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Editor : Dr. Ravindra Kasat

President's Pen



My dear fellow members,

It is a matter of great pride for us to publish Reforms Club's Newsletter. I congratulate our esteemed member Dr. Ravindra Kasat who has played an important role as the editor of this Newsletter. His efforts are quite laudable. I would like to thank all the members for electing me as President, Mr. Ajay Chimote as Secretary unanimously and members of the Managing Committee with thumping majority for 2019-21. At this moment, I think it is time to look within to appreciate what we have done in past. It is time to remember and thank all our past presidents, senior members whose efforts have brought us so far.

It is also time to commit ourselves and resolve to work even harder. We have responsibility to shoulder to ensure that our Club reaches new heights in time to come. Time is changing fast, expectations and needs of the members and the community are changing with it. Our success depends on how we respond to these changes. There are many more milestones to reach yet and I know all of us are aware of what they are. To mention a few; badminton court, guest rooms, provision for parking, good food and restaurant, beautification of pool side area. We assure all the members of the Club a healthy, friendly, family atmosphere in the Club.

We have a very devoted and enthusiastic Secretary Mr. Ajay Chimote, dynamic Treasurer Mr. Divesh Agrawal, dedicated Vice President Mr. Sushil Padole and a rich pool of experienced and young Managing Committee members like Dr. Ashwinikumar Deshmukh, Mr. Dhananjay Band, Dr. Anil Dhamorikar, Dr. Ravindra Kasat, Mr. Purushottam Bajaj, Mr. Sukesh Dhole and Mr. Rajesh Raghani is just the right fuel to propel our Club's growth to newer heights. Coming together is beginning, keeping together is progress and working together is success. So friends, come together, keep together and work together to foster friendship and fellowship.

- Umesh Mahendra



From the desk of Secretary

It gives me great pleasure to present you the Secretary's report for the first time in this Newsletter in the history of Reforms Club. I thank very much Dr. Ravi Kasat who happens to be the member of Managing Committee as well as the editor of this Newsletter.

Reforms Club has always performed on various front and has done splendid work on the social front as well as improvement in the Club facilities for the members. Its a matter of pride for all of us that the Kitchen, the Bar Room, Gym, Swimming Pool, Tennis Courts, Billiards have performed exceptionally well in this period. There is a long way to go and as a Secretary of the Club, I promise you that maintenance, development and public relations will be at the highest mark for the rest of the tenure. Wishing you all great and wonderful friendship and fellowship.

- Ajay Chimote





Editorial

Fellow members and respected dignitaries,

It gives me immense satisfaction to become the founder editor of Reforms Newsletter . At the outset I thank our beloved President, Umesh Mahendra who had delivered this brilliant idea of publishing the Reforms Newsletter. I also thank him heart fully to appoint me as the editor.

Friends, Reforms Club is the institution where the members and their families come for enjoyment. Along with enjoyment, I feel, we also owe many things to our society and hence the social and cultural aspect of the Club to be enhanced. We the members of the Managing Committee under the able leadership of President Umesh have decided to work in this field so that we can organize more and more events having cultural and social bearings.

I also thank the senior member of the Club who have acted like pillars, have also guided me in this endeavor. I sincerely hope that you will appreciate and acknowledge our efforts and opine about them in our next Newsletter.

Thanks.

- Dr. Ravindra Kasat

MESSAGES



Dr. Ravindra Kasat,
Editor, Reforms Newsletter

My hearty congratulations to you for being appointed as editor of Reforms Newsletter by the President Umesh. This is because of your dedication and devotion towards Club. This will be the reflection of day to day and various social activities taken by the Club. I feel this Newsletter will also help to get more affiliations.

Ravi, from the four-room building, we have worked hard to uplift this Club to this level. The seedling we have planted decades ago has gradually converted into a huge tree with dense foliage and now we all are enjoying the sweet fruits of these efforts by relaxing beneath the cool shadow of the tree. I wish you all the best.

- Dr. Vijay Agrawal
(President, 1990-91 & 2001-02)



Dr. Ravi Kasat,

I am very much happy to know that one of my best friend Dr. Ravi is putting a star in the glory of Club for the first time by being Editor of this bulletin.

I am sure that this bulletin will put forth all the activities carried inside and outside of Club for the members' knowledge which will inspire all the junior and senior members.

“केल्याने होत आहे रे, आधी केलेची पाहिजे”

Best Luck Ravi.

- Dr. Vasant Lavankar
(President, 2009-10)



Dear Dr. Ravindra Kasat sir,

I am delighted to know that you are editing a news bulletin for our Club as editor. Let me first congratulate you and the Managing Committee of Reforms Club for this innovative activity. As far as I know your capability and energy, I am sure you will give your maximum and best to make this new activity a full success.

This bulletin will help all members of our Club to know about daily Club activities, past achievements and also future plans by the existing Managing Committee and also rendering a transparency in Club affairs.

I wish you and the Managing Committee a great success in this endeavor.

- Dr. Umesh Deshmukh
(President, 2005-06 & 2006-07)



Dear Dr. Ravi,

Publication of Club Bulletin is constructive step which will help the members about various activities and thereby generating more interest in participating in different events of the Club.

I congratulate you and the entire Management Committee and wish a great success.

- Dr. Prafull Kadu
(President, 2007-08 & 2014-15)

MANAGING COMMITTEE - 2019-21



President
Umesh Mahendra

A Chemical Engineer and manufacturer of micronutrients, agro chemicals and bio-fertilizers, represented the Managing Committee five times. Wife Kumud is also active in social work. Son Varun is in USA while daughter Meghna is in UK.



Secretary
Ajay Chimote

A builder in profession, Ajay is B.E. (Civil) from Government Engineering College, Amravati. Elected twice in the Managing Committee of the Club, Past Secretary of Rotary Club of Amravati Midtown is a sports lover and had won many trophies in Billiards. Married to Nisha and blessed with a daughter Anushka.



Vice President
Sunil (Ballu) Padole

A graduate of Commerce and Business Management, he is a owner of Padole Associates and Hotel Maratha Pride. He is Past President of the Club. Tied knot with Archana, Sunil is blessed with a son Nihar and daughter Annanya.



Treasurer
Divesh Agrawal

Divesh is a manufacturer of micronutrients, member since last twenty five years, thrice represented the Managing Committee of Club, Treasurer of Club and also served as a President of Lions Club of Amravati. Divesh is also associated with other social organizations. Married to Radhika and blessed with two daughters, Kanak (member) and Bhumi.



Member
Purushottam Bajaj

Joined the Club in 1999-2000, is a manufacturer of barbed wire and chain links, a successful industrialist, member of MIDC Association, Sindhi's Welfare Association, Chamber of Commerce, was corporator of Amravati Municipal Corporation. He belongs to a happy family with wife Jayadevi and daughter Ritika. This year we will experience different taste as he is Director of Food & Restaurant.



Member
Dhananjay Band

B.E. in Civil Engineering, a Government Contractor, represented Managing Committee in 2017-19 also. An ever smiling personality, Dhanajay is married to Varsha and is proud parent of son Aryan and daughter Veera. He is Director of Bar Room of the Club this year.



Member
Dr. Ashwinikumar Deshmukh

Son of Late Dr. A.P. Deshmukh, Past President of the Club (1982-83), Dr. Ashwinikumar is Obstetrician, Gynecologist and infertility specialist, represented the Managing Committee in 2009-10, Past Secretary of IMA, Amravati. Wife Dr. Anupama is also a Gynecologist, son Aryaman (member), daughter Anshulika are other members in family. This year he is Director Swimming, Gymnasium and Youth Wing Committee.



Member
Dr. Anil Dhamorikar

Practicing as Ophthalmologist since last 25 years, Past President of Vidarbha Ophthalmic Society and Amravati Ophthalmic Society, Past Secretary of Lions Club of Amravati Indrapuri, Member of Masonic Lodge and Shri Ganeshdas Rathi Chatralaya is a regular player of badminton. Wife Dr. Vandana is a Dentist. They are blessed with two sons Akshay and Shreyas (both are members). This year he will take care of the garden premises as a Director.



Member
Sukesh Dhole

A production Engineer, Government Contractor and an Agriculturist, past member of Managing Committee Sukesh is married to consulting Gynecologist Dr. Monali and are proud parents of Kashik and Ryan. He is Director of Development Committee and Human Resources this year.

Managing Committee - 2019-21



Member
Dr. Ravindra Kasat

A Consulting Surgeon by profession, a charter member and Past President of Lions Club of Amravati Indrapuri, member of IMA, Amravati, Past President Surgeon Association, Amravati, Sports loving personality and plays lawn tennis regularly in the Club. Married to Sharda and blessed with a daughter Dr. Neha (an expertise in pediatric anesthesia) and a son Engineer Rohan (USA). This year he is Director of Sports, Library and Editor of Club Bulletin.



Member
Rajesh Raghani

An Engineering in the production of PVC and Garden pipes is a member of the Club since last two decades. Recently started playing lawn tennis in Club. Wife Priti and two daughters Harshali and Kavya are members of his family. He is Director of Entertainment this year.

THE CLUB FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART



Reforms Club, Amravati is one of the oldest and most prestigious Club with a glorious 117 years history dating back to 1902. It is located in prime area in the heart of city which makes it easily accessible to all. It is ideal for family members. It is a place where family and friends come together, celebrate festivals with love and joy.

The Club has reciprocal affiliations with 215 plus Clubs in India and abroad. The reciprocity provide a huge advantage to members of Club like us, when we travel. The Club offers practically all modern and sports disciplines having world class facilities like tennis, table tennis, swimming pool, health club and also indoor games like billiards and cardroom.

An allied Club with ambience, exotic food with great service, spacious, parking facility, best location, eco-friendly atmosphere, well maintained and attract best crowd in town. It has two beautifully decorated dining halls and a lush green lawn to dine and pool side seat out with the drinks.

This is the best place for chill-out for everyone.... *bachche, budhe aur jawan*

- Ketki Deshmukh (Jagtap)
(Member - 2013-14)

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Shri Sanjay Kale
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गतिविधियाँ



वर्ष की शुरुआत में ७ अप्रैल २०१९ को क्लब की ओर से पहली बार गुठीपाडवा एवं चेट्रीचंड पर्व मनाया गया। प्रमुख अतिथि विदर्भ पाटबंधारे विकास मंडल के उपाध्यक्ष, क्लब के ज्येष्ठ सदस्य तथा शहर के लोकप्रिय विधायक डॉ. सुनील देशमुख ने सभी सदस्यों को नववर्ष की शुभकामनाएँ दी। इस कार्यक्रम में रिफॉर्मस् परिवार के ११० से अधिक सदस्यों की उपस्थिति थी। इस कार्यक्रम का प्रायोजन कार्यकारिणी सदस्य श्री पुरुषोत्तम बजाज परिवार द्वारा किया गया था। कार्यक्रम में विभिन्न व्यंजनों के साथ स्वादिष्ट सिंधी दाल-पकवान का सभी ने आनंद लिया। (छायाचित्र - डॉ. सुनील देशमुख के साथ, डॉ. अश्विनीकुमार देशमुख, सचिव श्री अजय चिमोटे, प्रायोजक श्री पुरुषोत्तम बजाज, सौ. जयादेवी बजाज, अध्यक्ष श्री उमेश महेंद्र, डॉ. रविंद्र कासट और श्री दिपक धामेचा)



१५ अप्रैल २०१९ को दो साल से प्रलंबित विषय अर्थात क्लब जिम के फ्लोअरिंग की मांग प्रोजेक्ट चेअरमन डॉ. अश्विनीकुमार देशमुख के मार्गदर्शन में संपन्न की गई।



हर वर्ष की तरह इस वर्ष भी गर्मी की छुट्टियों में १६ अप्रैल से ६ मई तक श्री नितिन आसुदानी द्वारा बच्चों के लिये 'मस्ती की पाठशाला' (डांसिंग क्लास) आयोजित की गई। २५ बच्चों ने इस पाठशाला का लाभ उठाया।



रिफॉर्मस् परिवार के लिये प्रोजेक्ट चेअरमन श्री राजेश राधानी के मार्गदर्शन में "Orchestra : For the members - by the members" का आयोजन पुलसाईड लॉन पर शनिवार दि. १८ मई को अंजुम भाई के संगम ऑर्केस्ट्रों के साथ किया गया। इस कार्यक्रम का सफल संचालन क्लब की प्रथम महिला सौ. कुमुद महेंद्र एवं डॉ. रविंद्र कासट ने अपने ही अंदाज में,

“हम नयन क्या सपन भी रंग डाले, ये धरा क्या, गगन भी रंग डाले। ऐसे गीत गाओ आज दोस्तों, तन के संग संग जो मन भी रंग डाले।”

बोल कर कार्यक्रम का आगाज किया। करीब २४ कलाकारों ने अपने गायन का हुनर प्रस्तुत कर सभी को मंत्रमुग्ध और आश्चर्यचकित कर दिया। अंत में क्लब की युवा सदस्या केतकी जगताप ने अनोखे अंदाज में हौजी प्रस्तुत कर सब का दिल जीत लिया।



भारत में पहली बार पुणे की हेमा आरके और प्रभुराम के साथ गुंजन लढ्ढा ने स्कैंड डब फिटनेस पुल पार्टी का आयोजन रिफॉर्मस् परिवार की ६० महिलाओं के लिये किया।



आयएमए द्वारा आयोजित बेटी बचाओ रैली में श्री सनी अरोरा, अध्यक्ष श्री उमेश महेंद्र, श्री प्रकल्प राठी, डॉ. अश्विनीकुमार देशमुख, डॉ. मनिष राठी, डॉ. प्रवीण व्यवहारे आदि।



अप्रैल-मई-जून २०१९ में हर वर्ष की तरह स्विमिंग कैंप आयोजित किया गया जिसका २०० बच्चों ने लाभ लिया।

गतिविधियाँ



१५ जून २०१९ को अंतरराष्ट्रीय नेत्रदान दिवस पर हरिना नेत्रदान संस्था की ओर से २१००० दीप प्रज्वलित करने के कार्यक्रम में क्लब द्वारा शहर के हृदयस्थल राजकमल चौक पर नवनिर्वाचित सांसद मा. सौ. नवनीत राणा, पूर्व पालकमंत्री मा. श्री प्रवीण पोट्टे पाटील, पूर्व सांसद अनंतराव गुरे, रावसाहेब शेखावत, जिलाधिकारी शैलेश नवाल के साथ रिफॉर्मस् परिवारने सहभाग लिया। क्लब के स्टॉल पर अध्यक्ष उमेश महेंद्र द्वारा 'जीवन ज्योति बुझ जाए, नेत्र ज्योति जलती रहे', 'भूषण परचाल भी दूसरों में जीवित रहे', 'आप रहे ना रहे, आपकी आँखें देखती रहे' संदेश दिये गये।

२७ मई २०१९ को क्लब में अक्वा फिटनेस डेमॉस्ट्रेशन शिविर संपन्न हुआ। शहर में इस प्रकार की कार्यशाला पहली बार अंतराष्ट्रीय मान्यताप्राप्त गुंजन लढ्ढा ने ली। स्विमिंग पुल में ३० मिनट तक यह क्लास ली गई। इस में एक्वा झुंबा के फायदे जैसे कि वजन कम करना, चरबी घटाना, मानसिक तनाव कम करना, हृदय को मजबूत बनाना बताये गये।



सब यार फिर जिंदगी की मजधार में मिले,
जो जाते थे सायकिल में, वो सारे कार में मिले।
वह बचपन फिर खिल उठा,
जब कॉम्प्लान पीनेवाले भी बार में मिले।



Laughter
is the
Best
Medicine

शारीरिक और आर्थिक प्रगति के लिये सुबह के दोस्त बढ़ाओ और रात के दोस्त कम करो।

ऐसा उपदेश सुन कर गंभीरतापूर्वक चिंतन किया और एक निर्णय लिया...
रात वाले दोस्तों के साथ सुबह तक बैठना है।



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Memories down the lane

At the outset I extend my thanks to Dr. Ravindra Kasat for entrusting on me the task of writing down my memories of the Club. I have narrated what I recollect permitted by my age, being the senior most member along with Mr. G. A. Patkar (as per joining date of Club membership).

One day some time in 1970 I along with Late Dr. Balkrishna and Late Dr. S.K. Bose were sitting at the home of Dr. Bose, when Late Mr. Murliseth Rath, Late Mr. Kishor Narsoo, Late Mr. Harish Malani and Mr. G. A. Patkar visited us at about 11.00 am. They put before us the idea of taking over the Reforms Club and renovating it. The Club was lying defunct till then with an old building with three big rooms and one billiard room with a British time billiard table. Somehow I don't know why one room was blocked with some MSEB goods inside. I heard then that 4-5 old members were the custodian of the Club and they did not encourage new membership. I heard that the last surviving member would be the sole owner of the Club as per the prevailing constitution. But Murliseth Rath investigated, argued and we 8-10 members joined the membership. Somehow Murliseth Rath took over the management. First thing was of course to increase the number of members which gradually increased with the sole consent of Murliseth Rath. He being the pioneer, was respected by members and his decision was always taken as final. Then the next agenda was to re-write the constitution which I think senior member Late Pavnaskar, Late Justice R.S. Padhey and some others did it. It was approved by the executive committee and submitted to the office of Charity Commissioner.



The Club had a beautiful surrounding. We 10-15 members would gather there in the evening and enjoy a good gathering. Drinks were brought from outside and consumed there. The remaining stuff was kept under the custody of Late Mr. Shivanna who was a billiard marker of British Time. He was always in British style with coat put on. The table and room was under his supervision. He taught the game of billiards to all of us. For many years the care takers of the Club were these Andhrite Annas like Shivanna, Pittana, Hirrana etc. and their families residing in the campus. They were all interrelated. The routine continued for years i.e. drinks, snacks and food. The food department was managed by Pittana another British time cook who served both English and Indian dishes. The taste of the preparations by him still lingers over my tongue. Shivanna was later on asked to open his bar and we used to purchase drinks from him only. There was, again, a British time peg measure which is served with I think that the peg measure was there in the Club upto 90's.

The strength of the members went on increasing year by year. The tennis court was also renovated and made playable so that some of our members and members from Officer's Club used to play on that court. Members also started using one room and named it as card room. Few interested members started playing rummy. I still remember the management enforced the rule that the rummy stake should not be more than 25 paise. Sole interest of the management was that the game should be for entertainment only and not gambling.

The strength gradually increased and development of the Club was the priority. Murliseth Rath and others decided to sale some of the land of the Club. This raised the funds for overall development. Some of us became life members paying one time fees of Rs. 1,500/- only. The tennis court, card room, kitchen, billiard room etc. were renovated. I think, by this time our famous cook whom we called Pant joined the kitchen services. He serves many varieties of delicious dishes. Every member was pleased and even guests entertained in the Club appreciate the food and thus our Club became famous for its food.

Meanwhile in 1980 the permit room was opened and the bar was setup. I will give full credit to Murliseth Rath for this effort. By this time some incidents of quarrels happened and Club was divided in groups which ultimately landed in Club elections. In 1981-82. I was Secretary and Late Lalbhai Mehta was the President along with Late Madanlal Verma as Treasurer. We decided to build a big hall where family get-togethers can be arranged. As the funds were meager we constructed a hall having a roof of galvanized tins. We used to organize film show every fortnight and families of members attended it. The films were projected by 8 mm projector. The greatest drawback was the eco problem and the children of families of police line nearby the Club. Thus this effort was a failure and abandoned shortly.

Day by day the groupism increased and again there were elections in 1982-83. Late Dr. Balkrishna and Late Dr. A.P. Deshmukh contested in which Dr. A.P. Deshmukh got elected. Both were doctors and both were friends! This atmosphere of bitterness went on and thereby the congenial atmosphere was lost. This was the time when Dr. Vijay Agrawal emerged as leader. At the time of elections there were two panels, one of Murliseth Rath and other of Dr. Vijay Agrawal, against each other. But most of the time as both being very practical elections were avoided by compromise. As the time passed Murliseth Rath lost his health to a great extent and ultimately left for heavenly abode.

Dr. Vijay Agrawal was very keen social worker. He developed a very good association with the members and put up new plans for the progress and development of the Club, not in a dictatorship manner but with a pleasant convincing way. He became key figure in running of the Club and I hope his is still a very key person. Lots of developments which we saw like swimming pool, new hall, new kitchen etc. could be brought. I think I should stop here because they say "Past memory is better than present memory." I know the present members know all well more than me, about how the Club progressed in last 10-15 years.

Many of us called it as our second home. I don't know how much that is correct. But definitely it can be made into homely atmosphere so that the members, though sometimes land in election but that is obvious in democracy. Let us all join together and see that the progress will create a reputation of this Club as one of the best in at least Maharashtra Region.

- Dr. U.B. Yadgire

(President, 1983-84, 84-85 and 1986-87)

Congratulations for being bestowed upon**New Affiliations (2019-21)**

1. Siddharth Millionaire Country Club & Convention Center, Chopashi, Jaislmer Bypass Road, Jodhpur, Rajasthan
2. Pathankot Club, Pathankot, Punjab
3. Karnataka State Hockey Club Bangalore, Karnataka
4. Valley View Country Club, Udupi, Karnataka

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May we move on to speak through action.

Regards

- Dr. Ravindra Kasat