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CLUB ASSEMBLY

Rotary Year 2026-27



Led by President-Elect
Rtn. Cmde
Parvin Malhotra



TODAY 6th June 2026



Conference Hall 2, Poona Club

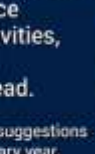




6:30 PM



Join us as the President-Elect and the Directors present their vision, goals, and plans for the Rotary Year 2026-27.



An excellent opportunity to learn about the exciting service projects, fellowship activities, and engaging programs planned for the year ahead.



service projects

fellowship activities

engaging programs



Followed by **Mini Fellowship**

Don't miss it!



Know What's Ahead for Rotary Year 2026–27!

Join the Club Planning Assembly and hear directly from President-Elect Rtn. Cmde Parvin Malhotra and the Board of Directors about the projects, fellowship activities, and programs planned for the year ahead.

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PM Conference Hall 2, Poona Club

Be informed. Be involved. Be inspired.

 Followed by Mini Fellowship

REMEMBER?

THE POWER OF PRESENCE

Why Showing Up Changes Everything

Drill Water Wells
Needs Made In Seers

Literacy Campaign
Repairs Hands on Table

The fire died by midnight when they stayed home.

No one can warm themselves by a fire they refuse to feed.

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Needs Made In Seers

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**Rotary Wheel
Powered by
Presence**

The Alchemy of New Members

New members break out of its gray, passive, passive state. Why not?

Continuity of Global Service hangs on a thread

Consistent Presence

The Chain of Service

Polio Eradication Halts.

Next Link Seize

Local Friendships Dry Up

The proverb "Many hands make light work" only applies if the hands appear



Says Krishna.....

The Silent Echo: Crafting Intent in a Digital Age

The architecture of human connection rests not on what we say, but on how it is received. A single word can build a bridge or burn one, depending entirely on the emotional current it carries. In our modern landscape, this current has hit a dangerous bottleneck: the rise of the unvoiced written word.

The Vacuum of the Digital Page

Today, the vast majority of our interactions occur through screen-bound mediums like emails, Slack, and WhatsApp. While these platforms offer unprecedented speed, they strip away the essential guardrails of human speech:

- **Absence of Inflection:** Without vocal modulation, sentences lose their emotional punctuation.
- **Missing Visual Cues:** Facial expressions and body language no longer provide context.
- **The Reader's Projection:** In this sensory vacuum, the reader creates the tone. They project their own insecurities, stresses, or moods onto a blank string of text, deciding arbitrarily whether to take offense.

Consequently, a brief, functional update can easily be misread as cold aggression, and a casual critique can read as a devastating insult.

The Emotional Weight of Words

Because text lacks natural warmth, our choice of vocabulary must work twice as hard. Words are not mere data; they are carriers of raw emotion. When we type mindlessly, we hand the steering wheel of our relationships over to misinterpretation. True clarity requires intentionality—an active awareness that every syllable carries a psychological weight.

The Voluntary Equation: The Rotary Context

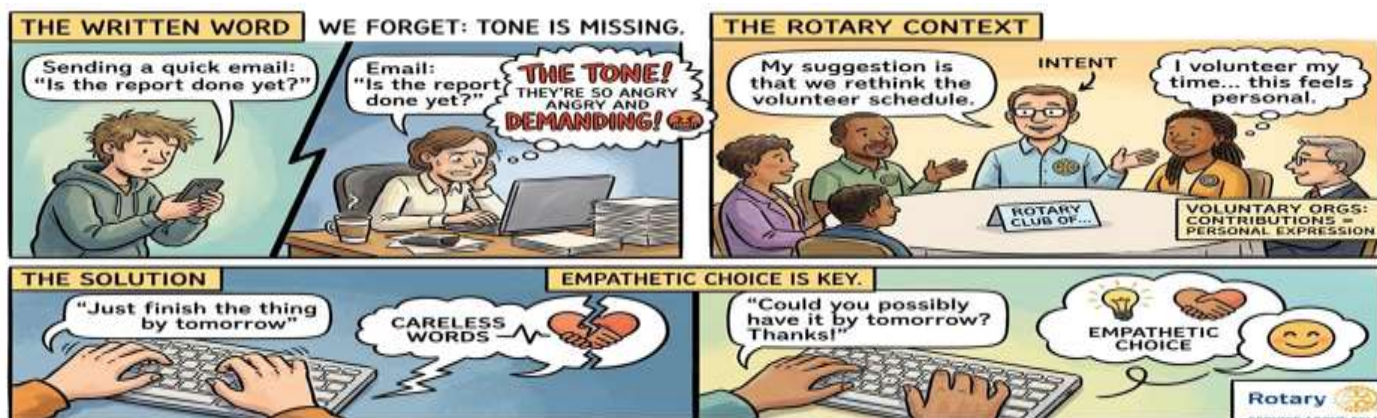
This dynamic becomes critical within a voluntary ecosystem like Rotary. In a corporate environment, individuals are bound by contracts and financial incentives. In Rotary, members are bound solely by their personal philosophies, values, and shared purpose.

Every contribution made by a Rotarian—whether it is physical labour, consistent attendance, financial support, or creative energy—is a deeply personal act of self-expression. It is a gift of intent.

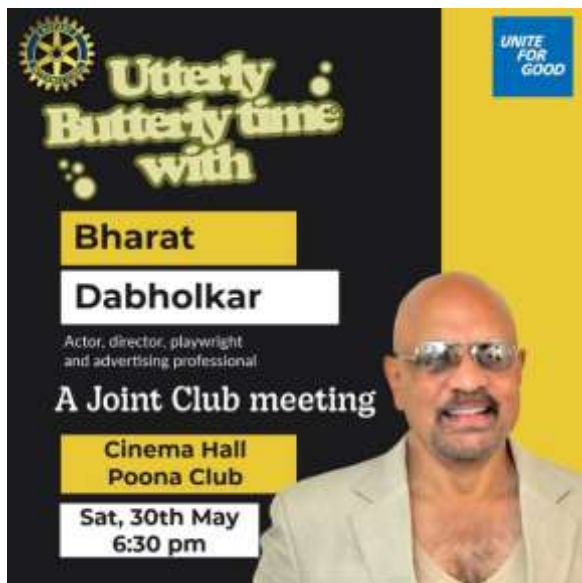
When dealing with volunteers, careless communication does more than derail a project; it wounds the spirit of service itself. A harsh tone or a poorly phrased email can make a member feel unseen, undervalued, or pushed away. Because participation is entirely driven by choice, a toxic communication style will quietly drain an organization of its most valuable asset: the willingness of its people.

Moving Forward with Care

To protect our communities and organizations, we must learn to read our own writing through the eyes of the recipient. Before hitting "send," we must pause to ensure our words match our respect for the person on the other side of the screen. In a world dominated by silent text, choosing clarity and kindness is the ultimate responsibility of leadership.



Meeting of Saturday 30th May 2026 @ Poona Club



Bharat Dabholkar, one of India's best-known advertising professionals, theatre personalities, writers, directors, and actors, was the celebrity in the spot, at this joint meeting held on 30th May 2026 @ the Poona Club. The joint meeting was co-sponsored by RCPC.

Bharat, widely recognized for his creative contribution to iconic advertising campaigns, especially the legendary Amul campaigns, regaled the audience with his humorous anecdotes, in a literally sit-down comedy style, answering every question laced with humour.



Club dues for RY 2026-27

The annual Club Membership dues for RY 2026-27 are requested to be paid as per details below:

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| 1. Annual Club Subscription and fellowship: | Rs. 20,500 |
| 2. Rotary International Dues, District Dues and Rotary News Subscription: | Rs. 11,480 |
| 3. RCPC Trust Fund: | Rs. 9,000 |

Three separate Individual invoices mailed to each member between 17th to 20th May 2026.

You are requested to clear the dues as soon as possible. We would appreciate that the payments be made by 25 June 2026 to enable us to clear Rotary dues in time and for smooth functioning of our esteemed club.

Message from the President – Rtn Lekha Nair

As we approach the close of the Rotary year, we request your support towards contributions to The Rotary Foundation (TRF). Our Club has a target of USD 45,600, and we have achieved USD 36,800 through the generous support of our members.

We now have a shortfall of USD 8,800 that we need to bridge in the coming days. Every contribution, big or small, will help us move closer to achieving our goal and strengthening the impact of Rotary service projects across the world.

I sincerely appeal to all members who have not yet contributed this year to consider making a donation to TRF.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Quantexa – Event



Rotary Club of Pune Central supported DY Patil University in their event - QUANTEXA Pune 2026, & The Eklavya Awards, a grand celebration of education, innovation, entrepreneurship, and future technologies, held from 29th to 31st May 2026 at Ajeenkya DY Patil University, Lohegaon, Pune. RCPC sponsored felicitation of over 1500 students with certificates to recognise their achievements in various fields.

The event brought together students, educators, innovators, industry leaders, startups, and institutions from across various sectors to encourage learning, collaboration, and future-ready opportunities. They invited our members to join the event and gave us a time slot from 12 to 1 pm on all three days for an interaction with students.

Rtn Sanjay Karwa led this initiative. Rtn Air Cmde Pankaj Mehrotra & President Lekha Nair attended the event.

Request from Hon Secretary 2026-27 – Rtn Lt Col Julius Rocque

We are in the process of updating members' information for RCPC's CentralNet directory and would appreciate your confirmation of the accuracy and completeness of the information to be published therein, or letting us know if any changes/corrections are needed.

Kindly confirm that the information pertaining to you and your spouse as stated in the current CentralNet Directory is correct and complete. Please respond no later than June 05, 2026.

We would appreciate it if you could also share your recent (colour) photographs for updating in CentralNet RY 2026-27 and RCPC Website - Members' Directory: <https://rcpunecentral.org/directory/>

Gracious offer from Rtn Sunil Asher – Will preparation assistance



Many families face challenges and disputes simply because a Will was never created.

A Will ensures that your assets are distributed according to your wishes and provides clarity and security for your loved ones.

- ✓ **Protect your family's future**
- ✓ **Avoid unnecessary disputes**
- ✓ **Ensure your wishes are honoured**

Our Rtn Sunil Asher will provide complimentary assistance for preparing your Will. If you need any support please connect with Rtn. Sunil Asher on

☎ **98230 90804**

Review visit to Anjuman-e-Islam



Rtn PP Narayanbhau Rathi and Rtn Aruna Rathi reviewed the progress of the Junior Nurses Training project at Anjuman-e-Islam with Rtn Munir Chinoy and President Lekha Nair.

Thanks goes out to both Rtn PP Narayanbhau Rathi and Rtn Aruna Rathi for not only sponsoring this continued initiative but also actively monitoring it, to ensure its success!!

World Environment Day – Visit to Perne Hills



In continuation of the efforts RCPC is making to support environment initiatives, Rtn PP Ravi Kapoor, Rtn Vaishali Karwa and Rtn Sanjay Karwa visited Perne Hills to plant more trees.

Every drop matters. Every leaf matters.



Pre-primary school at Antulay Nagar – need review visit



A meaningful and encouraging meeting was held at Antulenagar on 3rd June 2026 with RCPC members Rtn Col. Sathe Sir, Rtn Lt Col. Julius Rocque, Rtn Jeevan Mahaldar, Rtn. Oni Kakajiwala and R' Ann Nafisa Kakajiwala.

The discussion mainly focused on the proposed Pre-Primary School Project for the community. Detailed conversations were held regarding land ownership, legal aspects, and the possible implementation of the school project in the settlement. Along with the school initiative, discussions were also conducted on how the forest land issue could be resolved and how the land rights could eventually be secured in the names of the leprosy-affected residents.

The visiting members took detailed information about the history and background of the settlement, including how nearly 400 families from different parts of India came together and have been living in one community due to leprosy-related stigma and social exclusion. They interacted warmly with the residents and showed genuine concern and compassion while understanding the social and economic challenges faced by the community.

Medical Project update – Milk expression Room @ KEM Hospital

We are happy to share the successful inauguration of the Milk Expression Room at KEM Hospital.

This impactful project was initiated during the last Rotary year by then CSR Director, Rtn Arvind Saraf, and was accepted by FIBE as a CSR initiative. The project was implemented this year by Rtn Ravi Kapoor, our current CSR Director.

Created within the Lactation Management Centre of the NICU at KEM Hospital, this facility provides mothers with a comfortable, private, and hygienic space for milk expression, thereby supporting neonatal care and maternal well-being. Our sincere gratitude to Rtn Ashish Goyal, Co-founder of FIBE, for supporting this meaningful project through his organization's CSR program. A special thanks to Rtn Dr Anand Bhatia for his support in coordinating with the NICU staff.

In attendance were:

Representing FIBE: RCPC Rtn Ashish and R'Ann Teena Goyal, Rtn Vimal Saboo, Rtn Akshay Mehrotra (son of Rtn. Air Cmde Pankaj Mehrotra, Akshay is cofounder at FIBE).

Rtn PP Dr Anand Bhatia, Rtn Dr Saroj Bande, Rtn PP Ravi Kapoor, Rtn PP Sanjiv Kumar, Rtn Krishna Kumar, Rtn Reshma Sambare, Thanks to our medical director, Rtn Vidya Saraf for her support.



Antakshari competition – 12 June 2026

RCPC - Antakshari Competition in 12th June Club meeting 🎵 - Registrations open!

1. Maximum of 3 members per team of Rotarians and/or R'anns.
2. Form your teams and register your team with me or Hon Secretary, Krishna Kumar by 9th June.
3. if you want to participate , but dont know whom to approach for forming a team, no worries, just register with us. We will try n make the team for you.

The competition will involve singing as well as would be a test of your bollywood music knowledge. (ofcourse the old movies)



What to expect in the coming weeks

- **June 12 (Friday)** — RCPC - Antakshari Competition
- **June 19 (Friday)** — Year In Retrospect RY 2025-26 .
- **June 27** — No Meeting

Celebrations – June 2026



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. PP Cmde Ajay Chitnis
 R'Ann Jyotsna Arora
 R'Ann Pratibha Devi
 Rtn. Sunil Deshmukh
 Rtn. PP Ravi Kapoor
 Rtn. Anubhav Tewari
 R'Ann Krishna Saboo
 Rtn. Akshay Kejriwal
 R'Ann Vidhya Kripashankar
 Rtn. Jayant Hazra
 Rtn. PP Neeraj Handa
 Rtn. PP Ramesh More
 Rtn. Rajesh Yaday

Birthday

June 2
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 June 30



Member and Spouse

Rtn. Pradeep and R'Ann Manjiri Supnekar
 Rtn. Subhash and R'Ann Pratibha Devi
 Rtn. PP Raja and R'Ann Anjali Kharadkar
 Rtn. Sneha and Mr. Amit Khivansara
 Rtn. Lt. Col. Julius and R'Ann Dr. Madhu Rochque

Wedding Anniversary

June 11
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 June 20
 June 23
 June 28