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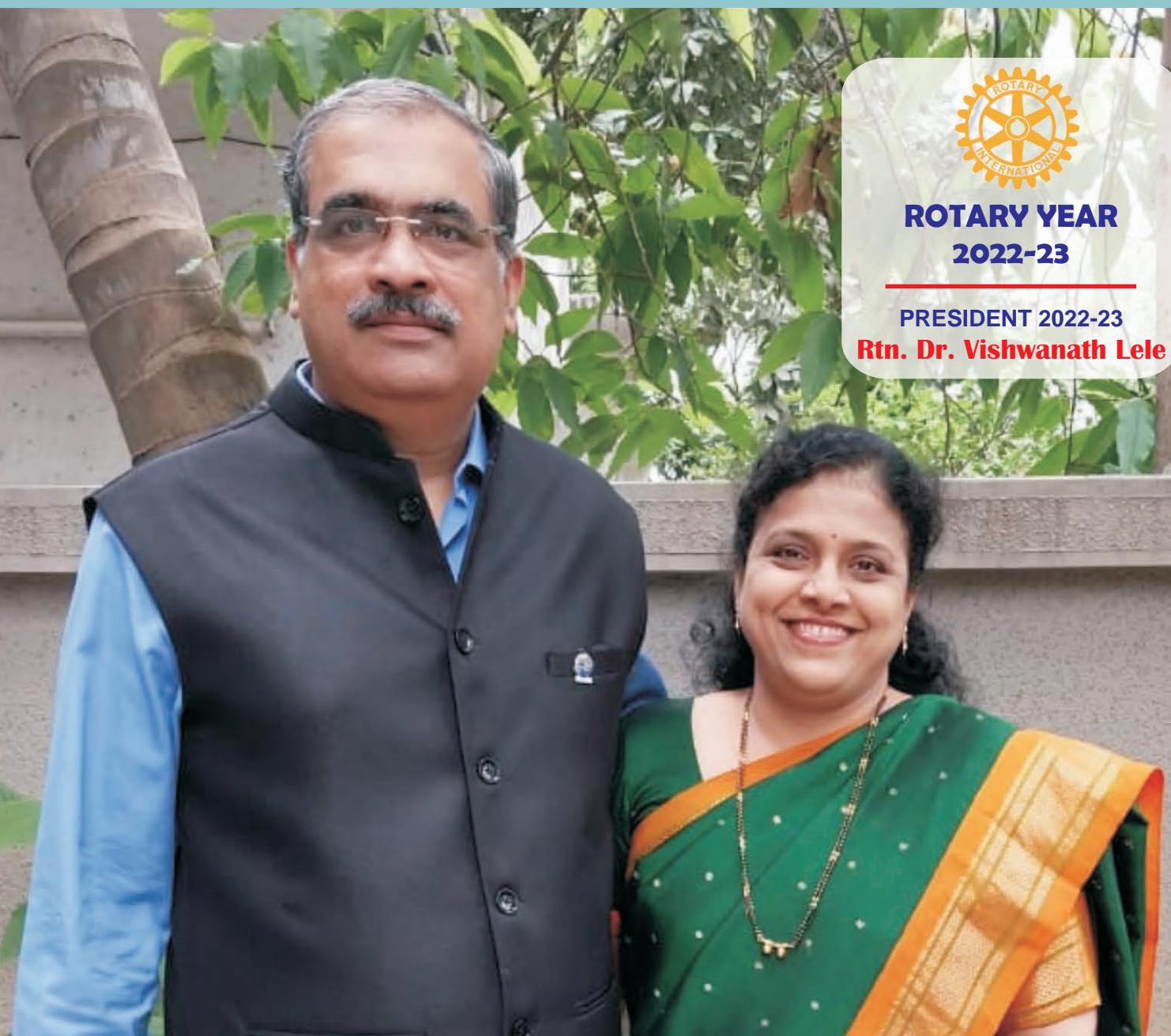
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**ROTARY YEAR  
2022-23**

**PRESIDENT 2022-23  
Rtn. Dr. Vishwanath Lele**

**MEETINGS :**

**EVERY TUESDAY, 7.00 PM - 8.30 PM**

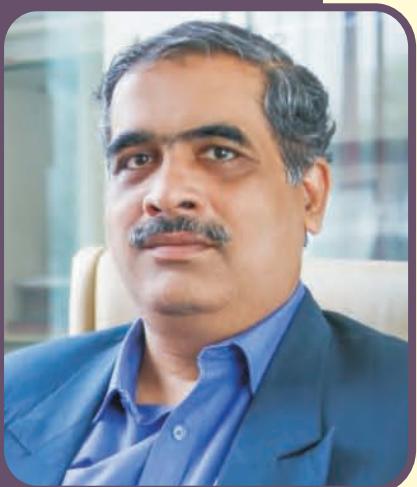
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# PRESIDENT SPEAKS...



It's a good beginning to start the Rotary New Year with both DG Elect Rtn. Manju Phadke and AG Rtn. Asha Amonkar. I always get a lot of support from both of them.

I started my Rotary journey started 5 years ago. First position I took was that of Sergeant At Arms and Chairperson Youth week and then Director Youth and Vocational Services. Now today here I am as the President of Rotary Club of Pune Kothrud. This journey has been rewarding and has happened with rapid speed.

Our Club is one of the most respected clubs in District 3131. Our charter members and Past Presidents, Anns and Annas did exceptional work in the past. Now I have a responsibility to maintain the standard set by them.

Our Board of Directors' journey started a few months back. Our club trainer Past President Dr. Sanjay Runwal conducted outstanding training sessions and explained to us the various avenues and shared a few best practices. Now all of us are committed to deliver outstanding results. Our Strategic Committee members adopted an innovative approach for preparing a three year's strategy road map. SWOT analysis was conducted with the involvement of the members. The focus areas prioritized are -

- Involvement of Members,
- High Impactful Projects,
- Satellite Club,
- Global Grant Projects and
- New Change Initiatives.

For Service Projects and CSR initiatives, the focus is for long term. The main advantage of long term project is the significant impact on all stakeholders. We are taking service projects in six areas identified by Rotary.

The programs and fellowship events are planned with new change initiatives. Be ready for pleasant surprises and change.

Our club is known for Youth Projects. This year we are doing some ambitious projects in this area. The Rotray Foundation transforms your gifts into Service Projects that change lives. This year we have set the targets for Annual Giving Fund to The Rotary Foundation.

Last year Covid was at a peak. There were a lot of restrictions and despite all the odds IPP Satyajit Chitale did a great job. He swiftly converted all the challenges into opportunities, at the same time remaining calm and focused. I would like to sincerely appreciate him for his outstanding work.

Good to great journey is not an easy journey, but it's not impossible. I appeal to all of you to get involved in at least in one Service or Youth Project. With your support, together we will over achieve our goals.

Once again I thank all of you for your support and encouragement.

- Rtn. Dr. Vishwanath Lele  
President 22-23.





## RI PRESIDENT



### Jennifer E. Jones

RI PRESIDENT ROTARY INTERNATIONAL 2022-2023

Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland  
Ontario, Canada

Jones is founder and president of Media Street Productions Inc., an award-winning media company in Windsor. She was chair of the board of governors of the University of Windsor and chair of the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce. She has been recognized for her service with the YMCA Peace Medallion, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, and Wayne State University's Peacemaker of the Year Award, a first for a Canadian. Jones holds a Doctor of Laws (LL.D.).

Jones has been a Rotary member since 1997 and has served Rotary as RI vice president, Director, Training leader, Committee chair, Moderator, and District Governor. She played a lead role in Rotary's rebranding effort by serving as chair of the Strengthening Rotary Advisory Group. She is the co-chair of the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee, which aims to raise \$150 million for polio eradication efforts. She also led the successful #RotaryResponds telethon in 2020, which raised critical funds for COVID-19 relief and was viewed by more than 65,000 people.

Jones has also received Rotary International's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. She and her husband, Nick Krayacich, are members of The Rotary Foundation's Arch Klumph Society, Paul Harris Society, and the Bequest Society.

## RI President Vision

"In order to live in the kind of society you want, you have to help build it." This is a quote from my youngest brother and it speaks to the core of who we are and what we do.

I believe we are rooted in what our founders set forward – our core values, the objects of Rotary and our Four-Way Test. These are the principles that are the bedrock of who we are as Rotarians. Times may change – but these remain our sacred truths.

I see a Rotary that increases our impact by focusing on our strategic plan and expands our reach by engaging the Family of Rotary at every age, gender and culture to create lasting change.

As we reflect upon our new strategic priorities, we could have never envisioned that our ability to adapt would become our North Star during what is inarguably the most profound time in recent history. When the world stepped down, we stepped up.

Silver linings rise out of the most challenging circumstances. Using metric-driven goals, I will

harness this historic landscape to innovate, educate and communicate opportunities that reflect today's reality.

As a globally recognized communicator, I will open direct dialogue with the family of Rotary through our social channels to heighten awareness of our most pressing issues, like Polio Eradication, Supporting the Environment, Elevating Rotaract and Growing Rotary.

I believe that Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) begins at the top and for us to realize growth in female membership and members under the age of forty – these demographics need to see their own reflection in leadership. I will champion double-digit growth in both categories while never losing sight of our entire family.

I pledge to Grow Rotary by hosting DEI Summits to create leadership opportunities that foster balance across our membership.



## Rtn. Dr. Anil Parmar

Rotary Club of New Panvel

**Rtn. Dr. Anil Parmar** is a physician and Director of renowned, Nikam Parmar Hospital & ICU, Panvel. Since last 26 years, within Rotary, he has held almost all important positions. He has channelised and was closely associated with the foundation and launch of 'Rotary Mega Medical Centre Project' – a project worth almost Rs. Six Crores. He is Major Donor and Bequest Society Member.

He has won several awards viz. Best Director Award, Club Builder Award and Best Assistant Governor, to name a few.

Following the path laid down by his father, Late L.M. Parmar, he is the 2nd generation Rotarian. His wife, Rtn. Dr. Hemlata Parmar, is a Homoeopath and has been PP of Inner Wheel club of New Panvel. Daughter Dr. Komal Mutha is a practicing Dental Surgeon in Pune and son Dr. Varun has completed his MBBS and pursuing post-graduation.

Rtn. Anil, will lead RID 3131 as District Governor in RY 2022-23.

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR RID 3131 MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Heartiest Congratulations & a very warm welcome to a new and expectant RY 22-23. Covid Pandemic had not only impacted our personal lives but our Rotary as well. We have recuperated from it and as it's always said, 'Create challenges into opportunities', very effectively we supported the community in many ways by doing many Global Grant projects. I would like to compliment each one of you, for putting in all your efforts in the hour of crisis and making a huge difference in the lives of people.

I must say that we were very fortunate to host all the events/training sessions physically and had an overwhelming response for the same. I want to thank all the club leaders and their teams for joining in large numbers and supporting us.

RY 22-23 is going to be a Historic year! For the first time in the History of Rotary International, we will be having a Lady as an RI President!

RI President Jennifer Jones will be leading our esteemed Organisation. It is going to be a great year and as a tribute to her leadership & also respect to Women Power, we have to put our best foot forward and work towards increase in Lady Members in our district. RI President Jennifer Jones has given this thought provoking theme "Imagine Rotary" and if we actually start imagining Rotary and the opportunities it gives us to serve the community, so many wonderful ideas, themes can be thought of & manifested too. She has also promoted the wonderful concept of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. This describes policies and programs that promote the representation and

participation of different groups of individuals, including people of different ages, races and ethnicities, abilities and disabilities, genders, religions, cultures and sexual orientations.

We all have joined Rotary because someone had invited us to be a part of this wonderful organisation. Now, it is the moral responsibility of each one of us, to invite at least one member to our club, motivate and engage them in our activities so that they are assimilated well.

We are DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD through The Rotary Foundation and I am glad that our District has a strong Participation in Rotary Foundation Programs. We have consistently been amongst the Top 10 Contributing Districts of the World and our Participation in Global Grants is extraordinary. New norms for Global Grants has made it further essential that we contribute more and more to TRF so that we can do Bigger, Better, Bolder and Long-term Impact Creating Sustainable Projects through Global Grants. We also need to request & motivate our Non-Rotarian friends to contribute to TRF as this will help us to serve our Community in a better way and also will give them an opportunity to know Rotary & feel blessed by doing their bit for the community at large.

Let's work together towards the betterment of the society & achieve the PINNACLE of Success for our Clubs and RID 3131. DELIVER HAPPINESS, SPREAD SMILES & ENJOY ROTARY by IMAGINING Rotary & fulfilling OUR dreams FOR the community.

Remember "TOGETHER WE CAN AND TOGETHER WE WILL".

## Imagine Rotary

Rotary International President Jennifer Jones wants members to imagine the possibilities in the change they can make to transform the world.

Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, revealed the 2022-23 presidential theme, Imagine Rotary, as she urged people to dream big and harness their connections and the power of Rotary to turn those dreams into reality.

"Imagine, a world that deserves our best," Jones told incoming district governors on 20 January, "where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference."

Jones, who has made history on 1 July by becoming Rotary's first female RI president, gave a live online address to precede Rotary's annual training event for district governors from around the world, the International Assembly.

## Engaging members through meaningful responsibility

To better engage members, Rotary needs to "adapt and retool," Jones said, using her hometown as an example. Windsor was once the automotive hub of Canada. But after plant closings, it left thousands without work, the city needed to retool, in the same way an auto plant would, preparing for new parts or a new model. Now, Jones said, Windsor is a leader in agribusiness and medical and aerospace technology.

For Rotary, "finding the right 'part' to engage each member should be our core function," Jones said. "It comes down to the comfort and care of our members."

Engaging members is crucial to retaining members, she said, adding that we need to ask members what they want to get from Rotary and give them meaningful responsibilities.

"It is our offer of hands-on service, personal growth, leadership development, and lifelong friendships that creates purpose and passion," Jones said.



## Assistant Governor RID 3131



### ASHA AMONKAR

Rotary Club of Pune Karvenagar

Education : Bcom, LLB.  
After practicing law for 8 years, she felt the need to devote her time to her family and hence stopped working as a legal advisor. However, her passion towards Finance brought her into the financial field and she has been working as Financial Advisor for the past 15 years. Over the period she has been providing service to more than 1000 happy customers.

She is associated with a total of 5 Insurance companies, Life as well as General Insurance. As a part of LIC she has achieved Divisional Manager (DM Club) member status. Apart from insurance she also is into portfolio management, investments, guidance and taxation planning. She guides in Mutual Funds Investments, SIP, Govt. bonds, Corporate FD's etc. and is associated with most Asset Management Companies, and is also working as a partner in NJ India Invest Distributor Firm.

She joined Rotary in the year 2016-17 as an Ann. As

she wanted to take up the position of Club Admin director, she became a Rotarian in the year 2017-18, then in the year 2018-19 was Secretary, & in the year 2019-20 President. During her presidential tenure her club got Platinum Citation from RI for working in all the Avenues. In the year 2020-21 she was District Polio Zonal Chair, and in the year 2021-22 she was holding the position of District Interact Chair.

During her presidential year due to her work towards literacy she received an award "Savitrichilek"

Cooking, travelling, listening to Indian music are her hobbies. She has a great interest in Astrology and is also a Jyotishya Visharad.

Family – She is married to Sachin Amonkar, who is a Chartered Accountant and working as Head Finance & Controller in a Multi National Company

Daughter – Janhavi Studying in 12<sup>th</sup> Std. In the year 2019-20 her daughter went to Brazil for one year as an out bound student, through Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) And Son Krishna is studying in 8<sup>th</sup> std.

# District Governor Elect 2021-22



## Rtn Manjoo Phadke

District Governor 2023-24 RID 3131.

**Rtn Manjoo Phadke's career presents a fascinating canvass of diligence, intelligence and brilliance.**

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, 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..

She has initiated brilliant concepts like 'Satellite Club', IFRM (International Fellowship of Rotarians Musicians) CSR Awards, International RYLA, Wellness Awards, NGO Conference and many more. She is felicitated with many awards such as prestigious "Avenues of Service Award" from Rotary International, Rotary Mahaguru, Most Impactful District Officer with Extraordinary Performance, Best AG, Best District Director etc.

She was also awarded with "Vocational Service Excellence Award" as well as Rana-Ragini Puraskar for her professional and social achievements.

She is a well-recognised motivational speaker and a professional trainer. She was invited at 9 other rotary districts as a trainer, key note speaker and a motivational speaker for various events and Rotary conferences.

She is also appointed on a South Asia Committee of Rotary Leadership Institute and is a certified faculty of RLI.

On the professional front, Manjoo is the founder & CEO of Tracon Management Services, a Corporate Training and Management Consultancy firm and also of SkillArbor Consultancy, a vocational education firm that is an Approved Training Partner of Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS).

She has trained more than 15000 trainees till now.

She is also a freelance corporate consultant. At a corporate level, she possesses rich experience in Branding, Marketing, Administration, and "Learning & Development". Few of her Corporate clients include Tech Mahindra, KPIT, Reserve Bank of India, Bank of Maharashtra, Cipla, Emcure Pharma, Viilbery Pharma, NeilSoft Technologies, Infoway Technologies, PNG Jewellers, MarksPryor.

She is Part of many professional Groups and an Ex-Member of executive committee of O-HR. She has played a leading part in instituting corporate events such as Super Achievers Awards, HR Excellence Awards, Global Entrepreneurship series, Brand Summits, Management Film Festivals at national and international level.

Rtn Manjoo is a member of Women Safety Committee under the Commissioner of Police, Pune and also mentors young Entrepreneurs at Bharatiya Yuva Shakti Trust.

Manjoo is a National and state Level Player in Athletics, Lawn Tennis and Kabaddi and is also an avid trekker and a 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 Diago, USA.

She belongs to a much decorated family. Her father-in-law, Shri Gopalrao Phadke, was Dronacharya Awardee and a Padmashree. Her husband Vishwas is a successful businessman. Daughter Isha is MBA in Marketing and MA & Alankar in Kathak and is a professional Kathak Dancer. She has featured in a Marathi Film - "Ti Sadhya Kay Karte". Son-in-law, Ambar is an IT professional and a Visharad in Tabla. She is also blessed with a grand-daughter, Antara.

With her positive attitude, passion and cooperative nature she is extremely popular in fellow Rotarians and in all her friend circles.

## Editors desk - Opening note



At the outset let me welcome you all to a fresh new Rotary year.

On being requested, I generally agreed to take up the mantle as the Chairperson of our Bulletin Committee, without realizing what it involved in terms of the time and commitment. I now realize, it is a big responsibility. But I will definitely try to live up to your expectations and of the faith reposed in me by the Board.

We plan to introduce some new features/series in the coming year. The Bulletin Committee is very much with me in this journey. But I would also like to request all our members, anns & annas to give any suggestions and new ideas to make Pratima more and more interesting.

At the same time we would also like to bring forth the hidden talent from amongst our very own Rotary families. For this to happen, we, the Bulletin

Committee Members, encourage each one of you to share any article, poem, any new activity or initiative taken up by any of your family members (including Annets) with my team. We would love to publish that and let the word spread.

We would also like to publish inspiring stories of any Rotarian either from our District or elsewhere.

As per tradition this Bulletin carries a message from our President, RI President and DG, Information about DG Elect and AG and portfolio of all the new office bearers of our Club.

Once again a hearty welcome to you all to an entertaining, enriching and enjoyable new Rotary Year from Team Pratima.

Looking forward to connecting with you throughout the year.

- Ann Rucha Ambekar



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| <b>July 01</b> | <b>Chitnis Neela</b>      |
| <b>July 03</b> | <b>Bhate Swati</b>        |
| <b>July 08</b> | <b>Tawade Ujwala</b>      |
| <b>July 24</b> | <b>Date Hemchandra</b>    |
| <b>July 30</b> | <b>Deodhar Vaijayanti</b> |



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### Club Events

**Tuesday 5th July 2022**  
**Installation of President**

**Tuesday 12th July 2022**  
**President's address**

**Tuesday 19th July 22**  
**Anns Interest Meeting**

**Tuesday 26th July 22**  
**Musical evening**

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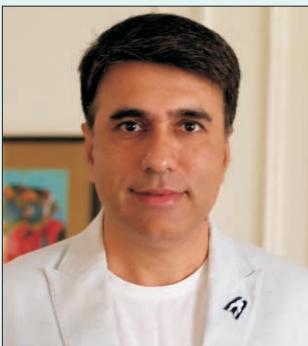
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