

# 2020 GOOD NEWS

A Monthly Newsletter from  
ROTARY CLUB OF THANE CREEKSIDE



From SMART PRESIDENT  
SANDEEP SHARMA'S DESK

My Dear Friends,

I wish you all a Very HAPPY HEALTHY SAFE SOUND & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!!

“Empowered by life energy, imagination shall manifest as Reality.”

We all imagined to pop out and execute something substantive at a larger scale and here we go!!! November month is our “Gift to Nature” and December is “Gift of Meals”.

Much awaited **Tree plantation** drive was successfully executed at Murbad in November. Thanks to Rtn. Mandar for gifting us the space for plantation and also planning the event at his farm. Rtn. Santosh meticulously planned the Family night where all of us wholeheartedly enjoyed.

In one of the unprecedented move on District level participation, our member Rtn. Jai Vishwakarma reached the FINALS of well-organized Songs and Dance competition- **ROTAL** under Solo- Marathi Singing competition. Delighted by his melodious voice, many members of the club watched him performing live which was a treat to the eyes.

Our **Mid-Day Meal** program was initiated by donating 11 meals for one year at Adarsh English School, Wagle Estate. Thanks to Rtn. Alka, Rtn. Mandar, Rtn. Naresh, Rtn. Vicky, Rtn. Satish and myself for contributing for these meals. Thane Green City club introduced us to the school and both the clubs decided to join hands and execute many more such programs at school including WINS and Water dispensers. This is just the beginning!!!

Successfully completed the Annual Meeting and club is ready with the new Torch Bearers of 2020-21- JOSH Year. **My Heartiest Congratulations to the New Board under the able leadership of Rtn. Pravash Raikar.**

**RightBreathe - Key to ultimate Health** Session on 8<sup>th</sup> December by Mr. Shankar Shikharji was one of the finest wellness session we all attended at EW clubhouse. Right breathing techniques are the keys to Disease free life. Thanks to Rtn. Alka Rawat for executing it flawlessly.

Thanks to EACH ONE of you for making it Satisfying and Successful 6 months.

Let's gear up for the upcoming events like E-Frauds awareness, Mid Brain Activation, WINS, Fire Safety, DISCON 2020 and much more.

## RCTCS PHOTO GALLERY – November '19 – January '20



Mid-day Meal contribution done by key Rotarians of RCTCS



Felicitating Rtn Jai for reaching finals at ROTAL



Tree Plantation Drive at Murbad



Shiv Bhairav tantra based breathing techniques by Mr. Shankar Shikhar

## RCTCS GOOD CAUSE TREE PLANTATION DRIVE AT MURBAD ON 24<sup>th</sup> NOV '19



RCTCS conducted its first Tree plantation drive at Murbad.

Thanks to Rtn Mandar for volunteering his land for this significant cause, helping us in executing this project and giving something back to Mother Nature.

We all planted Mango, Peru, Roses, Coconut, Kadi Patta, Neem, Chickoo trees which felt so blissful & all enjoyed dirtying their hands in mud and handling a spade.

Kids and Ladies were in Great Gusto and had delightful experience. Thanks to Rtn Santosh for flawless planning as always & giving us this experience...

Excellent Fellowship and Bonding event was enjoyed on the previous day which was a Saturday with Hilarious Dumb Charades where all possible unknown movie names were acted upon. Rtn Pravash and Rtn Kalyan joined on 24<sup>th</sup> for the Tree plantation



## GOOD THOUGHTS

*A man is not poor without any money  
but a man is really poor without a  
dream and ambition!*

GOOD NEWS FROM ROTARY GLOBAL - Water project unites Lebanon clubs across all divides

A project to provide clean water to all of Lebanon’s schools is uniting leaders from many of the country’s diverse religious, cultural, and political divisions.

In 2011, Rotary members in northern Lebanon decided to install new tanks and water filters in a few nearby schools with the help of a Rotary Foundation grant. The idea caught on and a few other clubs followed suit. Two years later, District 2452 Governor Jamil Mouawad and other district leaders saw the potential of creating one giant water project that could reach every school and involve all 24 of the country’s Rotary clubs. They formed a committee to handle publicity and gather technical knowledge, while each club was asked to provide volunteers, contribute funds, apply for grants, and secure contributions from outside organizations.

“Every student has the right to drink clean water. It goes without saying that clean drinking water leads to less diseases, healthier students, and consequently, better education,” says Mouawad. “The bigger the challenge, the greater its positive impact on humanity.”

While clean water is the main objective, the leaders also saw the effort as a means of helping heal Lebanon’s long history of sectarian strife. A civil war divided the country from 1975 to 1990, leaving an estimated 120,000 people dead. In recent years, Lebanon’s government is a shifting coalition of religions, political parties, and sects. Lina Shehayeb, president of the Rotary Club of Aley, is a Druze by faith. Shehayeb says working alongside club members who are Catholic, Maronite, Greek Orthodox, Armenian Orthodox, and Muslim to promote the project has deepened her understanding of those with different religious or political views. “We are building peace and understanding,” she says. “There has never been anything quite like this in our country.”

Even the distribution of club responsibilities is designed to foster peace. Each club is responsible for a certain number of schools, some in their area but some in a totally separate region. The clubs nominate a project coordinator, find qualified suppliers, arrange for sponsors, and allocate contributions from sponsors, district funds, and global grants to finance the installation of filters in the schools. “For e.g., a club from Jounieh, a Christian resort town north of Beirut, might be assigned schools in the southern mountains near the Israeli border, an area that is considerably poorer and primarily Shia Muslim,” explains Mouawad. “After all, who — no matter what their political or religious views — could argue with providing clean water for children?”

The effort could not have come at a better time. With the crisis in Syria, Lebanon’s population is ballooning with refugees, including many school-age children. By improving the schools these kids attend, Rotary members are laying the groundwork for future peace in the region.

The committee is working in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, World Vision, UNICEF, and the Red Cross. Red Cross volunteers take water samples in each of the schools a few times a year and send those samples to the Lebanese Agricultural Laboratory Institute for testing. According to the committee’s technical team, it will cost roughly \$2,500 a school to install water tanks, filters, and provide ongoing monitoring. About 200 schools have been covered so far. The goal is to reach all 1,535 schools within three years.



Courtesy : <https://www.rotary.org>

By Arnold R. Grah

MEMBER’S SPEAK - CHARTER PRESIDENT & IPP, RTN SATISH AGADI

Hey, here’s one more story, I am sure you will find it not only interesting but inspiring too!!! **True Story - SuMo**



Everyday, top executives of Tata Motors have been used to taking lunch together. It’s been a sort of rituals for them. But for some days, Sumant Moolgaokar was missed during the lunch hours. They all started noticing his absence during lunch as the days passed by. He used to take his car and go out during Lunch Hours and come back as soon as the Lunch Break was over!!!

There was a grapevine that he was offered lunch at a Five Star Hotel by some dealers of Tata. And similar parallel stories started making rounds. One day some executives thought upon an idea of catching him @ the right spot. During one such lunch breaks, as Sumant Moolgaonkar moved out in his car, the fellow detectives followed him....! Soon, they were shocked to see that he stopped his car at one of the Highway Dhabas. They followed the suit as he ordered food for himself. He sat to lunch with the drivers of the trucks who were eating food at that dhaba. He discussed with them what was good and what was bad in the Tata Trucks, patiently jotted down and then came back to his office. He simply worked on improving upon the experiences of drivers. Such was Sumant Moolgaokar's zeal for improving the Tata Vehicles. His lion hearted action spread like a wild fire & it goes without saying that he inspired many leaders too in the process. Tata Sumo is one of the biggest corporate tribute paid by any organisation to it's executive across the world. **Su** stands for Sumant and **Mo** stands for Moolgaokar. He simply existed in their brand name.

Inspiring isn’t it?  
One of the biggest examples of what happens when the most deserving efforts are witnessed by the genuine corporations!!

Questions to ask ourselves!

- 1. Do I always work to better the end result or intended user’s experience?
- 2. Do I have the ability to go all out & get feedback for my work as the best tool for continuous and never-ending improvement?

**Retrospect & Ignite the self purpose .... sooner or later the Universe responds with the Bounty!!!!**

RCTCS GOOD INITIATIVES – SPECIAL APPRECIATION

- 1) New member joined us – SUNIL SHARMA – He has years of valuable experience to share with Rotary with an innate willingness for social service. Employed with Time Technoplast Ltd. Blessed with 2 daughters and stays at Prathmesh Hills on Kolshet Road, Thane
- 2) Rtn Jai for reaching finals at ROTAL and Rtn Ratima Raikar for her participation
- 3) Wonderful session by Mr. Shankar Shikhar on Shiv Bhairav tantra based breathing techniques for internal harmony on 8<sup>th</sup> Dec organized by Rtn Alka Rawat which was very well appreciated by the crowd



Rtn Sunil Sharma

CELEBRATIONS

**Birthdays** - Rtn Ratima Raikar on **25<sup>th</sup> Nov** | Rtn Kalyan Rao on **4<sup>th</sup> Dec** | Rtn Parvash Raikar on **10<sup>th</sup> Dec** | Tanvi Sharma (Daughter of Sunil Sharma) on **12<sup>th</sup> Dec** | Aryan Pandit (Son of Rtn Mandar Pandit) on **20<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**Anniversaries** – Jai Viswakarma on **24<sup>th</sup> Nov** | Mandar & Prachi Pandit on **25<sup>th</sup> Dec** | Ashwin & Vandana Ijantkar on **29<sup>th</sup> Dec**