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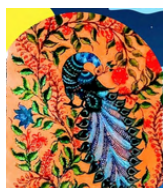


कार्यक्रम



19th January (Vocational Service Award)
21st/22nd (District Conference)

February Punarvasu
Dravid, Ingale, JoshiAV,
Keskar, Mehendale, Kumbhar



Shobhana
Paranjpe

Artists



Volunteers

PRESIDENTIAL

Rotary Club of Pune Metro wishes all our readers 'Very Happy and Prosperous 2023'. Rotary has just released new theme for RY 23-24 as 'Create Hope in the World'. It fits very well with Rotary strategy as an enabler/catalyst in addressing community challenges.



RCPM's Christmas party revolving around international music/dance, culture, food reflected slowly changing profile of our members and loved by all. Like cherry blossom, RCPM had Award Blossom in this Rotary Cultural season, winning 6 awards in Rotary Ekankika and 4 awards in Rotary Music competition. Like every year, we also had our AGM in a very congenial atmosphere.

Moving with times, Rotary is now focusing on Multiyear, Impact making, sustainable projects. Strong desire is also seen in Rotary for doing project pilots with new ideas, technology usage catering to current and future societal needs. These projects are highly challenging to design and execute but then if *Rotary cannot do it, who else can?* RCPM is doing its bit via some innovative initiatives this year. Via Project Udaan, we are enabling the journey of needy girls from 'Job Ready' to 'Job Creator'. Project Prakashwata (Mobility Workshop) is taken up to teach visually impaired students to move from 'Assisted Mobility' to 'Independent Mobility'. Project Durga (Self-defence training spread over 4 months), is letting school girls to be more confident as they step outside of their family sheltered world. Series of interactive sessions under Project Manovedh are building Mental immunity in young college students (coming to cities from rural areas) to counter challenges induced by social/cultural/economical gaps.

'Awakening Citizen Program', over a 3-year period is all about making school children confident and responsible citizens with right set of values. Our volunteers (sitting in the comfort of their home in cities) are using extensive spread of Mobile technology, in a 'Read-a-story' project, to improve language skills of remote tribal children. In 'Save Stream' Project, we innovatively (wall painting) used community resources to spread community message to address community problem. Thru Anubandh Project, we are applying 'End to End' concept from corporate world in world's fight against cancer. I would like to end this, by thanking all Metropolitans for participating and enjoying together all these activities and creating unique identity for Metropolitans in District 3131.

January was named after Janus, the Roman god of all beginnings. We are celebrating vocational month, International Brail Day and new beginning or change in nature with Sankranti. To all new beginnings with RCPM enjoy.

Team Bulletin



BOD 2023-24

Position	Name
President	Rtn Surekha Deshpande
Secretary	Rtn Prerana Joshi
Treasurer	Rtn Shilpa Choudhary
President Elect	Rtn Amita Nene
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Project Director 2	Rtn Reshama Sambre
Club Admin Director	Rtn Mohan Chhatre
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IT officer	Rtn Vandana Joglekar
Foundation Director	Rtn Bhavana Chahure
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Bulletin Editor	Rtn Kavita Deshpande
Club Trainer	Rtn Madhav Tilgulkar

Manjiri Kuvavala welcome to RCPM



Ingredients

1. Bhakri or polya Jawar, Nachani or Bajri (preferable left overs (shilya preferred). grind them in mixer ..2 cups
 2. Half cut pea nuts ground in coarse powder
 3. Roasted dry fruit / roasted sesame seeds/poppy seeds all powdered (optional)
 4. 1 cup or more depending as per taste Jaggery grated
 5. Half tsp cardamom and nutmeg powder
 6. 3 tbs pure ghee
- Mix all above and grind in mixer to make uniform mixture and make ladoos . Recipe by Dr Varsha Bapat



X mas celebration brings a breath of fresh air and energy to Metropolitans



Weekly Meeting on Thursday 22nd December. The air was fresh and cool in the evening.... the Raviraj terrace was glowing with fairy lights. Metropolitans all decked up in party outfits in a mood to enjoy music and dance. A perfect party setting, even though there was no actual Santa, that didn't matter at all... Because he was in everyone's minds. The meeting started with Rotary business... Induction of a new member, Announcement of the 2023-24 BOD being the main attractions along with felicitation of the "Breaking News" team for bagging 6 trophies for their grand performance in Ekankika spardha., And PI team for winning district award. The controls were then handed over to the "Merry Maker" team. And then everyone was ready to sing and dance (no one concerned if he could dance and sing or not) and enjoy the evening. The evening ended with delicious, piping hot continental food and desert.

FL Madhavi Kulkarni

RCPM AGM 29-12-2022

In AGM after One minute silence was followed, Felicitation of Dec events was done by President Vivek Kulkarni, mentioning the contribution of the Vishakha Metro stars. Birthdays and Anniversary of members were called out by Secretary Girish Ranade. He also communicated about January and February events of the club. Then the AGM proceedings took place that included-

Approval of last year's AGM MOM

Approval of Club and Trust Accounts

Approval of BOD and Trustees for RY 23-24

Approval of Accountant and Auditor for 22-23.

Appointment of President for voting on behalf of club in Josh conference.

Discussion on probable changes in club bye laws

Discussion on formation of a Fund-Raising Committee that will function for a whole rotary year

Sunshine box collection was ₹ 14,160/- Members benefitted from discussions from various past presidents and yummy fellowship. Let us all wish 'Very Best' to RCPM BOD (RY 23-24) under the leadership of PE Surekha. Let us all look forward to a new beginning in RCPM and calendar year.

Uday Subhedar

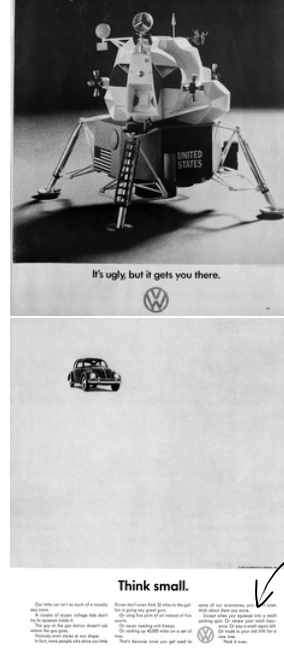


We are pleased to inform you that that our own Rtn Milind Sakunde is sponsoring Paint Expenses (Approx Rs 18,000) incurred in RCP Metro's Eye Catching 'Save the Stream' Community Awareness / Painting Project for a real cause, right in our front yard. Thank you Milind .. on behalf of RCP Metro. We Metropolitans are proud of you.

अण्णा उवाच

अमेरिकेतल्या DDB (डॉयल डॅन बर्नबॅक) या अमेरिकन नामवंत ऍड एजन्सीला १९५०-६० साली, फोक्स वॅगन या जर्मन कार कंपनीचा अकाउंट मिळाला. कंपनीचा क्रिएटिव्ह हेड असलेल्या बिल बर्नबॅकला, डेट्रॉईट येथे बनणाऱ्या, अमेरिकेत जोरात खपणाऱ्या, लोकप्रिय, मोठ्या आकाराच्या स्टायलिश- मसल कार्स ऐवजी, हिटलरचा देशातून आलेल्या, आकाराने विचित्र किंवा कुरूप, आकारातही लहान, स्वस्त जर्मन गाड्या अमेरिकेतल्या लोकांना विकायच्या होत्या. या काळात कार असणे हे असणे सोयी पेक्षा उच्च वर्गात असल्याचे लक्षण मानले जात होते. बिल बर्नबॅक, या काळातला सगळ्यात हुशार ऍडमॅन समजला होता. बर्नबॅकने अशा जाहिराती बनविल्या त्यातून फोक्स वॅगन अमेरिकन लोकांची आवडती गाडी तर बनलीच, पण तिच्या ऍड कॅम्पेनसाठी वापरलेल्या आधुनिक विचारांनी, जाहिरातीच्या जगाचा नकाशा ही बदलून टाकला. या जाहिरातीमधे फोक्स वॅगनचे बीटल हे मॉडेल अगदी लहान दाखवले आहे. आजूबाजूला रिकामी जागा आणि खाली जाहिराती बदलची हेडलाईन आणि मजकूर ज्याला जाहिरातीच्या भाषेत कॉपी असं म्हटलं जात. अमेरिकन कारच्या बजेटच्या पुढे, एक चतुर्थांश बजेट असल्याने, या जाहिराती पण ब्लॅक अँड व्हाईट केल्या गेल्या होत्या. खूप नंतरच्या काळात फॉक्स वॅगनच्या जाहिराती मधे, चंद्रावर उतरलेल्या पहिल्या ल्यूनारचा मोठा फोटो आणि ठळक हेडलाईन आहे जी सांगते- It's Ugly but It Gets You There. आणि फोक्सवॅगनचा लोगो एवढेच वापरले आहे.

-अण्णा राहुल



थिंक स्मॉल.. मधली कॉपी ज्या पद्धतीने लिहिली आहे तीच खूप महत्वाची आहे. लोकांची विचारसरणी बदलायला जाहिरातकर्ते कसे भाग पडतात, त्याच हे उदाहरण आहे.

५ जानेवारी ला जेष्ठ अभिनेत्री शुभांगी दामले यांची मुलाखत त्यांच्या ५० वर्षांच्या मैत्रीण असलेल्या Ann अश्विनीताईनी घेतली. सर्व माध्यमात आपल्या अभिनयाचा ठसा उमटवित , शुभांगीताईनी एक गृहिणी, pathologist , हॉस्पिटल व्यवस्थापक , लग्नकार्यालयाची व्यवस्थापक, नाट्यदर्पणच्या पदाधिकारी, महाराष्ट्र cultural सेन्टरच्या पदाधिकारी अशा सर्व जबाबदाऱ्या अत्यंत जोशात पार पाडल्या . कुठलंही काम झोकून देऊन , मनापासून करणे हा त्यांचा जीवनमंत्र.

मुलाखत झाली रंगतदार
मैत्रीणींच्या गप्पा झाल्या खुमासदार
जुन्या आठवणींना उजाळा देत
शुभांगीताईंचा जीवनपट झाला साकार.
Rtn वंदना जोगळेकर



Bal Kalyan Sanstha works with divayang to make lives easy to live with mainstream, Aparna Panase talked about Balkalyan and she assured to do a follow-up on the workshop and its usefulness for Drushtibadhit'. "Prakashvata" our 2 days' workshop was conducted by Swagat sir and volunteers for 35 kids from 3 blind school on 12.13 Jan. Swagat sir is working with blind school children gain mobility independently all over Maharashtra for last 25 + years. He has won Many prizes. He talked about history of white cane and how it is important for blind children to independently use it. There are many difficulties faced by them on the road and moving around is dependent and limited to caregiver's help or other people who are able eyed. This workshop enables blinds children to use their senses and enhance the available senses in order to equip them to move independently around them through various games. Convenor Varsha Dawale, convenor Shubhada Joshi took efforts to plan and execute the best project and backing from President, Project directors and all RCPM volunteers, attending teachers helped the project run smoothly. We must share such helpful workshops, projects all around as much as possible and help different abled or disabled people live and lead a normal life. We feel grateful to be able to do small share for a noble cause with this project. Vaidehi

PROJECTS

31 st activity It was a great, unique activity for Metropolitans, their friends and family today. It is essential to create awareness around our eco system and taking care of our city, which we tend to ignore in our day-to-day life. We realize its importance only when we face a challenge. So, to create and support this awareness, we decided to bring attention to a stream on Baner Road, near Sindh society. It gets choked in monsoon due to plastic...garbage dump. Most of the people do not even know that there is a stream there. We decided to beautify a wall, along with messages to take care of the ecosystem. It will help people to notice the stream. The @Jeevitnadi team was present to explain the importance. In a perfect morning weather for an outdoor activity and under able guidance of Artist Abha Bhagwat, everyone enjoyed the wall painting activity to the fullest. What a way to say goodbye to 2021. And welcome the new year. This activity continued on 7th and 8th with concluding program on 8th.

Fl Madhavi

Few expressions from the volunteers

- Really meditating...forgetting all problems painting
- Always wanted to do this.
- Great idea to bring us all together. to create awareness
- Show me the stream. we all have to keep it flowing.
- Kept me and my kids away from screen for such a long time.
- Can I come again next weekend with my kids/parents.
- Want to know more about Rotary and how to join...
- Thanks for giving us opportunity to start a new year on such a wonderful note. let us know your next event.



Gauri Shikarpur



About our project 'SWAYAMSIDDHA'. "ही पुनम. तीचा आज बालवाडी कोर्स पूर्ण झाला. दोन शब्दही धड न बोलता येणाऱ्या पुनमने आज बालवाडी कोर्सच्या निरोप समारंभात तीस जणींसमोर मनोगत व्यक्त केले. तीच्यात फार चांगला बदल झाला आहे. पद्मजाचाही कोर्स आज पुर्ण झाला. तीनेही उत्तमरीत्या कोर्स पुर्ण केला आहे." These girls are from a group of 5 girls who are studying here in various courses while going through their divorce proceedings in court. It gives them a means to earn their livelihood. They regain their lost sense of self-worth. Interact with girls going through similar predicament and get counselling by Sarika Waagh and Amruta Devchakke.

Project Udaan

An inspirational and fruitful workshop for Entrepreneurs Mindset by Rotary Club Pune Metro (RCPM), collaboration with Renuka Swaroop Institute and a fabulous conduction of workshop by DeAsra Foundation, was held on 6th January 2023. Aishwarya Kulkarni and Dr. Anand Godse (Entrepreneur Transformation Expert and Consulting Psychologist) from DeAsra Foundation introduced the techniques, way outs to lead your own business or start your own business with all the new and unique but different strategies. 3-hour workshop included mind changing activities, inspirational videos, interview taken for students, among the students, great interaction and more overall a much-loved Drum activity. RCPM President Rtn. Vivek Kulkarni started the workshop with brief introduction of RCPM and Renuka Swaroop Institute Association from many Successful Projects and welcomed DeAsra foundations Aishwarya Kulkarni and Dr. Anand Godse for conducting the Motivational Workshop. The workshop was enjoyed and initiated by 31 aspiring students (Students from Fashion, Parlour and Teachers Training Course) of Renuka Swaroop Institute, the to be future entrepreneurs. They all participated whole heartedly and received the Aspiration, Energy, Goals and Purpose from the workshop for becoming an entrepreneur. The vision of the journey of becoming successful entrepreneurs started in October's informal meeting and today we can anticipate this vision turn into reality in future. Ann Amruta Devchakke

On 17th December 2022, our Rtn. Avinash Joshi (AV) was felicitated by Indian Institution of Industrial engineering (IIIE) with a Lifetime Contribution Award as a Veteran Member for contribution to sustained growth of Pune Chapter of IIIE for over 5 decades. AV has been associated with IIIE Pune chapter for 55 years and has held many important positions for the Chapter and his caliber was noticed by some top industry stalwarts; the positive outcomes of this accomplishment, was his entry to the Rotary world. AV was invited to join Rotary Club of Poona North in the year 1985. For over 15 years, IIIE Pune Chapter functioned out of AV's office - Unique Systems. While he actively participated in many National Conventions of IIIE, as Organising Secretary of the IIIE National Convention in 1992. Entire planning, organising and execution of this convention was done from AV's office. AV was elected to National Council of IIIE in 1987 and contributed to the betterment of the institute for a period of 6 years. He was appointed Vice Chancellor's Nominee at Pune University, in 1988-1994. AV is the proud recipient of H.K. Firodiya Award for "Outstanding Contribution in the field of Industrial Engineering". Over the last 5 decades, AV has guided hundreds of Industrial Engineers to achieve personal and professional growth and goals. He is extremely passionate about the growth and wellbeing of Industrial Engineers and has been working consistently for this. We at RCPM felicitated him a PHF +6 Donor to Rotary Foundation and are proud of our senior Rotarian.

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

I retired 14 years ago after serving in the Indian Army for 36 years, I have often heard the question; "when not actually fighting a war; what do the armed forces personnel do to justify their existence and upkeep by the nation's tax payers"? Good question! Yet a simple answer to that is, the armed forces are the ultimate guarantors for providing an eternal 365/24/7 assurance to the nation's sovereignty and the nation must pay for this guarantee. The Army therefore has adopted a code of conduct for its officers, which has been enshrined as follows: -THE SAFETY, HONOUR AND WELFARE OF YOUR COUNTRY COME FIRST, ALWAYS AND EVERY TIME. THE HONOUR, WELFARE AND COMFORT OF THE MEN YOU COMMAND COME NEXT. YOUR OWN EASE, COMFORT AND SAFETY COME LAST, ALWAYS AND EVERY TIME.

To deliver on this guarantee, the vocation of armed forces personnel and especially that of its officer class, is most challenging, be it physically, mentally, or morally. It is certainly not for the "faint hearted" or for those with the sole aspiration of "wealth accretion." The military leader has a multi spectral role, where the job description/specification could be infinite, to add to the complexity, multitasking in executing in these roles is a certainty. To put it lightly "all in a day's work and never a dull moment" is the norm. It would take more than a book to describe any army officer's "all in a day's work story", yet a short crisp compress follows, spanning across my 36 years career. Just a few weeks after being commissioned at the age of 19 years as an officer, one fine morning, besides the daily regimen of conducting physical and weapon training, the first exciting and challenging task that confronted me, was to destroy some unexploded bombs, thereafter in the afternoon I had to perform as a referee in a boxing competition, later in the evening I was managing the Food and Beverages at our Regimental dinner party, needless to say the beverages were a boon to cool down my nerves after the bombs and boxing bouts. A couple of days later, I was busy sealing an entire railway station, where a special train carrying more than a thousand Pakistani prisoners of war was to halt for being provided dinner. Invaluable variety of experiences and confidence boosters for a budding leader.

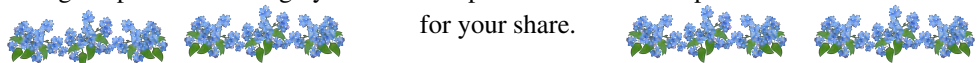
As I grew in my age and career, so did the growth in scope and level of my professional roles and responsibilities. Besides conceptualizing, strategizing, planning, and executing operations in the realm of pure warfare, (some along the Line of Control). I was also similarly involved in other than military aspects, such as development of infrastructure in terms of roads, military, and logistic installations. Certain roles also encompassed civil administration in conjunction with other Governmental agencies, such as in disaster management and maintenance of law and order during riots, additionally extending schemes of socio-economic, health and educational development in certain border areas also came my way, as part of the military's responsibilities. One also got experience in handling litigation and judicial cases, while presiding over Military Courts of Inquiry and Court Martials. Human Resource Development and Management was a major role, it involved career planning, mentorship of subordinates and their performance evaluation/appraisal. All the above activities and responsibilities in the vocation of a military leader, which I performed can only be carried out if he or she is trained and mentored to meet the demands of their vocation. The Indian Armed Forces have some of the finest Military Training Institutes in the World, most of these are affiliated to renowned National Universities. The best amongst the officers is given a tenure as faculty in military training institutions, where their invaluable practical experiences are used to plough back their expertise in the next generation of young leaders. I was lucky enough to be member of faculty in two institutions.

To conclude, a military veteran be it a soldier or officer is like an iceberg, always cool, with only 10 percent above the water being visible, while the 90 percent is submerged below the ocean's water. *Veterans are an invaluable hidden resource to the nation. Use them wisely, before they melt away like the iceberg.* Brigadier SG Gokhale VSM (Retired)

Annie has, at its heart, a story. Not simply of a product, but a story of the people at Thinkerbell Labs, and of those whose lives we sought to impact through Annie. It's a story that draws on a legacy as far-reaching as that of Anne Sullivan's: Helen Keller's passionate teacher who guided her learning of Braille. Braille literacy rates in India are at an abysmal low of less than 1%. The fewer the teachers, the harder it is for a visually impaired child to get the attention they need for an education truly beneficial to them. The unfavourable student-to-teacher ratio leads to the students receiving inadequate supervision. Besides that, the lack of interactive content failed to pique the student's interest and keep them engaged. As a result of this, of the limited number of students who had the opportunity to learn braille, they were taking longer to learn it. These learning outcomes did not align with what the dedicated teachers set out to achieve. Thinkerbell Labs is a startup co-founded in 2016 by Sanskriti Dawle, Aman Srivastava, Dilip Ramesh, and Saif Shaikh who were then graduating students of BITS Pilani. Thinkerbell Labs was started with a vision to make education inclusive and accessible for all. Their flagship product Annie is the world's first self-learning braille literacy device that helps visually impaired students learn Braille on their own through interactive and gamified content. Annie was launched in the year 2018, in the district of Ranchi, Jharkand. Since then, the team has setup more than 40+ Annie smart classes across 16 states and 9 languages in India. This journey of creating substantial outreach of meaningful impact has been possible thanks to the support of various Government institutes, CSRs, and organizations like the Rotary Club. Thinkerbell Labs has also received overwhelming response for Annie from the international markets, notably from the American Printing House (APH) for the Blind from US. Also backed by key investors like Mr. Anand Mahindra. Thinkerbell Labs is grateful to Rotary Club of Pune Metro for believing in Annie and their team early in their journey and to help establish one of the first smart classes in Pune. The club has funded two smart classes, one in the Jagruti School for Blind Girls, Alandi and Patishibai Lunkad School for Blind, Bhosari. The above two projects have received recognition and appreciation from Rotary International. Also, RCPM Metro received district Award for Annie Smart Class Thinkerbell Labs. Information provided by Rtn Varsha Dawale.



WE enjoyed Very informative and thought-provoking presentation and online journey through experience sharing by Mukund Chiplunkar on Narmada parikrama on zoom. Thanks for your share.



RCPM News in pictures

Ann Aparna

Mayuri

Congratulations!

Winners Singing competition.

Women leaders share skills in entrepreneurship meet

First prize Amita, Second Prize FI Madhavi, Duet 2nd Sneha Uday

Fellowship

Installation of Rotary club of PES MCOE -IT

ISRO EXHIBITION

RYLA for our Interactors, Agashe school. 20 students and a school teacher participated in the visit to Suresh Naik Space Park at Hinjewadi.