

Rotary
District 3131



Rotary Club of Pune Vibrant East

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Vibrant Shades

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Message from the President

Dear Club Members

With your best wishes and a determined start, we have embarked upon the new Rotary year Rotary 2020-21.

As planned earlier, we are here with the second bulletin of the year. Please read about our various club meetings and activities, over the last two months of July and August in the following pages.

Let me say, with pride that the various activities and several important decisions taken by us were possible only with the fantastic support of the BOD team members and the extensive co-operation of all our club members.



As you may have well realized owing to the pandemic situation, which has further aggravated over the last few weeks, we have not been able to do much, as regards to the Service projects. Incidentally, the activities in most clubs, within the district, have also remained confined to joint and synergy meetings. Several good, well-known speakers and personalities have been invited for meetings, which has attracted good attendance in the joint meetings of the clubs. In other cases, activities that could be managed in an on-line manner, are being managed, in the most creative manner. In fact, few days back we even had a District event - **International eRYLA** event, with 1800 participants, conducted completely on the on-line platform.

Some projects as proposed by the district, have been promoted by us in our club. Special thanks to the wonderful support of our two Interact Clubs from both the schools. I am specifically referring to the projects in Literacy viz. **Digital Gurumantra & Cyber Suraksha** (Teachers Training) events.

We have also submitted our proposals for participation in other service projects viz. WINS – however, they are underway, and we shall have to wait till the situation becomes more conducive for its implementation. Some of the other club projects envisaged include:

- ☐ Blood Donation camp in societies,
- ☐ COVID-19 Antibodies Testing at subsidized rates
- ☐ Water saving project through use of Aerators
- ☐ Disposal of menstrual sanitary pads through low polluting Incinerator unit

Lastly, I would like to make a strong appeal to all members to make efforts and help our club with its **MEMEBERSHIP GROWTH**. We did add around six members in July, but we should target to add at least ten more members. I along with some members of our Club/BOD team are willing to call upon any prospective member as required. You may simply help us by aligning a meeting with them. Stay safe, stay secure!

A lifetime of travel experiences and memories

It's been a lifetime experience and my fortune to have been able to travel to almost seventy (70) countries of the world. I have got the privilege to witness the mesmerizing beauty of 6 continents out of 7 and the 7 wonders of the world.

A few of my favorite international trips are of Canada, Switzerland, Norway, United Kingdom New Zealand and Scandinavian countries. London being the closest to my heart since my husband and myself had planned this independently without any travel mediator. On the lighter side, we did not have alarms ringing each morning! Like they say, London is a city of dreams and I came to believe this after my trip. I was awestruck with the beauty of this city when I witnessed it on a ride at the massive London eye. The evening birds eye view from ten top of London eye makes the entire city look like a beautiful sky full of stars sparkling. The Buckingham palace, Big Ben and the world famous "London bridge" are other major attractions of this city. The ease of transport in London via interconnected metros is a cheery on the top for tourists. I remember, each metro travel showed me a different version of the culture existing in the city. The morning travels via metro would be full of blue collars whereas the evening would be full of youngsters all dressed up for a walk on the Oxford street and Piccadilly Circus. The people of London are extremely courteous and are always happy to assist.

A memory from my other trip of Norway is the colorful Northern lights. The notable experience is a period of 18-22 hours of darkness with barely two hours of dawn and extreme temperatures to the extent of minus 20-22 degrees. The commute on snow bikes was exciting too. Kenya on the other hand was a country of extremes and classic contrasts. Experiencing the wildlife was of Kenya was a different experience. Another unique experience was a 7-day Alaska cruise!

Travel has mainly taught me a lot about different cultures and the beauty of each of them. Each country has its own identity, and none is comparable. When I sit back and think of my travel times, I can only imagine what I would have missed if I hadn't travelled. From the islands to the forests, from the sea to the sky and from the desert to the mountains, I am grateful to experienced it all . A heartfelt message for everyone reading this is live life to the fullest, enjoy every moment! kya pata; kal ho na ho!

Rtn. Dr. Ujwala Lathi
Vice President &
Director Membership



Installation Program – Rotaract Club of Pune Vibrant East

Rotaract Club of Pune Vibrant East had their installation event on 5th July 2020. Chief Guest for the occasion was Councilor for Youth Service District 3131, PP Rtn. Divakaran Pillai. The program was attended by several participants of the District Youth Services along-with faculty members of JSPM College and members of parent club RCP Vibrant East.

The new incoming President, Rtr. Abhay Pandey along-with the Board of Directors were installed over the on-line platform, with participants attending from more than 15 cities with more than 90 attendees. The event happened to be the first among all Rotaract clubs under District 3131. Outgoing club President Rtr. Rushikesh Nikumbh presented the work done over the last year. Incoming President elaborated upon the plans for the New Year. All the presentations were beautifully managed.



Rtn. Sanjay Karwa, made the opening remarks for the event, wherein he enumerated upon the importance of Youth Service in Rotary. It was interesting to note about how Youth services have evolved in Rotary, over last so many decades.

Rtn. Deepak Ladda, District Chair for PPH spoke in his own outstanding style, about "Legacy of Rotary". This was followed by a speech by the Chief Guest Rtn. Divakaran Pillai on "Youth the next milestone of Rotary". His words were really inspirational for us and filled us with vibrant enthusiasm. Both the speakers were earlier introduced by Rtr. Shweta Naik.

MOC for the event was Rtr. Pranav Kokare and he was wonderful throughout and the event. The online platform was well managed by Rtr. Shruti Daundkar. Vote of Thanks was proposed by Rtr. Sukriti Chettri.

We would like to appreciate and thank President Rtn. Sanjay Karwa, Rtn. Rajesh Mantri and Rtn. Jagdish Rathi for their continuous guidance to make this event a great success.

Global Grants in Rotary – An Insight

Global Grants in Rotary is a very significant subject and is the basis for the extensive social work that is undertaken within Rotary. Every year several clubs undertake large projects, supported by Global Grants.

In our endeavor, to participate in this activity in accordance with our annual plans, we invited Rtn. Ratnakar Bagul, District Chair for Global Grants for detailed interaction and understanding about GG in a joint meeting hosted by our club with Rotary Club of Pune Lokmanyagar and Rotary Club of Pune Magarapatta City. The event was on an online Zoom Meeting platform on **11th July 2020**.

Rtn. Ratnakar, through his elaborate presentation explained in detail about Global Grant writing/application and thereafter about subsequent compliances required to be followed in concluding the projects taken under GG. Attending members were educated on this quite elaborate subject, so as to enable them to make a beginning and plan further. Global Grants process have several laid down processes, procedures and compliances for its proper and successful execution.

This meeting was particularly relevant for our club since we are proposing two GG projects in this year:

- Replacement of TeleCobalt source (Radio-active substance)
- Phacoemulsification equipment

Rtn. Ratnakar Bagul expressed his thanks of the fact that our club had taken initiative and assured all possible support to take the projects under GG ahead, over the following months.



Cyber Suraksha – Making Online Teaching Secure

Under the Literacy Avenue, Cyber Suraksha –a fabulous event was hosted by Rotary Club of Pune West in association with District Literacy Team, on 18th July 2020. It was in the form of an online webinar and has been a flagship event of the club over the last few years. The event was inaugurated by DG Rashmi Kulkarni.

It was a wonderful opportunity to have our senior members, particularly the teachers of the two schools, where we have our Interact Clubs, participating in the event.

We had several teachers attending this 90 minutes session, undertaken by an authority on the subject Adv. Mrs. Vaishali Bhagwat, who is Acclaimed Technology Lawyer and Chevening Scholar. For the benefit of most Marathi speaking audience the event was organized in Marathi and was followed by another similar session in English language on 25th July.

The overall emphasis of the program was to help and educate the school administration to form a safe internet use policy and thereby ensuring that the teachers, parents and children are safe-guarded and protected from online cyber threats etc.

The event received an over-whelming response in light of the fact that owing to pandemic many schools have switched over to the online teaching tools and aids. The online teaching methodologies may continue over the next few months as well.

Digital Gurumantra – Imparting Online Teaching skills

Digital Gurumantra – a district level initiative by Literacy Team was conducted between 10th to 14th August. The objective of the event was to train 25,000 teachers across the district on basic Digital and IT skills.

The entire management of the several skills (three skills per day) were planned through WhatsApp so as to make it convenient for the teachers to practice. Our Club participated with the active involvement of school teachers from Bhekraimata Madhyamik Vidyalaya and New English School at Phurusngi, Pune. In all fifty teachers participated in this very educative and interesting program.

Teachers were trained on several skills pertaining to digital designing through light software utilities, management of mobile phones for internet operations, designing of short videos etc. In all 15 IT skills were planned over a period of 5 days. Teachers were required to undergo a small test on the acquired skills on the last day and were awarded certificates on having completed the five days training program.

In all the program turned out to be a great success, with active participation of several clubs from the district. The District Literacy team led by DLCC Rtn. Subodh Malpani have done a wonderful and memorable event, despite the pandemic situation.

INSPIRE, INTEGRATE, INNOVATE@ Inter-District eRYLA

Rotary Club of Pune Vibrant East, organized an Inter-District e-RYLA event, on 24th July 2020. The Guest speaker for the event was Dr. PNN Iyer, on the topic "Inspire, Integrate, Innovate". Several Rotary clubs, readily accepted our invitation to participate as co-hosts on this very innovative leadership talk.. The participating clubs included:

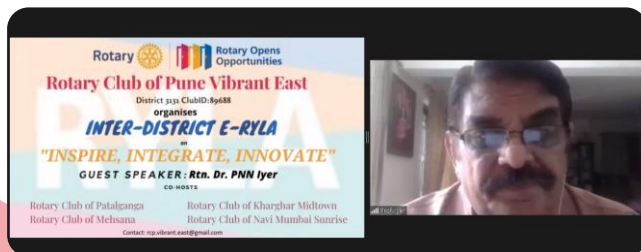
- ❑ Rotary Club of Patalganga – District 3131
- ❑ Rotary Club of Kharghar Midtown – District 3131
- ❑ Rotary Club of Mehsana – District 3054
- ❑ Rotary Club of Navi-Mumbai – District 3142

We could engage with Rotaractors from eight Rotaract clubs, through this event, along-with participation of their club members, Non-Rotarians and youth. The meeting was held on an online Zoom meeting platform, wherein the total no. of participants was 130 plus.

The event was graced by active participation of District Youth Service Team members including Counselor Rtn. Divakaran Pillai, District Chairman for RYLA, Rtn. Vishnu Mhatre, District Director for Youth Services Rtn. Vasant Malunekar and others. PP Rtn. Pravin Patel RC Mehsana. (District 3054) was also actively involved in this event. In particular, we also had PDG Dr. Philly Karani (RC Somerville, NZ & former member of RCP Downtown) who attended the session on our request.

It was impressive to see the chief guest engage the audience, in a very lucid style of Hinglish. The content delivered was apt for the select audience. The attendees were enormously satisfied with the overall content of the program and the manner in which it was delivered, supported by four AV footages etc., and its in-depth analysis and continuous interactions, as well.

Several participants quickly connected immediately after the event, and this was a testimony to the fact, that the event was thoroughly enjoyed by them and proved a catalyst, in our effort to enhance their leadership skills through this unique and thoughtful program of Rotary.



Initiative by our Club Members for August 2020

Our new club member Rtn. Anirudha and Ann Mayuri took up the responsibility of conducting all our weekly meetings, laid out for the month of August. They played a perfect host while they conducted two important meetings on 1st and 15th August wherein, we had Rtn. Manjoo Phadke (District Director Membership) and PDG (RID 3132), Dr. Hariprasad Somani as our guests of honor.

Encouraging Membership Growth and Extension

The month of August in Rotary has a special significance – it is this month which is designated for Membership Growth and Extension.

We had Rtn. Manjoo Phadke, District Director for Membership, to have a talk with us on an online Zoom meeting on 1st August 2020. Several Rotary clubs participated in a Joint meeting, which included:

- ☐ RC Pimpri – President: Rtn. Mehul Parmar
- ☐ RC Pimpri Town – President: Rtn. Sarang Matade
- ☐ RC Udyognagari – President: Rtn. Ramesh Satav
- ☐ RC Kharghar Midtwon – President: Rtn. Kamlesh Agarwal
- ☐ RCP Hadapsar – President: Rtn. Vijay Gholap

It was a candid meeting with several new members from all clubs introducing themselves about their professional activities and interests. They also shared about their experiences in Rotary among the fellow club members.

Several participants in the joint meeting were members of the District Team as well and they were glad to share their experiences as well. Subsequently an interactive session with the chief guest followed which highlighted about rotary philosophy and her several experiences within Rotary. She spoke in length, about Rotary's objectives towards membership growth in the coming months.

A question and answer session followed wherein various aspects were resolved pertaining to new initiatives of RI towards membership development. All in all, it was a wonderful session and Rtn. Manjoo was overjoyed to have had the opportunity to interact with several clubs on the first day of August – being the designated month for Membership and shouldering the responsibility of District Director.

The Four Way Test – Relevancy and Spirituality

A special event was hosted by our club with a talk by PDG Dr. Hariprasad Ji Somani (Dist. 3132). This was a joint club meeting of several clubs, almost 17 clubs who participated along with their club members.

The Four Way Test of Rotary has its unique history and the same was briefed upon by Club President Rtn. Sanjay Karwa.

The Chief guest, who is a well-known orator kept the audience enthralled with this session and stressing upon the importance and relevance of the Four-Way test in today lives.

Key takeaways

Constant increase in good will, friendship & confidence of the persons with whom we deal in our daily lives and

What is even more valuable, is a great improvement in the moral character of our own personnel.



Community Rotaract Club of Pune Vibrant East

Our Community based Rotaract club has also been working very ardently over the last two months and have had continuous programs/meetings within themselves. More are planned and are in the pipe-line. They have enhanced their membership to thirty members recently. We have been able to have two eRYLA (e-ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS) events in the last two months and are contemplating another one at the end of this month.

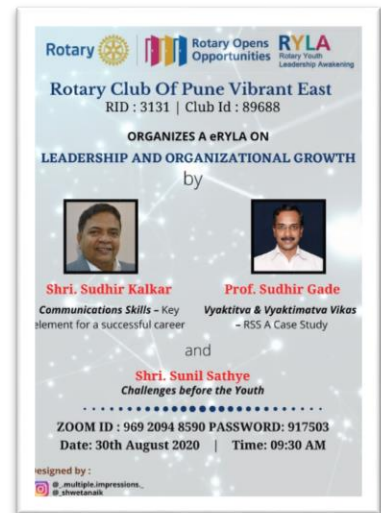
The Rotaract Club has taken a very formal shape within the last few weeks and they are also having their Club Assembly and several collaborative efforts with other Rotaract Clubs within the District.

Leadership and Organization Growth @ eRYLA

Our club hosted the second E-RYLA event on 30th August 2020.

The subject topic for the eRYLA topic was – Leadership and Organization Growth. Three speakers, all from RSS background who are engaged in active work in RSS, were invited for the event. Members of the District Youth team were also invited for the event. The speakers were :

- ❑ Shri Sudhir Kalkar : Communications Skills –Key element for a successful career
- ❑ Shri. Sudhir Gade : Vyaktitva & Vyaktimatva Vikas process – RSS A Case Study
- ❑ Shri. Sunil Sathye : Challenges before the Youth



The eRYLA event was well attended with more than 80 participants, with 14 synergy clubs, Synergy clubs for the event included:

- Rotaract Club of RSCOE
- Rotaract Club of Sinhagad Academy of Engineering,
- Rotaract Club of Pune Nagar Road, Rotaract Club of Alibag Raigad
- Rotaract Club of Universal Business School
- Rotaract Club of Panvel Mahanagar
- Rotaract Club of Pune Sunrise
- Rotaract Club of Pune Deccan Gymkhana
- Rotaract Club of DPU
- Rotaract Club of Pune Camp
- Rotaract Club of Pune Camp Next Gen.
- Rotaract Club of Viman Nagar,
- Rotaract Club of Talegaon City
- Rotaract Club of Pune Heritage,
- Rotaract Club of DYPIMS


Each session was planned for a duration of approx. 40-45 minutes covering an in-depth coverage of the topic, for the benefit of the attendees and a Q&A following each session. The special attraction for the event was an on-line activity, at the end of the event. It was a quiz contest and the various questions in the contest were based upon the contents of the earlier sessions.

We had a good participation from the attending candidates and awards were given to the three individual candidates for their scoring. Also, awards were given to clubs scoring highest score and club with maximum participation.

Special thanks to some of the Rotaractors including President Abhay, IPP Rushikesh, Rtr. Pranav, Rtr. Shweta Naik (MOC), Rtr. Jahnavi Patil & Rtr. Shruti Daundkar, who took great efforts in making the event a great success.

A round of thanks to Rtn. Rajesh Mantri, Club Admin, who took efforts in channelizing the event and working behind the scenes for the coordination between the various speakers for managing the question/s through on-line forms etc. His contribution in terms of time and efforts were immense and worked as the perfect online "quiz master" for the event.

Forthcoming Events



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SEPTEMBER



September is Basic Education & Literacy Month
We can all #BeTheInspiration

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1 <small>Neeraj Laha</small>	2 <small>Mukesh Soni</small>	3	4	5
6	7 <small>Trupti Ladda</small>	8	9	10	11 <small>Dr. Shubham</small>	12
13 <small>Joint Meeting</small>	14	15	16	17	18 <small>Financial Literacy</small>	19 <small>Speaker Invited</small>
20 <small>Dr. D. Ladda</small>	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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OCTOBER



ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH
70% of the world's poorest people live in rural areas and depend on agriculture and related activities for their livelihood. -Rotary International

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				1	2	3 <small>Yash Raj</small>
4	5	6	7	8 <small>Vijayal Karna</small>	9	10 <small>Speaker Invited</small>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 <small>Dr. A. Lathi</small>	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 <small>Chetana Zairi</small>	27	28	29 <small>Piyali Bhutala</small>	30 <small>Dohare Soni</small>	31

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Looking forward to your articles and contribution for subsequent bulletins and valuable suggestions from all the club members. You can reach me at rcp.vibrant.east@gmail.com

Regards,

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