



JAIN CENTER OF CENTRAL OHIO



President's Desk

As we come to close this year, and say goodbye to 2020, we also bid farewell to our dear JCOCO family member Anish Doshi. This year many saw tough times, lost loved ones, as we did here at JCOCO.

Dedicated, selfless, persistent, joyful, peaceful, calm, creative and most of all the keeper, the heart and soul of our temple. That is how I would describe Anishbhai. A friend once told me, no one is indispensable, but I think Anishbhai was exactly that, irreplaceable and unique! He touched many of us and our lives with his charisma and personable nature.

This quarter's newsletter is dedicated to Anishbhai, his achievements, and a glimpse of his contributions to our community and our society. He was not only involved in our temple, that was like his second home, but also in various other organizations. One such organization was the Rotary Club. They work on many different causes, which Anishbhai was invested and involved with. According to the Rotary club, Anishbhai was an advocate and an "amazing people connector!"

We are proud of you Anishbhai, and it has been a privilege to have known you. We will always miss you, and your presence. We are at peace that you will always be there in spirit, and somewhere, in some way, we will find you within the corners of our temple, your temple.

Please sit back, and enjoy this newsletter, as much as we have enjoyed putting it together, in memory of Anish V Doshi.

Did you know?

- Anishbhai was born on same day as Mahatma Gandhi
- Anishbhai was called "Gattu" growing up
- Anishbhai frequently got into fights in school and ended up in clinics
- Anishbhai gave his home address as site for Jain Center temple back in 1994-1996 (Westerville road)
- Anishbhai had 3 dogs as pets – Shashi, Anand and Kiran
- Anishbhai had 3 cats as pets – Uma, Jyoti and Akash

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Did you know? - Continue

- Anishbhai loved older TV programs from 1960s and watched them frequently
- Anishbhai's favorite programs were "I Love Lucy", "What's my line", and "The Jack Benny Show"
- Anishbhai learned Indian traditional dance of Kathak in his 20s
- Anishbhai participated in stage shows and dramas for JCOCO, Rotary, Hindu Temple and other organizations
- Anishbhai learned to cook in his 20s and 30s and he learned baking in his 40s
- Anishbhai started "Doshi Dough" cookie company around 46 year old
- Anishbhai contributed to 50+ charities over last 30 years



Pathshala Corner

Hope all the kids, parents and entire Sangh is doing well. This month JCOCO lost one of its most precious and irreplaceable gems - Anishbhai. As you all are aware Anishbhai's dedication, unconditional love and his sincerity for temple and sangh will be missed forever. Along with temple activities/chores, maintenance, daily pujas and many more areas, Anishbhai was heavily involved and passionate about educating kids with Jain Principles and Values. He always found fun ways to teach Jain principles to kids. His yoga classes during JCOCO camps, his fabulous songs during variety of occasions, his explanation of nature during nature hikes, his yummy cookies and above all his Pathshala classes -- all will be missed tremendously by kids and parents equally. Anishbhai was our Pathshala level 3 teacher. Prior to that he also taught the level 1 class of younger kids. With his guidance and leadership, our kids learned Jainism in a practical manner. He always encouraged kids with open discussion, which allowed them resolve many of their questions. Pathshala classes, JCOCO camps, and JCOCO will not be same without him. We will miss Anishbhai tremendously. We hope and wish he is in a better place and will be guiding us in right direction from wherever he is!

Jain Recipe

SUNRISE SEEDUCTION – Recipe from Late Shri Anish Doshi



Ingredients: Seeds (Sunflower, Pumpkin, Sesame, Hemp) jaggery, Sweetened Cranberries (sugar, sunflower oil), Maca powder, (Peruvian root), unrefined coconut oil vanilla extract (ethyl alcohol), and salt.

-12 ounces of jaggery cut in small pieces - mix with 1 tsp of unrefined coconut oil- heat on low in a pan

-12 ounces of mixed seeds (roasted Sunflower, Pumpkin, Sesame, Hemp) ** feel free to add other roasted nuts

-2 ounces of sweetened Cranberries

-1 tsp Vanilla

-2 tbsp maca powder

- pinch of salt

Once the jaggery is *melted.. add all your seeds and other ingredients, once all incorporated spread on baking tray lined with parchment to the thickness of the bars you like and cut and enjoy.

** Do not melt jaggery like Chiki.. just melt it so it is soft enough to mix in the seeds

Note your color or the bars depends on the color of Jaggery. Also play around with Jaggery and seeds measurement.

Enjoy these sunrise seDUCTION bars and don't forget to chant any religious sutras as you make these!!! (secret ingredient of our beloved **AD**)

Spotlight

Anishbhai's list of an all rounder individual does not end with only Pathshala and temple activities! He was a great participant in our cultural programs. He participated in many dramas and in our Prathishta movie- Mun-nabhai Mile Chetna se, as well. The most recent and memorable performance by Anishbhai was in our Nem Rajul production! He acted as Indra and this role suited him perfectly well ! Not only did he participate, but he was great with words and many times assisted with the drama scripts. If that was not enough, he also taught and performed in many of the opening dances for our dramas and cultural events!



Community News

ANISH DOSHI – COLUMBUS ROTARIAN

Anish exemplified the Rotary motto **SERVICE ABOVE SELF**. He was a dedicated and much-loved member of the **Rotary Club of Columbus**.

Anish was introduced to Rotary by C.K. Satyapriya. He helped with Rotary's very first Dances of India "End Polio Fundraiser", a performance by dancers from the Nalanda School of Indian Dances. Eradicating polio has long been a major goal of Rotary. He became a member of Columbus Rotary in 2014, served on numerous committees, and was on the Columbus Rotary Board for a 3-year term. His smile and charisma brightened the lives of every Rotarian he met.

Here are a few highlights and comments from his Rotary friends.

"As a **Derby Day Soiree Committee member**, Anish was involved in **planning, ticket sales, fund-raising and more!** His **Doshi Dough cookies** got numerous high bids at the auction table! He brought joy and talent to the committee; everyone enjoyed him so much! And, oh, on the night of the event, he looked so dapper in his white **DERBY DAY** suit!"

"Anish was a tireless **advocate of Rotary**, often bringing guests to the Monday meetings. He would always get to the meetings early so he could introduce each guest to other Rotarians....finding a connection between the two. **He was an AMAZING people connector.**"

"When I would call to check in on Anish, he was always more interested in how I was doing. I called him once when he was in the **middle of a Chemo treatment** and I offered to call him back later. He said, "No, I have time, how are you doing?" Nothing was ever about him; **it was always about others.**"

"Anish was **ALL IN** when he served for **3 years on the Rotary Board of Directors**. He shared his creativity, experience, and boundless energy! **He was a DOER and always willing to lend a helping hand!**"



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"Anish helped plan and promote the **Dances of India** polio fundraiser for several years. He even **danced in the shows** – much to our surprise and delight. Through all his efforts, not only did he help raise money, he enhanced our appreciation of Indian culture through people, dance, and food. While promoting the event at the Westerville Indian festival, more than 500 people stopped at the Rotary booth to greet him. It seemed he knew everyone in the community and never met a stranger. That is no doubt because he gave the same genuine care and attention to family, friends, faith community, and co-workers just as he did with his Rotary family."

"Anish was always so **upbeat and happy!** I was so thankful to have him in my life."

"I worked with Anish **preparing and serving food at the Ronald McDonald House**. I really never knew him before that. We became Rotary friends, and my life is better for that friendship. **He was a good man.**"

"Anish shared his health and wellness knowledge with many of us...but the best part was sharing his tasty and healthy **Doshi Dough confections!** He was always so generous about donating his goodies to **Rotary fundraising efforts**."

"We learned that Anish strongly believed that all life is interdependent and that we all knowingly or unknowingly, intentionally or unintentionally either help or hurt other living beings. So why not chose the option to **help others** to the best of our ability."

We are fortunate to have known Anish; he was an **exceptionally fine Rotarian and friend**. He will be greatly missed and forever in our hearts."



Where is Anish?

Anish is in well placed kitchen utensils
Anish is in well staked paper products
Anish is in the aromatic and delightful masala tea
Anish is in the shinning hallways
Anish is in puja room's kesar and chandan
Anish is in the fire of diyas
Anish is the fragrance in the rangmandap
Anish is in well tended plants
Anish is in petals in our flower garden
Anish is in spread of our painted walls
Anish is in the deep breath of my meditation
Anish is in a form of my yoga
Anish is in the heart of all
Anish is in the foundation brick
Anish in the dhwaja swirls
Anish is in the naad in ghantarav
Anish is in the taal and sur
Anish is in my chamar dance
Anish is the energy of our dramas
Anish is in the laughter of Munna
Anish is the thread in the window coverings
Anish is the wind blowing from rangmandap to kitchen
Anish is in the spicy vegan thai curry
Anish is the sweetness in our cookies
Anish is the kuber in our bhandar
Anish is the soul of this poem
Anish is the shining star of my temple
Anish is in the signpost of my derasar
Anish is Ahernish (a constant- gone nowhere but in our spirits)

(Poem by Pratik Dalal)