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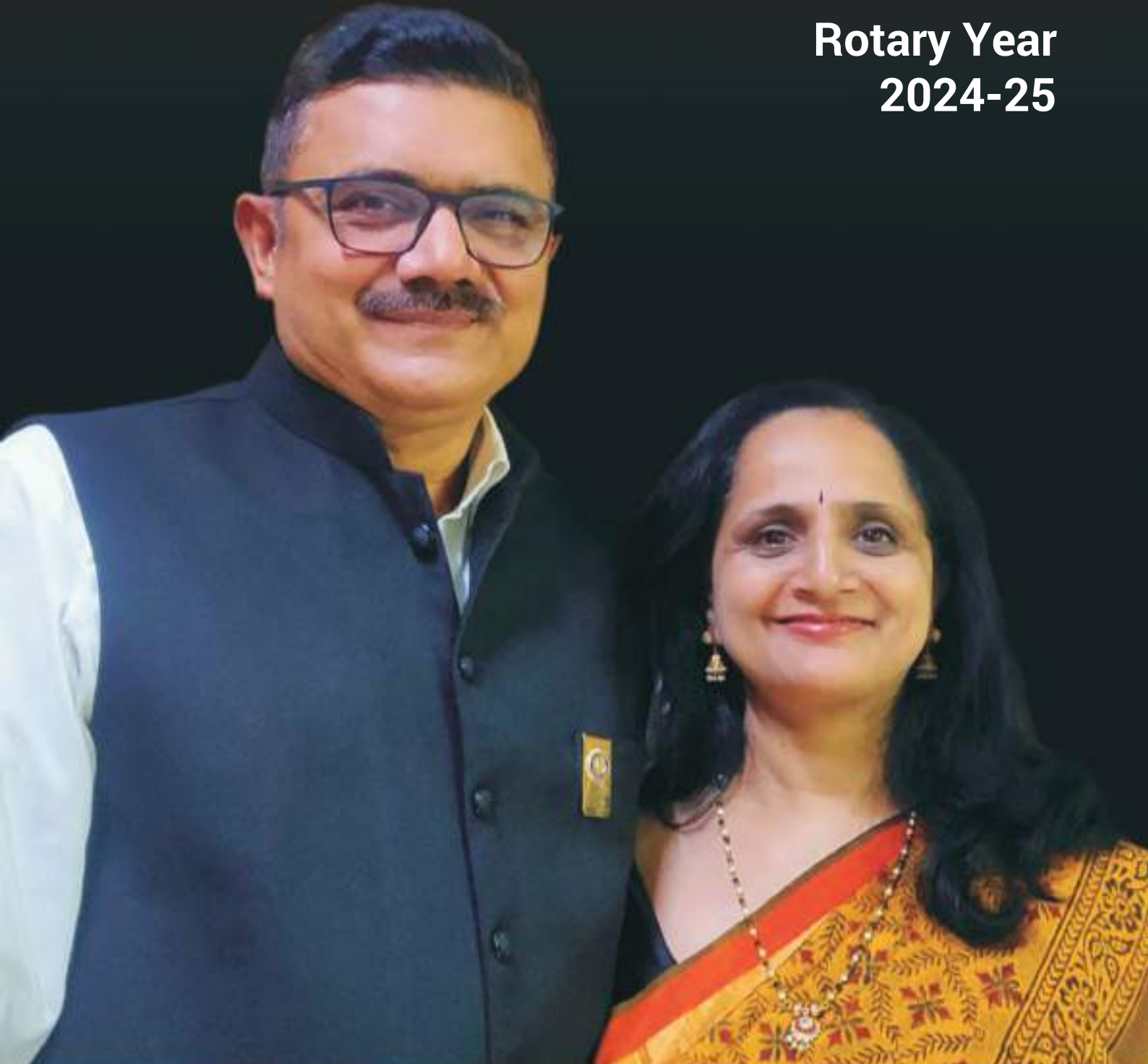
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Rotary Year
2024-25



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Distinguished Chief Guest DGE Santosh Marathe, AG Atul Atre, ALF Vasavi Mulay, esteemed guests from the Rotary family, Rotary Anns, Annas, and fellow Rotarians,

Good Evening,

It is an honour to serve as President of the Rotary Club of Pune Kothrud for 2024-25.

Our club's rich history and dedication exemplify the Magic of

Rotary—transforming lives through service, fostering fellowship, and promoting goodwill. Together, we will continue to make a significant impact through meaningful projects, cultural events, and community outreach.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to President Indraneel for his exemplary leadership during the 2023-24 Rotary year. His tenure was marked by impactful service projects, exceptional club activities, and a consistently positive atmosphere. His achievements have set a high standard for us to aspire to in the coming year. I am confident that his ongoing involvement and support will continue to benefit our club.

I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to all the incoming board members for accepting their responsibilities and for their meticulous planning to ensure that this year will be memorable through meaningful service projects, enriching cultural events, and fostering fellowship.

During our Planning Assembly on the 11th June, we outlined our comprehensive plans for 2024-25 in great detail. I trust that you all felt the energy, careful planning, and enthusiasm of our team during the presentation. Rest assured, we are committed to putting forth our best efforts to achieve the goals we have set for the year, with the unwavering support of all club members, Anns, and Annas.

Our strategic planning encompasses a 3 to 5 year horizon, focusing on the addition and development of new members, securing over 100 Lakhs in CSR funds annually, executing larger and bolder projects, and enhancing our club's visibility within the community. It is also our aim to become a 100% Giving Club each year, as it is incumbent upon every Rotarian to contribute to the Annual Fund, ensuring that Rotary's good work continues to make a significant impact.

Our focus areas for RCPK in 2024-25 are as follows:

- **Happy Club with Maximum Participation:** We pride ourselves on being a vibrant club where all members are actively engaged in various activities. We aim to maintain a positive environment that encourages



participation from all members, Anns, and Annas. I urge everyone to remain involved in projects, cultural events, new member recruitment, and CSR fundraising efforts.

- **New Member Addition:** As a well-established club with a rich history, it is imperative to continually seek new members to infuse our club with fresh ideas and youthful enthusiasm, thereby driving the club to new heights.

- **Fundraising & CSR:** To undertake meaningful and high-impact projects, we require a consistent inflow of funds from our CSR partners and non-Rotarian donors. It is essential to continually seek new CSR partners and donors to support our mission of enriching lives within our community.

- **Executing Bigger & Bolder Projects:** To expand our reach and impact, we must continue to pursue larger and more ambitious projects such as the Ramnadi Restoration, Happy School through Global Grants, TB Eradication, Hearing Aids distribution, and the diverse mix of service projects in PLAYING 11, as outlined by the district for this year.

- **Public Image Activities:** Our club has consistently performed outstanding work in enriching lives. We will continue to promote our efforts through various platforms, including Pratima, GML, Rotary News, hoardings, and social media channels like Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube, to inspire others to join our cause.

We begin our journey of 2024-25 with a unique project "Plantation for Butterfly Garden" at Khatpewadi Lake, Pirangut, on 1st July 2024. We will be planting around 150 saplings of unique varieties of plants for the Butterfly Garden, in association with Kirloskar Vasundhara, RI District 3131 along with Knowledge partners Modern College & Mitrakida Foundation. The Sarpanch & Upsarpanch of Bhukum village will be present on this occasion.

Friends, the year ahead promises to be action-packed with inspiring service projects, enjoyable cultural events, diverse topics from knowledgeable speakers, relaxing picnics, and much more. I am confident that with the enthusiastic participation of all members and the guidance and support of our esteemed past presidents, we will truly experience the MAGIC OF ROTARY !

Thank you.

Rtn. Manish Didmishe

President 2024-2025

RI President's Message



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.

Warm regards,

Stephanie A. Urchick

Rotary International President,
2024-2025

DG Message



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 benchmark's to our Foundation giving's & 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 !!!

TOP REGARDS & TRULY YIR,

Rtn Shital Shah
District Governor, RID 3131

Rotary District 3131 THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

BE GOOD DO GOOD

THE GAME ON

DISTRICT GOVERNOR INSTALLATION

CHIEF GUEST

RTN. DR. BHARAT PANDYA
ROTARY FOUNDATION TRUSTEE - VICE CHAIR

7 JULY 2024, SUNDAY
8 A.M. - 1 P.M.
BREAKFAST & LUNCHE

— VENUE —
SMT. KASHIBAI NAVALE MEDICAL COLLEGE & GENERAL HOSPITAL, NARHE, NR NAVLE BRIDGE ,PUNE

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ROTARY CLUB OF PUNE EAST PARIWAR IS ALL SET TO WELCOME YOU

RTN. SHITAL SHAH
DISTRICT GOVERNOR, RY 24-25

RTN. RAGINI SHAH
FIRST LADY, RY 24-25



Don't Miss the Opportunity to Attend the Upcoming Conference! DisCon T25

Dear Rotarian

We are thrilled to extend a special invitation to you for our upcoming conference, a premier event that promises to be both inspiring and educational. This is a unique opportunity you won't want to miss!

Event Details:

- **Date:** 1st and 2nd Feb 2025
- **Venue:**
Nishigandha Lawns and Convention Centre,
Ghotavade Village, Hinjawadi, Pune 412115.
- **Registration Charges:**

Member Single Rs.9000/-	Member Couple Rs.18000/-
Patron Single Rs.12500/-	Patron Couple Rs.25000/-
Guest Single Rs.9000/-	Guest Couple Rs.18000/-
Rotract Single Rs.6000/-	Child below 15 yrs Rs.6000/-

Our conference will feature an exceptional line-up of esteemed speakers, including:

- **Chahat Dalal**
- **Dr. Prachiti Punde**
- **Dwarakanath Sanzgiri**
- **Gyanvatsal Swami ji**
- **Pallvi Kaushik**
- **Dr. Nivdeita Gupta**
- **Dr. Parag Yadav**
- **Girish Kulkarni**
- **Meenakshi Seshadri**

These distinguished individuals are renowned in their respective fields and will share their invaluable insights, experiences, and knowledge with us. Their presence and contributions will undoubtedly make this event a memorable and enriching experience for all attendees.

We highly encourage you to seize this opportunity to listen to such celebrated personalities and enrich your understanding and expertise. Your participation will greatly add to the vibrancy and success of the event.

Warm regards,

Rtn.Shital Shah
District Governor (24-25)

IPDG Rtn.Anil Parmar
Conference Counsellor

Rtn.Vijay Rathod
Chairman
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Rtn.Raju Bellad
Promotion Director
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BRIEF INTRODUCTION OF DGN SANTOSH MARATHE



- DGN Rtn Santosh Marathe who is a second Generation Rotarian
- joined Rotary Club of Poona West in January 1996.
- He was the President in 2000-01 and since then has served in the District.
- Has worked with over 17 DGs of 3130/3131 and has a vast experience to his credit.

- He was the Global Grant Director for 2 years in 2021-23.
- He was instrumental in the first Solar Farm project in the Rotary World under Environment Protection Focus Area funded with Global Grant. RC Goregaon was the Host Club for this \$ 96k project and also..
- GG funded project of RC Daund for constructing 116 toilets in a slum in Daund of USD 54K.
- Rtn Santosh has conducted training sessions for many clubs for their BOD and Committees.

- His wife PP Rtn Dr Tanuja was an AG in RY 2022-23
- In current RY is the Co- Director Global Grants
- and will be the Global Grant Director in 2024-25.

- Santosh and PP Dr Tanuja are level 2 Major Donor to TRF.

- Through his home Club he has formed 4 Interact clubs in RY 2019-20 and lead a long-term project of improving infrastructure in 103 Rural Schools.
- He is also involved in his Club's project of 100 Happy Anganwadis. Execution work of 55 Anganwadis is complete and the rest would be taken up in coming Rotary year.

- His company Phoenix Knowledge Management Pvt. Ltd. has been providing customized enterprise applications in Finance, Supply Chain, Analytics leveraging a US Patented Digital Ledger (Pvt Permissioned Blockchain) technology coupled with AI and ML to large corporates including ICICI Bank, Axis Bank, Asian Paints to name a few.

- Rtn Santosh Marathe has been involved in nature, marine ecology, wildlife, birdwatching, environment education & awareness and nature photography since 1979.

- A true Rotarian in spirit, thought, and action, PP Santosh Marathe personifies excellent leadership, goodwill, and a strong belief that the world will be a better place because of Rotary's contribution.



INTRODUCTION OF AG Rtn. Atul Atre

Rtn Atul Atre is a graduate in Mechanical Engineering with a post graduation in Business Management. He worked for 10 years with Kirloskar Oil Engines and then started his own workshop at Sinhgad Road Manik Baug. He manufactures precision tooling and is supplied to various MNCs

He joined Rotary Club of Pune South in 2011 – 12 and was President in R.Y 2021 -22 . He has served the club in various capacities viz Secretary, Treasurer, Director Youth Services, Director Administration etc.

He has got wife Nandini and 2 daughters Tanmaya & Devashree. Elder daughter Tanmaya has done Ph D in Bio Technology & younger daughter Devashree has done M.S. in Environmental Engineering. Both are married and are settled in America.

His hobbies are reading , music & travelling.

Thought of the month...

"It is very simple to be happy but it is very difficult to be simple."
...Rabindra Nath Tagore.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Ann Rekha Pandit

My Dear Members, Anns and Annas of RCPK Family,
It's an Honour, it's an Opportunity and it's a Responsibility to be the Editor of, 'Pratima', our club's magazine. I am indeed proud and grateful to President Manish and President Elect, Gayatri for giving me this opportunity.

The word, 'Pratima', in Sanskrit means representation and is very appropriate for our club's magazine. Pratima represents the Culture, the Attitude and the way of RCPK's social fabric. It therefore is a challenge to truly represent or portrait the realistic picture of our club's various activities to the readers; both inside the RCPK family and outside the family.

Thanks to the hard work of the past Presidents of RCPK and Editors of Pratima, over the years the circulation of Pratima has multiplied rapidly. Today with the help of social media, Pratima reaches and

is read by a large number of people. It will therefore be my endeavour this year to make our Pratima more attractive by introducing more topics of common interest, revive some of our favourite topics like, 'Know your Rotarian', increase involvement of you all, by seeking your active participation in the form of articles, photographs, information and so on. Remember this is a wonderful medium to communicate within and with the outside world regarding Rotary as well as non-rotary matters. Let's try & use it to its full capacity.

Thus, I want you all to know that I am looking forward to working with you all and interacting with you. I am looking to your support and suggestions for improvement. So, friends, together, let us take Pratima to greater heights.

Your friend & family member,

- Ann Rekha

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2024-25



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Director Club Admin



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Director Membership



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President 2023-24



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& Club Affairs



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Director without portfolio
& Events



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Sargeant At Arms



PP Rtn. Satyajit Chitale
ClubTrainer

Director's Corner

Child Health and Rotarians Responsibility

Child health is a crucial aspect of global well-being, with profound implications for the future of societies. Ensuring that children have access to healthcare, proper nutrition, clean water, sanitation, and education is vital for their development and for the advancement of communities. Rotarians, as members of Rotary International, have a significant role to play in this effort. Their commitment to service and humanitarian projects positions them uniquely to make substantial contributions to child health.

Importance of Child Health

1. Physical Health: Proper nutrition, vaccination, and regular medical check-ups are essential for preventing diseases and ensuring the physical development of children. Malnutrition, infectious diseases, and lack of medical care can lead to long-term health issues and stunted growth.

2. Mental Health: Mental health is equally important. Children exposed to trauma, stress, or poor living conditions are at risk of developing mental health issues. Early intervention, supportive environments, and access to mental health resources are crucial.

3. Education: Healthy children are more likely to succeed in school. Education empowers children, providing them with the knowledge and skills to improve their lives and contribute positively to their communities.

4. Economic Impact Healthy children grow into healthy adults who can contribute to the economy. Investing in child health reduces future healthcare costs and increases productivity.

Rotarians' Responsibility

Rotarians are guided by the principle of "Service Above Self," and this ethos underpins their responsibility towards improving child health. Here are several ways Rotarians can contribute:

1. Healthcare Initiatives: Vaccination Campaigns dental care, and essential treatments for children in underserved communities.

2. Nutrition Programs: To ensure that children receive at least one nutritious meal per day.

Rotarians have a vital role in promoting child health and ensuring that every child has the opportunity to thrive. Rotarians can make a significant difference in the lives of children worldwide. Their efforts not only improve individual lives but also contribute to healthier, more prosperous communities.

Maternal health encompasses the well-being of women during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period. It is a crucial aspect of public health as it directly impacts not only the mothers but also their infants and families.

Ensuring good maternal health involves access to comprehensive prenatal care, which includes regular medical check-ups

Postpartum care is equally vital as it supports mothers in their recovery. Social, economic, and cultural factors also play significant roles in maternal health outcomes. Access to healthcare services, education, economic opportunities, and support systems are crucial in determining the health outcomes of mothers and their babies.

Efforts to improve maternal health often involve a multi-faceted approach, including policy interventions, community education, healthcare infrastructure development,

Rotarians play a significant role in improving maternal health through various initiatives

Community Outreach and Education: Rotarians engage in community outreach programs to educate women and families about maternal health issues, hygiene practices, nutrition during pregnancy, and the importance of seeking medical care. This empowers communities to make informed decisions about maternal healthcare.

Overall, Rotarians play a crucial role in addressing maternal health challenges globally by advocating, funding, educating, and supporting initiatives that aim to improve maternal health outcomes.

Rtn Sushma Kulkarni

Club Awards for Rotary Year 2023-24

Best Supporting Past President	PP Rtn. Vasudeo Yadwad
Best Director	Rtn. Alka Kulkarni
Best Project Of the year	1) Sui-Dhaga 2) Ramnadi Restoration
Best Committee	Fellowship Committee and Program Committee
Best Anns Interest Group	Kojagiri Pornima Program on 25th Oct'2023
Best Participation in Club Activity	Rtn. Madhura Yalsangikar
Best International Activity	Ann Shobha Raikar
Best Contribution to Rotary Family	PP Rtn. Dr. Ravi and Rtn. Alka Kulkarni
Best Support other than assigned role	Rtn. Hemchandra Date
Best Performance in RY	Rtn. Sushma Kulkarni Rtn. Vishakha Wagh Rtn. Poornima Deo
Best Rotary Couple	Rtn. Dr. Vishal and Ann Madhavi Sardeshpande
Best Rotarian	PP Rtn. Satyajit Chitale
Best Ann	Ann Neelima Apte
Best Dasbodh Management Trophy	Rtn. Rajesh Bhate
Best supporting Ann to first lady	Ann Swati Bhate
Special Recognition Award by President Rtn. Indraneel Mujgule	Rtn. Neena Pangarkar
Organizing innovative online Project 'Kashmir Winter Festival' – In memory of Late Vandana Jejurikar	Rtn. Anupama Kshirsagar
Outstanding contribution to Adult Literacy Program in rural area – trophy sponsored by PDG Pramod Jejurikar	PP Rtn. Ujwal Tawde



NEW MEMBER INDUCTION



Dr. Amol Gautam

- A caring husband and a loving father.
- Radiologist by profession and a medical teacher by passion.
- Currently working in Symbiosis Medical College, Pune.

Dr. Archana Gautam

- Mother of two lovely daughters and a better half in real sense.
- Anesthetist by profession and Intensivist by passion, in the service of humanity saving lives.
- Daughters - **Gauri** studying MBBS in Amrita, Kochi and **Aarya** in 10th grade in Pune.

Club Events

Tuesday 2nd July 2024
Installation

Tuesday 9th July 2024
1) President's Address
2) Team work by
PP Rtn Vishwanath Lele

Tuesday 16th July 24
Anns Interest Meeting

Tuesday 23rd July 24
Wari by Sandesh Bhandare

Tuesday 30th July 24
Activity Programme by
Sucheta Kulkarni

July 2024 Projects

Following is the list of projects to be done in the month of July 2024.

1st July 2024	Khatapewadi Lake, Pirangut		Plantation of Butterfly Garden
1st July - 7th July 2024			Chatra Chhaya Distribution of Garden Umbrellas to street vendors
7th July 24	Smt. Kashibai Navale Medicale College & Gen. Hospital, Narhe	8.00 am to 1.00 pm	DG installation
4th July. 24	BJS Institue Wagholi.	10.00 am to 1.00 pm	Teacher Training Mental Health, Stress Relievers
10th July 24.	Balaji Institutes, Shirur	2.00 pm to 5.00 pm	Teacher Support "Happy Teacher Manages Stress and Mental Health"
15th July 24	St Vincent College, Pune	11.00 am to 1.30pm	College Teachers Support "Updating" "Cultivation of Mind"
19th Overnight 20th July 24	SHIVRATNA INSTITUTE AKLUJ	2.00pm to 7.30pm day1 2.00pm to 5.30pm day2	INTER DISTRICT RYLA Leadership Skills "cultivation of mind"
20th July 24	SMP school AKLUJ	11.00 am to 1.30 pm	INETER DISTRICT Teacher Support
31st July 24	Vanaz School, Pune	11.00 am to 1.30pm	Teacher Support "Cultivation of Mind" "Mental Health" "Leadership" & "Mental Balance"

Ann's Corner

'We are restarting Anns Corner this year. To start with I am sharing one poem here by an unknown author which I think applies to all of us.'

BEING A SOCIAL WORKER MEANS...

You will never be bored.
 You will always be frustrated.
 You will always be surrounded by challenges.
 So much to do and so little time.
 You will carry immense responsibility
 and very little authority.
 You will step into people's lives.
 And you will make a difference.
 Some will bless you.
 Some will curse you.
 You will see people at their worst
 and their best.
 You will never cease to be amazed
 at people's capacity for
 love, courage, and endurance.
 You will see life begin and end.
 You will experience resounding triumphs
 and devastating failures.
 You will cry a lot.
 You will laugh a lot.
 You will know what it is to be human
 and to be humane.

- author unknown



July 01 Chitnis Neela
July 03 Bhate Swati
July 04 Vivek Kulkarni
July 08 Tawade Ujwala
July 24 Date Hemchandra
July 30 Deodhar Vijayanti



July 07 Bankar Nutan & Dinesh
July 11 Dev Poornima & Vaibhav



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