

CENTRAL TURF

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RIP Rtn. Navin Tewari



President Cmde Ajay Chitnis and RCPC members condole the sad demise of our member Rtn. Navin Tewari, on January 10, 2024.



Today

It is with deep sorrow that we inform you of the passing away of our esteemed member, Rtn. Navin Tewari, on 10th January 2024. In remembrance and to pay our respects, a condolence meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, 13th January 2024, at 7 pm on Zoom.

Please join the meeting using the following login details:

- Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/98234745097?pwd=RmszRm5aaHlFa0xSWlh4aWJCcHZqUT09>
- Meeting ID: 982 3474 5097
- Password: 584742

I look forward to virtually meeting all of you on Zoom as we come together to honor the memory of Rtn. Navin Tewari on Saturday, 13th January 2024, at 7 pm. Please let me know in advance if you wish to express your thoughts about Late Rtn. Navin Tewari.

From the President's desk

Sad news came on the 10th of January, in the form of passing away of Rtn Navin Tiwari, who left for his heavenly abode after a brief illness. That he was not in the best of health, was known for some time, but one didn't know that he the end would come so soon. We empathize with the grieving family and hope they are granted the strength to bear the loss.

In keeping with our tradition, we have cancelled the scheduled meeting on the 13th of January, and will have a condolence meeting instead. This will be held online, and those who wish to speak about Late Rtn Navin, may do so.



We celebrated our 40th Birthday in style at the Munots' Ranch, with many dressed in true Wild West Style. Kite flying proved to be challenge as it was a windless day, and despite trying all the tricks of the trade, only Rtn Sunil Asher could get his kite up for a short while. The ambience was perfect, and the cold cocktails and Beer kept everyone's spirits high. The snacks, beginning with seasonal traditional fare like 'Khurda', Boiled Corn, and Green Grams, followed by Nachos and Pizza were thoroughly enjoyed by all. The lunch organized by Rtn Amita was delicious and lip-smacking. We are grateful to both Rtn PP Jine n and Rtn Amita Munot for providing us with the venue and sponsoring the drinks and the lunch, and making it a memorable afternoon... The Fortieth Birthday was thoroughly enjoyed by the 75+ persons who were there.

The Kakajiwalas are a couple with a mission; they were busy on Thursday and Friday at the Sahrad School, Katraj, conducting an eye checkup camp. To see them in action is a treat and makes one feel proud to be a Rotarian, because this is what Rotary really promises – Diversity, Equity, Inclusiveness (DEI). These children are being checked free of cost to ensure that their eyesight issues, if any, are detected early and treated with corrective glasses in time. At the beginning of the year I had congratulated Rtn Oni and R'Ann Nafisa for having completed 10,000 eye checkups in the last Rotary year, set a target of 15,000 this year. Looks like I underestimated their capacity, because we are near the 9,000 mark already, with five months to go! May they be blessed with the strength to go on and on.

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The Week That Was

From Rtn. Delshad Karanjia

Saddling Up for a Birthday Bash

RCPC members celebrated their club's fortieth birthday with a Wild West theme on January 7, 2024. It was a warm sunny day, and the Munot farmhouse, perched atop a hill in Bhugaon, proved the ideal spot for a birthday celebration. Rtn. PP Jinendra and Rtn. Amita Munot played the perfect hosts to a large number of Club members, many dressed in their cowboy and cowgirl best. Bar snacks and starters featuring local delicacies, were followed by lunch and dessert.

Everyone was in a festive mood, and as the food and drink flowed, members got into the party spirit with many of them posing for photographs in cut-out boards, and others trying their hand at flying kites. All the past presidents of the club who were present on the occasion were invited to cut the cake, and the first ladies too were invited to pose for photographs.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable and well-planned afternoon, and Rtn. Jinendra and Rtn. Amita both deserved all the cowboys and cowgirls present tipping their hats and saying "Mighty obliged, sir and m'am".



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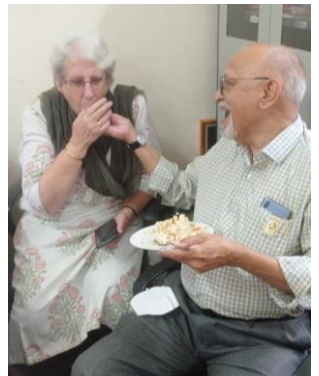


Eye Check-up Camp

We are delighted to share the success of the recent Eye Check-up Camps conducted at Sarhad School, behind Bharati vidyapeeth, near Katraj Milk Parlour, Katraj, Pune in collaboration with the Community Eye Care Foundation. This camp aimed at providing comprehensive eye examinations to school children and were instrumental in identifying and addressing potential vision issues.

On January 11 and 12, 2024, the Eye Check-up Camp took place at Sarhad School, where a total of 1552 children underwent thorough eye examinations. Among these children, 67 were referred to the clinic for further intervention, 186 will be provided with glasses. . Additionally, 126 staff members - teachers, non-teaching staff, moushis and other support staff took advantage of the initiative and had their eyes checked for potential issues.

A visit by President Ajay and Dr Saroj was greatly appreciated. We had a wonderful two days. The ophthalmologist from the Community Eye Care Foundation carried out the camp with great expertise and dedication, and our driver Datta is always happy to be part of the team and is a great help too. We were welcomed and taken care of by the school with breakfast, lunch and cups of tea. A very happy and helpful staff. The camp was run very efficiently with their help. We were grateful for the opportunity.



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School Bus donated by Rtn. Yogesh Shah

School Bus handed over by Rtn. Yogesh Shah and R'Ann Hina Shah on January 1, 2024 at Mulshi. Rtn. PP Madhu Rathi, Rtn. Arun Shroff were present.



From the Editor

Contributions from Rotarians, R'Anns and spouses are welcome! If you have an anecdote, a joke, a poem or painting or anything interesting, please feel free to mail to vipenm56@gmail.com with cc to Gajanan.

Next in line

- **January 20** — Guest speaker Col Sukhjit Yadav SM, will talk on History and Glimpses of Siachen - World's Highest Battlefield
- **January 27** — To be announced.
- **February 3** — Club Assembly.
- **February 10** — Chat Show "Bike & Her" with Ms Urvashi Patole Founder of India's First Women Biker's Club – BIKERNI