

Visiting Rotarian from Rotary Club of Bombay, India, District 3141



Dick Dolinski, Tom Lane, Gail Hoffman, Siddharth (Mickey) Bhimrajka, Tawny Nelb, Randy Ettema

The Rotary Club of Midland, Michigan, was pleased to have the opportunity to host Rotarian Siddharth Bhimrajka from the Rotary Club of Bombay, India, District 3141. He was visiting Midland from June 16 until June 28, 2024. He had accompanied his son Vidit who completed a two-week internship at CFSPAN (Customers of DowAksa).

About Siddharth Bhimrajka:

Siddharth is a second generation Rotarian who has been an active Rotarian for five years. Examples of his humanitarian service include the following:

- In the first month of becoming a member, Siddharth organized a medical camp for the 500+ personnel of the Mumbai Police Force.
- He has been the Water Committee Chair for two years and has completed a [Global Grant](#) for installing 1,100+ Handwash Stations in 750+ schools in the Palghar District near Mumbai benefitting 50,000+ children.
- He has completed installation of Safe Drinking Water Plants in 146 Schools benefitting 32,000+ children.
- He has spearheaded Covid Relief Work by distributing 15,000+ PPE and other materials to various hospitals in Mumbai.
- He is an incoming director at the Club for Rotary Year 2024-2025.

About the Rotary Club of Bombay (RCB):

The Rotary Club of Bombay (RCB) is one of the pioneers of the Rotary movement in India, devoted to the ideal of ***Fellowship through Service***. It was founded on March 19, 1929 and is the second oldest club in India. RCB today sustains dozens of community service projects that have touched millions of lives.

Service:



RCB has a member base of 330+. It is one of the largest contributors to The Rotary Foundation, and each year they carry out high impact projects through various committees. <http://rotaryclubofbombay.org/>

Rotary Club of Bombay Meeting Place: Taj Mahal Palace Hotel

Rotary Club of Bombay

- RC Bombay formed in 1929 is the 2nd oldest club in India and currently amongst the largest in terms of membership and the number and scale of community service projects done
- RC Bombay directly benefits several thousand men, women and children every year, making a positive impact in the society
- Over 35 Committees of the RC Bombay look after various avenues of service. Of these, 25 Committees are dedicated to Community service
- We leverage the expertise of ~1000 people engaged in community service
- Every rupee spent reaches the beneficiary multiplied several fold, as it leverages, in addition to the money, the value of the time spent by Rotarians and their partners in service



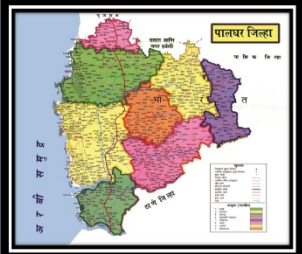
Fellowship:

Rotary Club of Midland Club members—including Dick Dolinski, Tawny Nelb, A.G. Tom Lane, and Gail Hoffman—and 2024-2025 District Foundation Chair, Randy Ettema—enjoyed dining together at the Midland Country Club on June 20. All were engaged in meaningful conversation about our Rotarian service, respective clubs/districts, and the potential for future collaboration.

On June 27, Siddharth attended our annual “Passing of the Gavel” during which he gave a presentation about a very successful **Global Grant** in the Palghar District near Mumbai:



Palghar



- Youngest dist. in Maharashtra
- 38% population ST community
- 2204 schools to 0.7M Children
- 40% schools w/o WASH
- Poor practice of PH* & MHM**
- 750 schools identified by Rotary to install Hand washing stations
- Make Palghar 1st dist. in India with all School having Hand washing stations.

* Personal Hygiene, ** Menstrual Hygiene Management

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Siddharth also attended our Peacebuilding Committee meeting following the regular meeting AND the well-attended Wellbeing Coalition Porch Talk hosted by Mayor Maureen Donkertha evening at her home. It truly was a very special day!

Rotary Tradition:

One of Rotary’s most colorful traditions is members’ exchanging club banners. Clubs display their own decorative banners at meetings and district events, and Rotarians who travel to other countries often take these banners to exchange with the clubs they visit.



Today, the tradition continues as a way for clubs to express their friendship.

The approximately 20,000 banners in Rotary’s archives reflect clubs’ hometown pride and their connection to Rotary International.

Siddharth and Gail continued the tradition...