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Message from District Governor

members, funds, contributions and skills. Attracting members and engaging them meaningfully must form the core of our activities at club level. Clubs need to majorly focus on organic and sustainable growth, add young hands and nurture both, old and new members to make their Rotary journey even more enjoyable. Once we create a rich members base, achieving all our dreams shall become a child's play.

Talking about the bigger dreams and bolder projects, let's not forget our biggest financier, The Rotary Foundation. Let's remember that most of our bigger projects have been made possible due to funding from TRF through Global Grants. Let's not forget the potential of TRF and let's also not shy away or doubt the value of contributions rosarians make to TRF. Those who have been shying away, my only advice is, take an effort to learn more about this magical tool and I am sure you will start loving it as much as I do or even more. I urge all of you to contribute generously to The Rotary Foundation which will go a long way in rehabilitating people and creating hope for them.

Through collaborative efforts and unwavering commitment, Rotarians like you will continue to inspire individuals to join hands and create positive change that resonates across generations. Together, we can make a difference and create a world filled with hope, compassion and sustainable progress.

Vishwas joins me in wishing each one of you a very happening and successful year 2023-24 that is full of actions to "Create Hope in the World" and memories for a lifetime.

Rtn. Manjoo Phadke
District Governor
RID 3131 – 2023-24

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Good decisions don't happen.
Ask yourself these 4 questions.

Of the things we think, say or do
Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



Message from District Governor

My Dear Fellow Rotarians,

At the outset, let me thank you for allowing me to pen down my thoughts for your club's bulletin.



Friends, as we step into the Rotary Year 2023-24, it is vital for us to reflect upon the power of hope and its ability to transform lives. Hope fuels dreams, inspires action, and ignites change. We are people of action, and behind that action is care, compassion, empathy, and inclusion. We are most comfortable and satisfied when we are fully engaged in helping the humanity. Through interesting meetings, impactful projects, engaging activities and the dedication of us all, we will continue to be a beacon of hope, fostering positive change and transforming communities across the globe.

I am sure your club must have planned projects and engagements that are in tune with our organization's core values, Vision and Mission as well as with our district's thrust areas. Strike an ideal balance between continuity and innovation.

By focusing on pediatric cardiac surgeries, providing lifesaving surgeries to children suffering from congenital heart diseases, we shall create hope not only for the children but also for their families and communities.

Our passion for providing a nurturing environment for children during their formative years, thru happy anganwadis, shall enhance their infrastructure, facilitate access to nutrition, promote hygiene and sanitation, and empower teachers with training.

By implementing innovative techniques of bore well recharge, we aim to replenish underground water sources, ensuring a continuous water supply. This initiative fosters hope for a sustainable and water-secure future.

By promoting sustainable practices such as waste management, renewable energy adoption, green cover, upcycling etc. at surrounding residential societies, we will inspire people to take action and protect our precious natural resources.

As part of its commitment to environmental sustainability, RID 3131 introduces Rotary Green Friday, a global call to action. This initiative encourages each one to dedicate every Friday to activities such as avoiding use of AC, Reduce use of Tissue papers, using motion sensors for lights in common areas etc. By uniting individuals across the world under a common cause, Rotary Green Friday ignites hope for a greener and more sustainable future, one action at a time.

If we wish to achieve all these, we must put in our sincere efforts to attract the right kind of resources to Rotary. Resources can be in the form of

RI President R. Gordon R. McNally

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.



You have been handed the reins of club and district leadership at an historic moment.

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 empowering girls and women.

Rotary offers people of action a chance to connect and find belonging, and this fellowship gives us hope that we can create lasting change. But in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, more people than ever feel hopeless. Many have lost people close to them. Social networks have been uprooted and divisions have grown wider as opportunities for connection have been lost.

To make matters worse, in many parts of the world, asking for help — especially in the realm of mental health — is considered a weakness. But nothing could be further from the truth. It is brave to be vulnerable and to admit you don't have all the answers. Reaching out for help is courageous — and continuing on a path towards wellness is even more so.

Join me in making Rotary a source of strength for all of those who feel they have lost hope, within and beyond our membership. Let this be the year we Create Hope in the World, and let Rotary be known as an organization that takes care, not only of its members but of the people we serve as well. It is within your power to help bring peace and soothe those afflicted by conflict, both in their communities and in themselves.

Remember that your work can and will Create Hope in the World.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. Gordon R. McNally', written in a cursive style.

R. Gordon R. McNally
President, Rotary International 2023-24

From the Editor's Desk

Welcome to Varsha Ritu,

In India, we follow six seasons across the year, Vasant Ritu is Spring, Grishma Ritu is Summer, Varsha Ritu is Monsoon, Sharad Ritu is Autumn, Hemant Ritu is Pre-winter and Shishir Ritu is Winter.

In Varsha Ritu, it rains heavily across the country, brings relief from scorching heat of summers, and marks the beginning of sowing and festive season.

Our Rotary Club of Parvel City came into existence last year during the same time in monsoons. We are now one year old and taking baby steps towards success. We are happy with our progress and slowly and steadily we will chart the course for our future.

We welcome the new Rotary year 2023-24 and promise to serve the society in a better and efficient way, with full zeal and enthusiasm and improve upon our last year's performance.

Nobel laureate Gurudeva Rabindranath Tagore was one of the most renowned writers of 20th century Indian literature. He has authored and composed our National Anthem. Amongst his expansive and impressive body of work, "Gitanjali" is regarded as one of his greatest achievements. "Gitanjali" is his great collection of writings in which he has expressed that Service to mankind is service to God. Let us take this as our motto and proceed to reach the masses those who are in real need of help.

I convey my heartfelt gratitude to our club's past President RTN Dhvani Tanna for her visionary leadership, who always lead from front to make things happen. I also take this opportunity to welcome our new President RTN Commander Deepak Jambekar who will bring his rich experience to guide all of us.



Spreading
Smiles


Glimpse of Projects (May-June)



Donation for the construction of a school building in the town of Khatola, Bihar, India.



Workshop 'School' Provision of Materials and tools and some other supplies to the school building in Bihar, India. A ongoing project by U.S. Army Foundation of USAFIC.

Glimpse of Projects (May-June)



Functional Service Excellence Awards to
Ms. Pragna Shah, Dr. Jyotirmay K. G., Dr. Karanesh & Aditya, Navika Shah



Celebrated "International Yoga Day" with students
at K. S. High School, Pimpri with other clubs.



District Governor's Visit

Message from Rtn. CDR. Deepak Jambekar

Dear Rotarians, it is a great honor to be at the helm of affairs of our great club – Rotary Club of Parvel City. I take this opportunity to thank IPP KTN Dhvani Tanna for doing an outstanding work with some wonderful projects in our very 1st year of inception, and so, she has paved the way for the future Presidents to follow. Rotary is all about service to the needy and we all have joined this platform voluntarily with same vision. So, with all your able support, help and guidance, I am confident that this year too - we will be able to create hope in the world and reach the beneficiaries in a much better way.



I also thank the Club Editor Rtn Bipinkumar Shah for this lovely Bulletin. With your wisdom and experience, you would be creating many more informative and creative Bulletins during the year. This year, we plan to work on many RI avenues and also focus and work on many District Thrust areas. We have already started talking to various District Avenue Directors for the same. This is apart from our club's signature projects, long term projects and other projects that we will continue to do. We have decided to achieve in-all 28 Goals this year. To name a few, - increasing membership – with special focus on women members; women empowerment, increasing TRF, starting our own Trust, a CSR Project, starting an institutional Rotaract club and so on. Let us all take pride and join hands together in not only successfully completing the planned projects and our Goals, but to overshoot our own expectations and capabilities. While we focus our energies on our projects, we will not lose sight on fun, friendship and fellowship - to make RC Parvel City a happy family. We are a great team today; let us aim to become thick pals.

Secretary Rtn. Dr. Foram Thakkar's Introduction

Dr. Foram Thakkar graduated as a dental surgeon in 2010. She then began her private practice with a keen interest in dental implants & aesthetic dentistry. She maintains her practice by the name Healthy 32 Dental Clinic in Parvel along with her husband Dr. Vaibhav Thakkar who is a Public Health Dentist.



She has been involved in community & social welfare projects since school as the president of the school Interact club in 2001-2002. She has also joined hands in many Rotaract projects with her husband who has been the President of a Rotaract club in the year 2016-2017.

She believes that small acts when multiplied by thousands of hands, can transform the whole world into a better place. She looks forward to working for different avenues of Rotary and bring whatever small but significant change in the society around her.

She loves travelling, reading & dancing in her free time. Here's looking forward to an eventful & exciting Rotary year 2023-2024.

Know your Incoming President

his retirement from the Navy. During his last appointment in year 2000 as head of Aircraft Indigenization cell at Mumbai, he was selected to undergo training in ISO systems, and so became the part of the team to implement ISO Systems for the first time in the Indian Navy. This helped him in a long way in understanding the dynamics of documentation and administration in the Private Companies in civil world thereafter.

He hung his White Naval Uniform as a Commander on 01-Jan-2001 after completing 21 years of distinguished service.

He joined a private company as Head of Inspections and Procurement Division. He continued to widen his experience through his job in 5 big companies where he was rewarded many times for his high deliverables, positive outlook and clear communication. He worked in three companies as "Project Head" on Pan-India platform. He was also a qualified ISO Lead Auditor in all the five companies.

He decided to devote his further life to social work and voluntarily quit his job 8 years back, and since then is working entirely with many dynamic social groups and NGOs Pan India.

He joined Rotary in 2014 and has worked in few avenues like Service Projects, Chairman New Generation, Leadership development, Director - club administration; has been a club secretary, he was also instrumental in starting and nurturing a Rotaract club and an interact club; he is a Paul Harris Fellow level one.

Ann Abha Jambekar is an English teacher who has worked in Kendriya Vidyalaya for 32 years and currently she is working as a professional Teachers Trainer. She joins him in many of his social activities and projects. Their son Kaustubh Jambekar is a Marine Engineer by profession and presently working as a Chief Engineer on Super Oil tankers. He is also a Rotarian and member of RC Panvel City; and looks after the IT requirements of the Club.

Vision Statement

सर्वे सुखिनः भवन्तु । सर्वे संतु निरामयः ॥

A healthy community enjoying social, economical well-being at large, and physical, mental well-being at personal level, is a possibility if a committed group of able individuals devote enough time and efforts towards it. Let RC Panvel City be that force & platform to engage such individuals into a cohesive group of friends committed towards the common goal.

Know your Incoming President

Commander Deepak Jambekar, A young at heart, active and energetic Naval Veteran from the Indian Navy; he was born just 65 yrs back.



During his third year of Engineering in 1979, he successfully cleared his SSB interview for the Navy, and while he was in his final year, he was already appointed as Acting Sub Lieutenant. He graduated as a Mechanical Engineer with Distinction in 1980 and immediately joined the Indian Navy.

During his formative training years as a military man, he got opportunities to learn and earn many more qualifications like Marine Engineer, Aviation Engineer, Flight Engineer, Aircrew trainer etc. Further he acquired in-depth working knowledge of Electrical systems, Electronic systems and Armament systems on board naval ships and aircraft. He also became a defacto Civil Engineer to look after some major Civil Engineering Projects at various naval establishments.

During his 21 years of service, he served on board Indian Naval War Ships and Naval Aircraft. As a Marine Engineer, he was in-charge of operations and maintenance of all engines and machinery on board Ships. Thereafter, on being selected for the Naval Aviation, the Air branch of the Indian Navy, he worked as Aircraft Maintenance Engineer on two big Russian Aircraft and one Russian Helicopter. He further got a chance to fly these two big Naval Aircraft namely the IL-38 and the TU-142M as a Flight Engineer, and then rose to become the Chief Flight Engineer, Test Flight Engineer, an Aircrew Instructor, and further as an Aircrew Examiner. He was also adjudged the best aircrew instructor for three consecutive years. As the head of "Aircraft Defect Analysis and Investigation Cell" he successfully solved many complex problems of the aircraft.

As a Flight Engineer, he participated in many important flying missions involving complex exercises, war games, day and night operations against adversaries, and many training sorties. He was also involved in many firsts - like commissioning multiple ships in a span of a month where he was honored by the Flag Officer Commanding -in-Chief, Western Naval Command; construction and completion of major facilities at different Naval Air stations, and successfully resolving many complex problems in Aircrafts, even after

From the IPP's Desk

Dear Rotarians,

At the outset, I am thankful to all of you for your wholehearted support throughout the year in making our club successful in its first year itself. All this was possible because of your positive efforts and full-fledged involvement in all club activities.



Before I joined Rotary, I always wondered what Rotary is all about. Then I came across the slogan "Service above Self", and I realized that the motto of Rotary is just what life is all about. Rotary is a platform where the privileged ones share their friendship, wealth and time with the not so privileged ones.

Rotarians are a group of individuals who are all successful in their respective classifications. Yet they all choose to rise above their individual goals and put community service first. The whole idea of all the leaders coming together, keeping themselves aside and choosing one common goal is a miracle in itself. Leaders change every year, but the core value remains the same. We see different shades of leaderships every year, and each shade is important in completing the whole picture.

We formed this club last year with certain core values in mind, and I am glad that we have completed this year successfully in alignment with those core values. We were successful in completing 500 cataract surgeries in association with RJ Sankara Eye Hospital, with the support of their Unit Head and our member Rtn Dr Rajesh Kapse. Our fund-raising event "Chogada Night" was the highlight of the year with its mega success. Our Bike Rally on awareness for cancer in women and our street play on suicide prevention awareness created a huge impact on the minds of people.

As a Charter President, whatever I could achieve this year, whatever little difference I could make in the society, would not have been possible without a few people. I am eternally grateful to our Club Secretary Rtn CDR Deepak Jambekar, Jt. Secretary Rtn Dr. Foram Thakkar and Club Treasurer Rtn Bhavesh Rangpariya and all my club members for their constant support throughout the year. Special gratitude to my pillar of strength, my spouse Rtn Harmesh Tanna – he made this possible for me.

I would like to congratulate Rtn CDR Deepak Jambekar for his Presidentship in 2023-24 and extend my best wishes to the club to reach soaring heights in the future ahead.

Rotary is a place where we all meet outside of our homes, yet we all come home.

Message from AG Rtn. Rutuja Bhosale

My heartiest congratulations to President Rtn Deepak Jambekar for taking up the leadership of RC Panvel City. I really feel honoured to be part of this vibrant club and looking forward to a memorable Rotary year ahead. I hope, under your able leadership club will achieve all the goals that are already set by you and your team. Challenge yourself to make a difference and to create hope in this Rotary year 2023-24, that will hold a special place in your memories. Invite the potential members and increase the club's membership. Follow (DEI) diversity, equity and inclusion. "There is a strength in number and in unity, guarantee more hands to lend, leading to Club's Success". Together we can bring positive changes, transforming the lives and community. This definitely will 'created hope in the world' Best wishes to you and your team for achieving the goals set by the district. Finally I wish for the "most successful year".



Rtn Rutuja Bhosale
Assistant Governor (Zone 1)
RI Dist 3131

About District Governor

RTN Manjoo is a dedicated Rotarian since last 19 years and is a Charter Member and past president of Rotary Club of Pune Deccan Gymkhana. She is a Major Donor Level-1. She has served on 22 posts in the last 12 years in various avenues such as Service Projects, Membership, Foundation, Leadership Development, and Youth, and has held important positions such as District Director, Convenor, Assistant Governor, District Secretary and is now elected to the post of District Governor for the Rotary year 2023-24. Her achievements can be compared to various beautiful designs emanating from Kaleidoscope. She has been decorated with various prestigious awards for selfless service, to name a few "Avenues of Service Award" from Rotary International, Rotary Maha-Guru, Most Impactful District Officer with Extraordinary Performance, Best AG, Best District Director etc. She is a well-recognized person, a motivational speaker and a professional trainer. She is a member of Women Safety Committee under the Commissioner of Police, Pune and also mentors young Entrepreneurs at Bhartiya Yuva Shakti Trust. Over and above, Manjoo was a National and state Level Player in Athletics, Lawn Tennis and Kabaddi and she is also an avid trekker and mountaineer. She has been a part of Times of India's competitive Women Car Rally and Rotary's All women Car Rally. She loves to explore the world and has been to more than 35 countries so far. She is the first Resident Indian to be certified by American Council on Exercise, San Diego, USA. With her positive attitude, passion and cooperative nature she is extremely popular in fellow Rotarians and in all her friends' circles.

