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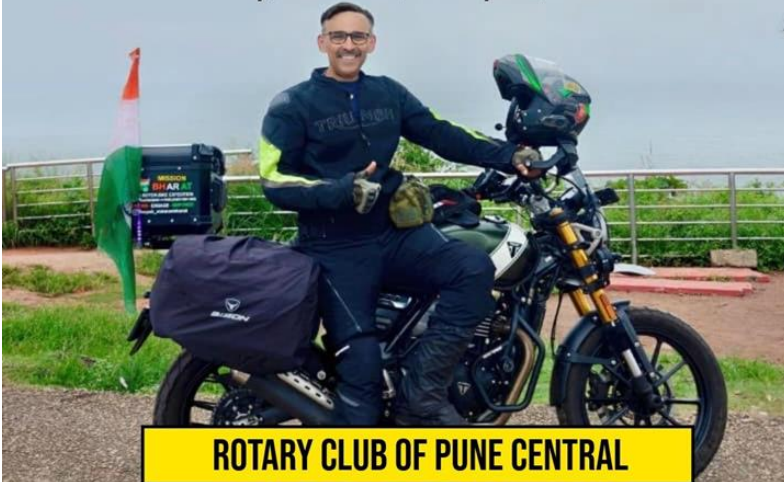


A Talk by

RTN DEEPAK BHARADIA

*On his
Mission Bharat Expedition*

Saturday, 6th Dec | 6:30 pm | Poona Club



Join us today - Saturday, 6th December 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at Poona Club, Conference Hall No. 1, for a Special Talk & Felicitations – Rtn Deepak Bharadia who has just returned from his remarkable 38-day Mission Bharat Expedition, a solo bike ride from Kashmir-Kanyakumari- Pune followed by a Mini Fellowship; please RSVP.

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NEXT - SPECIAL ISSUE

20th November 2025

A special dedicated

Bulletin on

NON-MEDICAL PROJECTS

A huge momentum is underway

Speaking of which.....

The year is just 2 months away from its grand finale. So soon? You wonder.

Speaking of which, we all seem to be living 24 hours at the speed of 48 hours. A lot is cramped in one day. We make each day count. Rotarians, I guess, world over, are built that way. Balancing your work, domestic front, family responsibilities, rotary community work, personal health, pursuing hobbies, sleep, and many more things, fill our day. If you find the year running faster than ever, then is it a good thing? Or not?

I am not sure anymore. Are you?

We carry a mental To Do list everywhere. We become restless when we are unable to do what we plan to do. The traffic chaos adds to our misery.

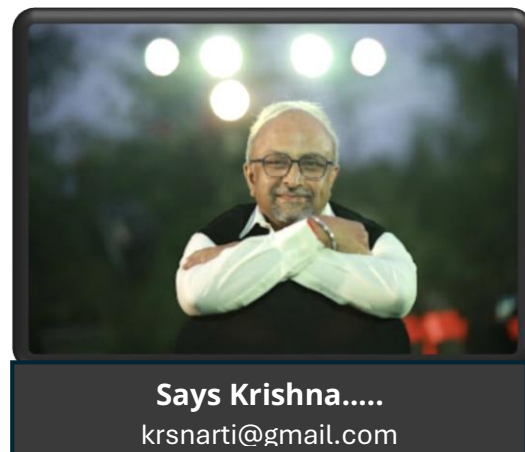
The ability to stay calm, happy, even when things do not go your way, is a forgotten art. Well, one could leave 15 minutes earlier to reach somewhere. We could leave 15 minutes earlier from the party. We could reduce our meetings by 15 minutes. We could sleep 15 minutes lesser. Or maybe we could look at the phone for 15 minutes lesser. But hello! What do we do with those 15 minutes we save on each thing we do? We add 15 more things to it. The TO DO's expand to fill the spare time we get.

So, amidst the din and confusion of our daily lives, perhaps we could save 15 minutes for reflection. Meditate. Step back and watch the world go by. Let go.

The next time you ask me to meet you somewhere, you may hear me saying... could we do that 15 minutes later?

You know why.

Chillax. Don't worry. Be Happy.



"Don't Worry, Be Happy"

By Bobby McFerrin

Here's a little song I wrote

You might want to sing it note for note

Don't worry, be happy

In every life we have some trouble

When you worry you make it double

Don't worry, be happy

Don't worry, be happy now

Ain't got no place to lay your head

Somebody came and took your bed

Don't worry, be happy

The landlord say your rent is late

He may have to litigate

Don't worry, be happy

@ the club meeting on 22 November 2025 – MAHARASHTRIAN FELLOWSHIP



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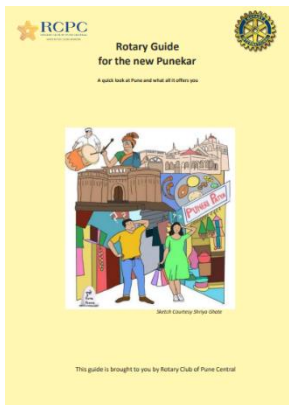
The Maharashtra fellowship held at the Poona Golf Course, Yerawada, on 22nd November 2025, was a memorable event. Delectable food, energising songs, members dressed up for the occasion, camaraderie, smiles, dances, et al lit up the place.

Rtn Deepak Bharadia – Mission Bharat Expedition

On 21 November 2025 enroute his Mission Bharat Expedition, Rtn. Deepak Bharadia was invited as a Guest of Honor for a Speaking engagement at Rotary Club of Travancore Trivandrum (Club ID : 85547 | Dist ID : 3211).. I also exchanged our Club Flag.



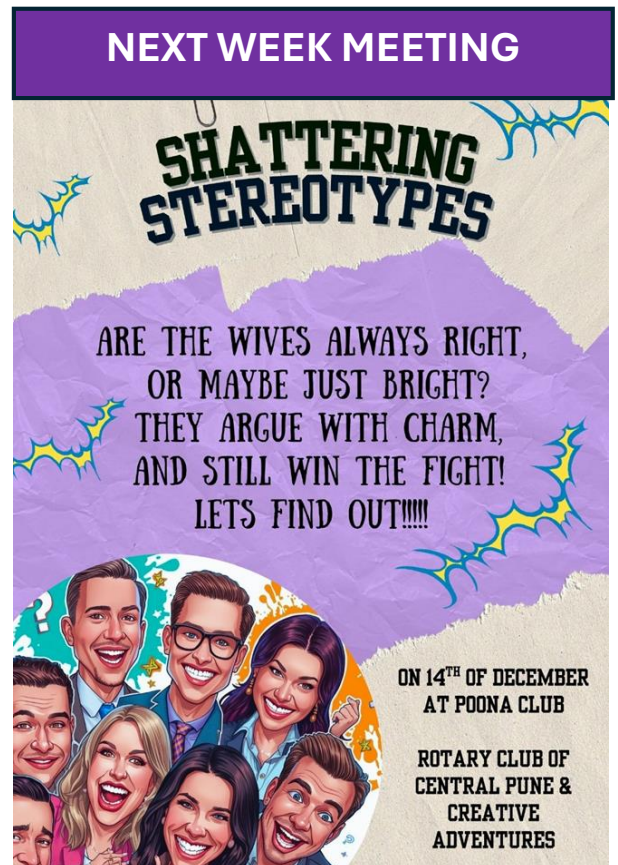
Rotary Guide for the new Punekar



The Rotary Pune Guide, authored by **Rtn. Raman Nanda from RC Pune Central**, with valuable contributions from few members of our Club and many other experts, stalwarts and passionate Pune-kars is out!!

This guide is a one-stop reference for anyone new to Pune, esp from outside Maharashtra.

It is a handy companion to understand the city, settle in smoothly, and explore it like a true Pune-kar.



Foundation seminar – RCPC ranks FIRST in District 3131

The District Foundation Seminar was held on Friday at the Boat Club. Our Club was represented by Rtn. PE Parvin Malhotra, Rtn PP Ajay Dubey, Rtn Sanjay Karwa and Rtn. President Lekha Nair.

Following members from our Club were recognised- CONGRATULATIONS TO THEM!

Rtn Nitin Desai for his commitment of 3 Cr towards CSR Grant for the Cataract Surgery Project.

Rtn Pravin Nadkarni and R'ann Monica for becoming Major Donor Level 3 .

Rtn PP Ravi Kapoor for his work for our Club's Global Grant projects.

Rtn PP Uday Dharmadhikari as top AG of the region for achieving TRF targets.



TOP 10 GIVING CLUBS

Club Name	Total Contributions
Pune Central	40,37,212.84
Poona North	14,12,301.87
Nigdi-Pune	12,78,995.69
E-Club of Pune Diamond	11,24,648.10
Poona Downtown	10,55,991.93
Pune Pristine	9,86,268.24
Poona	6,28,407.14
Pune Far East	5,05,127.46
Pune University	4,58,836.36
Panvel Central	4,50,888.49

During the Foundation Seminar, the RI Director shared a presentation, and it gives me great pleasure to inform all our members that Rotary Club of Pune Central ranks first in District 3131 in total giving over the years, both at the club level and in individual contributions.

Heartiest congratulations to Rtn. Nitin Desai for this remarkable

achievement. Also proud to share that Rtn. PP Ajay Dubey has also been featured among the top individual contributors.

Kudos to all the generous members of RCPC who continue to strengthen Rotary's work by their consistent giving to the Foundation over the past years.



TOP 10 INDIVIDUAL DONORS

Donor Name(s)	Lifetime Total	Club Name
Mr. Nitin Desai and Meena Desai	\$14,10,571.92	Pune Central, MH (21813)
Ms Supriya Shrikant Badve and Shrikant Shankar Badve	\$10,03,547.20	E-Club of Pune Diamond, MH (86175)
Mr. Anil Janikdas Goel and Nirupama Goel	\$7,76,019.80	Poona Downtown, MH (133811)
Mr. Kulbir Singh Doshi and Mira K Doshi	\$6,98,969.36	Poona North, MH (13538)
Mr. Srikrishna B Karkare and Mrs. Alka Karkare	\$5,53,133.54	Nigdi-Pune, MH (26500)
Mr. Vinay Dattatraya Kulkarni and Arch Rashmi Vinay Kulkarni	\$5,03,437.91	Pune Parvati, MH (24653)
Ajay Dubey and Rooma Dubey	\$3,21,760.88	Pune Central, MH (21813)
Dr. Girish Govind Gune and Mrs. Sanjeevani Girish Gune	\$2,93,947.62	Panvel Central, MH (26271)
Mr. Abhay Sadashiv Gadgil and Titli Deepa Abhay Gadgil	\$2,86,983.36	Pune University, MH (63154)
Engg Anil Shivajirao Kulkarni and Jayshree Anil Kulkarni	\$2,85,295.22	Nigdi-Pune, MH (26500)



Board Dinner at RSI



The first Board of Directors' dinner was held on 5th December 2025, with several new members joining in. This was a good opportunity for members to interact with each other and have fun-n-games. The event was hosted by Rtn. PP Cmde. Ajay Chitnis, Rtn. Jeevan Mahaldar, Rtn. Vaishali Karwa and Rtn. Krishna Kumar

Project update - Eye check-up

Two day Eye Check-up Camp completed at Chaitanya School, Rasta Peth by Rtn Oni and R'Ann Nafisa Kakajiwala.

Total students checked - 955 Staff - 64 Glasses needed - 120. Referred for further check up - 69 Reading glass given by Nafisa - 13.



Eye Check – the effort continues – Rtn. Oni & R'Ann Nafisa Kakajiwala win hearts

An Eye Check-up Camp of both the Urdu and English medium schools and Polytechnic, sponsored by The Rotary Club of Pune Central was conducted by the Community Eye Care Foundation. Over 3 days a total of 1639 children and 75 adults were checked. 199 have been prescribed spectacles and 75 have been referred to the clinic.

Reading glasses dispensed by me to the adults who were in need, total 43. The ground staff, Peons, Orphanage staff and teachers were all included in the checkup. The planning was meticulously done by Tarrannum Ma'am, Principals and teachers.

Community Eye Care Foundation and the Rotary Club of Pune Central were happy to be on campus for 3 days. The work being done by Rtn. Oni & R'Ann Nafisa Kakajiwala is honourable and inspiring.

New member induction

Today's club meeting, i.e. 6th December 2025, will feature the induction of two enthusiastic new members.

Check their profiles out:

Sneha Jain is a Travel Consultant at Troteasy, with an MBA in Finance. She enjoys playing basketball, practicing yoga, travelling, and spending time outdoors. A passionate change-maker, she has mentored teens, supported several social initiatives, and worked closely with NGOs to create meaningful impact. Based in Pune, she balances her full-time career with her commitment to community service.



Her mission is to empower people so communities can thrive. She has guided youth leaders, mobilized support for underprivileged families, and contributed to various social projects with compassion and creativity. Her journey includes sailing across 12 countries with *Semester at Sea*, mentoring changemakers on *Jagriti Yatra*, and supporting NGOs at the grassroots level. She is currently pursuing a program in Management of Social Initiatives at IIMK, further strengthening her experience in community development and collaborative social work. Her vision is a world where empathy, equity, and empowerment lead social progress.

Amit Khivansara, her husband, is an Architect and Founder-Partner at AA Architects. He holds a B.Arch from MMCOA, Pune, and an M.Arch in Design from Kingston University, London. A member of the Council of Architecture, and the Indian Institute of Architects and Interior Designers, he is deeply involved in the professional architectural community. His hobbies include reading, trekking, photography, badminton, and gardening. Coming from a construction legacy of three generations, he brings a modern, experimental, and problem-solving approach to design. He believes in a collaborative studio culture where ideas evolve through creativity and innovation, blending tradition with forward-thinking design.

Why Rotary?

For Sneha, Rotary has always been a guiding force. From her early days as an Annet to her years with Rotary Club of Madras Next Gen, she found a community that shaped her leadership and passion for service. Her work as Director of Youth Services and later as Secretary, along with volunteering through Jagriti Yatra, E.F.I, and U&I, strengthened her belief that service is not just about giving—it is about growing together with purpose.

Amit believes in creating real, lasting change through action. Rotary offers him the ideal platform to contribute to education, health, sustainability, and community welfare while connecting with dedicated professionals and changemakers. For him, Rotary is a space to learn, lead, and collaborate for a more inclusive and impactful future.

Both Sneha and Amit look forward to contributing to Rotary through community service, social innovation, leadership development, and meaningful global collaborations.



Dr Madhusudan Asawa, MBBS, DNB medicine, DNB Cardiology, FESC, is a Director at The Heart Clinic, & Head - Department of Cardiology Poona Hospital and Research Centre.

He is an interventional cardiologist based in Pune, currently heading the Department of Cardiology at Poona Hospital and Research Centre. His academic journey has been marked by consistent excellence. Dr Asawa graduated with distinction through most of his medical training and was the first student from Pune to clear the DNB Cardiology (National Board of Examinations) in the very first attempt. He is actively involved in academics as a recognized faculty for the National Board and a mentor to postgraduate cardiology students.

Over the years, he has authored multiple research papers published in reputed national and international journals and is regularly invited as faculty to various national and international cardiology conferences to deliver expert talks on clinical and interventional cardiology. Alongside his hospital responsibilities, Dr Asawa also runs his own independent cardiology setup in Pune called 'The Heart Clinic' on Singhgad Road and is associated with several other hospitals across the city, offering comprehensive cardiac care.

Beyond clinical practice, he is committed to community outreach and education. Dr. Asawa frequently conducts public awareness programs on heart health, as well as CMEs for physicians to spread awareness about the latest developments in cardiovascular medicine. His leadership skills were recognized his early school years and was awarded by both the Governor of Karnataka and the President of India for his achievements in Scouts.

He believes in combining professional excellence with social responsibility and academic mentorship to contribute meaningfully to both my field and society at large. He likes to read, listen to music and teach.

Dr. Asawa's wife, Sheetal, is an MBA, and they have a wonderful set of twin boys, both studying in the 12th grade.

Eye camp No. 10 - Eye Camp Screenings Cross 5,000

Our Eye Check-up Camps continue with great momentum! Camp No. 10 was successfully conducted at NCL, Pashan, where over 700 students were screened. With this, Rtn. Oni and R'Ann Nafisa's Eye Check-up Mission have crossed an incredible 5,000 screenings for RY 2025-26, a remarkable milestone! CONGRATULATIONS!! You both make us very proud! And Rtn. Oni says, "Many more to go now!" Kudos to the entire team for their dedication and service!



Medical Project Update – Mother & Child Healthcare



As part of the District Synergy Project on Mother and Child Healthcare, Rotary Club of Pune Central has donated two phototherapy units that can be attached with baby warmers that were also previously donated by Rotary to rural Primary Health Centres. These phototherapy units are lifesaving devices for newborns suffering from jaundice. Making such equipment available at village PHCs ensures timely treatment and can help prevent serious complications in infants. This meaningful contribution was made possible through the generous support of Rtn. Vinit Ketan, who sponsored the units. The equipment was formally handed over at a function, to representatives of the Kurkumbh and Valvand Primary Health

Centres in Daund Tehsil by DG Santosh Marathe. 18 units were donated as part of the synergy project. The handover event was graced by: Rtn. Vidya Saraf, Medical Director & Rtn. Vinit Ketan & **R'Ann Indu Tyagi, the gracious Donors.**

For November 2025, Rotary's focus is **The Rotary Foundation Month**, a tradition highlighting its role in funding global initiatives like eradicating polio, promoting peace, improving health, and providing education, with the overall 2025-26 year's unifying message being "**Unite for Good**," urging collective action for lasting impact. The significance lies in leveraging the Foundation's funding for sustainable projects and boosting public recognition through unified messaging and action.

Significance of The Rotary Foundation Month (November):

- **Focus on Global Impact:** It serves as a critical time to highlight how The Rotary Foundation turns donations into tangible projects addressing poverty, disease (like polio), illiteracy, and environmental issues.
- **Empowering Rotarians:** It encourages members to invest time, money, and expertise to tackle complex challenges with sustainable solutions.
- **Fundraising & Awareness:** It's a prime period for fundraising for the Annual Fund, emphasizing the Foundation's high charity ratings (e.g., four stars from Charity Navigator).

Rotary District 3131 **UNITE FOR GOOD**
 RID 3131 PRESENTS
GOLF TOURNAMENT
Swing to save the girl child

Registration for Golfers	SATURDAY
Rs 9,000	20 December 2025
Spouse/Guest for Dinner	Poona Club Golf Course
Rs 3,000	Airport Road, Yerawada, Pune
	Gun Start at 12.30 pm
	Registration 11.30 am to 12.30 pm
	Handsome Prizes at 7.00 pm
	Followed by Dinner

Santosh Marathe
 District Governor
PP Swastik Sirsikar
 Convener - 98224 30246
PP Kailash Monga
 Co-Convener - 98220 31820

Organising Clubs
 RC Poona Airport, RC Poona,
 RC Khadki, RC Pune Riverside,
 RC Poona Downtown,
 RC Pune Hillside, RC Pune Sports City

REGISTER NOW

Proceeds go to support the **Cervical Cancer Vaccination Project**

What to expect in the coming weeks

- **December 14** — Sunday Brunch Meeting
- **December 20** — Annual General Meeting
- **December 20** — Annual General Meeting
- **December 27** — X'Mas and New Year Holiday

Celebrations



Rtn / R'Ann

R'Ann Suchi Bhargava
Rtn. Reshma Sambare
R'Ann Ranjana Bhalla
R'Ann Savita Dharmadhikari
Rtn. Rejeev Pittie
Rtn. Vidya Saraf
Rtn. Bharat Shah
Rtn. PP Suhas Merchant
Rtn. PP Ajay Dubey
R'Ann Aarti Krishna Kumar
Rtn. Dr. Abhimanyu Pingale
R'Ann Rohini Jain
R'Ann Uma Kejriwal

Birthday

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Member and Spouse

Rtn. Dr. Sarang and R'Ann Dr. Bhavna Rote
Rtn. PP Dr. Ramesh and R'Ann Bharati Dumbre
Rtn. Vinay and R'Ann Archana Biyani
Rtn. Jitendra and R'Ann Dhanashree Sandu
Rtn. Shrikant and R'Ann Namrata Sarda
Rtn. Yogesh and R'Ann Hina Shah
Rtn. PP Krishan and R'Ann Ruby Jhunjunwala
Rtn. PP Suhas and R'Ann Kalpana Merchant
Rtn. Vipen and R'Ann Radhika Malhotra
Rtn. Pres. Lekha and Col. V Nandakumar Nair
Rtn. Dr. Subhash and R'Ann Kiran Pallod
Rtn. Shashi Raj and R'Ann Neena Talwar
Rtn. Bharat and R'Ann Nilima Shah
Rtn. PP Dr. Madhavi and Dr. Suhas Vaze
Rtn. Arun and R'Ann Shruti Jindal
Rtn. PP Abhay and R'Ann Komal Shah

Wedding Anniversary

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