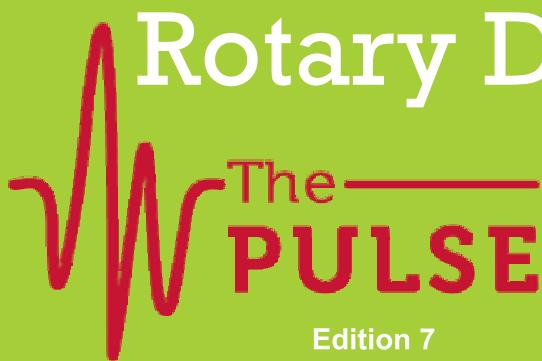


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My dear Rodeos,

"The joy of experiencing is more enriching and fulfilling than just the joy of giving".

And December 2016 was truly a "**Month of Experiencing**" rather than just "Giving". Giving isn't about the receiver or the gift but the entire "experience" in giving. It's for the giver. One doesn't open one's wallet to improve the world, although it's nice when that happens; one does it to improve one's self and be a part of the "giving"!

And all of us experienced **that feeling** more in December! Haven't we?

...We experienced **this feeling** when we conducted the mega medical camps in Mankhurd - one at BalKalyan Nagari, Agarwadi village road where we conducted general-eye-skin-dental check-ups for over 147 students and second at Subhash Chandra Bose Vidyamandir, Maharashtra Nagar where we conducted Dental & Medical Camp for over 1,450 children!

...We experienced **this feeling** when we supported the Pediatric Heart Surgeries as part of our "Touching Little Hearts" initiative. The joy and the expression of relief on the parent's face cannot be written in words. The joy of experiencing that feeling of being a catalyst in giving a new life itself is a greatest deed!

...We experienced **this feeling** when we gave a platform to Swaranandanwan - a team of specially abled people,

to showcase their talent to the whole world! The kind of motivation the audience gave to this team boosted their confidence to the next level and it was indeed a "therapeutic theatre therapy" in the words of Dr. Vikas Amte! As he rightly said, they do not ask for charity, but just a chance! And what a show that was!

...We experienced **this feeling** when the team at National Burns Centre, Airoli successfully conducted the 15th Camp of "Operation Restore" where a new lease of life was given to 18 burn patients!

...We experienced **this feeling** when Dr. Shankar Chawla conducted a training session on "Aids awareness and prevention" and educated the students of Pillai College of Education and Research. Needless to say, sharing knowledge & wisdom is the greatest gift to mankind!

So I ask you to begin experiencing, and to continue as you give. I think you'll find in the end that you got far more than you ever had, and did more good than you ever dreamed.

And with this, today we close the door to OUR PAST, open the door to OUR FUTURE, take a deep breath & step THROUGH TO a NEW LIFE & a NEW BEGINNING. I wish you and your family a very Happy, Healthy & Prosperous 2017!

A. V. Suresh
Club President

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December 1 was a day when many Rodeos, Rotaractors, and their guests experienced the power of mind. Mr. Raju Danait enthralled the audience with his talk on myths of hypnotism with live demonstrations of hypnotism. Damodar Danait, CEO of MY HOME INDIA spoke about the issues of the people of North East states of India; the issues ranging from admissions and hostel accommodations, to health and discrimination. The program was enjoyed by one and all and everyone went back with a lot of self-confidence and awareness.



Rtn. Sanjay Aggarwal of Rotary Club of Kandivali shared his travel stories right from preparing for the journey, the excitement and challenges they face. He also spoke about his experience of eye witnessing the violence during a band in Srinagar, how they managed to escape and finally continue their journey to Leh. His interesting presentation on the natural beauty & scenery & his talk inspired the Rodeos to consider a road trip to Leh and back and there were bookings for Rtn. Sanjay's next road journey from Mumbai to Bhutan planned in 2017.



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December 8 was a special day as we had with us our RYE student of 2006-07, Ms. Marion Lesur coming back to us after many years and was accompanied by her friend and partner Floarian Riegler. She fondly remembered her good times in India as a RYE and was especially appreciative of the Idlis and Indian food dished out by Nalini Kannan and the kind hospitality of Usha Desai. It was wonderful to have her back with us. Both, Marion and Florian are working in India on social projects. This is what RYE is all about - friendship and bonding for life!

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On **December 15, 2016**, the club AGM was held along with the election of the office bearers for the Rotary Year 2017-18. The club activities and projects for the period July to December 2016 and plans for January to March 2017 were presented by President A.V.Suresh. The club accounts as on date were shared and approved. Audited financial report for the year 2015-16 was passed. RajithMenon and the team 2017-18 were unanimously elected, as per the tradition of the club, and all the members conveyed their best wishes to the incoming team. We wish them all the very best & are confident that the Team 2017-18 will continue the Rotary Deonar tradition of setting new landmarks.

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Hum Sath Sath

Christmas was ushered in along with our partners in service, Rotractors, Interactors and Inner Wheel members. All three presented their projects and amazing work done by them during the first half of the year. Applause and kudos, especially to the young Interactors and Rotractors for the excellent work done by them with a lot of passion and creativity. Thanks to Rtn. Hema for grooming them and coordinating this meeting. We could truly see the power of the Gen Next in action. After their presentations, they went on to rekindle the spirit of youth in all Rodeos by organizing some exciting games and activities. This was followed by a sumptuous fellowship dinner. Three Cheers to the Rotractors, Interactors and IWC!



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Krishi Kisan

Rtn. Nandu attended the Krishi Kisan exhibition cum awareness program with our RCC members.



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District 3141
Mumbai, India

Touching little hearts

Paediatric heart surgeries at Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital



AARSH TAMBE
Age : 3 Months



KHADIJA SOLKAR
Age : 11 Months



SUBHALAXMI BEHERA
Age : 10 Yrs. 11 Months



FATIMA SHAIKH
Age : 4 Yrs. 2 Months



PURAB AMRUTKAR
Age : 10 Months



BHUPRATAP SINGH
Age : 9 Months



AAROHI BEDEKAR
Age : 1 Yr. 9 Months



SHUBHAM GUJARE
Age : 8 Months



ADITYA GAVANE
Age : 13 Months



Touching Little hearts:

A display of the lives we have touched through the Touching Little Hearts Program, our district's Pediatric surgeries initiative. Thank you for your support. Look forward to more Rodeos coming forward to support this cause.

A medical camp was organized at Bal Kalyan Nagari, Agarwadi village road, Mankhurd East, on December 4, 2016 which covered check-ups for 147 children, within the age group of 6-18. General check-up was done along with skin, eye and dental. Dental treatment for children identified with dental issues was being organized with the help of Rtr. D.Arjita and Rtn. Dr Meera at various clinics/hospitals and this process would continue over a period of 2 to 3 months. Prescriptions for the children are being filled-up by Rotary Club of Deonar in continuation of the follow-up to the camp. Further follow-up of the children will be done within 6 to 8 months.



This was followed by another Medical Camp at Subhash Chandra Bose Vidyamandir (under Rotary Deonar's Happy School project) - Maharashtra Nagar, Mankhurd on December 9 and 10, 2016. The dental surgeons from YMT Hospital and Dental college formed four teams of 6 and spread out to the various classrooms to complete the check-up of 1400 students in a day, while doctors from IMA Chembur, Joy Hospital and our club conducted the medical examinations of 1450 children on Dec 9 and 10. Dr. Meera, Rtr. Arjita and team will be conducting a program on dental hygiene in this school and Rtn. Shobha Suresh will work on counseling sessions. We would like to thank Dr. Kalawadia (for his outstanding contribution and service) and the doctors from IMA and Joy Hospital, YMT Hospital and Dental College, TISS, Girish Opticians, Rtn. Hema, Rotractors Arjita and team, Rtns. Meera, Vishnu, Preeti Agarwal, Ravi, Ajit, Liiladhar and others for volunteering and helping us organize the medical camps. They did an excellent job of coordination and execution along with our super-efficient Director, Medical, Rtn. Prabodh Sharma and his charming wife Leena.



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Operation Restore Dec 10 & 11, 2016

Operation Restore, Camp 15, was successfully conducted for 18 patients at National Burns Centre, Airoli under the guidance and motivation of Dr. Sunil Keswani, ably supported by the nurses and staff of NBC and of course our indomitable Rtn. Rema Nair. Our personal gratitude and appreciation to each one of them. The camp was inaugurated by our DG Gopal Mandhania and first lady Seema Mandhania. It was an emotional evening to see and hear the stories of the patients. Our DG wanted more clubs to get involved in this project and take it to the next level of 6 camps per year covering 200 Burn survivors. We would like to thank Rotary Club of Bombay North who have been our partners for these camps with their unstinted support. Thanks Satish, Vishnu, Meera and other Rodeos for all your support and being there with us. Thanks a lot, Dr. Shankar Chawla, for personally counseling each patient on pain management and giving them much needed confidence for moving ahead after successful surgery. Our next camp will be on 29 and 30 April 2017.

PROGRAM FOR JANUARY 2017

December 29, 2016 Thursday	No meeting
January 5, 2017 Thursday	Rtn. Amit Vira on Perfumes and the fragrance of the world.
January 7, 8, 2017 Saturday, Sunday	District Conference at Sahara Star
January 12, 2017 Thursday	Our own Rtn. Ganesh Kamath on Bio enzymes
January 15, Sunday	Cancer and TB Detection camp at Chembur
January 19, 2017 Thursday	Pre OCV and Club Assembly. must attend please
January 26, 2017 Thursday	Dharti Ke Lal Flag Hoisting. No meeting in the evening
January 28, 2017 Saturday	OCV at Acres Club



Swaranandanwan - Dec 19, 2016 : In its continuous effort to innovate around sustainability and improve the communities that we serve in, Rotary Club of Deonar (District 3141) presented Swaranandanwan in association with Maharogi Sewa Samiti, Warora, a NGO founded by internationally renowned development worker and peace activist ShriMurlidharDevidasAmte (popularly known as Dr. Baba Amte). This unique orchestra was hosted on December 19, 2016 at South India Fine Arts Auditorium, Chembur.

Swaranandanwan is an orchestra of leprosy and differently abled talented people coming together to provide entertainment and also showcase their talent. It is a classic case of the success of music and dance as a therapy. It has added color and music to their daily life. It has helped develop the overall personality of the performers by increasing security, sense of cooperation, self-dignity, confidence, and ability to socialize and has fostered in them a positive and optimistic outlook towards life.

Our District Governor, Rtn. Gopal Mandhania was the chief guest. He spontaneously committed his support towards this cause. Dr. Vikas Amte and his daughter Dr. Sheetal Amte were the guests of honor. Dr. Vikas Amte was felicitated with a citation commending his work towards society. On the whole, it was a memorable evening that made a deep emotional impression upon the audience. Full credit for conceiving, dreaming and organizing this program goes to Rtn. Vidula, ably supported by Treasurer Rtn. Padma and Rtn. Sangeeta for collaterals, Rtn. Meera for media coverage and Faiza Kapoor for the media connect. Thank you Rodeos for being there in large numbers and making it a grand event to salute the performers!