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'Straight from the heart': from the desk of President



Friends,

Coming towards the end of the first month of the 2024, a look back at the various meetings that were held.

We began with Sports Day at PYC, our third in succession. Tremendous response as always, for both TT and carrom, with our two stalwarts – Vinay & Ramesh – conducting the tournament in their usual professional manner. As per tradition the event was inaugurated by the current DGN, Rtn. Santosh Marathe.

A special treat on the occasion was the sumptuous lunch hosted by (now honorary member) Vinod & Ranjana Kayarkar. They have served Rotary for over 3 decades, across 3 clubs and truly embody the spirit of this wonderful organization. We wish them the very best for the years ahead.

The second weekend of January and all roads led to KHS for the Sukoon fund raiser concert. And what an event it was, beginning with felicitations and the Vocational Excellence award to santoor artist Ninad Daithankar followed by the performance, 90 minutes of pure bliss!! The culmination of all round efforts by members with PE Radha leading from the front.

3rd weekend of the month and it was time for the District Conference, held this year at Pandit Farms. The final registration count from RC Pune Pride at 20 was probably the highest that I could recall. Nice, but could have been better considering our current membership strength.

As I conclude, would like to acknowledge the efforts of Bulletin Editor Vinay and his team who have been working tirelessly through the year, churning out issue after issue, on time and with such wonderful content. For the second year running, RCPP Bulletin figured among the top bulletins of our district, the latest recognition received at the just concluded conference.

So keep contributing and reading, let's enjoy the Club Day this weekend and have a great year ahead !!

Yours in service

Rtn. Sudhir Bapat

President (2023-24)

I love Rotary...



**Vinod & Ranjana
Kayerkar**

We had very little Rotary Information before joining but went ahead and took the plunge. And what a ride it has been for last 33 years.

Rotary has a lot to offer – opportunity for service, friendship, fellowship, a platform for self development etc. You choose what you want to do and do what you like. No pressure from anyone to perform. For first 10 years or so found it very difficult to attend meetings and participate in projects due to long working hours in Tata motors. Nevertheless received a warm welcome and encouragement from fellow rotarians whenever we dit turn up.

We came to know about IYE program and our children were fortunate to get selected. Their stay in Canada and Australia was a life changing one. They grew up into very mature and responsible youngsters. Thankful to Rotary for this.

Rotary opened up the world of service to society and an opportunity to serve. It was and is a matter of great pride to be part of Polio plus programme which finally made India polio free.

We heave been a part of the 60 odd RCPP family. Working together on projects has made the task simple and the joy/satisfaction of completing them many fold. Club picnics/trips and club events have been like extended family outings and events. Thoroughly enjoyed by all and helping in assimilation of new members. This long and happy journey with other RCPP members, our own development