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## From The President's Desk



Dear Rotarians and Rotary Anns,

*"We must derive self-satisfaction as a result of our acts."*

This powerful statement resonates deeply with the work we do as Rotarians. Through our various projects and initiatives, we strive to alleviate the challenges faced by those less fortunate than us.

Today, we are privileged to host Dr. Rishikesh Wadke from the Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital, Kharghar. Dr. Wadke will shed light on addressing congenital heart diseases and maternal health through specialized cardiac care, mother-and-child hospitals (Mamatva), public health initiatives, skill development, and research. This monumental humanitarian effort is one that the Rotary Club of Pune Central has proudly supported through Global Grants over the last four years. Let us come together to gain a deeper understanding of this impactful mission.

Additionally, as we mark Rotary's month of 'Disease Prevention & Treatment', I am delighted to share the significant strides we've made:

- Conducting blood testing camps in Mulshi.
- Organizing eye check-up camps and performing cataract surgeries through the "Gift of Sight" initiative at HV Desai Hospital.
- Donating critical medical equipment to the Primary Health Centre in Male, Mulshi.

Our projects are progressing with remarkable speed and precision, creating meaningful change in the lives of countless families. I encourage all members to actively participate and witness these transformations firsthand.

I look forward to seeing you all this evening for our weekly meeting and the special talk by Dr. Rishikesh Wadke at the Poona Club Hall, No. 1.

Warm regards,

**Brigadier PKM Raja**  
**President RY 2024-25**  
**Rotary Club of Pune Central**



## Today



We are delighted to invite you to an inspiring session by **Dr. Rishikesh Wadke from Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital, Kharghar, on the topic: 'Healthcare for Congenital Heart Disease & Pregnant Mothers: The Sanjeevani Model'**

Over the past four years, the Rotary Club of Pune Central has proudly supported this life-saving initiative, contributing to the treatment of infant children with Congenital Heart Disease (CHD).

At the heart of Sanjeevani's mission is its unwavering commitment to underserved communities, following a "Tertiary to Primary" model and delivering free-of-cost healthcare to all, irrespective of religion, caste, creed, or economic background.

With millions of children affected by CHD and only 5% receiving diagnosis and treatment, this session will illustrate how our collective efforts are closing this gap, transforming lives, and building a healthier future for children and their families.

I request you to kindly attend this session on Saturday 14 December 2024 at Poona Club Conference Hall followed by IceBreaker Fellowship.

Additionally, there will be a half-hour Pre-Meeting Fellowship starting at 6:30 PM, with the meeting officially commencing at 7:00 PM.

We look forward to seeing you there!

## The Week That Was – December 7, 2024

(From Rtn. Sagar Khandelwal)

Our 20th weekly meeting of the Rotary year focused on the month's theme of 'Health and disease prevention'.

We commenced the evening with President Brig. PKM Raja calling the meeting to order. The President warmly welcomed our guest speaker, Mr. Aakash Ramchandani, along with visiting Rotarians and guests.

The President provided an update on the club's ongoing projects, highlighting the significant strides made this year:  
Green PC Project: This initiative continues to empower schools across Junnar and Manchar by providing sustainable and cost-effective digital learning solutions. Teachers and students alike have benefited greatly from this project.  
Eye Check-Up Camps: A series of camps in underserved areas has positively impacted thousands, with glasses and referrals for advanced care provided as needed.

Military Hospital Project: Efforts to support medical infrastructure have been bolstered by generous contributions, with a focus on serving our armed forces personnel.

Upcoming Initiatives: The President shared plans to support the Happy Village initiative and digital literacy programs, ensuring sustained impact across various community projects.

We wished happy birthday to: Rtn. Bharat Shah, Rtn. PP Suhas Merchant, Rtn. Dr. Abhimanyu Pingale, R'Ann Aarti Krishna Kumar, R'Ann Rohini Jain and R'Ann Uma Kejriwal.

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Wedding anniversary greetings were shared for Rtn. PP Krishan & R'Ann Ruby Jhunjhunwala, Rtn. PP Suhas & R'Ann Kalpana Merchant, Rtn. Vipen & R'Ann Radhika Malhotra, Rtn. PE Lekha & Col. V Nandakumar Nair, Rtn. Dr. Subhash & R'Ann Kiran Pallod, Rtn. Shashi Raj & R'Ann Neena Talwar, Rtn. Bharat & R'Ann Nilima Shah, Rtn. PP Dr. Madhavi & Dr. Suhas Vaze, Rtn. Arun & R'Ann Shruti Jindal, Rtn. PP Abhay & R'Ann Komal Shah.

Our guest speaker, Mr. Aakash Ramchandani from SutraLETICSS, took the audience through the essentials of a healthy lifestyle and introduced innovative practices like Ayurvedic principles and red-light therapy. His talk underscored how these techniques could enhance wellness and support anti-aging. Members appreciated the scientific depth and actionable takeaways from his session, which was both engaging and informative.



Our next meeting would be on Saturday, December 14, 2024, at Poona Club Conference Hall 1. Dr. Rishikesh Wadke from Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital, Kharghar, will share his expertise on: 'Healthcare for Congenital Heart Disease & Pregnant Mothers: The Sanjeevani Model.' This session will delve into innovative healthcare approaches, making it a must-attend event for all.

Let's keep the momentum going as we continue to serve and inspire!

## Some interesting happenings to take note of



### Distribution of Specs

On November 12th, a Rotary Club-organized eye care camp was held at the Dr. Gogate clinic. As part of this community outreach initiative, Opto Apoorva generously donated 39 specs to students of MKSS School. This charitable effort aimed to provide essential vision correction to those in need, promoting better eye health and improved academic performance among the beneficiaries.

### Eye Check-Up Camp at Jagruti Blind School for girls, Alandi

A successful Eye Check-up Camp was done on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at the NFBM Jagruti School for Blind girls, Alandi for 1st to 8th std girls. The camp is being conducted by the Community Eye Care Foundation and organized and sponsored by the Rotary Club of Poona Central.

Total of 51 girls with visual impairment were screened. Out of which 13 will be dispensed optical devices, 2 non optical, 6 electronic magnifiers and 6 spectacles.



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## Events@Mulshi on December 8, 2024

On Sunday, 8th December, the following projects organized, supported, and funded by PP Madhu Rathi were successfully conducted at the Primary Health Centre in Male:

- Handing Over Ceremony:** The equipment, donated by RCPC and funded by Rtn. PP Madhu Rathi and Rtn. Yogesh Shah, was officially handed over to the Primary Health Centre to improve its medical facilities.
- Health Camp Inauguration:** A health camp was inaugurated, providing essential medical check-ups and consultations to the local community.
- Eye Camp Inauguration:** An eye camp was launched, offering free eye check-ups and screening for various eye conditions, with a focus on providing timely treatment and support.
- Blood Donation Camp:** A blood donation camp was organized, encouraging and enabling local residents to donate blood, supporting the regional blood bank.

The program was graced by the presence of Rtn. President PKM Raja, Rtn. PP Madhu Rathi, Rtn. PE Lekha Nair, Rtn. PP Uday Dharmadhikari, Rtn. PP Arvind Saraf, and Rtn. Vidya Saraf, who actively participated in the events.



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## ***RYLA Career Guidance and Financial Literacy Program at Mulshi***

**From Rtn. PP Dr. Madhavi Vaze**

On 10th December 2024. Our club organized a grand, mega RYLA at village Male, in a big hall, where 550 students were present.

The day started with lighting the lamp by President Rtn. Brig Murlidharan Raja, Rtn. PP Madhubhau Rathi, Rtn. Shireesh Nadkar, Rtn. Narendraji Sanghvi and Youth Director, Rtn. PP Dr. Madhavi Vaze and Mr Kangude (Mavla Pratishtan).

Rtn. PP Madhubhau, gave the introductory speech about RYLA. & Presi Raja spoke about the manifestation process for the success in life.

Youth Dir. Dr Madhavi shared the insights on the importance of such events in life which teaches one to go ahead & fulfill their aspirations in spite of difficulties in life.

The whole day was fully packed with words of motivation, information and inspiration. It's a dyre need of the rural students. They hardly get such an opportunity to listen and learn from leaders.

PP Madhubhau is always a key person in organizing this event. Becoz of his sincere attention & involvement, RYLA achieves stupendous success.

Rtn. Narendrabhai Sanghvi provided speaker Mr Kandhare who spoke about various opportunities for skill development. He embossed the young minds with the importance of learning some skill for earning livelihood instead of running behind the mere expensive degrees. Thank you Rtn Narendraji for this valuable help. He also introduced 2 more professors of various skill development colleges who imparted the invaluable information on different courses.

Col Kumar Phulay described in detail, the various aspects of PM Modiji's "Agniveer " scheme for youth. & Of course, other opportunities in defence. He answered all the questions of the students thoughtfully.

PDG Prashant Deshmukh was another stalwart who gave inspiring speech, "Zero to Hero ". The minds were exhilarated at the end of the day.

Mr Kangude proposed vote of thanks & the event closed with leaving young hearts inspired & futures shining with promise.



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## ***Financial Literacy*** **From Rtn. Rajesh Yadav**

Financial Literacy training module 1 conducted for ITI student and 202+ students from 2 school has been completed training took place till on 04 and 11 Dec 24 in the Mulshi Area. under the dedicated coordination of Rtn. Rajesh Yadav and Rtn. Jitendra Sandu.

Rtn. Rajesh playing a pivotal role in leading the training, receiving support from Adi Mutha, and 02 ITI students, Swapnil Sanjay Raut and Shaym Ganpat Jadhav, who actively participating in facilitating the sessions.

It is worth noting that this impactful initiative was organized and managed by Rtn. Rajesh Yadav demonstrating his commitment to promoting financial literacy among the youth.

We are proud to share that the training is part of a broader effort undertaken by the RCPC club and has been generously sponsored by our esteemed member, Rtn. PP Madhubhau Rathi. His support has been instrumental in making this initiative a reality, reflecting our club's dedication to community development.



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## ***Annual Christmas Party for Special needs Children on December 18, 2024 at Ladies Club Poona***

**This is an appeal for Volunteers. Please read on.**

Our **Annual Christmas Party for children with special abilities**, those stricken by cancer, and orphans, will be held on **Wednesday December 18, 2024**, from **2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. at the Poona Ladies Club**, Camp, Pune, which is next to the Poona Club.

This is the **18th year that RCPC and Inner Wheel Club of Pune Central** are organizing this function, and we expect around 200 special needs children and cancer-affected children to participate and enjoy the fun and exciting games, dances, etc., that have been planned for the afternoon.

The Christmas Party started in a modest way at Hotel Sun n Sand, then shifted to the Poona Club and for the last few years has been held at the Ladies Club, who have been kind enough to make this ideal venue available absolutely free. Our active partner, Inner Wheel Club of Pune Central, arranges the attractive gifts for the children.

The event was initially started for terminally-ill children from various hospitals/NGOs, etc., and subsequently special needs children were included so that they could also enjoy the fun. Come December and we start receiving enquiries as to when the Xmas party is being arranged. Starting with about 20–25 children, the last Xmas party was enjoyed by more than 250 children from various schools, NGOs who support these students, and others.

The Xmas party for the special children has been arranged for more than 15 years thanks to the initiative of former member of RCPC Rtn. PP Munir Chinoy and Rtn. Anil Bora, and supported by many of our Rotarians and R'Anns.

Mr. Satish Shetty has been equally kind hearted by offering unlimited sumptuous snacks for the children as his contribution towards seeing the happiness and joy on their faces.

**We welcome our members and their families to come forward to volunteer as a Special Santa (two of them actually) and offer other support to ensure that the event runs smoothly and safely.** 🙌

Please contact Rtn. PP Dr. Madhavi Vaze Director Youth Services or Rtn. Anil Bora if you are able to participate. Your suggestions are most welcome.

**Looking forward to seeing you in large numbers on Wednesday December 18, 2024, and if possible do bring your kids along to enjoy the fun.**

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## ***Vocational Awards***

**From Rtn. Arun Shroff, chairperson Vocational Award Committee**

Every year we recognize and honour those who have risen beyond themselves and served their vocations meritoriously and selflessly, be it from your own organisation or any another. Additionally, the philosophy of giving and caring is an integral part of Rotary. Fortunately, there are wonderful and amazing people and organisations who battle enormous odds and make great personal sacrifices towards excelling in their vocations.

We need your assistance in identifying such people/organisations for this year's **Vocational Awards**. Nominations can be from the fields of Business, Industry, Health, Environment, Education, Livelihood, or Empowerment and Advocacy. These awards are not about winning or losing. They are about sharing, encouraging, and inspiring.

If you know anyone doing exemplary work, please nominate them and email their details for our consideration. The least they deserve is recognition of their effort.

You may send your recommendations to Gajanan on his email ID: [office@rcpunecentral.org](mailto:office@rcpunecentral.org) with a copy to me on my email ID [shroff.pune@gmail.com](mailto:shroff.pune@gmail.com) or on Gajanan's WhatsApp no. +91 95277 16505.

January is a **Vocational Service month** as per Rotary International calendar. The Vocational Awards are scheduled to be distributed at our meeting on Saturday March 1, 2025.

**I would appreciate your revert ASAP, but latest by January 31, 2025.**

## ***50 things every Rotarian should know about Rotary***

**(Inputs from Rtn. PP Suhas Merchant)**

### **20 - Invocations at Club Meetings**

In many Rotary clubs, particularly in Judeo-Christian nations, it is customary to open weekly meetings with an appropriate invocation or blessing. Usually such invocations are offered without reference to specific religious denominations or faiths.

Rotary policy recognizes that throughout the world Rotarians represent many religious beliefs, ideas and creeds. The religious beliefs of each member are fully respected, and nothing in Rotary is intended to prevent each individual from being faithful to such convictions.

At international assemblies and conventions, it is traditional for a silent invocation to be given. In respect for all religious beliefs and in the spirit of tolerance for a wide variety of personal faiths, all persons are invited to seek divine guidance and peace "each in his own way." It is an inspiring experience to join with thousands of Rotarians in an international "silent prayer" or act of personal devotion. Usually all Rotary International board and committee meetings begin with a few moments of silent meditation. In this period of silence, Rotary demonstrates respect for the beliefs of all members who represent the religions of the world.

Since each Rotary club is autonomous, the practice of presenting a prayer or invocation at club meetings is left entirely to the traditions and customs of the individual club, with the understanding that these meeting rituals always be conducted in a manner which will respect the religious convictions and faiths of all members and visitors.

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## Food For The Soul

Here's a classic Christmas cake recipe:

### Ingredients:

#### For the Cake:

- 1 cup (200g) brown sugar
- 1 cup (200g) granulated sugar
- 4 large eggs, at room temperature
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 2 1/4 cups (285g) all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup (120g) chopped almonds or walnuts
- 1 cup (120g) dried fruit (cranberries, raisins, cherries)
- 1 cup (240ml) brandy, rum, or other liquor (optional)

#### For the Marzipan:

- 2 cups (400g) confectioners' sugar
- 2 tablespoons (30g) unsalted butter, softened
- 2 teaspoons almond extract
- 2 tablespoons (30g) egg, lightly beaten

#### For the Royal Icing:

- 2 cups (400g) confectioners' sugar
- 2 tablespoons (30g) unsalted butter, softened
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2-3 tablespoons (30-45ml) water

### Instructions:

#### To Make the Cake:

1. Preheat oven to 275°F (135°C). Grease and flour a 10-inch (25cm) tube pan or Bundt pan.
2. In a large mixing bowl, cream together sugars and eggs until light and fluffy.
3. Stir in vanilla extract.
4. In a separate bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, and salt.
5. Gradually add dry ingredients to sugar mixture, mixing until just combined.
6. Stir in chopped nuts and dried fruit.
7. If using liquor, stir it in at this point.
8. Pour batter into prepared pan and smooth top.
9. Bake for 2 1/2 to 3 hours, or until a toothpick inserted into center comes out clean.
10. Remove from oven and let cool in pan for 10 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

#### To Make the Marzipan:

1. In a large mixing bowl, combine confectioners' sugar, butter, and almond extract. Mix until smooth.
2. Beat in egg until well combined.
3. Knead marzipan on a surface dusted with confectioners' sugar until smooth and pliable.





### **To Make the Royal Icing:**

1. In a large mixing bowl, combine confectioners' sugar, butter, and vanilla extract. Mix until smooth.
2. Gradually add water, mixing until icing reaches desired consistency.

### **To Assemble the Cake:**

1. Once cake is completely cool, use a serrated knife to level it, if necessary.
2. Place cake on a serving plate or cake stand.
3. Roll out marzipan to a thickness of about 1/4 inch (6mm).
4. Place marzipan over cake, smoothing top and sides.
5. Use royal icing to decorate cake as desired.

### **Tips:**

- Make the cake at least 2 weeks in advance to allow flavors to mature.
- Feed the cake with liquor every week or two to keep it moist.
- You can customize the cake by using different types of nuts, dried fruit, or liquor.

To ensure the cake is completely cool, let it sit overnight before assembling

Do please contribute your recipes to [Behzad.randeria@gmail.com](mailto:Behzad.randeria@gmail.com)

## ***Here's a Poem for The Miracle of Christmas:***

Silent night, holy eve  
A time for joy, for love to breathe  
The stars align, a celestial show  
As heaven's gift, a miracle to bestow  
In Bethlehem's manger, a child lay still  
The Son of God, a love that would fulfill  
The prophecies of old, the hopes of the heart  
A Savior born, a brand new start  
The angels sang, their voices so bright  
As shepherds gathered, in wonder and delight  
The wise men followed, the star's gentle beam  
To worship the King, in a humble dream  
The miracle of Christmas, a gift so divine  
A love that's pure, a heart that's truly mine  
A time for family, for friends and for cheer  
A season of joy, that lasts throughout the year  
So let us cherish, this special time of year  
And hold in our hearts, the love that casts out fear  
For in the miracle of Christmas, we find our peace  
A love that's born, in the heart of release.

Anonymous



## Who Is Santa Claus?

### The Historical Saint Nicholas

Santa Claus is based on the historical figure of Saint Nicholas, a 4th-century bishop of Myra (modern-day Demre, Turkey). Saint Nicholas was known for his generosity, kindness, and devotion to children.

### The Legends of Saint Nicholas

Many legends surround Saint Nicholas, including:

- Saving three sisters from being sold into slavery by providing them with dowries to marry.
- Reviving three boys who were pickled and sold as ham.
- Leaving gifts and coins in the shoes of poor children.

### The Dutch Influence: Sinterklaas

In the Netherlands, Saint Nicholas is known as Sinterklaas, a bearded bishop who rides a white horse and brings gifts to children on December 5th (St. Nicholas' Eve). The name "Sinterklaas" is a direct inspiration for the name "Santa Claus."

### The American Evolution: Santa Claus

The modern image of Santa Claus as a jolly, gift-giving figure in a red suit and beard was popularized in the United States in the 19th century through:

- Clement Clarke Moore's poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas" (1823), also known as "The Night Before Christmas."
- Thomas Nast's illustrations for Harper's Weekly (1860s), which featured a bearded Santa in a red suit.
- Coca-Cola's advertising campaigns (1930s), which solidified the image of Santa Claus as we know it today.



### Conclusion

The legend of Santa Claus has evolved over time, influenced by the historical figure of Saint Nicholas, Dutch folklore, and American popular culture. Today, Santa Claus is a beloved symbol of generosity, kindness, and joy during the holiday season.

## Here's a true story of grit and determination on Christmas Day: *The Story of Aron Ralston's Christmas Miracle* *Miracles In Your Life*

Aron Ralston, an American outdoorsman and engineer, embarked on a solo canyoneering trip in Utah's Blue John Canyon on April 26, 2003. While descending a narrow canyon, a boulder dislodged, crushing his right arm against the canyon wall.

Ralston spent five days trapped, with no phone signal and no hope of rescue. On the fifth day, he realized he had to amputate his own arm to free himself. Using his pocket knife, he cut through the skin and muscle, but couldn't cut through the bone. He then used the boulder to snap the bone, freeing himself.

Ralston then hiked out of the canyon, rappelled down a 65-foot wall, and walked for miles until he found help. He was rescued on April 30, 2003.

### The Christmas Connection

Here's where the Christmas connection comes in: Aron Ralston's rescue was on April 30, but his recovery and rehabilitation took months. On Christmas Day 2003, Ralston, still recovering from his ordeal, decided to embark on a challenging hike to the top of a mountain in Colorado.

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Despite the physical and emotional challenges, he faced, Ralston persevered, using his Christmas Day hike as a testament to his grit and determination.

### **A Story of Resilience**

Ralston's story is an inspiration to anyone facing challenges, whether physical, emotional, or psychological. His determination to survive against all odds and his resilience in the face of adversity are a testament to the human spirit.

Ralston's Christmas Day hike was a celebration of his survival, his recovery, and his determination to live life to the fullest.

Gratitude indeed comes in all sizes, and here are some ways to acknowledge and appreciate the small and big things in life:

### **Small Joys**

1. **A warm cup of coffee:** Appreciate the aroma, flavor, and warmth that starts your day.
2. **A good night's sleep:** Be thankful for a comfortable bed, a cozy blanket, and a restful night.
3. **A beautiful sunset:** Take a moment to admire the vibrant colors and peaceful atmosphere.
4. **A kind word from a stranger:** Smile and appreciate the unexpected kindness.

### **Everyday Blessings**

1. **Family and friends:** Cherish the love, support, and laughter they bring to your life.
2. **Good health:** Be thankful for your physical and mental well-being.
3. **A comfortable home:** Appreciate the roof over your head, the food on your table, and the warmth of your home.
4. **Personal freedoms:** Be grateful for the ability to make choices, express yourself, and pursue your dreams.

### **Life-Changing Moments**

1. **Overcoming challenges:** Reflect on the struggles you've faced and the strength you've gained from overcoming them.
2. **Achieving milestones:** Celebrate your accomplishments, whether personal or professional.
3. **Finding love and connection:** Cherish the relationships that bring joy and meaning to your life.
4. **Discovering your purpose:** Be grateful for the opportunities to pursue your passions and make a positive impact.

### **Practicing Gratitude**

1. **Keep a gratitude journal:** Write down three things you're thankful for each day.
2. **Share gratitude with others:** Express your appreciation to those who've made a positive impact in your life.
3. **Create a gratitude ritual:** Establish a daily or weekly practice, such as sharing gratitude at dinner time or during a morning meditation.
4. **Reflect on your gratitude:** Take time to think about the things you're thankful for and how they've positively impacted your life.

By acknowledging and appreciating the small and big things in life, you can cultivate a sense of gratitude that brings joy, contentment, and fulfillment.

### **"Reflections of Gratitude"**

Find a quiet and comfortable place to sit, close your eyes, and take a deep breath in through your nose and out through your mouth.



"As we come to the end of this year, take a moment to reflect on the journey that has brought you to this moment. Think about the experiences, the people, and the moments that have shaped your year.

"Begin by bringing to mind the things that have brought you joy. Remember the laughter, the adventures, and the moments of pure happiness. Allow yourself to relive these moments, and as you do, feel the gratitude rise up within you.

"Now, think about the challenges you've faced this year. Remember the struggles, the setbacks, and the moments of uncertainty. But as you reflect on these challenges, also remember the strength, resilience, and determination that carried you through. Feel grateful for the lessons learned, the growth that occurred, and the wisdom gained.

"Bring to mind the people who have supported you, loved you, and encouraged you throughout the year. Think about the kindness, the generosity, and the compassion they've shown you. Feel grateful for their presence in your life, and allow yourself to be filled with appreciation and love.

"As you sit in the stillness of this moment, take a deep breath in, and as you exhale, repeat the phrase 'I am grateful' to yourself. Feel the truth of these words, and allow the gratitude to fill your heart and soul.

"Remember, gratitude is not just a feeling, but a practice. It's a choice to focus on the good, to appreciate the beauty, and to acknowledge the love that surrounds us.

"As we come to the end of this year, take with you the lessons of gratitude. Carry them into the new year, and allow them to guide you on your journey.

"Take one final, deep breath in, and when you're ready, slowly open your eyes. Remember to carry the spirit of gratitude with you, and to share it with others in the year to come."

Take a moment to slowly come back to the present, and when you're ready, take a deep breath and open your eyes.

## ***From the Editor***

My Dear Rtms and R'Anns

Wishing you a joyous holiday season filled with warmth, kindness, and unforgettable moments. May this special time of year bring you closer to loved ones, and may your heart be filled with love, compassion, and generosity.

As we celebrate the holidays, let us also remember the true spirit of the season: giving, sharing, and making a positive impact on the world around us. May our collective efforts create a brighter future for all, where everyone has access to the resources they need to thrive.

As we gather with loved ones, let us also remember those who are no longer with us. May their memories be a blessing, and may we honor their legacy by living with kindness, compassion, and love.

Here's a small poem to reflect on:

- "As we celebrate this special time,
- We think of loved ones, near and divine.
- Those who are here, and those who are gone,
- May their love and memories forever shine on."

Warmest wishes to you and your loved ones during this special time of year.

Warm regards,  
Behzad Randeria



## *What to Expect in the Next Four Weeks*

- **December 21** – Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- **December 28** – X'Mas and New Year Eve Holiday
- **January 04** – Vocational Visit to NDA (Tentative)
- **January 12 (Sunday)** – 41<sup>st</sup> RCPC Club Birthday followed by Fellowship Dinner

## *Birthdays and Anniversaries*



### **Rtn / R'Ann**

R'Ann Mangal Bora  
R'Ann Shruti Jindal  
R'Ann Kiran Pallod  
Rtn. Juhi Mathur  
R'Ann Shweta Vijaivergia

### **Birthday**

December 15  
December 17  
December 18  
December 19  
December 19



### **Member and Spouse**

Rtn. Pradeep and R'Ann Deepa Dharane  
Rtn. Mukund and R'Ann Kokila Sheth

### **Wedding Anniversary**

December 17  
December 18