dinner consisting of the perennial favourite *Shrikhand-puri* with appropriate accompaniments ended the festive evening. Members were unanimous in their appreciation of the hard work put in by our talented and zestful ladies.

.....By Rtn Mandakini Tata



Dear Rotarians,

This Bulletin has many photos.... Could have reduced the number of photos, but felt that, with the Enthusiasm of the participants and strong participation in the event, let it be put on record.....Enjoy !!!!

The Editor

Glimpses of Club Meeting— 28 Oct 2024

National Anthem, Teams & Audience



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Glimpses of Club Meeting— 28 Oct 2024 & Miscellaneous



Birthday / Anniversary	Dates
R/ Ann Surekha Gokhale	07-Nov
Rtn Mansoor & R/ Ann Zubin Dalal	08-Nov

Programmes Ahead

**11 Nov :
Car journey from Pune to
Germany by Charu Shrotri**

**18 Nov :
Nominating Committee Elections**

**25 Nov :
TBD**

Attendance Report 28 Oct 2024	Count
Rotarians	59
Anns	38
Spouses	01
Visiting Rotarians	—
Guests	02
TOTAL	100