

60 Years of Glorious Service Above Self  
Rotary Club Of Poona North

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN



It is an honour and a privilege to pen myself for this special issue of Rotator as we celebrate the 63rd Charter Day of our esteemed Rotary Club of Poona North. On this special occasion, we reflect on the journey that has brought us together, the impact we've made on our community, and the enduring principles that guide us as Rotarians.

In the last 5 months, our club has made significant strides in our mission to make a positive impact on our communities. We have worked on every avenue that Rotary focuses on, and our collective efforts will be instrumental in fostering positive change. We have organized many projects and engaged in volunteer activities, and collaborated with many like-minded organizations to further our humanitarian goals.

I am particularly proud of our projects dedicated to women's empowerment and our club is leaving no age group of women unattended – Project Ghar (For young orphan girls), Project Aaya training, and Project Dhaga (For empowering women by providing skill and employment opportunities), our signature global grant project Cow Donation (Empowering women plus pulling up their families from the tag of BPL). Through your dedication and hard work, we have been able to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

Looking ahead, our club has an exciting lineup of initiatives for the coming quarter. We will continue to support education and vocational training programs through our 'Innovation 2023-24', invest in healthcare infrastructure through Health ATM and telemedicine, and promote environmental sustainability through waste management awareness. By working together, we can create a lasting impact on our communities and contribute to the development of our great nation.

I want to thank each and every one of you including the Anns, Annas, and Annets for your unwavering commitment and passion. Your selflessness and dedication are what make our club such a force for good. Let us continue to strive for excellence and

## EDITORIAL



"What is True Rotary spirit?" We always talk about our Club spirit, District spirit and appeal everybody to behave as per the tradition of true club spirit. But do we ever peep in our mind and see that, are we really following a true Rotary spirit? Let us see what is True Rotary spirit, how a Rotarian should be different than a common person.

Common person says "why?" Rotarian should say "why not?" Common person says "why should I do something for others?" Rotarian should say "why should I not do something for others?" Common person says "will I be benefited?" Rotarian should say "will it be beneficial to any needy?" When a common person helps somebody he/she will expect at least thanks, When Rotarian helps somebody he/she will thank the person, because the person has given the Rotarian a chance to serve. After rendering the services to community a common person will return tired. But when Rotarian renders service to community and return, Rotarian feels joy and will enjoy! If anyone practices real Rotarians way of thinking and living, then will always act positively.

The four way test do strengthen Rotarians. Everybody has a choice to be a true Rotarian or, to remain ordinary person. Let us try to inculcate the habits of true Rotarian in our daily practice. Appeal other persons, friends, acquaintances to be the Rotarians and they will never resist to be called as Rotarian. But first we will become a true Rotarian. Then there won't be a problem of membership but the problem will how to control the incoming. Let us invite this problem.

Charter Day is a good day to start for this new problem.

- Rtn Sunil Deshpande.  
Editor

## THOUGHTS TO PONDER



Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

If one does not know to which port one is sailing, no wind is favourable.

The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails.

Interesting facts.

Why do Sunsets look red?

Sunset looks beautiful and absolutely red. But you will be surprised to know that the sun itself has nothing to do with creating a beautiful sunset. One of the things that help create that effect is the dust in the air! You all know that the sun's white light is actually made up of all colours of the rainbow. And that the atmosphere has molecules of air, dust and water vapour. As the light passes through the molecules of air, dust and water vapour, they become scattered by these particles. At sunset, the sun is near the horizon. We see it through much thicker layer of dust and air. All these particles change the direction of short-wave light from the sun. Only the longer wavelengths come through directly. Red and Orange are longer wavelengths. Violets, blues and green are scattered out of the direct beam, they mix and make a gray twilight glow all around the sky. The disc of the sun itself looks red.

The redness of a sunset depends on the kind of particles in the air that will be scattering the sun's light. Tiny water droplets are especially effective at this. That is why certain clouds look so red at sunset.

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- Rtn. Shanthi Sridhar  
President 2024-25

reach even greater heights in our pursuit of service above self.

Thank you, and here's to another year of service, fellowship, and making a difference in the lives of those who need it most. Happy Charter Day, and

may our Rotary Club of Poona North continue to shine brightly for many years to come.

Yours in service

- Rtn Deepti Poojary  
President