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From The President's Desk



Dear Rotarians & R'Anns,

As the Rotary year draws to a close, our spirits remain high! What an incredible journey it has been for the Rotary Club of Pune Central! We have not only met but exceeded expectations, and our work across various avenues has received heartfelt appreciation from DG Shital Shah and his entire team.

This success belongs to each Rotarian and R'Ann of RCPC. Congratulations on a job exceptionally well done!

That said, a few important tasks still lie ahead. While we have proudly welcomed several outstanding new members this year, our mission continues. We are actively seeking more talented and like-minded individuals to join our vibrant community—especially women candidates who can bring new perspectives and energy to our Club.

As previously mentioned, I urge each of you to identify and recommend prospective women members in the coming weeks. Let us keep the RCPC flag flying high!

This evening, we have a very important Club Assembly (Planning) where you will meet the incoming President and Board of Directors for RY 2025–26. Led by President-Elect Lekha Nair, this dynamic team will share their exciting plans for the future of our Club.

We look forward to welcoming you all this evening at 6.30 pm at Poona Club Hall No.1 for pre-meeting fellowship. The session will conclude with a post-meeting fellowship and your presence and participation will mean a lot to us.

Warm regards

Rtn Brigadier PKM Raja (Retd)
President RY 2024-25
Rotary Club of Pune Central



Today

You are warmly invited to join us this Saturday for a special evening of planning and fellowship.

We will be hosting the **Club Planning Assembly and Know Your Board of Directors for the Rotary Year 2025-26.**



📅 Date: **Saturday, 31st May**

🕒 Time: **6:30 PM**

📍 Venue: **Conference Hall 1, Poona Club**

This important meeting will give the opportunity to the President Elect and Board of Directors RY 2025-26 to share their vision and key plans for the upcoming Rotary year.

Your ideas, feedback, and support are essential as we shape a meaningful and impactful Rotary year together.

The meeting will be followed by a Mini 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 your enthusiastic participation

The Week That Was – May 24, 2025

(From Rtn. Sagar Khandelwal)

This week's meeting at RCPC was an inspiring and emotional evening marked by heartfelt stories, commendable service, and the enduring spirit of Rotary. President Rtn. Brig. PKM Raja called the meeting to order, following which the gathering stood for the National Anthem, creating a solemn yet uplifting start.

🌟 Salute to the Spirit of Giving

- The spirit of service was celebrated as members were acknowledged for their recent contributions:
- Rtn. PP Ravi & R'Ann Jyoti Kapoor – ₹33,000
- Rtn. PP Amitabha Mukhopadhyay – ₹10,000
- Rtn. Sagar Khandelwal – ₹10,000
- Rtn. PP Neeraj Handa – ₹10,000
- Rtn. PP Krishan Jhunjhunwala – USD 3,263 (Major Donor Level 1 – TRF APF)
- Rtn. PP Ravi Kapoor – USD 1,000 (TRF APF)

Such unwavering generosity reaffirms RCPC's commitment to humanitarian causes.

🛡️ RCPC's Mega CSR Project at Military Hospital, Kirkee

Members were updated on the successful completion and handover of RCPC's flagship CSR project at the Spinal Cord Injury Centre, Military Hospital Kirkee.

Notable contributions and partnerships:

- ₹18 lakhs from PP Madhu Rathi (Sri Madhusudan Rathi Charity Trust)
- ₹4 lakhs from RC Pune Metro, RC Pimpri Elite, RC Chinchwad Pune
- ₹80 lakhs CSR support from Axis Bank

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Specialized equipment like Ottobock and Forzza wheelchairs, ultrasonic bone scalpel, and surgical systems were donated, transforming spinal cord injury care.

Special thanks to Rtn. Rakesh Makhija, PP Arvind Saraf, Rtn. Shireesh Nadkar, Rtn. Dr. Sarang Rote, and Rtn. Jeevan Mahaldar for their roles in execution.

🚢 Annual Sea Scouts & Guides Training Camp

RCPC was proud to support the Annual Sea Scouts & Guides Training Camp at Khopoli from May 14-23. With 90 cadets participating, the camp included a cleanup drive near the site, reinforcing national spirit and environmental awareness.

🎁 Pleasantries

Warm birthday and anniversary wishes were extended to:

Birthdays

- Rtn. Dr. Subhash Pallod – May 25
- Rtn. Cawas Pundole – May 27
- Dr. Suhas Vaze – May 27
- Rtn. Oni Kakajiwala – May 28
- R'Ann Nilima Shah – May 29
- R'Ann Alka Nanda – May 30
- R'Ann Soniya Rajore – May 24
- Rtn. Shernaz Irani – May 29

Anniversary

- Rtn. Rakesh & R'Ann Roma Makhija – May 27

🌸 Welcome to Our New Member

RCPC welcomed Mr. Vinit Ketan into the Rotary family. We look forward to his active participation and contributions.

🎗️ Special Session – A Heartfelt Tribute

In a moving tribute to service and compassion, the Club celebrated the 90th birthday of PP Rtn. Narayandas Rathi, whose dedication to the treatment of cancer-affected children has been nothing short of inspiring.

Dr. Kannan Subramanian, Consultant Hematologist, delivered an insightful talk on the progress and impact of this noble initiative. Testimonials by beneficiaries added a deeply personal touch to the evening.

🙏 Vote of Thanks

PP Dr. Anand Bhatia expressed heartfelt gratitude to the speaker, beneficiaries, and all those involved in the program.



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What Every Rotarian Should Know?

(Inputs from Rtn. PP Suhas Merchant)

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The Rotary International float in the annual Tournament of Roses Parade is undoubtedly the largest public relations project of the Rotary clubs of the United States and Canada. Since 1924 a Rotary float has been entered 18 times including every year since 1981. The famous Pasadena, California, parade is seen by an estimated 125 million people via worldwide television.

Funds for the construction of the Rotary parade entry are voluntarily given by Rotarians and clubs in the U.S. and Canada. The cost of designing, constructing and flower covering a Rose Parade float begins at about \$120,000.

A multi-district Rotary committee in Southern California coordinates planning of the Rotary float and provides hundreds of volunteer hours of service. The Rotary float must portray the annual parade theme, usually depicting one of the worldwide service programs of Rotary International.

Each New Year's Day, Rotarians take pride in seeing their attractive float and realize they have shared in its construction by contributing a dollar or two to this beautiful public relations project.

From the Editor

Dear Rtns and R'Anns,

As I sit down to write this message, one word keeps echoing in my heart: gratitude.

In a world where conflict, loss, and uncertainty are daily realities for many, it's easy to take the simple things for granted—the roof over our heads, the freedom to gather, the safety to plan and serve. But these are not small things. They are quiet gifts, and we are deeply fortunate to have them.

This month, as our Rotary family continues its mission of service, I invite you to pause—not just to look outward at the good we're doing, but to look inward and recognize the privilege of doing it from a place of safety and peace.

To be able to help others is a gift.

To do so without fear is a blessing.

To serve while our own families sleep soundly at night—that is something we must never take lightly.

Across the globe, countless brave individuals live in unrest and uncertainty, yet still choose to act with courage and compassion. Their strength is a reminder that our safety is not just a comfort—it is a responsibility. It allows us to be active, generous, and present in the lives of those who are still searching for stability.

This edition is dedicated to that quiet, powerful awareness:

We are safe.

We are blessed.

And because of that, we can serve.

With a heart full of gratitude,

Behzad Randeria

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What to Expect in the Next Four Weeks

- **June 7** – Club Holiday (**Bakrid**)
- **June 14** – Talk on 'Renal Transplant' by Dr Deepak Kirpekar
- **June 21** – 'Year In Retrospect' (Rtn Pres Brigadier PKM Raja)
- **June 28** – Club Holiday

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Rtn / R'Ann

Rtn. PP Abhay Shah
R'Ann Savita Almal
R'Ann Monica Nadkarni
Rtn. Dr. Rajiv Narvekar
R'Ann Urvashi Guliani
R'Ann Prema Rathi
Rtn. IPP Ajay Chitnis
R'Ann Jyotsna Arora

Birthday

June 2
June 3
June 3
June 3
June 7
June 7
June 8
June 10



Member and Spouse

Rtn. Pradeep and R'Ann Manjiri Supnekar
Rtn. Subhash and R'Ann Pratibha Devi

Wedding Anniversary

June 11
June 11