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PRESIDENT ROTARY INTERNATIONAL 2022-23

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.).

As the first woman to be elected president, Jones understands how important it is to follow through on Rotary's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Statement. "I believe that diversity, equity, and inclusion ... 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," Jones said. "I will champion double-digit growth in both categories while never losing sight of our entire family."

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



Rtn. Jennifer E. Jones

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.

Presidential initiatives 2022-23

Diversity is one of Rotary's longstanding core values and greatest strengths. Jones knows there is more to be done to ensure that Rotary's culture exemplifies our values of diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI). Rotary, with input and guidance from the DEI Task Force, has strengthened our commitment to DEI, resulting in a greater focus on celebrating every individual's contributions, advancing equity, and creating a more welcoming and inclusive culture.



During the 2022-23 year, Jones encourages each of us to do our part to ensure Rotary is a welcoming and inclusive community by:

1. Learning more about DEI in Rotary, including understanding definitions and how to celebrate and respect our differences.
2. Determining why DEI matters to our club and community and how using DEI principles can help our club grow and become stronger.
3. Raising awareness of DEI, including creating a DEI committee in your club that reflects the demographics of your community.
4. Taking action on DEI in our club and community for instance educating yourself about underrepresented groups in your community in order to become a more knowledgeable and effective advocate for DEI

Message from RI President 2022-23

Dear fellow Rotary leaders:

As we embark on a new year of service, let us take the opportunity to reflect upon the gift of our membership in Rotary.

As club and district leaders, you have such an important role to play. You can do so much to help create club experiences that are welcoming, inclusive and enjoyable for each and every member – and you can extend that same warmth and belonging to every participant who wishes to engage with our clubs.

Over and over, our surveys find that member comfort and care is the single greatest driver of member satisfaction and our most powerful tool in driving members retention.

So, we need to put a special emphasis on membership care and belonging. And that work begins with listening. We need to understand why our members took the big leap and joined us – and we need to know what they expect from us. What do they want out of their Rotary involvement and what we can do to help them get more out of their Rotary experience?

We all feel the impact that Rotary service and Rotary values have on us ... now it's our opportunity to share that feeling with others. This is a year to Imagine Rotary by envisioning a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing we can make a difference. We don't imagine yesterday, we imagine tomorrow.

We imagine a world without polio, with clean water for everyone. We imagine a world free of disease and where every child learns to read. We imagine kindness, hope, love, and peace.

Each of you has assumed important responsibilities as a member of Rotary and I thank you for your hard work. You have made a commitment to help grow Rotary, to adapt to the digital future and to make Rotary more appealing to future generations.

Your good work will help us serve our communities and help Rotary thrive so we can Imagine Rotary.

Warmest regards,

Jennifer Jones



DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2022-23 Rtn. Dr. Anil Parmar

The best and the most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or touched. They must be felt with the heart.”

These words are from the lifeline of a well-known Physician in Panvel. He is a prominent name associated with the launch of the 'Rotary Mega Medical Centre Project'. He has almost held all the important positions in Club and RID 3131 in his 26-year long Rotary career and has been elected as District Governor for RY 22-23, RID 3131.

Rtn. Dr. Anil Parmar is the Director of the renowned 30-bedded multi-specialty hospital, Nikam-Parmar Hospital and Intensive Care Unit. During his 27-year long efficacious career as a Physician and Intensivist, he has successfully treated more than 10,000 critically ill patients.

He is 2nd generation Rotarian and he followed the path laid down by his father, Late L.M. Parmar, and joined Rotary in 1996. He is a member of the 33-year-old Rotary Club of New Panvel, He was the Club President during the Rotary Centennial. He was the chairman of RCNPCT (Rotary Club of New Panvel Charitable Trust) from 2011 to 2013 and he conceptualized a 6 crores worth Rotary Mega Medical Centre project. He is Major Donor and Bequest Society Member.

In his Rotary career at the District, he has held almost all the assignments like AG, AG Co-Coordinator, District Secretary, District Director (TRF, Service Projects, Membership, and Club Administration) and is known as a passionate fundraiser for Rotary.

His outstanding achievements are:

- Best Director Award for RY 17-18 & RY 18-19



- Best AG award in RY 2011 -12 & many other awards.
- He is the GSR of 2 clubs.
- RY 13-14: Received multiple awards at Rotary Institute by the hands of RI President. As for TRF Director, RID 3131 collected 1.6 million USD which is the 2nd highest TRF Contribution of RID3131 to date.

- He also received Club Builder Award twice in the year 2013-14 and 2015-16.
- He has also been conferred with Yashwant Puraskar Besides above, he has been the Convener of many memorable District events like DOSTI, ELGAAR, Popti Fellowship, Niyojan, and Jayostute-2 Pre-PETS.

He is a Covid Warrior and has converted his setup into a dedicated COVID Care Centre for the last year and has helped many patients and Rotarians recover.

He has also been instrumental in starting the Covid Free Vaccination Centre with Panvel Municipal Corporation and three more Rotary Vaccination Centers have been established subsequently.

Rtn. Dr. Anil Parmar's family is a complete circle of love, strength, and service. All the members of his family are Paul Harris Fellows members.

His wife, Dr. Hemlata Parmar, a homeopath, is a Rotarian and PP of Inner Wheel Club of New Panvel.

His daughter Dr. Komal Mutha married to Ar. Nainesh Mutha is practicing as a Dental Surgeon in Pune.

His son, Dr. Varun has completed his MBBS from Grant Medical College, Mumbai, and is planning to pursue his Post graduation.

Message from DG Rtn. Dr. Anil Parmar

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".



OUR CHIEF GUEST FOR THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY

DGN Rtn. Shital Shah

DGN. Rtn. Shital Shah is a management graduate and a Certified Financial Advisor. He is also a leading Investment Counsellor and Financial Planner, Wealth Manager, LIC Insurance Advisor and a Share broker.

In Rotary too, Rtn. Shital has a vast experience and many feathers in his cap. Having joined the Rotary Club of Pune East in the Centennial Year 2005-06, he is very well known for having conceptualised and successfully initiated a month-long Mega Singing Competition – 'Rotary Idol' in 2009-10, which was recognised by District 3131 as the 'Best Fellowship Event of the Year'.

He has conceptualised and successfully completed free distribution of 10,000 sweaters to poor and deprived school children during his Presidential Year 2013-14. The project was appreciated and recognised by Rotary International and his Club was awarded the RI's 'Significant Achievement Award'.

He was the Governor's Special Representative (GSR) for sponsoring a new Rotary Club (RCP



Synergy). He has successfully conducted a three day residential International RYLA for 230 students from 30 nations.

He has been instrumental in getting CSR funds worth over Rs 2 crores for Rotary Projects. He has conceptualised, initiated and successfully completed the "HAPPY FAMILY PROJECT" in RY 2020-21.

DGN Rtn. Shital has been recognized

as

- Best Director (Youth Service) RID 3131, 2016-17
- Best Director Rotary Foundation RID 3131 (for a record collection of USD 6.7 lakhs towards APF, RY 2018-19.)

Above all he is a Major Donor Level 1 with a donation of USD 22000+ to the Rotary Foundation.

DGN. Rtn. Shital is ably supported by his wife Ragini, who herself is also a Financial Advisor. They have two sons, Janak, who follows his father's footsteps and is a Financial Planner, and Raunak, who is a student of Architecture.

ASSISTANT GOVERNOR – Rtn. Mohan Chaubal



Mohan is an Information Technology expert and founder of Spring Computing Technologies Pvt. Ltd., which provides outsourced product development services. They have niche expertise in Video Conferencing, Telehealth, IoT and Fintech domains. Over the years, they have helped

more than 500 businesses ranging from startups to fortune 500 companies to build innovative high-tech products. Mohan is also on the technical advisory boards of a few engineering colleges, and a visiting faculty in Pune University.

Mohan strongly believes in the use of technology for enhancing Rotary's administration and effectiveness. During his presidential year, Mohan

made important contributions to District programs of Guinness World Record for Organ Donation pledges and CSR Awards. As District Chairperson for Public Image in 2019-20, he took initiatives for use of social media to reach out to the community and make people aware of Rotary's work. He also took the initiative to build a crowdfunding platform to raise funds for club projects.

As District Secretary E-Governance in the current year 2021-22, Mohan meticulously organised and conducted all the training events online due to Covid outbreak and lockdowns. Mohan also led the effort to revamp the District website and to build new administrative functions for the benefit of various district officers.

Mohan has received many District Awards for his contributions to Rotary District 3131.

OUR PRESIDENT – Rtn. Bhagyashree Bhide, R.Y. 2022–23

Bhagyashree, a very successful lawyer cum banker in Pune was invited to RCPW membership in the year 2013.

In her more than three decades of professional career with the Bank of Maharashtra, she rose through the rank and file in the Legal department of the Bank. She was actively involved in drafting policies and procedures for strengthening the legal framework for various aspects of Bank working. Her knowledge and ability to work with perfection was recognized by the Bank and she was promoted and given the responsibility of heading the bank's legal department as Chief Law Officer, where she addressed and solved complicated recovery cases in High Courts, DRT, National Consumer Forums, BIFR etc.

She was also a visiting faculty at the Bank's Staff Training Centre, Pune and a guest faculty at the National Institute of Bank Management, where she continued to guide young officers in important areas of legal and procedural aspects of Banking and Recovery.

During her long stint in the Bank she was entrusted with the role of CEO of the Bank's fully owned subsidiary METCO – a Trusteeship Company, for six years. In her role as CEO of METCO, Rtn. Bhagyashree worked extensively in the areas of execution of wills and succession planning and management of private and public charitable trusts. She was connected with many charitable trusts and facilitated them in conducting their activities. Her approach was one of empathy and sensitivity towards her senior clients and in a sense this work laid the foundation for her interest in working for socially relevant issues. Bhagyashree has delivered more than 100 lectures on making a Will, Formation and Management of Charitable and Family Trusts, at Sr Citizen Forums, Rotary Clubs and other Social Institutions. She has written articles on legal subjects in inhouse-magazines and newspapers.

After retirement from the Bank she also worked as a Senior Legal consultant at GDA Trusteeship Ltd. for five years and gained rich experience in handling debenture trustee work including RBI and SEBI compliances, as well as in handling the work as Security Trustee for big consortiums. At present she is doing legal consultancy as a freelancer.

Rtn Bhagyashree in her personal life too, has taken



kept interest in socially relevant issues of women empowerment and education of children from economically stressed communities. Over the years she continued to guide women about opening bank accounts, saving money, importance of educating their children and need and importance of making their daughters self-reliant prior to marriage. She continues to mentor

students helping them make career choices and also helping them meet costs of their education.

After joining Rotary and participating in an array of activities in our Club, she was selected to the Board for the first time in RY 2015-16 as Treasurer. Thereafter there has been no looking back for her. In each successive year she handled different avenues. As Director, Public Image she re-started Fire side meetings for increasing member assimilation. As Director, New Generation, she headed the impactful project on environment awareness under guidance of professional facilitators from OIKOS. She encouraged her chairpersons to conduct RYLAs covering topics like personality development, career guidance, communication skills, leadership qualities and environmental awareness. In the Service Project avenue, she took up another unique initiative for counselling of women offenders in Yerwada prison. This was done with the active help of the Karve Institute of Social Sciences. As a part of core team of Cyber-Suraksha Committee, she conducted a number of sessions for students and senior citizens both in person and online. Her contribution in preparation of Cyber Suraksha Handbook deserves a special mention. Our Club won awards from our Rotary district for Interact and Club Administration in the years when she was the Director New Generation and Club Services.

Coming from a well-educated family herself, Bhagyashree guided and encouraged her daughters to make their career choices independently and mentored them in their educational and career pursuit. Her elder daughter Jyoti, (earlier a Rotractor of our Cub) is a Mechanical Engineer who after her initial stints at jobs, decided to become an entrepreneur set up a unit for designing and manufacturing of diamond and color stone jewelry. Jyoti is also a successful Interior Designer. Her husband Kaustubh Apte owns a Solar consulting firm. He was also DRR of our District in the past.



Bhagyashree's younger daughter Dipti has done her post-graduation in USA with MS-Marketing and MBA in Finance and International Business and is presently working as Senior Product Manager in Microsoft, Canada. Dipti and her husband Sachin Deo also are promoters and owners of a startup company, working on software operative system (SOS), useful in monitoring various therapy reports for autistic children. Bhagyashree is blessed with two grandsons and a grand-daughter.

Despite being busy in her career and family, Bhagyashree always makes time to pursue her

interest in classical singing, painting, knitting, cooking and travelling.

Friends, in Rtn Bhagyashree, we have a multi-faceted personality as our President for RY 2022-23 and let us all join to wish her success as she takes the baton from Rtn Rita Kothary today. I am sure, with her enthusiastic attitude and her ability to lead from the front, she will make the RY 2022-23 a greatly eventful and joyous year for all of us in the RCPW family.

PP Rtn Vishwas Sapre.

MY MOM

My mom is in many ways a rare woman. She is strong and ambitious and determined. But most of all she thrives in doing meaningful work, creating long ranging impact while being incredibly inclusive as she goes about this.

I have seen it for my entire life. For over 25 years she worked at Bank of Maharashtra, steadily growing, achieving milestones all the way to the top of her profession, retiring as the Chief Law officer of Bank of Maharashtra. I have seen her wear many hats in these years, from a strong legal advisor, to a high performing CEO of a bank owned subsidiary company, to finally a leader solving nationwide legal challenges for the bank and advising seasoned chairmen of the bank. Throughout it all, her circle of influence continued to grow and her impact became bigger and bigger. I remember when a local political union surrounded her office when she was the CEO of the that Company. She sat there with her staff till 1 AM at night, never losing her cool. That day, I realized my mother has nerves of steel. She not only wore them down but within months the union leader became her biggest supporter, successfully negotiating fair terms. These things left a big impression on me as a young girl and inherently influence my decisions as a woman now.



a strong team and transformed the whole outlook of their team. I have often reflected on how effortlessly she did this, how much she can wield her intelligence and her soft powers to move the needle in any situation.

These are stories of her professional success but her personal ones are no less. She has worked through challenging personal and social situations with the same sense of purpose, clarity and moral compass, always striving her best to do the right thing for everyone. From our family to her friends, our household help, she has always put herself on the line to help them and their cause. She does this without needing the limelight, with empathy.

I think joining Rotary, contributing to its social mission and now leading her club as president is such a natural progression for her, I am not at all surprised. Now is her time to use this opportunity to give back to the community and I have no doubt she will do this with the same grit, clarity and effectiveness.

I am so proud of you mom! And as always look forward to being inspired by your upcoming journey as the club President.

Dipti Bhide



She went on to work at a financial and accounting firm after her retirement, again leading from the front, revamping the entire purpose and mission of her group at the company. Within months she increased their revenue, their growth goals, built

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I am really delighted to communicate with you for the first time as President of our Club. I wish to enjoy this assignment with a great sense of responsibility and commitment and to use it as a wonderful opportunity to serve the community.

I am fully conscious of the uphill task of maintaining and enhancing the reputation and the image of our club, created through the long legacy of 53 years, with the valuable contribution of earlier leaders and all the members from time to time. But at the same time, I feel very assured and on a strong footing with the set systems and procedures and proven path of success on which my team and I will have to move forward and do great work.

The first step of planning is already over and now it is the time to implement and execute the plans, which is the key to success. We have planned for many sustainable and impactful projects in almost all avenues of service. We are also going to have very interesting and innovative programs and events to create enjoyable and inclusive experiences for the members. I am sure that all of

you will be there with us, with full heart and energy.

Member's satisfaction is the biggest tool for retention of our membership and my team and I will do all efforts to create an atmosphere of warmth and care for the members. I am sure each one of you will respond positively to these initiatives. Let us try to increase our strength by inviting qualitative members and make special efforts to bring more lady members. This will be a great tribute to our first lady RI President Jennifer Jones.

We have surpassed the target of Foundation giving last year, and we will all display the same generosity and resolve to go beyond last year's contribution. It's also important to motivate our relatives and friends to donate to the Foundation and participate in the service to the society.

Let us commit ourselves to the theme of the Year "Imagine", the world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference.

As our District Governor Dr. Anil Parmar dreams, my team and I will try our best to deliver happiness, spread smiles and enjoy Rotary by imagining and fulfilling our dreams of serving the community.

Let us all come together and make this year a memorable one.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022-23

President Elect – Rtn. Vipin Ghate



Rtn. Vipin has done his Bachelor of Science, and then did Masters in Personnel Management followed by a degree in Law. He has worked as a HR professional in a leadership role with various large industries & multinational companies such as IPCL, IBP-Balmer Lawrie Group, Trenton Group, Kalyani Group, Suzlon, Lear Corporation, etc.

Vipin left his corporate career at the age of 50 to start a new venture. Vipin is a first-generation entrepreneur in his family and Founder Director of the Trans India Business Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Pune and Partner of INDTELECO Impex & Trading LLP. He is also a Founder Trustee and President of "T I Foundation", Pune, a non-profit organization. He is a member of the Board of Anjali Morris Foundation, Trustee of Rose & Lora Morris Memorial Trust and is also a Founder Trustee of O-HR Foundation,

Pune. He is also an independent Director on the Board of Independence Brewing Company Pvt. Ltd., one of the leading craft beer manufacturing Company.

Rtn. Vipin joined Rotary in 2009 having a keen interest in community development. He has served the club in various capacities such as a Hon. Treasurer, Director Membership, Director Public Image, Club Secretary, Director TRF & in his immediate past assignment as Director Club Service.



Rtn. Vipin is a highly dependable member on whom one can rely on for everything, be it a service project, global grant, any club activity or fellowship or assimilation. He leads from the front or silently works behind the scenes, delivering the result expected. He has a high level of networking, be it in government, industrial or social circles.

He is interested in photography, cooking and going for long drives. His wife Rtn. Dr. Madhuri, is herself a Rotarian and very dependable and efficient member. Together they are a very valuable asset to the Club.

As the President Elect., with his rich experience in human resources and law, coupled with his experience in Rotary, he will surely contribute and support in taking RC Poona West to newer heights.

Director, Club Administration- Rtn. Niranjn Mathure

Rtn. Niranjn is a Science graduate with a Postgraduate Diploma in Personnel Management. He has a long and illustrious career in Banking starting with the erstwhile United Western Bank. While in service, he has held many senior positions in different departments of the Bank at the regional and zonal levels and at the Head office. He was the Regional Head in Pune and retired as the General Manager in 2015.

He was the Managing Director of the erstwhile Western India Trustee & Executor Co. Ltd. This provided him with an opportunity to deal with many corporates throughout India.

"Whatever good you get from Society, you must return back to it", was a reason for him to join Rotary in 2018. Since then, he has been a very enthusiastic Rotarian, participating in all activities of the Club wholeheartedly. He has served as Treasurer, Director of Service Projects 1, and Director, New Generations besides being a member of various committees. He is also a member of District 3131 Literacy Team and is the Chairman of Adult Literacy Avenue since last year.

He loves travelling, photography and partying with friends.

His wife, Ann. Deepali, who has previously worked in Advertising and Marketing is very enthusiastic and participates in all the club activities wholeheartedly.



Hon. Secretary - Rtn. Dileep Londhe



Rtn. Dileep Londhe is a B. Tech in Chemical engineering and has a diploma in Financial Management. He has over 41 years of experience in Banking and Finance. He has worked with many prestigious companies like Polyolefins Industries Ltd., Hico Products, ICICI Bank and Serum Institute of India.

Rtn. Dileep is interested in music, travelling and reading. Ann. Ketaki is a homemaker and a very talented painter.

Rtn. Dileep will be the Hon. Secretary this year, providing solid support to the President.

Treasurer - PP Rtn. Ajit Anant Damle

PP Rtn. Ajit, a Chartered Accountant by profession, is the son of Charter President Dada Damle. He is a senior Rotarian and has served the club as a Board member in many capacities as President (2007-2008), Director, Service Projects and Rotary Foundation and as the Chairman of many committees. He has been looking after the Club's Trust efficiently and dedicatedly since 2008-2009.

Rtn. Ajit is fond of travelling and exploring new places, especially wildlife reserves in India and abroad. His wife, Anjali, is a homemaker and keenly participates in the cultural activities of the Club.

As the Treasurer this year, Rtn. Ajit is the right person to manage our club finances.



Immediate Past President – Rtn. Rita Kothari



IPP Rtn. Rita, is known to be hardworking, committed, dedicated and a fearless leader, which she has proved again in the past year as the President. A hardcore Punekar, she is a Commerce graduate and a Chartered Accountant having her own practice.

As a Rotarian, Rita has served the Club in many capacities. She has been the Chairperson of many of our committees and a strong pillar of our Cyber Suraksha project. At the District level too, she has led many committees including the Child Development Committee and WINS.

Rita is a keen sportsperson who played volleyball, basketball, badminton and swimming in her college days.

Rita's husband, PP Rtn. Ashok is a very senior Rotarian, with a vast knowledge of Rotary and much respected in the District.

This year, as IPP, Rtn. Rita is sure to work as effectively as the last year to achieve our Club goals.

Director without Portfolio – PP Rtn. Vishwas Sapre

PP Rtn. Vishwas, is a postgraduate in Commerce and is an alumni of the prestigious Jambhaji Bajaj Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai. He has a vast experience of cross functional management in large multinationals and Indian corporates.

As a veteran Rotarian, Rtn. Vishwas, a Past President, has handled various portfolios in the Club as well as in the District. He works hard silently to strengthen our Club's reputation in our Rotary fraternity. This year he is also the District Chairperson, Rotary By-laws and Constitution.

Ann. Anuradha, who was working in the banking sector, has shouldered many responsibilities in the Club very efficiently and diligently.

With his professional and Rotary experience coupled with his ability to network with our members and their families, he will certainly be of great help to the Board in moulding strategies and prioritise activities for this year.



Director Public Image – Rtn. Deepak Kulkarni



Rtn. Deepak is a Post Graduate, DBM & MBA in Human Resources having over 34 years of experience of working in big business houses in India including JK Group, IPCL (Govt. of India Undertaking), Kirloskar Group, Mahindra group. Currently, he is working with Ultra Corpotech Pvt Ltd., Pune as Head-Human Resources (Corporate).

While working with the Mahindra Group, Deepak has represented them in Japan for the seminar/symposium on HR/ER and has also been a regular keynote speaker at IIM Kashipur (UK), T A Pai Management Institute, Manipal (TAPMI) and many other management institutes. He has also been advisory member for Deccan Education Society's school at IPCL-RIL, Nagothane and Joint Secretary- Sports Development Council, Reliance, Nagothane

Rtn. Deepak is a multifaceted, kind hearted and a friendly person who jelled in the RCPW family immediately since his induction in our Club. A talented actor and a stage artist, he has won several acting prizes in various State level competitions including Rotary competitions. Deepak is also a Founder member of "Amateur Theatre" of IPCL-RIL, at Petrochemicals Township. He has always been an active participant in the cultural activities of the Club since joining.

He has been the Chairperson of the cultural committee and also Director, Membership. He has won a special prize for the Best Performance in the Interclub Ekankika competition and also the Best Performance award in the skit competition at the District conference (2019-2020).

Ann. Jyoti who is the headmistress at a well known school in Pune, participates in all the activities with as much enthusiasm as Deepak and is a very jovial and friendly person.

As Director Public Image, with his knowledge and experience, Rtn. Deepak will give our Club proper publicity and reach our projects to the District and society.



Director, Membership – Rtn. Prashant Akkalkotkar



Rtn. Prashant Akkalkotkar is a Chartered Accountant by profession and has been practicing for more than 37 years. He was Chairman of the Pune branch of Chartered Accountants (1991-92) and has been a member of various committees of CA Institute's Central Council, New Delhi, which include Internal Audit Committee, Direct Tax Committee, Tax Audit Quality Review Board etc. He had also been a member of the Audit Committee of Maharshi Karve Stree Shikshan Sanstha for 10 years.

Rtn. Prashant is a senior Rotarian who has been a member of our club for more than 20 years. He had been involved in various activities including service projects, global grants as well as CSR funding and also other club activities like fellowship, cultural programmes and assimilation.

As a board member, Prashant has served on various Avenues such as Hon. Treasurer, Club Secretary, Youth Director and Foundation Director. He was Primary Contact for the Global Grant funded project of Ramkrishna Mission and was instrumental in getting an International Partner as well as Global Grant funds. He has been resourceful in getting CSR funds for many Club Projects. He has attended the RI Conventions at Los Angeles and Bangkok.

His interests include travelling and badminton. He has won mixed doubles championship in badminton at Rotary's district sports events.

Ann. Ashwini is a practising Chartered Accountant herself.

As Director, Membership, with his professional expertise and vast experience in Rotary, Rtn. Prashant, will surely do justice to this position and thereby assist in achieving the goals of Rotary Club of Poona West.

Director, Service Projects I – PP Rtn. Charuchandra Shrotri



PP. Rtn. Charuchandra Shrotri, popularly known as Charu, an engineer, was the ex-promoter of "NIRMITI AUTOCOMPONENTS PVT LTD" a company with branches in Pune and Uttarakhand and serving international markets for Design and Manufacturing of pedal systems for cars like TATA Motors, Volkswagen, General Motors, Volvo, Ford, Porsche, Land Rover and others via a collaboration with a Swedish company CJ Automotive AB.

He decided to take an early exit and took stake as a non-working co-owner in his collaborating Swedish Company "CJ AUTOMOTIVE". This Company is a world leader in pedal systems.

Rtn. Charu has been an active member of our Club since the last 25 years and has been involved in 'Service to Society' since then. He has held various District assignments such as Co-Chairperson – IYE, TRF (APF) and Synergy, Co-Director – International Service Avenue, and Literacy, AG, Region 19 Zone 4. He is currently serving as Dist Director–Synergy in RY 22–23 and also as New Club Advisor for RC Raigad Fort. He recently became Major Donor level 2 as he celebrates his 25 years in Rotary.

Rtn. Charu is very interested in travelling, driving, nature, animals, photography, organic gardening, DIY, carpentry, socializing and watching Netflix. After retiring, he continues to enjoy other non-professional aspects of life pursuing his various hobbies, chiefly, travelling. He has visited over forty countries so far and done various self-drive and solo tours within India and abroad. The latest was a self-drive from Pune to Germany covering 21644 Kms in 67 days via 14 Countries.

Ann. Pranita is a homemaker and a very friendly person and participates in the Club activities whole heartedly.

As Director, Service Projects I, under Rtn. Charu's experienced and able guidance, the Club looks forward to executing impactful service projects.

Director Service Projects II – Rtn. Dr. Savita Dhanorkar

Rtn. Dr. Savita has an M.Sc degree in Electronics Science. She worked at the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology and completed her Ph.D simultaneously while working. Her scientific research work has been published in various international journals. She has also received many Best Paper awards for scientific contributions for her research on Aerosol Science. The instruments developed by her were nominated for international awards in Meteorology by the Indian Government.



Rtn. Dr. Savita has been a Rotarian since 2021. She has been a very active Ann before that and has participated in various club activities enthusiastically. She has been the editor of the Club bulletin, West Words, thrice and has also served as the Chairman of the Program committee.

Rtn. Dr. Savita likes music, travelling and reading. She is at present also learning Indian classical music.

Her husband, PP.Rtn. Saurabh, has always been a strong pillar of the Club.

As the Director, Service Projects II, Savita has a very important responsibility of executing our planned and running projects, which she will do efficiently.

Director Rotary Foundation – Rtn. Santosh Chiplunkar



A first time Board member, Rtn. Santosh Chiplunkar, is a Mechanical engineer and has also done ICWA(Inter). He has worked in many multinationals in Europe and the US for many years. He has held various corporate leadership posts in the last 16 years.

He has worked as a CSR Program Manager for 4 years and has immense experience of working with NGOs in the fields of education, health and sanitation. He also has the knowledge of the legal aspects involved in CSR.

Rtn. Santosh has been instrumental in bringing enormous funds to our club. This year, as the Director of Rotary foundation, he is looking forward to bringing his valuable experience to our Club.

Director New Generations – Rtn. Dr. Madhuri Ghate

Rtn. Dr. Madhuri Ghate has many achievements to her credit. She has a Ph. D in financial management and has won a gold medal for M.Com. She has authored many research papers in national and international journals and has got the Best Research Paper award at the international conference at Puducherry.



Dr. Madhuri is a very keen and hardworking Rotarian. She has served as Director Public Image, Honorary Secretary and has been the Director of Service Projects II. At the District level, she has been the Co-Chairperson GML (2021-2022) and Co-Director Public Relations.

She has also won many awards like the Best Ann award in our club, award for the best article in GML and also won the silver crown in the Rotary Samrangri contest.

Her husband, PE Rtn. Vipin shares her passion for Rotary and service to the society and is the President Elect this year.

As the Director New Generations, Rtn. Dr.Madhuri will be working hard and diligently as usual to accomplish our goals.



Club Trainer – PP Rtn. Santosh Marathe



Rtn. Santosh, an MBA, is the Director of a software firm providing global solutions .

A Rotarian since the past 26 years, he is a very dedicated Rotarian having a deep and up to date knowledge of the rules and regulations of Rotary International and the Club Constitution and By-laws. He is a very dependable member and well known and respected throughout the District.

Rtn. Santosh has been entrusted with many important portfolios in the Club and was the President in 2000-01. At the District level, he has been the Director, Chairman and the Secretary of various avenues and also Assistant Governor. He also has been a key resource person at many District Training programmes and seminars. He has gifted our District with its first mobile application. He is a Major Donor Level 1 to the Rotary Foundation. This year, he will be the District Director, Global Grants.

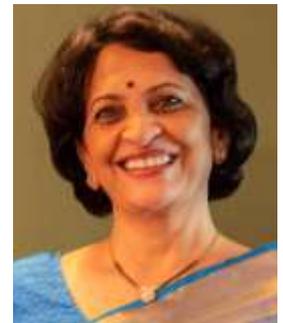
Rtn. Santosh is an avid birdwatcher and a photographer.

His better half, PP Rtn. Dr. Tanuuja, who worked as a lecturer and retired as the acting Principal in the prestigious Fergusson College, was the President of our Club in 2019-20.

With his vast experience and dedication to Rotary, Rtn. Santosh will be the right choice as the Club Trainer.

IT Officer – PP Rtn.Kalyani Gokhale

Rtn Kalyani is an educator and a teacher trainer with more than 25 years' experience in conventional as well as online education. She is the former Vice Principal at Dr. Kalmadi Shamarao High School, Pune. She is also the ex-COO of the Center for e-learning and Training, an ITES Company working in areas of online course content development and training.



Kalyani has been awarded the Fulbright Fellowship under the US Govt.'s and the Fulbright Foundation's Teaching Excellence Achievement (TEA) program. She is an ESL (English as a Second Language) facilitator with TESOL (State University of Arizona), IELTS (British Council), Dale Carnegie, and Johns Hopkins University accreditations.

Currently, she works with NGOs to conduct Teacher Training in English Language Skills as well as The Use of Technology in Classrooms.

Her hobbies are reading, writing, trekking, exploring tech tools, and listening to political podcasts.

Rtn. Kalyani is known throughout the District for her brainchild, "Cyber Suraksha" a signature project of our Club. She has single handedly created its content for all the age groups. She is actively involved in all the Club projects and works extremely hard for them. She was the Club President during the difficult covid times but she led from the front and saw to it that the functioning of the Club did not suffer and achieved almost all its goals. On the District front, she was Director, Literacy last year and is the DLCC (District Literacy Committee Chair) this year.

Husband Dr. Uday, an ex Rotarian, is a well renowned physician who was also the Club President in the past.

As IT Officer Rtn. Kalyani will put her knowledge of the internet and computer field to good use respectively fulfil her role.

Sergeant at Arms –PP Rtn. Dr. Rajeev Deshmukh



PP Rtn. Dr. Rajeev Deshmukh, a very senior Rotarian, is an eminent Laproscopic surgeon. He is a pioneer in Laproscopic surgery in Pune.

Rtn. Dr. Rajeev has been the President in 1995-96 and has held many portfolios in the Club. He has done immense work under Rotary for Polio eradication. He was a member of the District Polio team for four years. He made a presentation on Polio eradication efforts at the District conference. He has also organised a Polio orientation meet for the District.

Rtn. Dr. Rajeev is a very talented painter, writer, director and actor. He has written, directed and acted in many of our Club plays and won many prizes at the inter-club drama competitions. He has been in charge of our Club cultural committee and has implemented and successfully executed many interesting activities.

His wife Ann. Manik also shares Dr. Rajeev's interest in theatre and literature. Together, at present, they have their own podcast on Spotify, "Marathi Khidkitun".

This year as the Sergeant at Arms, he will ensure a smooth and efficient Rotary year.

BEST WISHES FROM IPP RTN. RITA

Dear President Bhagyashree

Congratulations to you on your new role as Club President. As I complete my tenure, I am at ease to hand over the reins to your able hands I am grateful for the tremendous support you rendered to me in the last year. Thank you very much and be rest assured that I will be there with you throughout the coming year.

You have always shone with your commitment and sincerity, and this year in leadership will be a testament to that. With your perseverance, our club will accomplish what it sets out to do and much more. Your determination will not only lead

the members but also inspire them to contribute to the Rotary cause. Your analytical thinking will give a new dimension to way of our club.

I know that the various commitments through the Rotary year can be very daunting, but be sure to not just fulfil them but also experience the joy in being the President. You will often find yourself at a crossroad. At such times do not hesitate to pause, ask for help or take an opinion. We are all with you.

I wish you the best for the coming year and I am sure you will achieve all that you set out for. Wishing you a successful year.

IPP Rtn. Rita

President Bhagyashree – Someone we can bank on!

This one is for you, Bhagyashree. As you take on the mantle of our Club's leadership from IPP Rita this 1st of July, 2022, here's why I am so sure that you'll do exceedingly well.

You have had a splendid professional career with top leadership experience. I believe that professional integrity and capability get mirrored in one's personal life as well, and lend one an aura of self-assurance and quiet competence – I see that in you. You have the ability to carry everyone along in a friendly, encouraging manner, yet you make your point firmly and stick to it when you know you're right. You've been an enthusiastic Rotarian and an active participant in our projects

and events. A package that, in the Rotary world, is bound to spell success.

Would you like my two bits of advice as someone 'two batches senior' in the Presidency channel? Enjoy every bit of this year and make the journey even more significant than the destination. Even as you work hard, take care of your own physical and mental wellness because that matters more than anything else. Above all, have a rollicking time and make lovely memories of this year for yourself.

All the very best, President Bhagyashree! We're with you all the way – but you know that!

PP Rtn. Kalyani Gokhale

From the Editor's desk



Best wishes to President, Rtn. Bhagyashree and her team for the new Rotary year. This year I have been assigned the herculean task of editing our club Bulletin, West Words.

Though the responsibility is huge, I am also excited to be a part of something

which not only brings our Cub together but also acts a mirror for the Cub and its work. It connects the Club to the District and enhances our image in the District. Fortunately, the Bulletin committee comprises of very seasoned and experienced members like PN Rtn. Niranjana Mathure, Rtn Dr. Savita Dhanorkar, PP Rtn. Dr. Deepak Walokar,

PP Rtn. Dr. Rajiv Deshmukh, Rtn. Dr. Madhuri Ghate, Rtn. Netra Bhalerao, PE. Rtn. Vipin Ghate, Ann. Mugdha Joshi, Rtn. Siddharth Dhar and of course President Rtn. Bhagyashree. All of us will be working hard to make the Bulletin interesting and informative. Just as last year, we will have a mix of print and e-bulletins. This year, we have thought of some exciting new ideas for our Bulletin which will be revealed slowly. But for this, I need contributions from all of you. Please contribute to our bulletin in any form – articles, poems, art work, travelogues, photos or whatever else you wish to.

Importantly, please feel free to give your suggestions, feedback or criticism. All of it will be taken in the right spirit and utilized to make our Bulletin better.

Ann. Vaishali Gadre

Our Calendar this month

- 1st July : Installation Of President Bhagyashree
- 8th July : Celebrity Guest, theatre, film and OTT actress Mrinmayee Godbole
- 15th July : Budget Presentation and 'In conversation' with Annette Sneha and Annette Mohit Patharkar (Zoom meeting)
- 24th July : Outdoor Breakfast meeting at IMDR canteen
- 29th July : Internal Assimilation meeting
Special program on Shravan songs in Hindi, Mehendi for ladies and Anns' Fellowship.

District Assignments of 2022-23

PP Rtn. Santosh Marathe	:	District Director, Global Grants
PP Rtn. Charu Shrotri	:	District Director, Synergy District Co-director, TRF Stewardship
PP Rtn. Vishwas Sapre	:	District Administration , Co-chairperson Rotary By laws and Constitution
PP Rtn. Dr. Deepak Walokar	:	Member, Literacy team
PN Rtn. Niranjana Mathure	:	Member, District Literacy team, (Chairperson, Adult Literacy)
PP Rtn. Kalyani Gokhale	:	DLCC (District Literacy Committee Chair)
PP Rtn. Dr. Tanuja Marathe	:	Assistant Governor Zone 5, Region 27

COMMITTEES 2022-23

COMMITTEE	CHAIRPERSON	MEMBERS
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE	PE Rtn. Vipin Ghate	President Rtn. Bhagyashree Bhide PN Rtn. Niranjan Mathure IPP Rtn. Rita Kothari
COMMITTEE	DIRECTOR	CHAIRPERSON
CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE Programme Committee Bulletin Committee Cultural Committee Fellowship Committee Fund Raising Committee Assimilation Committee	PN Rtn. Niranjan Mathure	Ann. Anuradha Sapre Ann. Vaishali Gadre Ann. Deepali Mathure Rtn. Pawandeep Singh Kohli IPP Rtn. Rita Kothari Rtn. Leena Talwalkar
PUBLIC IMAGE COMMITTEE Internal Public Relations External Public Relations Media and Liasion	Rtn. Deepak Kulkarni	Rtn. Smita Madhve PP Rtn. Kalyani Gokhake PE Rtn. Vipin Ghate
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE New Member Orientation Classification Retention Membership Development	Rtn. Prashant Akkalkotkar	PP Rtn. Vishwas Sapre PP Rtn. Santosh Marathe PP Rtn. Charuchandra Shrotri Rtn. Pawandeep Singh Kohli
SERVICE PROJECTS I Vocational Awards Counselling Women Empowerment CyberSuraksha Literacy and WINS	PP Rtn. Charuchandra Shrotri	PP Rtn. Mandar Gadre PP Rtn. Dr. Deepak Walokar Rtn. Suchitra Bhave PP Rtn. Kalyani Gokhale Rtn. Nitin Asalkar
SERVICE PROJECTS II Medical Projects Srujan Environment Community Development	Rtn. Dr. Savita Dhanorkar	Rtn. Pawandeep Singh Kohli IPP Rtn. Rita Kothari Rtn. Vaijayanti Patharkar Rtn. Mayur Naik
TRF Foundation Promotion Grants (Global, Domestic, District) CSR	Rtn. Santosh Chiplunkar	PE Rtn. Vipin Ghate PP Rtn. Dr. Tanuuja Marathe Rtn. Nitin Asalkar
NEW GENERATION Interact Rotaract and RYE/NGSE RYLA	Rtn. Dr. Madhuri Ghate	PP Rtn. Vishwas Sapre IPP Rtn. Rita Kothari Rtn. Harendra Deshpande