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R.I. Dist. 3141 DG: **Rtn. Sunnil Mehra**

R.I. President: **Rtn. Holger Knaack**

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PRESIDENTS COMMUNIQUE



Dear Members,

It gives me immense pleasure in writing my first communication to this esteemed club, as the President for 2020-21

Friends, for the last three months, our lives has been unusual and we have been missing our weekly meetings, fellowship parties, watching movies in theaters, eating at our favorite restaurants, strolling on the beach, long drives, vacations etc.. etc...but mainly meeting each other and the absolutely essential human contact. However, friends, staying at home is the only need of the day, and we have no option but to follow it strictly.

Last month, we witnessed the sad demise of our two Charter Members, Pritamda Lalwani and Dr. Nagam Athreya. Let us all join our hands and pray to the Almighty to grant eternal peace and tranquility to the departed souls and strength to the bereaved

families to bear this huge loss.

COVID 19, Lockdown and subsequent events has changed our lifestyle completely. Some changes are temporary, whereas, some changes are going to be permanent, which we need to adapt slowly but steadily.

Who would have thought, a few years back, that our Charter Night and the Installation will not be in person but will be held virtually? Unfortunately, the current situation forced us to do the same. I am happy that though we were experiencing this for the first time, and also with other technical challenges, the entire function was smooth and enjoyed by all. I congratulate all for being part of this process, and participating enthusiastically. We witnessed a unique event, never done before, and which will go down in the history of our club.

The privilege of placing the collar around the newly elected president, normally enjoyed by the DG, was, to my good fortune, taken over by my mother, who placed it with her blessings

The new BOD has lined up various projects for the coming year. Though there are various uncertainties and challenges, with the enthusiasm and dedication of all, I am sure that there will not be any barriers in completing these projects successfully.

The entire world is facing severe shortage of medical equipment to combat this current pandemic of our times. I am happy and feel proud that our Club did our bit by contributing PPE Kits, Masks and Ventilators to Sion Hospital through our Global Grant Project apart from providing meals to poor and needy and will continue to do the same as and when situation demands. We also provided immunity boosting homeopathy pills, approved by AYUSH to the community in contained areas.

With the guidance and support of all members, I along with my team look forward to a very eventful year. Any suggestions, from members, as regards to functioning of the club, are always welcome.

Lastly, I pay tribute to all COVID Warriors who lost their lives in this pandemic.

Neeta joins me in wishing all our members a safe and secure journey through these difficult times. Be at home and be safe. Don't go out unless it is very essential. Take care friends till we meet again.

Yours in Rotary,

Kishor Rajeshirke

Open Letter to Smart IPP Ratan and First Lady Shalini

A truly unique and memorable year 2019 - 2020. It will remain etched in our memories.

Congratulations to you, your team of directors and Vishnu who was a capable, competent, effective and efficient club secretary.

The Acronym Selfless, Motivated, Adaptable, Responsible, Trustworthy is most apt for both of you. As four years young member in RC of Mumbai Sion, you proved that lack of experience does not really matter when there is a strong urge for excellence and perfection. Whether it was weekly meetings or mini-projects like drawing competition or huge projects like Jaipur Foot, you gave it your best with involvement and focus.

You lead the club very courageously throughout the year, more especially during the challenging last three months with new initiatives like regular, AGMs and BOD Zoom meetings, meals distribution and reaching

out to people with homeopathy medicine as a preventive measure.

We express our deep appreciation for the work you have done and the way you have done it silently with dedication. The thing that stands out most about you is your humility. You aimed at the work and did not get attached to who gets the credit for the work. You believed in team work and gave credit to others, which is remarkable.

Shalini's signature and creativity has been apparent in her able support to you throughout the year whether it was your installation last year or the current President Kishore's installation. We recognize the work done by her as the First lady of the club.

May you achieve lots of laurels and successes in Rotary and in life ahead. Wishing you many more years of super health, happiness and togetherness with Shalini and your family.

Many Happy Returns

We wish members on their anniversaries and birthdays in July 2020:

5WD R/Ann Shalini & Rtn. Ratan Wadhvani	22BD R/Ann Neeta Kishor Rajeshirke
8BD Rtn. Sanjay Trikamdas Manek	22BD R/Child Aman Ramesh Tandon
11BD R/Child Saloni Surendra Bhagat	22BD Rtn. Vishwas W. Kale
17BD R/Child Nikhil Ramnath Pradeep	24BD R/Child Shantanu Gautam Dey
20BD Rtn. Kishor M. Rajeshirke	26BD Rtn. Gautam S. Dey
22BD R/Child Arvinda Arulprakash K.	27BD R/Child Kartik Parekh

SHAM-E-SHUKRIYA

An unusual entertainment program was planned by an enthusiastic and exuberant first lady Shalini and IPP Ratan, for their shukriya program appropriately named Sham-e-Shukriya, on the 9th July.

The invite said it all. It was the kind of entertainment that would keep you glued to your chair, Also the Gracious host was so concerned for well-being of the participants that she was kind enough to advise to join in with refreshments.

The evening started with Shalini and Ratan warmly thanking everybody for the support through the year.

An Unscheduled Fund raiser in the form of a well-organized Raffle took place where Rs 51000 was collected from Rotarians, friends and Relatives of the President for DG's project for As soon as the raffle prizes were announced, the screen was handed over to Mr Girish Wadhvani, a guest singer for the evening.

Girish an ace singer started with popular songs sung to perfection. After a few numbers he invited another guest singer Manisha Jethwani, for her participation. Manisha another top-class singer belted out very popular numbers in her beautiful melodious voice entralling the audience.

One could not but remain glued to our screens and enjoy this evening of entertainment.

The club is grateful to Shalini and Ratan for an unusual evening of entertainment.

Sunnil Mehra DG 2020-21



Debonair, suave, polished and soft spoken, Sunnil Mehra, our DG for 2020-21, hails from an illustrious textile family that migrated from Lahore to Amritsar in 1940. The family was involved in the freedom struggle of India.

Sunnil was born at Amritsar on the 9th May 1956. Soon, the family moved to Mumbai, and he completed his schooling from Campion School and his graduation from KC College.

Thereafter, he obtained his textile diploma from Sasmira Institute, Worli and completed his further education as a polymer technologist from Bagubhai Mafatlal institute, Vile parle. Study and working in the textile field was the family passion, The unique art of fabric screen printing in India was pioneered by his grandfather, Shri Harichandra Mehra.

Besides excelling in his studies, Sunnil, has been a keen sportsman. Having played competitive cricket and badminton and representing his school, and College at National Level as well.

He started his business career by setting up a separate art silk unit for fabric weaving. After running it successfully he diversified into Marketing and Distributorship. Today he is the MD of KorpBiz Pvt Ltd and Brand Ideation Pvt Ltd, which deals with manufacturing and marketing of various packaging products in wood, paper, plastic and acrylic.

His achievements at Rotary are numerous. To name a few:

*THE ROTARY FOUNDATION DISTRICT SERVICE AWARD in the year 2008 -09

*RI AWARDS OF MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND EXTENTION 2008-2009;

*RI AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN DISTRICT LITERACY - 2008-2009;

*RI AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ZONAL LITERACY - 2008-2009;

*RI AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE 2008-2009.

*CLUB BUILDER AWARD 2014-15;

*THE ROTARY FOUNDATION DISTRICT SERVICE AWARD in the year 2014-15

*And the highest award given to any Rotarian SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD in the year 2015-16;

Sunnil has served every Governor's team, at the District level, from 2009 onwards till date. He worked as Avenue Chair for the Differently Abled, Avenue Chair for Youth Services, District Secretary, Avenue Chair CSR, Literacy Chair, Governors Special Aide, Assistant Governor, Functional Chief Co-ordinator..

He pioneered Project Annapoorna in the year 2014 -15, a way to fight hunger under which over 1,60,000 people were fed. This was replicated in the year 2016-17 under which 60,000 were fed again.

His dream project is to make the entire Rotary district 3141-Disabled Friendly, which will allow the Disabled and the Elderly to move around with dignity. He also sponsored a Differently Abled Garden at

Kamala Nehru Park, Malabar Hill, Mumbai.

He chartered the Rotary Club of Mumbai Lakers and was the GSR of RC Mumbai Chandivali and RC Millenials.

He organized the first CSR seminar of 3140 in which 150 corporates attended and pledged their support to our district.

He is happily married to Shilpi, a Rotarian and an Inner wheel member. She is also Past President of RC Mumbai Lakers and RC Bombay Pier. They are Major Donor Couple Level Two. Both are very motivated towards community service and passionately want to give back to society, by having done large and impactful projects, both individually and jointly.

They are blessed with three children. Shradha, married to Nirav Virani and blessed with two children Avika and Nivaan. Their daughter Aishani has graduated in Multi Media & computer science and is currently working in the family business and son Sukrit, who has completed his BTech in USA.

Sunnil, a welcome speaker, at Rotary and non Rotary functions, claims innocently, that his blood group is R+, which means Rotary positive, as he is certain that only service flows in his veins.

Our D.G., a multi talented, pleasant and sporting personality, is an epitome of what can be achieved at personal level and given back to the society in tons, inspite of personal difficult times,

We welcome D.G. Sunnil Mehra and wish him a very successful year ahead.

PRESIDENT'S TEAM - 2020-21

Rtn. Kishor Rajeshirke	-	President
Rtn, Ratan Wadhvani	-	IPP
Rtn. Kiran Shetye	-	PresidentElect
Rtn. Suhas Masurkar	-	Secretary
Rtn. Mahendra Chedda	-	Joint Secretary
Rtn. Arulprakash	-	Treasurer

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Rtn. Ravi Chauhan		
Rtn. Yogesh Prabhu		
Rtn. Sunil More		
Rtn. Dhruv Chaudhary		
Rtn. Rohit Sivan		
Rtn. Vijay Mody	-	Club trainer
Rtn. Shashi Parekh	-	Club Bulletin Editor

We mourn the sad passing of our dear members

Dr N. H. Athreya



Dr. Athreya, was one of our 33 charter members, and a past president of Bombay East. He was a management guru, a noble human being, a gentleman par excellence. He embodied the fact that knowledge is ageless and he had a unique style of including humour in all his addresses. He trained club members to become effective speakers, with proficiency and experience as his forte, he could lead any organization successfully. A life well lived for 99 and half years.

Pritam Lalwani



Pritamda, as he was lovingly addressed, was one of our charter members in 1974. He was an M.A. with statistics and a distinguished professor. He led the club as a president and served the district in many different ways. A successful businessman and the founder of his business house Govindson Flashlight industries private ltd. He was a scholar and teacher and always a friend, philosopher and guide to many. A father figure of the club who will be missed greatly. A respectful citation has been given to the family by a caring club.

R.I. President : HOLGER KNAACK



President 2020-21

Rotary Club of Herzogtum
Lauenburg-Mölln, Germany

Knaack is the CEO of Knaack KG, a real estate company. He was previously a partner and general manager of Knaack Enterprises, a 125-year-old family business.

He is a founding member of the Civic Foundation of the City of Ratzeburg and served as president of the Golf-Club Gut Grambek. Knaack is also the founder and chair of the Karl Adam Foundation.

A Rotary member since 1992, Knaack has served Rotary as treasurer, director, moderator, member and chair of several committees, representative for the Council on Legislation, zone coordinator, training leader, and district governor.

He is an endowment/major gifts adviser and was co-chair of the Host Organization Committee for the 2019 Rotary International Convention in Hamburg.

Knaack and his wife, Susanne, are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation and members of the Bequest Society.



Cook like an expert:

Rice Sevaiyan on a bed of assorted vegetables.



Oil free Suji Sevaiyan on bed of boiled veg with Piri Piri flavouring. Along with Vegetable stock instead of tea/coffee.

When everyone is at home, and hungry, the lady of the house stirs up many a delectable meals to satisfy all age groups. The dish has to be attractive, filling and nourishing.

But when men take up to cooking, the result is fanatastic. So let us get started by learning something simple and delicious. Here's one such jhatpat creation especially for men, to try and learn a great hobby.!

Cut assorted vegetables in small pieces. You can use beans, carrots, baby corn, mushrooms etc Boil them with very little water or steam in a steamer without salt or any garnishing. Drain and keep aside.

Take sufficient quantity of rice/ suji sevaiyaan. Boil as per instructions, drain excess water and keep aside.

Take a shallow bowl and spread the vegetables in it. Layer the sevaiyaan on top with sprinkling of desired flavouring like peri peri, Mexican masala, sambhar powder or plain chaat masala. Sprinkle some vegetable stock and microwave for a minute.

Voila! Take it out like a magician and serve it hot.

150 meals for the very poor around Gandhi Memorial School at Dharavi,

11.(photograph in whatsapp)

Principal STS Chelludurai of Gandhi Memorial School at Dharavi, our Interact School, had requested for 150 meals for the very poor around his school area. Though this request came in after our meal distribution project had been completed, IPP Ratan with the help of Dhruveer Singh Gandhi organized the meals. Mr Chelludurai was very happy at this gesture and reciprocated sincerely with a letter of gratitude to the club. Rtn Girish's dedicated efforts for the distribution was greatly appreciated.

ENVIRONMENT:

Pollution on the beaches during Covid 19



COVID-19 has sparked a global arms race for personal protective equipment (PPE) as governments scramble to protect frontline workers. But while no-one disputes the current urgency, campaigners are concerned it

could worsen another epidemic: Pollution due to plastic waste.

The UN estimates that 13 million tons of plastic are dumped in the sea each year and that half of the plastic produced globally

is for single-use items. In the Mediterranean, 570,000 tons of plastic are dumped each year, the equivalent of 33,800 plastic bottles every minute, according to WWF.

This is a serious matter and needs to be tackled urgently. What can our role be in this situation?

A grave concern for all and a situation which needs to be attended immediately before it becomes a gigantic problem.

Suggestions are invited from Rotarians and family.

IPP Ratan and Shalini face lockdown peacefully with prayer, positivity and fortitude. ... How?

Q1 How did you and Shalini react to this crises?

The paradox about the crises was that, that it was as easy as it was difficult.

The mantra “Who Bhi Beet Gayi, Yeh Bhi Beet Jayegi” “That, what was then, it passed away, this too shall pass”

This powerful mantra keeps us motivated and made things easy !

Besides, we are home birds, so with the lockdown we did not feel as though we are jail birds.

The difficult part was, that previously we each had our own routine. however, when the world came to a stop, we found we both had the same agenda.....mainly ‘house keeping,’ adjusting to the new normal, and to ensure that our immune systems were strong and healthy.

I’m sure, initially all ladies found having our husbands at home all day, took some adjusting, whilst, for the husbands having a policewoman for a wife wasn’t much fun. However, together we have managed well and we thank God.

Q 2 What is your routine during lockdown?

We are both early risers. Our mornings starts in sweet silence.

At 5.30 am we have a little outing, in the form of some recreational exercise on the terrace.

Between 7 -8 am, is our “me time” when we both engage in our spiritual study and personal development. Thereafter, Ratan attends to his work and I go about my household chores – cleaning, clearing, cooking and washing,

what have you, and what have you notThis should sum it all, as I am sure, many of us are in the same situation at this point and time!

Ratan is allergic to housework, nevertheless he pitches in, which is a great help! (I would say, it is one of the good things to come out of this pandemic).

Evenings we spend in meditation and watch a spiritual program on TV. We both opted early on, that in the pandemic we would avoid the news channels. In so believing, we did ourselves a great favour, escaping from the fear and negativity that seems to surround the news these days.

Q3 How do you plan to move ahead?

We’re planning to travel to London when things ease a little, where we can hopefully relax and unwind. On a deeper level, I guess we’re hoping to carry with us many of the lessons and the gifts we’ve received during this crisis.

Namely, to continue focusing on safeguarding our health and building up our immunity - and above all, to have and hold on to positivity.

I feel that’s the least and the most we can do for ourselves.

Q4 Life’s lesson learnt through these crises

It has been interesting to observe ourselves at this time -both our strengths and our weaknesses. Slowing down and observing our inner world deep within has given us many answers.

We have learnt not to take the little things for granted and how

fortunate we are in so many ways! We thank God our protector and our provider.

We are also appreciative of all those who helped us, be it the security people, the Vegetables and fruit vendor, the grocery supplier, our neighbour etc.

We also realised that even during the confinement of lockdown, we still have something to give, even if just small acts of kindness.

We thank the Rotary club who inspired and encouraged us to give of ourselves.

Hence, we were able to stretch that extra mile.

The instant reward was a feeling of happiness, and this led us to a deeper understanding of what it is to “live in the moment”.

We hope with prayers that this lesson will be a part of us and ours. Another thing we realised is the importance of sending out pure feelings, good wishes good vibrations from the mind, especially when we cannot physically be present to help others.

Q5 Our efforts on how to remain positive ?

I found that, the fastest road to remain positive is by developing an attitude of gratitude which kept us moving onwards and Godwards.

As we journey through life “Shukar Hai, Shukar Hai’ are two tiny words that builds a bridge between the soul and the Supreme.

Sometimes it feels like everything we need is already within, sitting like a garland round our neck, and yet we are searching for it in out there.

Hence, it’s important to dive in, to pull out the treasures, as well be a detached observer.

'The Abilene Paradox. ?!' a valuable lesson

One day, a family decided to go out for dinner. The husband asked his wife, "where should we go?" Presuming that he would like Gujarati cuisine, she said, "Let's go to The Terrace Restaurant". Her son and daughter nodded in agreement. On their return, the son remarked, "I wish Papa had taken us to the China Palace as he loves Chinese food," "or at least to Shere-E-Punjab for their yummy tandoori chicken" added the daughter.

"Yes, I too would have loved to go to China Palace" agreed their father. The mother looked surprised- "But didn't we all unanimously agree to go to the Terrace Restaurant", she asked. "I didn't want you to feel bad." Said her husband. And, both children nodded in agreement.

Now, Here were four people, who of their own volition would not have gone to 'The Terrace Restaurant', but collectively agreed to go there.

This also happens in big organizations, especially in the corporate world.

This is the Abilene Paradox—'The inability to Manage Agreement'. (Prof. Harvey.)

The Abilene Paradox occurs when a group of people collectively decide on a course that is contrary to the preferences of most of the individuals in the group. As explained, "Organizations frequently take actions in contradiction to what they really want to do and therefore defeat the very purpose they are trying to achieve"

This is the inability to manage agreement. He adds, "The inability to manage agreement, not the inability to manage conflict, is the essential symptom that defines organizations caught in the web of the Abilene Paradox"

In corporate world / organisations, when the top or senior leader throws an idea, the group immediately agrees. This

is because everyone in the group thinks he or she would look stupid if he or she disagrees to decide on 'yes' when 'no' would have been the personal and the correct response of the majority,

Ayn Rand says- "If we have an endless number of individual minds who are weak, meek, submissive and impotent, who renounce their creative supremacy for the sake of the "whole" and accept humbly the 'whole verdict' we don't get a collective super-brain. We get only the weak, meek, submissive and impotent collection of minds"...

(This applied to the Challenger space shuttle launch that blew up because no one called out the dangers to stop the launch).

So, Speak Out Your Mind Without Bothing...

If You Want To See Overall Larger Good.

Dr. Bharat Damany

Club serves the community during Covid -19

A humble declaration on what happens when :

-A major calamity strikes the human race and how Rotarians of the club stand up to support where required.....

A crisis of gigantic dimension struck the world over, and everyone came out to do their best for the needy.

This is a brief mention of how the club served the community in true Rotary principles from 22 nd March onwards till date.

* 5 lakh meals were distributed to the slum dwellers and daily wagers and roadside dwellers.

*75000 meals distributed to construction labour, roadside service police and firebrigade personnel

*staff of 2 police stations were provided meals for 90 days.

*Rs 5 lakhs were donated to Thane Small Scale Industries Assn. for donation of PPE kits and masks to the hospitals of Thane.

*Rs 5 lakhs donated to the prime minister's PMCARES fund

*Rs 5 lakhs donated to the C M's relief fund.

*800 bottles of (500ml and 300ml) of sanitizers were given to the police station.

*10,000 disposable bedsheets were given to a hospital run by Brahmakumaris, at Andheri.

* Homeopathy Pills: Free immunity promoting homeopathy pills were distributed to approx. 5500 people in the community for safeguarding people in these critical times through Dr Rakesh Gupta of Satva Charitable Sanstha.

*The approved Global Grant Project of Rs 34,48,800/-for a check dam, with a request to R.I., was converted to aid during these pandemic crisis. The front liners of the Lokmanya Tilak Municipal hospital were provided PPE suits, N 95 masks and ventilators (Rtn.

PROJECTS TAKEN UP DURING 2019-2020

1. Recognizing and Awarding people for their vocational excellence and who served the community through their vocation.
2. Recognizing and Awarding outstanding teachers who have gone beyond their call of duty.
3. Yoga Practice for cancer warriors: An uplifting and calming weekly program for cancer survivors of the community.



Yoga in progress for Cancer Warriors

4. Recognition and awarding Ambika Yog Kutir, by recognizing their dedicated community service and rewarding the teachers with appreciation plaques.
5. Recognising and awarding Mr Satish Kolvankar & his wife Sheetal who have supported RCMS in our project for Cancer Patients.



Meals distribution and food packets in progress

6. Jaipur Foot Project: Mobility equipment was distributed to the needy in the community.



PPE/Masks etc. distributed to Sion Hospital

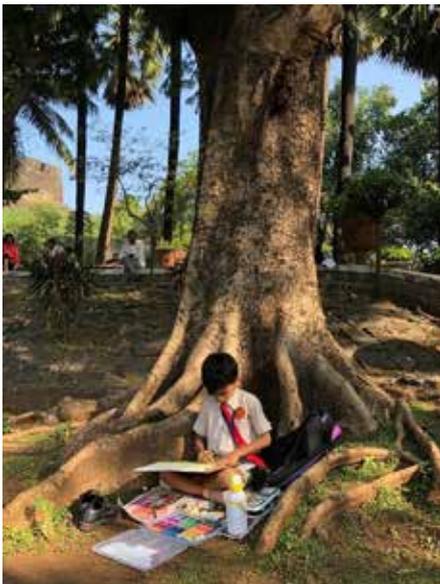


Jaipur Foot Camp in progress

- 7. An occupational therapy project in support of mentally challenged children of Pragati kendra, Sion to enhance their educational skillsl.
- 8. An ongoing project where 20 slow learners at Gauridutt Mittal school will be monitored and provided therapy by Disha Counselling Centre.
- 9. Drawing Competition for 150 children of aided school in Sion Area.



Readying Meal Boxes



Art competition in progress



Tiny recipients of meal packets

- 10. During lockdown, Meals Distribution in the community to the front-liners construction labour, police and poor in Dharavi Area.



Hands being sanitized

Tiny recipients of meal packets



Distribution of homeopathy medicines in Contained areas



Project with the Police during lockdown

11. Upliftment of Ghatalpada, a small hamlet near village Manor in Palghar District is an ongoing project, where support and aid is provided in phases to improve the lives of 150 people living there.
12. Immunity promoting homeopathy pills were distributed to the community in contained zones through Satva Charitable Trust.



Sioners make it a picnic at Ghatalpada



Sioners at Ghatalpada



Ghatalpada residents in Smile



Some members of the task force behind the Ghatalpada Project

Installation of President Kishor Rajeshirke

.(photographs)

A meticulously planned and systematically executed President' Rtn Kishor Rajeshirke's installation was witnessed by the club members on the zoom app. There was a lot of anxiety and doubt as to how would this work out, but the technical problems were taken care of by the backup team and the entire function went on without any problems.

President Ratan started off the function, by reminiscing on how the year went by and unfortunately due to the lock down, last 3 months were not that free for outdoor activities. However, the club took these critical times in its stride and did whatever best was possible. Meal distribution, donating protective gear and equipments to the doctors and frontliners of Sion hospital. Disposable bedsheets for a smaller hospital run by Brahma Kumaris trust, and providing immunity promoting homeopathy pills to the general public. He said, each and every Rotarian of the club stood by in support and helped out. The year went by smoothly due to the support and cooperation of all members.

Kishor, a gentle soft spoken and a slightly shy, dedicated rotarian was installed as the 46 th president of this prestigious club. A CA by profession, and a avid Sudoku fan, humms Kishore Kumar songs and loves to travel .He was introduced by Rtn Sanjay Manek.

Kishor spoke about his vision and this unique opportunity of taking over the club in these locked down times. Very positive in his approach, introduced his team and was confident that the club will have a journey beyond the ordinary since he felt that the club consisted of extraordinary people.

There was a cake cutting ceremony, as per tradition, followed by lighting of lamp.

Kishor, was collared by his mother and blessed lovingly.

We welcome our 46 th VISIONERY president and Neeta as the First Lady of the club.

PDG Kishore Jobalia spoke about the club history and highlighted how we have been a respected club in the entire District. A 46 year old club with rich traditional values and which gave 2 distinguished DGs and has many a firsts to its credit. The Pre Pets and the concept of Shukriya function was introduced by us. Kishorebhai also mentioned about the dynamic lady Rotarians of our club. He concluded apologetically, for he said the history is huge and illustrious but his allocated time will not permit it.

Our incoming DG, Rtn Sunnil Mehra was introduced by our AG Asha Janardhan.

The entire function went on smoothly creating a first of its kind in the history of the club.

Overall a well orchestrated event, beautifully managed and a unique First Time occasion !!!

Editorial:

“Wisdom has been gained by facing life head-on,” and that was so true in these times. We all thought that age and experience had made us intellectually complete but.....the short time spent from 22 nd march till date has taught us many secrets of survival, caring and prioritie

Few lessons we all learnt:

*One needs to make a new mental priority list everyday, and what really mattered was our family and closest people in our lives.

*Minimum was enough for survival, hoarding stuff was unnecessary. The unbearable pain and suffering of the migrant labour, trying to reach back home, immediately brought out a silent prayer from all of us. Without effort, praying for everybody became our daily routine. We learnt to pray passionately for our loved ones, our neighbours, our frontliners, our country and the world.

A human calamity of this dimension, was never imagined or anticipated world over. We all lived in unnecessary wants and flouted every norm of discipline, care, or concern about the environment. But, when the large endemic did come, it brought out the best and the most humane behavior at all levels. The heroes of our club worked quietly and tirelessly without expecting any medals or citations or recognition. They showed exceptional human virtues!

Obviously, we are all born with many beautiful humane qualities, but we let life slip away without tapping these rich treasures.

We all bow down, with respect, to all the warriors who felt compassion, goodwill, and provided service as frontliners

or worked for their selected charitable cause, and went miles beyond their call of duty. In these times we also saw Rotarians, world over, taking a lead and work for their fellow human beings in many unusual and uimaginable ways.

Lastly, inspite of these problems, we completed a great year with Ratan and Shalini.

We now hand over the reigns of the club to Kishor and first lady Neeta, who have very capably taken charge in a meticulously executed, e-installation ceremony.

Looking forward to a year full of change, togetherness, and new opportunities to serve,

Shashi