ROTARY CLUB OF PUNE CENTRAL

CENTRAL TURF

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From the President's desk

Dear RCPC Members,

I am delighted to address you from the President's Desk as the 41st President of the Rotary Club of Pune Central. It's an honour to lead such a dedicated group of Rotarians & R'Anns, committed to service and friendship.

I extend my warm greetings to all RCPC members and their families for a successful Rotary year 2024-25 filled with joy, progress, and achievements. Our journey began with a memorable Installation Ceremony marked by strong attendance and the infectious positivity of our members. Attendees from other Rotary Clubs in Pune were impressed by the energy and charisma of RCPC members, praising our club within District 3131.

Rotary is more than an organization; it is a vibrant community of individuals driven to make a difference in society. Each of us brings unique talents and perspectives that enrich our club. I firmly believe that our club thrives when every member actively contributes their time, skills, and enthusiasm. Together, we can foster a welcoming environment where friendships grow and meaningful Rotary projects flourish.

Let us unite in our shared purpose, leveraging collaboration and compassion to drive positive change. Together, we can ensure RCPC remains a place where everyone feels valued, inspired, and eager to contribute. As I emphasized at the Installation Ceremony, **"THIS IS YOUR CLUB; AND YOU DECIDE HOW IT RUNS".** Your wholehearted support, including attending RCPC's Weekly Meetings whenever possible, is crucial.

I eagerly anticipate working with each of you in the spirit of Rotary's motto, **'Service Above Self'.**

With best wishes and warm regards,

Rtn Brigadier PKM Raja

Today

Are you ready to test your musical knowledge and have a blast?

R'Anns Namrata Sarda and Urmi Rathod will take us through an exciting **Musical Quiz Night** that promises to be a symphony of fun, competition, and camaraderie!

Date: **Saturday, 13th July, 2024**
Time: **6:30 pm**
Venue: **Poona Club, Conference Hall 1.**

Expect questions ranging from iconic hits to legendary artists, and even some surprising musical trivia that will challenge your knowledge and tickle your funny bone.

The Bulletin contains news and views from the RCPC and Rotary community and may not reflect the view of RCPC's Board of Directors

Don't miss the T20!

Also, do join us for an Icebreaker fellowship hosted by Rtn. PP Madhu Rathi.

We look forward to your presence on **Saturday 13th July 2024 at 6.30 pm at Poona Club Conference Hall 1** for a fun filled evening**.** (6.30 pm to 7.00 pm Pre-meeting fellowship and meeting called to order at 7.00 pm) .

Captured Moments From The Installation Ceremony RY 2024-25

Installation Ceremony: Change of Guard

The Installation Ceremony of the President and Board of Directors 2024-25 of the Rotary Club of Pune Central took place on 06 July 2024 at Pocha Hall, Boat Club. It was a significant event attended with great enthusiasm by all club members and Presidents from other Rotary Clubs in District 3131.

The venue provided a splendid setting for the occasion, with the hall filled to capacity by RCPC members, District 3131 dignitaries, Presidents from neighbouring clubs, and the families and friends of our members. R'Ann Manjiri Supnekar performed the auspicious 'Ganesha Vandana' in a melodious tone, adding to the special and memorable atmosphere of the event.

President Rtn. Cmde Ajay Chitnis warmly welcomed everyone to the meeting, reflecting on the Club's achievements under his leadership. He expressed heartfelt gratitude to his Board and all club members for their steadfast support throughout his tenure. President Ajay Chitnis then proceeded with the highlight of the evening, announcing the eagerly awaited annual Club awards. These awards celebrated members for their outstanding contributions to various projects. R'Ann Alka Srivastava skill-fully anchored the program, aiding both outgoing and incoming Presidents with seamless announcements and coordination. President Ajay Chitnis proudly presented the following Annual Club Awards:

1. Excellence in Service to Humanity: Rtn. Dr. Nitin Desai
2. Service above Self: Rtn. PP Madhusudan Rathi
3. Highest Individual Contribution to TRF: Rtn. PP Ajay Dubey
4. Most Energetic Board Director : Rtn. Giri Sakhrani
5. Contribution to Recognition of RCPC in District: Rtn. PP Ravi Kapoor
6. Recognition for Club CSR Projects: Rtn. PP Rakesh Bhargava
7. Most Innovative Program: Rtn. Ashish Goyal
8. Best Internal Program: R'Ann Sonia Rajore
9. Best Fellowship: Rtn. PP Sukhminder Kalra
10. Best Assimilation Program: Rtn. PP Jinendra and Rtn. Amita Munot
11. Best Attendance Record: Rtn. PP Dr. Nasir Kazi
12. Most Engaged Rotarian: Rtn. Arun Shroff
13. President's Special Award: Rtn. Vipen Malhotra
14. Tan Man Dhan Award: Rtn. Dr. Saroj Bande
15. Tan Man Dhan Award: Rtn. PE Brig PK Muralidharan Raja
16. Tan Man Dhan Award: Rtn. Yogesh Shah
17. Tan Man Dhan Award: Rtn. Akshay Kejriwal
18. Tan Man Dhan Award: Rtn. Pankaj Mehrotra
19. Tan Man Dhan Award: Rtn. Sunil Asher
20. Tan Man Dhan Award: Rtn. Baakir Baker
21. Tan Man Dhan Award: Rtn. Rajesh Yadav
22. Internal Speaker Recognition Award: Rtn. PP Dr. Anand Bhatia
23. Internal Speaker Recognition Award: Rtn. Ashish Goyal
24. Internal Speaker Recognition Award: Rtn. PP Sanjiv Kumar
25. Internal Speaker Recognition Award: Rtn. Payal Rajpal
26. Internal Speaker Recognition Award: Rtn. Dr. Ramesh Sachdeva
27. Internal Speaker Recognition Award: Rtn. Aseem Srivastav
28. Excellence in Community Service Non-Medical: Rtn. Giri Sakhrani
29. Excellence in Community Service Non-Medical: Rtn. Oni Kakajiwala
30. Excellence in Community Service – Medical: Rtn. Oni Kakajiwala
31. Excellence in Community Service – Medical: R'Ann Nafisa Kakajiwala
32. Excellence in Vocational Service: Rtn. PP Narayandas Rathi
33. Excellence in Club Service: Rtn. Delshad Karanjia
34. Excellence in Youth Service: Rtn. Anil Bora
35. Exemplary Contribution to Rotary by a Spouse: R'Ann Teena Goyal
36. Best Projecty of the Year: Green PC- Rtn. Pravin Nadkarni
37. Best Couple of the Year: Rtn. PP Dr. Anand Bhatia & R'Ann Dr. Sita Bhatia
38. Outstanding New Find: Rtn. Dr. Kamalkishore Malpani
39. Outstanding Rotarian of the Year: Rtn. Giri Sakhrani

All award winners were heartily applauded by the audience and before handing over the award, President Ajay recounted every award-winning member's contribution with adulation.

RCPC President Rtn Cmde Ajay Chitnis after a very successful year with many new milestones, passed on the baton to the incoming President Rtn Brigadier PK Muralidharan Raja amidst a thunderous applause from everyone present. Brigadier Raja who was installed as the 41st President of Rotary Club Of Pune Central, in turn introduced his Board of Directors and decorated them with the Rotary pin.

President Raja delivered an inspiring and motivational speech, outlining his vision and plans for the year 2024-25. He emphasized his commitment to being available round-the-clock for all members, stating unequivocally, "The buck stops here."

President Raja highlighted that the Rotary Club of Pune Central aimed to revitalize membership by introducing a new brand identity. Director Public Image, PP Uday Dharmadhikari, proposed a fresh logo to attract younger members while preserving core values. Rtn Sameer Desai and Seagull Advertising were credited for creating the innovative new logo. Special recognition was extended to the entire Public Image team, including PP Uday Dharmadhikari, Rtn Sameer Desai, Rtn Vipen Malhotra, Rtn PE Lekha Nair, Rtn Yogesh Shah, R'Ann Alka Shrivastav, and Rtn Dr. Madhvi Kshettry, for their contribution to the new brand identity of RCPC.

Brigadier Raja invited Editor Rtn Behzad Randeria and Co-Editor R'Ann Sonia Rajore to unveil the colour-printed RCPC Installation Bulletin (Central Turf) marking the start of the Rotary Year. Hon. Treasurer Rtn PP Madhu Rathi acknowledged TRF donors. Joint Secretary Rtn. Dr Madhvi Kshettry made announcements in place of Hon. Secretary Rtn Sagar Khandelwal. Vice President Rtn. Yogesh Shah delivered the vote of thanks. The day concluded with a sense of accomplishment from the past year and renewed enthusiasm for the year ahead.

The ceremony not only celebrated leadership transitions but also reinforced the Rotary Club's commitment to service and community impact under President Raja and his BOD for RY 2024-25. It was a testament to the club's vibrant spirit and dedication to making a difference in Pune Central and beyond.

The 'Magic of Rotary' has begun!

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Let's Understand 'The Magic Of Rotary'

From Rtn. PP Dr Madhavi Vaze

We all have seen a magic show, when in school. The magician changes the colour of feathers in seconds, He takes out the bird from the hat. He even brings the ghost on the stage! We, as children, were thrilled to see all this. The magicians make the impossible seem possible, sparking wonder and awe in audiences of all ages. In short, magic brings a sense of mystery and enchantment, reminding us of the limitless possibilities of the human mind. **So how does Rotary become magic**?

Dear friends, more than a century ago, an organization called Rotary, started with the vision of one man — Paul Harris. This Chicago based attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on 23 February 1905, so that professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships. One fine day, these four friends, viz., Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram E. Shorey gathered in

Loehr's office for what would be known as the **first Rotary club meeting.** Harris' desire for camaraderie among business associates brought together these four men and eventually led to an international organization of service and fellowship.

Today, in 2024, we see the magic of rotary, everywhere in the world. The dire disease of polio which affected many, is not seen on this earth except for a very few pockets, all thanks to Rotary. Many have drinking water. Rotary has taught many illiterates to read & write. Rotary has made provisions for sanitation. Rotary has vaccinated many, many children & elderly as well. The list is endless.

But for this magic to happen, it took a lot of time- years together**. Behind this magic there was no illusion, but the sincere, tireless efforts of Rotarians.** And this magic has slowly caught on in both momentum and impact. In a nutshell, Rotary's theme this year, "Magic of Rotary," highlights the remarkable impact and transformative power of Rotary's global efforts. The theme emphasizes the unique ability of Rotary members to create positive change and inspire hope in communities around the world through their dedication and service. **सर्वेपि सुखिनः सन्तु , सर्वे सन्तु निरामयः !** This is the aim & objective of Rotarians by offering **Service Above Self.**

Let us abide ourselves by this moto and create the massive impact through the Magic of Rotary.

News That Inspires and Uplifts The Soul

RCPC Members Felicitated during Installation Ceremony of District Governor Shital Shah on 07 July 2024

It was indeed a matter of great pride for RCPC when RID 3131 District Governor Shital Shah recognized the contribution of our eminent members who have donated substantially to the Rotary Foundation over the years. **The Arch Klumph Society (AKS)** was created in 2004, during Rotary International's 2004-05 centennial celebration, as 'a meaningful way to recognize the Foundation's highest level of donors'. The portrait of the donor would be placed in the AKS Gallery, located in the 17th Floor of RI World Headquarters in Evanston, USA. Portraits are etched on glass plaques, which are backlit to create a stunning display of our foundation's most valued supporters.

Arch Klumph Society Recognition Levels

- $250,000 - $ 499.000: Trustees Circle Level 1
- $500,000 - $ 999.999: Chair's Circle Level 2
- $1,000,000 - $ 2,499.999: Foundation Circle Level 3
- $2,500,000 – 4,999.999: Platinum Trustees Level, Circle 4
- $5,000,000 - $9,999,999: Platinum Chair's Circle Level 5
- $10,000,000 + : Platinum Foundation Level 6

(For Arch Klumph Society members, proper induction ceremony would be held either at the Rotary International World Headquarters or the Rotary International Conventions or at suitable locations.)

The Following AKS Members of RCPC were recognized at the DG's Installation Ceremony on 07 July 2024:

1. Rtn. Dr. Nitin and Meena Desai – Arch Klumph - Foundation Circle Level 3 (Achieved date 26.03.2024)
2. Rtn. PP Ajay and Rooma Dubey – Arch Klumph – Trustees Circle Level 1 (Achieved date28.02.2021)
3. Rtn. PP S.P. Malhotra & Rajinder Mohini – Arch Klumph – Trustees Circle Level 1 (Achieved date 25.06.2014)
4. Rtn. PP Bahri B.R. and Janaki Malhotra – Arch Klumph – Trustees Circle Level 1 (Achieved date 12.06.2015)

In addition to the above, Rtn. Dr. Nitin Desai was recognized for his commitment of Rs 3 Crores for Cataract Surgeries to the Rotary Foundation of India for the coming Rotary year 2024-25 as part of RCPC's Project. Rtn PP Madhu Rathi was also recognized for his commitment of Rs 18 Lakhs from 'Shri Madhusudan Rathi Charity Trust' to the Rotary Foundation CSR Grant to provide Equipment to Spinal Cord Injury Centre, Military Hospital Kirkee for Tetraplegics and Paraplegics as part of RCPC's Project.

50 Things Every Rotarian Should Know About Rotary

(Inputs from Rtn. PP Suhas Merchant)

1. DEFINITION OF ROTARY

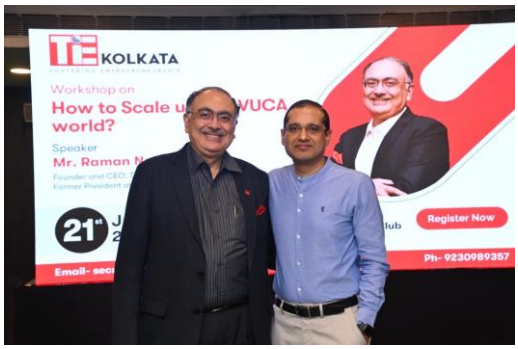
How do you describe the organization called "Rotary"? There are so many characteristics of a Rotary club as well as the activities of a million Rotarians. They are the features of service, internationality, fellowship, classifications of each vocation, development of goodwill and world understanding, the emphasis of high ethical standards, concern for other people and many more descriptive qualities.
In 1976 the Rotary International Board of Directors were interested in creating a concise definition of the fundamental aspects of Rotary. They turned to the three men who were then serving on Rotary's Public Relation Committee and requested that a one-sentence definition of Rotary be prepared. After numerous drafts, the committee presented this definition, which has been used ever since in various Rotary publications:

"Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world."

Those 31 words are worth remembering when someone asks, "What is a Rotary club?"

Note: (Watch this Column in RCPC's Weekly Bulletin Central Turf every week from 13 July 2024 Onwards)

RCPC Cafe : Member Bytes



Rotarian Raman Nanda gave a talk at Kolkata on 'How to scale up your Business' He was invited by the prestigious TIE Kolkata, a Global Entrepreneurship Organization. In his words, "The joy of giving and sharing is the highest joy.

What the nation needs today is all of us and our businesses to scale up, so the effort is really helping, in a small way, towards nation building.

Finally, the participative audience and their questions made a big difference. The subject resonated with them."

The Family Corner

This corner is being introduced to make our Rotary world a smaller one. Come, let's know our families better. In this picture you see Rtn Behzad Randeria with her family members (Husband Histas, Son Ryan, Daughter in Law Khushie, DIL's Mom Leena and 1-month old Granddaughter Theanna. This picture has been taken on Theanna's first visit to the Fire Temple.

Kindly Contribute 'Know your Rotarian Family' pictures to Behzad.randeria@gmail.com.

Food For The Soul

A simple recipe to tickle your taste buds from the kitchen of Rtn Lekha Nair

Simple Vanilla Sponge Cake Recipe

Ingredients:

- 1 cup (200g) granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup (120ml) vegetable oil or melted butter
- 2 large eggs
- 1 cup (240ml) milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups (240g) all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Instructions:

1. **Preheat your oven** to 350°F (175°C). Grease and flour a 9-inch round cake pan or line it with parchment paper for easy removal.
2. **Mix the wet ingredients**: In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the sugar, vegetable oil (or melted butter), eggs, milk, and vanilla extract until well combined.
3. **Combine dry ingredients**: In a separate bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder, and salt.
4. **Combine wet and dry ingredients**: Gradually add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients, mixing until just combined. Be careful not to overmix; a few lumps are okay.
5. **Bake the cake**: Pour the batter into the prepared cake pan and spread it evenly. Tap the pan gently on the counter to remove any air bubbles.
6. **Bake** in the preheated oven for 25-30 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean.
7. **Cool and serve**: Allow the cake to cool in the pan for about 10 minutes, then transfer it to a wire rack to cool completely before frosting or serving.

Optional Frosting:

- **Simple Vanilla Buttercream**: Beat 1/2 cup (115g) softened butter until creamy. Gradually add 2 cups (250g) powdered sugar, beating well after each addition. Add 1-2 tablespoons milk and 1 teaspoon vanilla extract, and beat until smooth and creamy. Spread over cooled cake.

Enjoy your homemade vanilla sponge cake! It's perfect for birthdays, celebrations, or just as a sweet treat with a cup of tea or coffee.

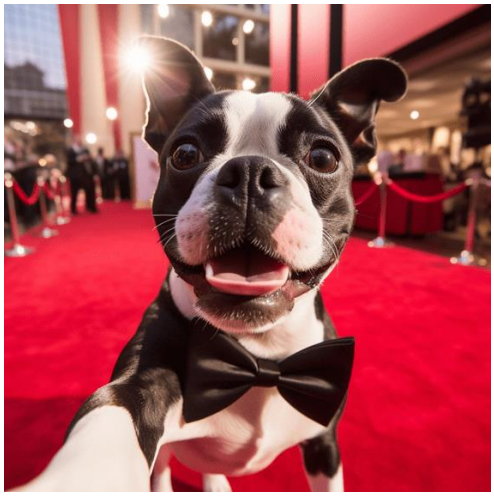
Note : Do please contribute your recipes to Behzad.randeria@gmail.com

Just For Fun

Spot the Difference In the Wild Wild West

(Answers on the last Page)

The HAHAHAHA Picture



A funny picture is worth a thousand laughs! Our funny picture of the week is AI's (artificial intelligence) version of what a dog would look like if it were taking a selfie. ☺

Note : Request your contributions for the funny picture each week.

Caption This!

Put on your creative caps and caption this picture. **The MOST HUMEROUS** entry **wins a prize**. Send your captions to me on WhatsApp no later than Tuesday the 16th. The winning caption will be announced on the 20th of July.

Wild West Answer

Clockwise from top left:

1. Two small clouds shifted right.
2. Three birds added.
3. Green cactus changed to blue**.**
4. Branch added to the cactus.
5. Cactus deleted.

From the Editor

We have compiled our 2nd Bulletin for you with a lot of love, creativity and hope. The hope stems from wishing our Rotarians contribute Articles/Competitions/ Recipes etc. in large numbers.

I urge you to look through this bulletin, contribute where contributions are requested, and above all, smile, laugh and enjoy the Bulletin.

Here's wishing you a wonderful week ahead.

Warm regards
Behzad Randeria

What to Expect in the Next Four Weeks

- **July 20** — Guest Speaker **Rtn. PP Jignesh Pandya** will talk on **'The Magic of Rotary'**
- **July 27** — A presentation on the Club and Trust Budget will be followed by Mini Fellowship**.**
- **August 3** — VIRTUAL MEETING on ZOOM – Rtn Dr Kunal Bansal will speak on the **Topic: 'Osteoporosis, Common Myths and Misconceptions'**. Rtn Dr Kunal Bansal is a Consultant Orthopaedic & Joint Replacement Surgeon. He has been trained from the best Institutes in India, Europe and Australia.
- **August 10** — Fund Raising RY 2024-25 will be followed by Fellowship

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Rtn / R'Ann	Birthday
Rtn. Dr. Sarang Rote	July 2
R'Ann Meena Sarkar	July 3
R'Ann Dr. Deena Malpani	July 3
Rtn. Delshad Karanjia	July 4
Mr. Milon Nag	July 6
Rtn. Dr. Shash Saxena	July 8
Rtn. PP Rakesh Bhargava	July 9
Rtn. Vinay Biyani	July 9
Rtn. Shrikant Sarda	July 14
Rtn. Nandita Khaire	July 17
Rtn. Darshana Kataria	July 18

Member and Spouse	Wedding Anniversary
Rtn. PP Madhu and R'Ann Prema Rathi	July 2
Rtn. Jeevan and R'Ann Renu Mahaldar	July 4
Rtn. Dr. Rajiv and R'Ann Madhuri Narvekar	July 10
Rtn. Rajeev and R'Ann Rashi Sharma	July 19