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RI President's Message

RI President 24-25
Rtn. Stephanie A. Urchick



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.

President's Message

RCPGB President 24-25
Rtn. Meenal Dhotre



Dear RCPGBians

Happy Rotary New Year !

It gives me immense pleasure to take the responsibility of the Club President when our club is entering into twenty fifth year. I'm aware of the culture and legacy of our club in serving the society. I also take this opportunity to thank all past presidents for their valuable contribution in making our club, vibrant and renowned.

Rotary is changing and hence community expectations can be altogether different from the earlier years. We should embrace the change and offer something different and better to the society. Our club programs and service projects will be the reflection of the changing scenario. Through service projects, we will try to address some of the contemporary issues such as increasing addiction amongst youth, challenges related to senior citizens, cyber security problems, increasing breast cancer amongst women, etc.

25th year is considered to be a transition phase in a human being's life. It's a time to cherish the youthfulness and embrace new phase of life with much confidence and maturity to achieve new heights. Our club is no exception to this. And I'm happy that I'm a torchbearer during this transition.

I want to make this rotary year meaningful, magnificent and magical with the best wishes and active support from all of you.

पुन्हा भेटूया लवकरच... तो पर्यंत
जो जे वांछील तो ते लाहो !

District Governer's Message

District Governor 24-25
Rtn. Sheetal Shah



My Dear Fellow Rotarians

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 benchmarks 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 !!!

IPP's Message

President 23-24
Rtn. Girish Mathkar



My Dear Fellow Rotarians

We have come to the end of the Rotary year 2023-24 and our silver jubilee year is knocking off.

We did have plans to bring our Club to greater heights, we did have a great team of members, the Senior Members, and the Young Vibrant Member, who showed beautiful signs of teamwork.

I would like to credit Secretary Vidula, my Board Members and fellow Rotarians of RCPGB who worked tirelessly the whole year, who helped to meet our target and our goals. Proud to say that we have achieved our Rotary Citations. First lady Vidya and my family supported to fullest extent.

Few achievements of Rotary Year I would like to mention: 5 Star Club-Youth Avenue, 5 Star in Literacy, 3 star in membership, 7 star in PI, 3 Star in Rotary Foundation, Best administered club. We added 12 new members in our family.

On foundation front we surpassed our last 4 years giving with help of non-Rotarian donations. Annie Braille, Water Aerators distribution, 40 Bore well Recharge, rain water harvesting at Snehwan, Happy School in Bhor are few significant projects to be mentioned.

We could explore Benivity and FCRA to raise funds. It has been always been Rotary's Motto "Service Above Self" to serve our community and people in need. As a President working with different teams helped me to have better bonding with members, getting to know our members better. This is Rotary, build around fellowship, humanity, and service. With the "Create Hope in the world theme", hopefully we have crated hope in the life of few people we have worked with; in the community we made our project and, in the course, that we missioned.

Let us continue our good work. The term ends to give way to another beginning. Let us all keep the good deed that we have been doing all the time. As a Rotarian, our work will never end until the world become better place to live.

Let me take another opportunity to thank all our members and apologies if I had made any mistake at any point, forgive me for any shortcomings.

I had a wonderful year and learned a lot. I look forward for more excitement and wonderful years ahead.

I strongly believe Incoming President Dr.Meenal and her board are even more enthusiastic and energized to face Rotary Year 2024-25. I wish President Meenal, Secretary Shashank and board all the best and a fruitful year. Let us work together towards the betterment of our club and our society.



Jubilee Stars BoD FOR 2024-25



Rtn. Dr. Meenal Dhotre President

Education : DERE, MMS, Ph.D. in Business Management

Profession : Worked with reputed management institutes as a Faculty for Management Courses.

Rotary work : Joined rotary in year 2012. Worked as Newsletter Editor, Director Public Image, Director New Generation, Director Membership, and Club Secretary. Active participation in education related projects and programs



Rtn. Shashank Tilak Secretary

Education : B.E. (Instrumentation), PGDCA

Profession : Business, Xquisite Print Solutions Pvt. Ltd.

Family : Wife Durga, Mosaic Artist, Businesswoman

Daughter Roohi, B.Tech Degree in Fashion Communication industry and runs a restaurant in Goa.

Rotary work : Handled all avenues in the BOD



Rtn. Dr. Rucha Vaze Mokashi Director – Club Administration

Education : BDS

Profession : Dental surgeon, implantologist and clinical cosmetologist.

Family : Husband Pushkar is Senior Vice President with Yes Bank

Son Pranav, studies in 7th class and is a passionate football player

Rotary work : Proud Rotarian and works dedicatedly for same under various avenues at club and district level as well



Rtn. Ujjwala Barve Director – Service Projects

Education : Masters in Russian

Profession : Formerly Head of Dept of Communication and Journalism - Pune Univ

Hobbies : Knows Spanish and German
An avid writer and translator who likes to blog and share experiences of travel and life. A podcast lover who has also written a book on podcasting

Rotary work : Past President 2013-14



Jubilee Stars BoD FOR 2024-25



Rtn. Shyamal Marathe

Director - Membership

- Education :** : M.Sc.(Electronics Sc), LL.B, Certified Marriage Councillor
- Profession :** Proprietor of Institute Centre for Excellence , an Educationist, a Marriage Councillor, and Intern Lawyer
- Family :** Husband -Rtn Suhas RC Panvel Industrial Town, CA and Statutory Auditor
Daughter- Passed 10th std
Son - studying in 8th std
- Rotary work :** Held posts of Youth Director, International Services Director, Literacy chairperson
Worked on various positions at District level



Rtn. Prasad Pujari

Treasurer & VP

- Education :** B.E. (Mech), PE, MIE
- Profession :** Businessman, Co-founder Veeradutta & Bharat CapITAZ.
- Family :** Wife Rtn. Deepa, Voice over Artist, Content writer, Businesswoman
Son Aditya, Master Of Science, Doctoral student
- Rotary work :** Service Project Director, Convener of various Programmes



Rtn. Rahul Dandekar

Director - Public Image

- Education :** B.E. (Comp), PGDST, PGDBA (Finance, Marketing)
- Profession :** IT Service with Oracle Corporation
- Family :** Wife Dhanashri, Software Engineer
Son Param persuing BE Instrumentation
Son Radhan persuing Diploma in CS, studying music
- Rotary work :** PP RC Talegaon Dabhade, Various Director positions , Convener for many key projects, part of District PI Team



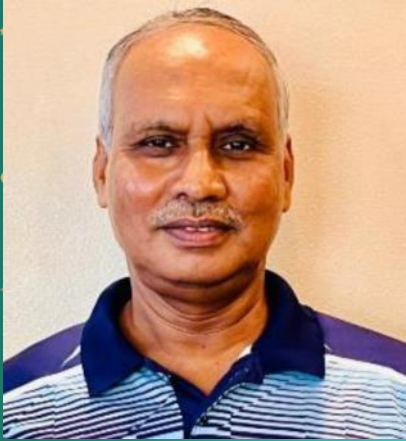
Rtn. Triveni Mardikar

Director - New Generation

- Education :** MSc Biochemistry, MSc Technology Communication
- Profession :** Proprietor Karbon Agro
- Family :** Husband Prashant Badkas
Working as GM Shriji heavy project at Nagar
Kids - Isha, Mihir, Malhar Arya
- Rotary work :** Anaemia awareness project and various other activities, Club Administrator



Jubilee Stars BoD FOR 2024-25



Rtn. Ratnakar Bagul Director - Foundation

Education : Electrical Engineer, post graduate diploma in materials management

Profession : He was working with Thermax for 14 years and now works as an entrepreneur

Family : Wife Anita is expert in Ekebana Japanese Flower arrangement.
Daughter Tejashree doing MBA
Son Anay doing BCS.

Rotary work : Joined Rotary Club of Gandhibhavan in 2005. PP in 2010-11 and was five star president. Started RCC at Aglambe village. Done Global Grant Project for Jeevan Jyot Mandle NGO. He was AAG in 11-12 and vocational co-director in 12-13



Rtn. Aniket Salunkhe IT Officer

Education : IT

Profession : Business (Aerotech IT Solutions)

Family : Rutuja is a software engineer, working in a IT company

Hobbies : Traveling, Cooking & Fitness

Rotary work : Joined in 2018-19



Rtn. Milind Gokhale Director - International Service

Education : Engineer

Profession : Working in oil and gas industry for the last 36 years for most of the major oil companies around the world

Family : Wife Madhavi is an ayurvedic doctor.
Daughter Maithili is a computer engineer and has been working in London
Son Maitreya works in the film and television industry and runs a restaurant in Goa.

Rotary work : Will be managing our club's avenue of International Service



Rtn. Vikas Bhure Additional Director

Education : B.E.(Prod), MBA, CPM, IPSCM

Profession : Retired from Manufacturing Industry Presently serving as a consultant in Logistics company. Also guest lecturer in SPPU

Family : Wife Sucheta Retired School teacher. Gold medalist in Sanskrit, Orator, Compere
Daughter: Pallavi Interior Designer

Rotary work : Membership Director, Service Project Director



Jubilee Stars BoD FOR 2024-25



Rtn. Girish Mathkar Immediate Past President

Education : MMS , Dip- Industrial Electronic, Diploma -Computer Technology, Adv Diploma Japanese Language

Profession : -Head- Business Development- Criticam Medical Systems LLP- Earlier worked with Larsen and Toubro Ltd.

Family : Wife Mrs Vidya Working in Arvind Ltd- Telecom Division- As DGM - IT
Son- Aditya- BE, MS. Currently working in iLink Digital Inc. Philadelphia.
Son- Harshit – S.Y. Bcom.-Pursuing Cricket at Deccan Club

Rotary work : IPP, Various Director positions , Convener for many key projects, PHF- Level +3, PHF Fmily, held many District positions



Rtn. Ashwini Shiledar President Elect

Education : B.Sc. (Chem) , JLPT Level 1

Profession : Japanese language professional and Director and founder of Global Communications and Travel Wisdom.

Family : Husband Vinayak practicing CA
Son Sahil is pursuing Masters in North Eastern university, Boston
Daughter Sanhita is in 3rd year of Design in SID

Rotary work : Total no. Of years in Rotary -14
CLUB Avenues/chairperson/convensorships
Directorship in PI, Membership, Admin Secretary - RY 22-23
Convener and Chairperson for various events, Part of District many teams
RMB member



Rtn. Sunil Barve Club Trainer

Education : Mechanical Engineer

Profession : Worked in a multi national for 40 years
Currently engaged in teaching in institutes and workshops at companies

Hobbies : Travelling , Reading and Sports

Rotary work : Past President in 2019-20
Service Project Director during 2023-24,



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Editorial

नमस्कार मंडळी,

रोटरी क्लब ऑफ पुणे गांधीभवनच्या रौप्यमहोत्सवी वर्षात तुमचं सगळ्यांचं स्वागत ! वर्षाचं पहिलं पसायदान जरा formal आहे पण यंदाच्या वर्षी दर महिन्याला वेगवेगळ्या रूपात Bulletin प्रस्तुत करण्याचा आमचा प्रयत्न आहे, तो तुम्हाला आवडला की नाही ते नक्की कळवा आणि तुमच्या काही सूचना असतील तर त्याही सांगा. आणि हो, ज्याप्रमाणे आपण मीटिंग मध्ये दशगुणीत साजरं करतो त्याप्रमाणे आपल्या आणि आपल्या परिवाराच्या **Achievements** आमच्याबरोबर नक्की share करा.

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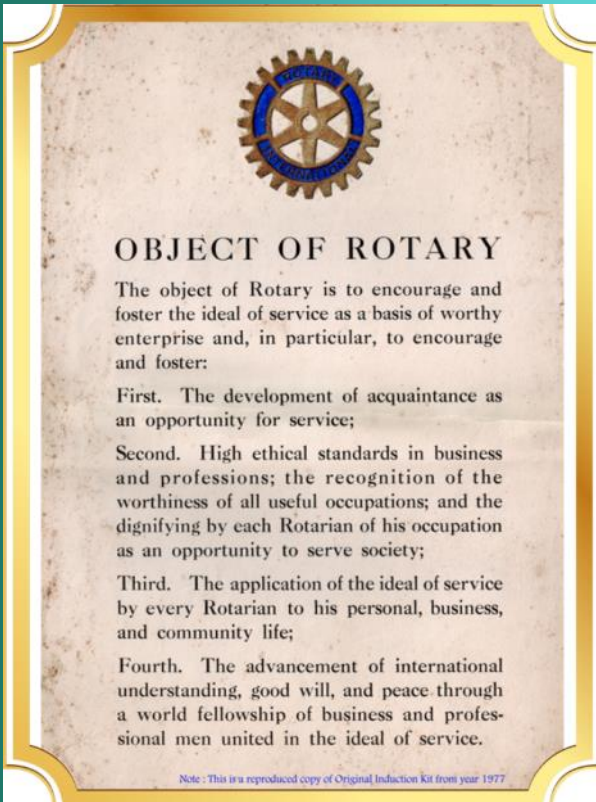
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We meet every Tuesday

Evening at 7:30 pm

Upcoming Events

Event	Date
Installation	2-July
Budget Presentation	9-July
Doctors Day	16-July
Guru Pournima	23-July
International Service	30-July



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