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### Obituary



**R'Ann Anjali Karnik**

**From Rtn. PP Raja Karadkar**

Last Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October was Bhaibij day, most of us were enjoying last day of Diwali but in the afternoon we received the very sad news that we lost a very good friend R'Ann Anjali Karnik, wife of Former Justice of Bombay High Court Rtn Dilip Karnik. R'Ann Anjali Karnik lost the battle after prolonged illness. She was only 68.

Anjali was a very lively person and her greatest quality, apart from being a good human being, was that she had a great sense of humor. Every party, fellowships, overnight picnics she attended we used to look forward to her jokes and she always had a stock of fresh jokes.

She was a Member of Inner Wheel Club of Pune Central for many years and used to attend not only their regular meetings but also used to travel out of Pune to attend Inner Wheel conferences. She was also regular in attending RCPC's Saturday meetings with her husband Rtn. Dilip. When Rtn. Dilip was appointed as JUSTICE of Bombay High Court she moved to Mumbai for a few years but her friendship with Rtns and R'Anns of RCPC remained the same. She never had an ego, she was just simple Anjali to all of us. Our deepest condolences to Rtn. Dilip, her family and we pray to God to give courage and strength to all her dear ones in bearing this irreparable loss.

MAY HER SOUL REST IN PEACE

**President Amitabha Mukhopadhyay and RCPIANs condole the sad demise of Rtn. Dilip Karnik's wife R'Ann Anjali Karnik on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2021.**



## From President Amitabha Mukhopadhyay.....



As we have ushered in the festival season with joy and happiness, one can easily feel the new found sense of confidence in the public mood. India has crossed the 100 crore mark in vaccination, a feat which looked like an impossible target just a few months back. This vaccination project has also imbued us with bacilli of resilience.

For members of RCPC there is a two-fold reason to cheer. First, our Vaccine on Wheel Project has achieved a never seen before scale and contributed as a major public private partnership project. Second, this has enabled us to resume our fellowships. The Diwali fellowship saw a very significant attendance and the mood was indeed of undiluted joy and celebration. We shall try to hold the future fellowship meetings in venues other than enclosed halls which will help more members to participate.

Encouraged by the success of the Covid Vaccination Project, the Vaccine on Wheel team is coming out with an ambitious project of Mobile Cancer Detection unit. We look forward to continued engagement with VoW.

While there are a lot of things to cheer about, the biggest disappointment was the performance of the Indian Cricket team in the T20 world cup. While Virat Kohli deserved a better way to hand over captaincy, India gets ready to welcome a new Coach and a new skipper for T20.

Finally, November is a very important month in Rotary calendar. We celebrate this as a Foundation month. About 104 years ago the Foundation was set up with a contribution of USD 26.50. Since then the Rotary Foundation has spent more than USD 4 billion in life changing, sustainable projects. This is the time every Rotarian comes forward and contribute to the Foundation and particularly to its Annual Fund which gets deployed in impactful projects. I request members of RCPC to come forward and contribute to the Foundation in this month.

## Today.....



In keeping with our consistent endeavour to have everyone engaged, the RCPC program committee brings you a session on '**GST: 5 years and the road ahead!**' by guest speaker **Ms. Sharon Britto**, who is an Associate Director at PW and Co LLP with a specialisation in the area of indirect taxation and a lawyer by profession.

Sharon has been working extensively with companies across sectors in matters involving GST and other indirect taxes. Her experience spans across strategic tax advisory, litigation and representation to the Government. Sharon also has significant experience assisting companies during the landmark transition to the GST regime in 2017.



During the session, Sharon will provide insights in the following areas:

- What is GST and the need for GST in India
- What you need to know about GST
- GST and YOU - How does it impact your lives?
- Future expectations under the GST regime

Please do join this session with **Ms. Sharon Britto** on Zoom using the following login details:

**Join Zoom Meeting :** <https://zoom.us/j/98234745097?pwd=RmszM5aaHlFa0xSWlh4aWJCcHZqUT09>

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**Password:** 584742

I look forward to meeting you on our Zoom conference on Saturday, 13 November at 6 PM (6.00 PM to 6.30 PM pre-meeting fellowship followed by the meeting called to order at 6.30 PM).

## The week that was before .....

### Diwali Celebration and Fellowship: Saturday, 30th October, Hotel Shantai.....

At this long awaited RCPC family get together, members enjoyed taking their photographs with various props in specially created photo booth at venue. There were galore of prizes to be won by members, which included best dressed Rotarian, best couple Rotarian, best singer Rotarian. Highlight of the event was a lucky draw.

The Live music team was awesome especially the female singer. Many Rotarians also. sung amazing songs and shook their legs as well. Plenty of snacks and drinks kept the party fun flowing. The lucky draw, prizes added sparkle to the night.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed with the evening and wished each other a happy Diwali and new year. We also wish each member a happy Diwali.



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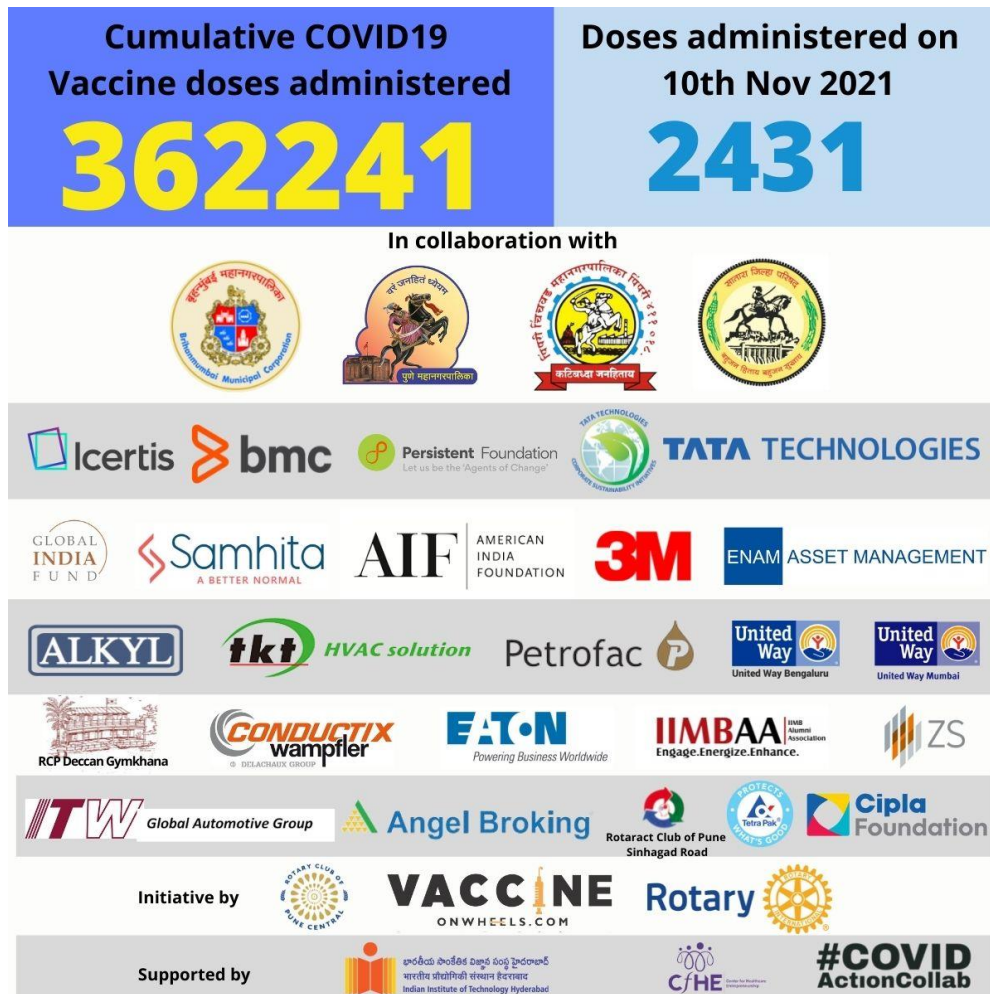
From Rtn. PP Ravi Kapoor.....

## Status and progress of various Global Grant and CSR projects

I am happy to share a report on the status and progress of CSR projects currently being implemented by RCPC.

### Vaccine-On-Wheels – Covid 19 Mobile Vaccination Project:

Under this unique project, with the support of Vaccine-On-Wheels and CSR Partners, 31 Mobile Vaccination units have been deployed in Pune, Mumbai and Satara. As of 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 3,62,241+ doses have been administered.



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## **A virtual celebration – achieving milestone of administering more than 3.5 lakh COVID19 vaccination doses**

A virtual celebration – achieving milestone of administering more than 3.5 lakh COVID19 vaccination doses to underprivileged and marginalized population within Maharashtra' Pune, Mumbai and Satara.

On 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021, Rotary Club of Pune Central and Vaccine-On-Wheels celebrated over ZOOM, the milestone of administering more than 3.5 Lakh COVID vaccine doses. The following persons attended the program:

- Board Members, Rotary Club of Pune Central
- CSR Partners and NGO Partners
- Team of Vaccine-On-Wheels

On 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021, RCPC and Jivika Healthcare also launched new initiative of CancerCareOnWheels:

CancerCareOnWheels Unit will be equipped to:

- Screen mothers for breast cancer, cervical cancer and oral cancer
- Screen fathers for oral cancer
- Vaccinate girl child with Cervical Cancer Vaccine to prevent cervical cancer





From Rtn. PP Raja Kharadkar .....



## From Rotary Connect Committee or RCC

Past Presidents Raja, Prakash, Neeraj and Arvind

**Rotary's goal of ridding the world of polio is within reach**, global health experts said during the 2021 **World Polio Day Online Global Update** on 24 October. The 30-minute program, "Delivering on our Promise of a Polio-Free World," provided encouraging information about the progress and remaining challenges in the fight to end polio.

So far in 2021, only two cases of wild polio have been reported — the lowest circulation of the disease ever — with one infection each in Afghanistan and Pakistan, the two countries where polio remains endemic.

During a **QandA session**, Dr. Hamid Jafari, director for the World Health Organization's Eastern Mediterranean Region, attributed the low case count to several factors. He said these include mass polio vaccination campaigns resuming after the interruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the natural immunity induced by the wild polio outbreaks of previous years, and the restrictions on travel and population movement that also were due to the pandemic.

"This is truly unprecedented that we are seeing this decline simultaneously in the two countries," Jafari said.

He added that the low case count provides a window of opportunity for health workers, but cautioned that a resurgence of the poliovirus is possible since summer is the high polio transmission season. "So this is the time to really press hard in making use of the opportunity that presents itself now," he told QandA host Jeffrey Kluger, editor at large for Time magazine.

Jafari also addressed the challenges of political change and security concerns in Afghanistan and explained that the polio program there is used to adapting operationally during uncertainty. "Currently we do see opportunities coming up as well, so that we may have access to all parts of Afghanistan for implementing mass vaccination campaigns," he said.

According to the WHO and UNICEF, nationwide house-to-house polio vaccinations will resume in Afghanistan in early November, providing access to children in areas where campaigns had been banned for the last three years. "You know with the evolving situation in Afghanistan, it is of course very, very important that we partners maintain our neutrality and impartiality of the polio eradication program," Jafari added. "As always, we will continue to work with all parties."

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Mohammad Ishaq Niazmand, chair of Rotary's Afghanistan PolioPlus Committee, echoed Jafari's sentiments in a **video address** with his counterpart for Pakistan, Aziz Memon.

Niazmand said of Afghanistan, "Rotary and our partners are working with all stakeholders to ensure that polio eradication remains a top priority, even in the midst of change. Work is underway to ensure that children have access to lifesaving polio [vaccines] and other childhood vaccines."

Memon, a Rotary Foundation trustee and chair of the Pakistan PolioPlus Committee, said Rotary continues to build trust with government, community, and religious leaders. "By bringing broader health services to children and families alongside polio vaccinations, we're ensuring better health care and greater vaccine acceptance," he said.

### **Strategies for the future**

This year, the **Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI)** announced a new five-year strategy for 2022-26 to end all polioviruses, including tackling the persistent transmission of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus. Rotary and our **GPEI partners** identified the remaining obstacles to polio eradication and developed approaches to reaching the goal. The plan aims to achieve and sustain a polio-free world through a focus on implementation and accountability while using innovative methods and tools. This is truly unprecedented that we are seeing this decline simultaneously in the two countries.

The emphasis will be on decreasing the response time to any outbreak, increasing vaccine demand, increasing access to health care and vaccines, transitioning toward government ownership of vaccination programs, and improving decision-making and accountability.

"Some of the most polio-endemic communities are also the ones that suffer from [a] lack of basic health and civic services," Jafari said. The goal, he said, is a "better alignment and integration with other basic health and civic services in a way that the polio program is seen as a more integrated approach to vaccination."

He added that in some communities, children are still missed because of gaps in the way vaccination campaigns are conducted or because of vaccine hesitancy. "This new strategy speaks to engaging the communities with new approaches, new strategies, partnering with communities, [and] building new alliances with these communities," Jafari said.

The World Polio Day program featured global health experts addressing the new strategy's tactic of broadening distribution of a new vaccine to address outbreaks of **cVDPV2**, a circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus. This **novel oral polio vaccine type 2 (nOPV2)** protects children against polio while being more genetically stable and less likely to regain strength and cause the vaccine-derived polio. It has already been introduced in several African countries, including Benin, Chad, Liberia, Niger, Nigeria, Republic of the Congo, and Sierra Leone.

This novel oral polio vaccine "is a powerful example of the polio program's innovation to overcome the toughest challenges," said Simona Zipursky, senior adviser to the polio director of WHO. "Partners, scientists, and leaders from around the world made nOPV2 possible. This is the kind of collaboration that will help end polio for good."

This year's program included a **powerful video** of polio health workers in Afghanistan and Pakistan, as well as Rotary members sharing their World Polio Day projects and events to raise awareness for polio eradication.



**From Rtn. PP Madhu Rathi.....**

## **KNOW YOUR ROTARY**

### **ROTARY INFORMATION**

## **ROTARY FOUNDATION**

November month is dedicated by Rotary International for Rotary Foundation and I take pleasure in presenting to you the Information of Rotary Foundation and why I became major donor level 4.

### **Reasons for giving**

***The generous contributions from Rotary Foundation Donors make it possible to support projects that bring sustainable improvement to communities in need.***

I joined Rotary for business and fellowship way back in 1973. I stayed in Rotary to change the world. **Life is very simple- What we give we get back.**

The Rotary Foundation is our Foundation. We have created it, so it is our humble duty to strengthen it. Donating to Foundation is always our pleasure.

Giving to Rotary Foundation enables us feel part of the project that we cannot personally attend.

I want our members and participants to find long term values in their relationship to Rotary. Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members bring transformative service projects to life.

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**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**

**THE ROTARY FOUNDATION**

### **AREAS OF FOCUS**

- |   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| • <b>Supporting Education:</b> 113                          | Total Funding: \$ 7.8 Million  |
| • <b>Growing Local Economies:</b> 170                       | Total Funding: \$11.9 Million  |
| • <b>Fighting Disease:</b> 729                              | Total Funding: \$ 59.4 Million |
| • <b>Saving Mothers and Children:</b> 101                   | Total Funding: \$ 8.9 Million  |
| • <b>Promoting Peace:</b> 57                                | Total Funding: \$ 2.7 Million  |
| • <b>Providing Clean Water, Sanitation and Hygiene:</b> 189 | Total Funding: \$15.3 Million  |

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## GRANTS

- **Number of District Grants:** 490
- **Number of Disaster Response Grants:** 339
- **Number of Global Grants:** 1359
- **Grants for the first time in its History:**
- **Total Funding for PolioPlus Grants:**

Total Funding: \$ 33.6 Million

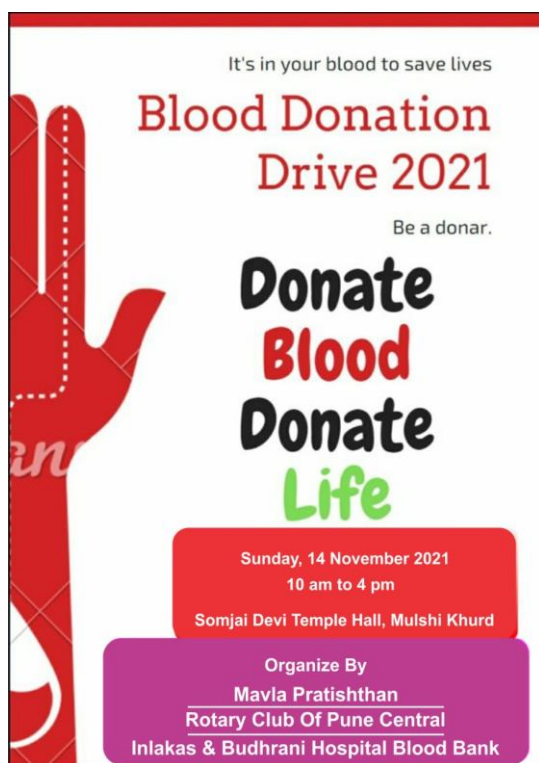
Total Funding: \$8.4 Million

Total Funding: \$ 95.6 Million

300 Million \$

151.8 Million \$

From Rtn. PP Madhu Rathi.....



From R'Ann Sonia Rajore.....

## A WOMANS BEST FRIEND

Behind every liberated woman there is another one filling up the grimy space for her.

I discovered this while talking to Lila who works for a law firm from nine to five, six or seven depending

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on the case and the intensity of the crime. Lila told me she couldn't do it without the help of Marie.

"Who is Marie?" I wanted to know....." Marie takes care of the house and the children, she cooks our meals and tends to the house. I couldn't work if it weren't for her and the fact that the roads are blocked with traffic the return time looms uncertainly.

"You pay her?"

"Of course, half my salary goes to Marie"

"You mean to say your husband does not contribute to her wages?"

"Well her salary comes under my purview"

"Isn't he proud of you being a lawyer and carving your niche in a cut throat male domain?"

"He is, as long as there is somebody at home and moreover frankly speaking I think he is more proud of Marie. She always knows where his shirts are".

"I didn't know there was such a high price for women's liberation"

"There is, if you are married and have to keep a house. For every liberated woman you see in an office, there is another woman on the rear providing the support system for the marriage. If the woman is divorced and is a mother it's even more expensive, because no ex-husband is going to pay for the wife and also the woman who has to take care of his kids".

"But atleast you are a person in your own right ", I said.

"I am as long as Marie doesn't quit. It isn't easy to find someone who will be housekeeper and nanny and a night watchman till I get back. I have been through three Marie's in two years. One came from Kerala, another from Goa, and one local one from Khadki and this one is from Belgaum".

"Your Hinglish must be immaculate by now?"

"It's perfect, but frankly we are getting tired of burnt 'rotis' ".

"It's ironic that in order to be free, a woman must find another woman to replace her".

" There's no choice. A husband is willing to go along with a liberated wife as long as the domestic front is smooth. But one breakdown in the support system and then he goes ballistic screaming that he didn't marry a woman who would ignore family duties.

" But a lot of Instagram accounts feature husbands of working women sharing the household duties".

"The magazines are the only place you see them. The millennial male is ready for a spaced out relationship {Pun Intended} as far as the periphery is orderly. When we go to parties my proud husband introduces me as his lawyer wife, but when we are back home the unclean bedsheets are a reason for discord".

"It's bizarre but until I talked to you, I thought every liberated woman had it made and had the best of both the worlds, but it seems without Marie mopping the floor, you wouldn't be liberated at all".

"You've got it" Lila said " any woman who wants to be liberated better have a pal in the employment agency".

"What happens when your abutment falls sick?"

" I stay home and everyone in the law firm says.....We knew this would happen when we hired a woman lawyer....."



From Rtn. P K Malhotra.....

दीपावली पर मिठाई बांटने के पीछे भी एक सोच होती थी क्योंकि हर मिठाई कुछ कहती है:

\*गौर कीजिए, मिठाइयों के कुछ ना कुछ संदेश\*.....😊😊

जैसे:

\*रसगुल्ला\*

कोई फर्क नहीं पड़ता कि,  
जीवन आपको कितना निचोड़ता है,  
\*अपना असली रूप सदा बनाये रखें\*

\*बेसन के लड्डू\*

यदि दबाव में बिखर भी जाय तो, फिर से बंध कर लड्डू हुआ जा सकता है।  
\*परिवार में एकता बनाए रखें\*

\*गुलाब जामुन\*

सॉफ्ट होना कमजोरी नहीं है! ये आपकी खासियत भी है।  
\*नम्रता एक विशेष गुण है\*

\*जलेबी\*

आकार मायने नहीं रखता,  
स्वभाव मायने रखता है,  
जीवन में उलझने कितनी भी हो, \*रसीले और सरल बने रहो\*

\*बूंदी के लड्डू\*

बूंदी-बूंदी से लड्डू बनता, छोटे-छोटे प्रयास से ही सब कुछ होता है!  
\*सकारात्मक प्रयास करते रहे.\*

\*सोहन पापड़ी\*

हर कोई आपको पसंद नहीं कर सकता, लेकिन बनाने वाले ने कभी हिम्मत नहीं हारी।  
\*अपने लक्ष्य पर टिके रहो\* °°

\*काजू कतली\*

अपने आप को इतना सस्ता ना रखे, कि राह चलता कोई भी आपका दाम पूछता रहे !  
\*आंतरिक गुणवत्ता हमें सबसे अलग बनाती है\*





## From Rtn. Pankaj Mehrotra.....

### JOY OF GIVING

One of the great Hollywood actresses, Katherine Hepburn was possibly the only person who won the Oscar Award four times, apart from being nominated a dozen times, but was never present in the grand ceremony to receive it.

She had a strong belief that only the affection and love of the people who enjoyed her acting and cinema was the greatest reward for her.

Katherine Hepburn was from a middle class family with a modest upbringing. But, her parents instilled strong values in their growing up days.

One such incident was narrated by herself later, in her own words:

"Once when I was a teenager, my father and I were standing in line to buy tickets for the circus.

Finally, there was only one other family between us and the ticket counter.

This family made a big impression on me. There were eight children, all probably under the age of 12.

The way they were dressed, you could tell they didn't have a lot of money, but their clothes were neat and clean.

The children were well behaved. All of them standing in line, two-by-two behind their parents, holding hands.

They were excitedly jabbering about the clowns, animals, and all the acts they would be seeing that night. By their excitement, you could sense they had never been to the circus before.

It would be a highlight of their lives.

The father and mother were at the head of the pack standing proud as could be.

The mother was holding her husband's hand, looking up at him as if to say, "You're my knight in shining armor."

He was smiling and enjoying seeing his family happy.

The ticket lady asked the man how many tickets he wanted?



He proudly responded, "I'd like to buy eight children's tickets and two adult tickets, so I can take my family to the circus."

The ticket lady stated the price. The man's wife let go of his hand, her head dropped, the man's lip began to quiver.

Then he leaned a little closer and asked, "How much did you say?"

The ticket lady again stated the price.

The man didn't have enough money.

How was he supposed to turn and tell his eight kids that he didn't have enough money to take them to the circus?

Seeing what was going on, my dad reached into his pocket, pulled out a \$20 bill, and then dropped it on the ground. (We were not wealthy in any sense of the word!)

My father bent down, picked up the \$20 bill, tapped the man on the shoulder and said, "Excuse me, sir, this fell out of your pocket."

The man understood what was going on. He wasn't begging for a handout but certainly appreciated the help in a desperate, heart-breaking and embarrassing situation.

He looked straight into my dad's eyes, took my dad's hand in both of his, squeezed tightly onto the \$20 bill, and with his lip quivering and a tear streaming down his cheek, he replied; "Thank you, thank you, sir. This really means a lot to me and my family."

My father and I went back to our car and drove home.

The \$20 that my dad gave away is what we were going to buy our own tickets with.

Although we didn't get to see the circus that night, we both felt a joy inside us that was far greater than seeing the circus could ever provide.

That day I learnt the value of Giving. If you want to be large... larger than life, learn to Give. Love has nothing to do with what you are expecting to get - it is only concerned with what you are willing to give, which is everything.



## What to expect in the next Six weeks.....

- **20 Nov:** Nominating Committee Election 2021
- **27 Nov:** to be announced.
- **04 Dec:** to be announced.
- **11 Dec:** to be announced
- **18 Dec:** Annual General Meeting
- **25 Dec:** Christmas Holiday. No Meeting

## Birthdays and Anniversaries...



### Rtn / R'Ann

R'Ann Madhuri Narvekar  
Rtn. Yogesh Shah  
Rtn. Aruna Rathi  
Rtn. Anil Bora  
R'Ann Anagha Shah  
Rtn. PP Nani Desai

### Birthday

November 17  
November 18  
November 18  
November 19  
November 19  
November 20



### Member and Spouse

Rtn. PP Nani and R'Ann Dolly Desai

### Wedding Anniversary

November 15