

AUGUST E-BULLETIN FROM TEAM RODEO PULSE

Hands-on activities, appropriate mentoring and community service are key components for Youth development. The process of growing up and developing one's capacities happens no matter what we do. However, the challenge is to promote positive youth development and plan quality experiences with young people. And this was the key theme for August 2016.

We began our month with the Rotaractors by conducting a tree plantation drive at National Burns Centre at Airoli. The objective of this drive was not merely planting trees but also to bring these young minds closer to nature. Post that, we participated in the District's International Service and Rotary Youth Exchange Seminar which highlighted our various initiatives under International Service & details about our Exchange program. DG Gopal Mandhania as the Chief Guest and eminent speakers from Rotary. This was co-hosted along with 12 other clubs from the central zone.

On August 12, inspired by an article in the DNA newspaper, "Schools to celebrate freedom fortnight with Azadi 70 programme" IWC of Deonar invited Rtn Cdr Jan to give a talk on freedom movement & defence forces in our country. 30 selected Children from 3rd & 4th std created drawings based on the slides shown to them. These drawings have been sent to the Ministry of Human Resource & Development.

Along with the Rotractors, we organized a 2-day RYLA event at Lonavala. RYLA 2016 has been a one of a kind experience not only for the Rotaractors of Deonar but for all participants alike. We had a total of 70 participants including 23 students from across the globe who spent a couple of days at Camp Water's Edge in Lonavala. Not only did RYLA teach our participants the importance of leadership skills, but it also gave them a platform to step out of their comfort zone and make new friends and try various adventure activities. Whether it was trekking, kayaking, lake swimming, archery or rock climbing, all the RYLA's definitely challenged themselves.

Our Rtn. Rajendra Datye's son Shyam Datye also

shared his experience of volunteering at the Rio Olympics 2016. He was assigned to the Event Services Team at the Carioca Arena 3, in the Barra Olympic Park. He was responsible for customer support and represented 'Team Rio' as a one-point contact for all spectators and media fraternity.

We also took part in District Event "Taare Zameen Par" by organizing drawing competition for children for all age groups right from Kindergarten to 12th Standard across 3 different schools. Different creative topics like My Toys, Favourite Park, My hobbies, City Traffic, Dream Art Room & The World in My Eyes were designed for each of the groups (which were based on their class levels).

We also conducted the Installation Ceremony for our Interact club of St. Gregorious High School in Chembur along with our Rotaractors and worked out mutually beneficial programs.

We celebrated our Independence Day Flag hoisting celebrations at Dharti Ke Lal along with Rotary Club of Thane North end. In addition to that, we celebrated Raksha Bandhan with the armed forces. Our Rodeo, Rtn. Raju Subramanian donated a water purification system to the Govandi Police Station.

Apart from youth activities, we also had an interesting line up of speaker meetings. We invited Rtn. Sanjay Kulkarni from Rotary Club of Belgaum who spoke about his Project Wise Riders - A Traffic Awareness & Road Safety Campaign. We also arranged for a presentation on "Birds and Wildlife photography" by eminent photographers Sangram Surve & Shivaram Subramaniam who grabbed the attention of all RoDeos by sharing their experiences & Shivaram's journey from an investment banker to wildlife nature lover.

Lastly, we ended this fabulous month with a great fellowship club picnic to Amboli by Konkan Railways. All the RoDeos had an amazing time bonding over sight- seeing, lots of eating, antaksharis and long train journey. We also celebrated the wedding anniversary of Ram & Anu.

All in all, August was an interesting month and we are looking forward to a "Fellowship" September Month!

6th August, 2016 - Rotaractor Tree Plantation



8th & 9th, August, 2016 - District Event “Taare Zameen Par” drawing competition for children



10th August, 2016 - Water Cooler Installation at Govandi Police Station



10th August, 2016 - District Service on International Service & RYE



13th - 14th August, 2016 - RYLA



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15th August, 2016 - Dharti Ke Lal



24th August - Interact Installation



Volunteering at Rio Olympics 2016

I, Shyam Datye, had the unique opportunity to be a part of the volunteering team at the Rio 2016 Olympics.

After sending in my application almost 2 years ago, I finally received a confirmation in early 2016.

I was assigned to the Event Services Team (EVS Team) at the Carioca Arena 3, in the Barra Olympic Park. My arena hosted all the fencing and taekwondo competitions for the games!

As a part of the EVS team, I was responsible for customer support and represented 'Team Rio' as a one-point contact for all spectators and media fraternity.

Volunteers have been formally included in the organising committee of the games for a couple of decades now! Rio 2016 saw 60,000 volunteers from all over the world. However, looks like the IOC follows Rotary's "Service Above Self" motto. And keeping in line with this Olympic spirit, volunteers are paid richly with experiences!

Not only have I come back with a lot of beer in my belly and a tan on my face, I've come back with a lot of friendships with people from all over the world sharing similar passion for the games and sports in general, to them all I say is – See you at Tokyo 2020!



27th & 28th August, 2016 - Amboli Picnic1



12th August, 2016 - IWC



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