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**Today – Saturday 16th May
2026 @ Poona Club**

**The week that was –
Saturday 10th May 2026**

Rotary 

Rotary Club of Pune Central

Presents

Know Your President-Elect



Rtn. CMDE Parvin Malhotra
President-Elect for
Rotary Year 2026-27



In Conversation with
Rtn. Geeta Krishna,
RCPC Member

Discover his vision for the club, leadership journey, achievements, experiences, and aspirations for the coming Rotary year.

 **Saturday, 16th May 2026**  **6.30 PM onwards**

 **Conference Hall No. 2, Poona Club**

An evening of insight, inspiration, and interaction awaits!

Followed by Mini Fellowship





Says Krishna.....
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The Power of Presence: Why Showing Up Changes Everything

The First Step is Everything: Woody Allen famously said that 80 percent of success is showing up. Action begins with physical presence. Potential remains locked without participation. An ancient proverb reminds us: "The longest journey begins with a single step."

Consider this story about a failing village fire. The community gathered each night to keep the central hearth burning. One freezing evening, three key woodcutters decided to stay home. They assumed others would bring the logs. The fire died by midnight. The village learned a bitter lesson. No one can warm themselves by a fire they refuse to feed. Your absence leaves a cold space.

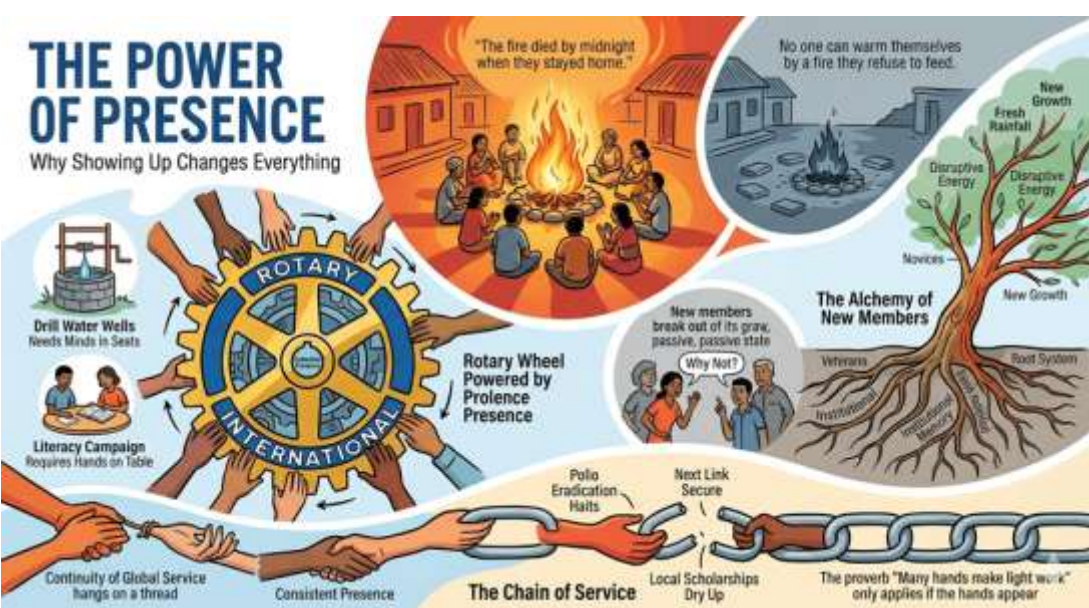
The Rotary Wheel is Powered by Presence. This truth anchors service organizations like Rotary International. Rotary clubs operate on a simple engine: collective presence.

When members sit in a room, ideas collide. A project to drill water wells needs minds in seats. A literacy campaign requires hands on the table. The famous 4-Way Test lacks meaning without people to live it.

The Alchemy of New Members

- **Old members** provide the root system.
- **New members** bring the fresh rainfall.
- **Veterans** hold the institutional memory.
- **Novices** inject the disruptive energy.

When a new member shows up, stagnation ends. They ask "why not?" instead of "why?" Their presence forces the club to define its purpose anew. True membership is not a spectator sport. New Rotarians find their footing by taking up the mantle of service. Showing up at weekly meetings triggers personal growth.



You do not join Rotary because you are a leader. You become a leader because you show up to Rotary.

The continuity of global service hangs on a delicate thread: consistency. If the current generation stops showing up, polio eradication halts. If new members do not step in, local scholarships dry up. The proverb "Many hands make light work" only applies if the hands appear. By

walking through the door, you secure the next link in the chain.

World Thalassaemia Day



On World Thalassaemia Day, 8th May 2026 a fund-raising musical event was held at Nehru Memorial Hall.

Dr Nita Munshi, President of Thalassaemia Society Pune Chapter, felicitated R'Ann Jasma Asher, R'Ann Hutoxi Pundole for supporting TSPC and Rtn Sanjay Karwa for his efforts in bringing about Awareness about Thallesemia.

Our club members Rtn Cawas Pundole, Rtn Sunil Asher, Rtn Kamalkishore Malpani, Rtn Sanjay Karwa, Rtn Col Julius Rocques and Rtn Col Laxman Sathe, along with spouses, were also present. RCPC promoted awareness about this genetic disorder for the public at large by digitally displaying creatives in all Metro trains of Pune city and at Pune Airport. The activity was held at District Court Metro station, Shivajinagar, Pune, on 8th May 2026.

Gaata rahe mera Dil.... Antakshri Competition



Gaate Rahe Mera Dil

Inter District Competition is holding an Antakshari competition on May 31st, 2026 – with registration charges of Rs. 1,000/- per Team.

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1. Maximum of 4 members per team
2. Competition is open to all Rotarians, Rotaractors, Non-Rotarians and non Rotaractors
3. Teams will be spilt in equal Groups. The topper of the Group will reach the Finals
4. Each round will have only 4 Members from each Team participating in that round
5. Format of each Round will be announced only once members of the team are on stage
6. Final round will have 5 rounds
7. A total of Top 3 Winners will be chosen / declared
8. Judge's decision will be final

Rotary Youth Exchange Program 2026

Heartiest Congratulations to Kabir Bora, relation of Rtn Anil Bora for getting selected for the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. He is going to Germany! All our best wishes to the young boy...



Rotary

District 3131

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM (RYE) 2026

COUNTRY ALLOCATION ANNOUNCEMENT

We are delighted to announce the country allocation for the following selected students under the Rotary Youth Exchange Program 2026.

SR. NO.	STUDENT NAME	ALLOCATED COUNTRY
1	Riti Paithankar	Argentina
2	Rajanya Naik	Belgium
3	Aarohi Dolare	Brazil
4	Sarthak Lokhande	Brazil
5	Kshitij Gawali	Brazil
6	Kabir Bora	Germany

ABOUT THE ALLOCATION PROCESS

The country allocation has been carried out through a structured, transparent, and fair Rotary process, based on:

- ✓ Student preferences
- ✓ Availability of partner districts

- ✓ Compatibility and exchange guidelines
- ✓ Overall suitability and readiness

★ Every allocation is done with equal opportunity and careful consideration.

★ Each country offers a unique and equally valuable life experience.

MESSAGE TO STUDENTS & PARENTS

*"The destination may differ... but the transformation is guaranteed.
"Trust the process... embrace the journey... and create a lifetime of memories."*

Congratulations to all selected students!

We wish you a successful, enriching, and life-changing exchange journey.

RYE Chair

Sharad Salunkhe

District Governor

Santosh Marathe

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A moment of inspiration



Rotary has been working towards the eradication of Polio since 1979. Launched in 1985, Polio Plus is Rotary's massive effort to eradicate Poliomyelitis from the world. The program was launched with fund-raising as a primary focus. The original goal was to raise \$120 million. In reality, by 2020 Rotarians of the world have raised more than 1.8 billion dollars. These funds have enabled The Rotary Foundation to make grants for supply of vaccine to many developing

countries and to improve vaccine quality. Achieving complete eradication is a huge challenge. It requires continuing immunization of children worldwide, systematic reporting of all suspected cases, community-wide vaccination to contain outbreaks of the disease, and an establishment of laboratory networks. Rotary has rolled out Polio Plus program in partnership with national governments, the World Health Organization, UNICEF and others. Rotary's "people power" gives us a special "hands on" role. Rotarians have contributed countless volunteer hours to immunize more than 250 crore children in 122 countries. The world has become 99.9 percent polio free now and our goal of ridding the world of this disease is closer than ever.

It is noteworthy that all the clubs in District 3131 participate in the Polio vaccination drive and also donate generously for the cause. On the Government designated days the clubs work hand in hand with the local municipal bodies to vaccinate children below the age of 5. Several clubs set up centres near bus stands, market area and slums to ensure parents do not have to travel to centres to get their wards vaccinated against the dreaded disease.

What to expect in the coming weeks

- **May 23** — Committee Meeting day
- **May 30** — Joint Club Meeting : Guest Speaker Mr. Bharat Dabholkar
- **June 6** — Planning Club Assembly RY 2026-27
- **June 14** — To be announced
- **June 19 (Friday)** — BoD RY 2025-26's Year In Retrospect
- **June 27** — Club Holiday