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FROM R.I. PRESIDENT'S DESK

I am sure you are having an enriching experience as you Serve to Change Lives. One of the ways you can make the greatest change in a person's life is to help them learn to read. Literacy opens up the world to us. It makes us better informed about life in our own communities and opens vistas to other cultures. Reading and writing connects people and gives us another way to express our love for one another.

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month in Rotary. Enhancing literacy skills is critical in our pursuit of reducing poverty, improving health, and promoting peace. In fact, if all students in low-income countries left school with basic reading skills, it would result in a significant cut in global poverty rates.

Without education, illiterate children become illiterate adults. Today, 14 percent of the world's adult population — 762 million people — lack basic reading and writing skills. Two-thirds of that group are women. Literacy and numeracy skills are essential to obtaining better housing, health care, and jobs over a lifetime.

Especially for girls and women, literacy can be a life-or-death issue. If all girls completed their primary education, there would be far fewer maternal deaths. And a child is more likely to survive past age 5 if he or she is born to a mother who can read. Improving outcomes for more people worldwide is possible only if countries remove barriers to education for girls. The economic argument for doing so is clear: In some countries where schooling is geared toward boys, the cost of missed economic opportunity is more than \$1 billion per year.

In India, the TEACH program, a successful collaboration between the country's Rotary clubs and its government, has demonstrated how to scale up literacy efforts to reach millions of children. And at a time when schools across India were closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the program's e-learning component reached more than 100 million children through national television.

Literacy is the first step out of poverty. As Nobel laureate Malala Yousafzai has noted, "One child, one teacher, one book, and one pen can change the world."

Shekhar Mehta
President 2021-22



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

I am sure all the club members of the Rotary Club of Vapi Phoenix must be having an enriching experience after joining the club and looking forward to 'Serve to Change Lives'. I welcome 10 new members in our family who were installed on 15th August.

I am greatly overwhelmed by the success of our first service project, the blood donation camp, held on our club's charter installation day.

September is 'Basic Education and Literacy Month' in Rotary. Helping someone to read and write effectively or to acquire basic math skills is something so many of us take for granted, nevertheless, it plays an important role in improving the future of everyone in society. Literacy is critical to economic development as well as for individual and community well-being and our economy is enhanced when one has higher literacy levels.

Learning to read in the first few years of primary school is critical for retention and success in future grades. Literacy is the cornerstone of development. It leads to better health and employment opportunities as well as to safer and more stable societies.

Starting this month, our club is planning to 'Serve and Change Lives' through literacy projects, like speaker meeting on Risk Management, and a workshop on 'Banking for Women Members' as well as a workshop for maids and helpers around us, where they will be guided on 'Maa Cards' and also create greater awareness on other government schemes.

After fruitful service projects, it's time to increase bonding among ourselves, and hence, we will be going for a picnic on 26th September. We look forward to each and every member and families joining this picnic and enjoy fellowship.

With this, I hope we all take our club to new heights and 'Rise and Shine'.

चलता रहूँगा पथ पर, चलने में माहिर बन जाऊँगा।

या तो मंज़िल मिल जाएगी, या अच्छा मुसाफिर बन जाऊँगा।

Happy Ganesh Chaturthi in advance! Take care and be safe.

President
Rotary Club of Vapi Phoenix



CHARTER INSTALLATION CEREMONY

15th Aug 2021, Avadh Utopia, Vapi: The charter installation of Rotary Club of Vapi Phoenix was held at Avadh Utopia with the installing officer, DG Santosh Pradhan. He was accompanied by his better half and first lady, Rtn Sunetra Pradhan. The occasion was blessed by PDG Nilax Mufti & Rtn. Shailja Mufti, while PDG Anish Shah & Rtn Swati Shah were our guest of Honour. GSR Rtn Vipul Patel, AG Rtn Deval Shah, PDG Suredrasinh Parmar and presidents and secretaries of nearby clubs were also present to grace our occasion. DG Rtn Santosh Pradhan presented Charter to President Himanshu Garg. 60 Charter members and 10 new members were installed on this occasion and President Himanshu Garg presented his board. Moreover, members were presented with personalized membership kit containing charter membership certificate and Rotary Four Way Test. We unveiled our Bulletin, 'Udaan' with the worthy hands of PDG Nilax Mufti and Rtn Shailja Mufti. We declared formation of Interact Club of Rotary Vapi Phoenix.



BLOOD DONATION CAMP

15th Aug 2021, Chala, Vapi: 75th Independence day was celebrated with a noble cause, a blood donation camp which was our first service project. Rotary Vapi Phoenix in association with Pramukh Greens, Chala, Vapi arranged a blood donation camp and 58 units of blood was collected, among which 19 units were collected from female donors. Around 50 members and spouses, along with their children, were present during the occasion to encourage the donors.

Many members from Pramukh Greens Society enthusiastically came forward to donate blood. As a mark of gratitude, Rotary Vapi Phoenix presented each donor with a beautiful kit containing a foldable, reusable bag, a dairy, a pen, a bottle of sanitizer, 1kg organic sugar and their blood donation certificate.

Before the event, doctor members of our club made an informative template on myths and reality of blood donation during COVID-19 pandemic. This informative template was circulated through social media by all the members. During Independence day celebration at Pramukh Greens, the awareness of the same was given to the prospective donors who were encouraged to donate blood. Our camp saw many first time donors.



Remove your myths & misconceptions
It is safe. It is simple. It saves lives.

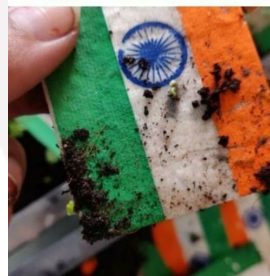
Myths	Reality
☞ Blood donation isn't for women	Any healthy adult, both male and female, can donate blood.
☞ A blood donor is prone to infections	A fresh needle is used for each blood donor. So, there is no chance of an infection.
☞ Blood donors become obese	Blood donation doesn't affect your body weight at all.
☞ Can I donate after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine?	A vaccinated person can donate blood after 28 days of second dose.
☞ Older adults cannot give blood.	Anyone between 18-65 years of age can donate blood.
☞ People who have tattoos or piercings cannot donate.	They can come after six months of getting a tattoo or piercing done.
☞ Enough people already donate blood.	India today faces a shortage of 10% relative to its blood requirements. This means that we require to cover a shortfall of over 12 lakh units




Blood Donation Camp
 9 AM - 3 PM on Aug 15, 2021
 @Pramukh Greens

CELEBRATING 75TH INDEPENDENCE DAY

15th Aug 2021, Vapi: On the 75th Independence day, eco friendly pin-up tricolor flags were distributed. They were made from cloth and paperwaste and contained seeds in it. After use, these flags needed to be sowed in soil which would grow into a beautiful plant. These flags were given to everyone present at the Blood Donation Camp at Pramukh Greens and also to all the members and guest present at the charter installation ceremony of our club at Avadh Utopia, Vapi. Around 250 flags were distributed on the Independence day. The guests arriving at the installation ceremony were informed about the benefits of these pin-up flags with posters explaining the contents of the same. In this manner, we showed respect of our national flag and also did our bit of saving mother earth by distributing the flags.



RAKSHABANDHAN : EXPRESSION OF LOVE, FAITH AND GRATITUDE

21st Aug 2021, Vapi: The members of the proposed Interact Club celebrated Rakshabandhan in a unique way. Their gratitude towards frontline workers in public service was expressed with their actions as tied rakhis to RPF and other staff members of Vapi railway station, as well as the traffic police staff, staff of Bagwada toll booth and a transgender near Vapi. The ever-enthusiastic staff at Vapi railway station welcomed and appreciated this gesture made by our children. Moreover, a lady police personnel reciprocated their gesture by tying rakhis to them. Along with that, chocolates were also distributed to potters and their children at Vapi railways station. In this colourful and lively event, the children were accompanied by Rotarians including the President, Rtn Himanshu Garg, Rtn Paromita Sarkar, Rtn Smita Nadkarni, Rtn Anju Garg, Rtn Aditi Jain, Rtn Sana Jasani, Rtn Taskin Dharsee, Rtn Pratiksha Goyal & Rtn Sheetal Tailor. Moreover, the Rotarian of the Rotary Club of Vapi Phoenix also encouraged their children to honor domestic helpers at their homes by gifting educational kits to their children which were sponsored by Hon. Secretary Rtn Sudha Prajapati. Jasmin Garg, Sarah Chacko, Shubh Prajapati, and Navya Tailor wholeheartedly participated in this program. At the end of the day, a total of 10 educational kits containing 6 full scape notebooks, 5 pens and chocolate were gifted by the children. In such a manner, our zealous young members of the proposed Interact Club are determined to share smiles in society and help serve the community in whatever ways they can.



KNOW OUR NEW ROTARIANS



Namita Sarayan, sponsored by Rtn Rajeev Sarayan and Rtn Riddhi Sarayan, is a jewellery designer. She is married to Manish Sarayan who runs a business under the name of Shubham Enterprise at Damanganga Industrial Park manufacturing pens. She is blessed with 2 kids, Aarav, studying in class 9 and Aadhya, studying in class 7.



Heena Parekh is sponsored by her husband, Rtn Himanshu Parekh. Rtn Heena is a home maker and does fashion designing as a hobby. Her husband works as a finance manager at Vertellus Specialty Materials India Private Limited. She is blessed with a daughter, Nirja, who is studying Psychology.



Hemant Patel is sponsored by Rtn Vivek Patel. He runs a business under the name of AP Inks at 40 Shed, GIDC Vapi, manufacturing water and solvent based inks. He is married to Tejal Patel, a home-maker, and is blessed with two kids, Priyanshu and Aaj. Priyanshu is pursuing BE chemical and Aaj is studying in class 10.



Meraj Jasanai is sponsored by his wife, Rtn Mehzabeen Jasanai. He is in the business of Insulation under the name JC Insulation & Engineering Private Limited with its clientele spread all across India. His wife is one of the directors of the company. They are blessed with a daughter, Seher Jasanai, who is studying in class 8 and a son, Nayab Jasanai, studying in class 3.



Nitin Gaikwad is sponsored by Rtn Sudha Prajapati. He is a production leader and plant in-charge of Vertellus Specialty Materials India Private Limited. He is married to Shubhangi, a homemaker and they are blessed with two kids, Purva, studying in class 11 Science and Prathamesh, studying in class 8.



Vineet Ojha is sponsored by Rtn Sudha Prajapati. He owns a consulting firm, Satya Investment & Consultancy which deals in investment and risk management. He is married to Sonia, a homemaker and they are blessed with two kids, Lavisha and Shaurya.



Rahi Shah, sponsored by Rtn Manish Shah, owns a manufacturing unit named VAMECH SEALS which deals in making of process pumps and mechanical seals. He is married to Khyati Shah and blessed with two daughters, Kashish and Niyanta, and a son, Jainam.



Manisha Prajapati, sponsored by Rtn Hemant Prajapati, is his sister. She has studied law and is currently serving in Gnyan Dham School.



Vijay Mehta & Mamta Mehta are sponsored by Rtn Rahul Nandwana and Rtn Sarika Nandwana. Rtn Vijay Mehta is an engineer by profession and an Associate Vice President (Technical) at Wellknown Polyester Ltd. while Rtn Mamta Mehta is a homemaker. They are blessed with two kids, Harsh and Yash.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9th Sep 2021** Introduction of literacy projects of Rotary District 3060 by Rtn Alpa Kotadia.
- 16th Sep 2021** Awareness of online banking, importance and avenues of savings and availing bank loan facilities to women by Literacy Chair Rtn Neepa Gosrani and Rtn Abhishek Sharma.
- 23rd Sep 2021** Awareness programme on Risk Management by Rtn Vineet Ojha
- 26th Sep 2021** One day club picnic
- 30th Sep 2021** PARICHAY: Rtn Amisha Mehta and Membership Chair Rtn Vishal Nadkarni introduce new members.

BIRTHDAYS



Rtn Yashvi Shah
2nd September



Rtn Shwetang Dhanani
8th September

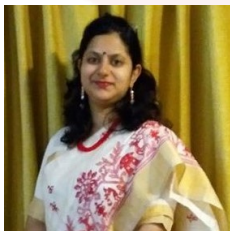


Rtn Praveen Dhandhanania
23rd September



Rtn Tamanna Sharma
23rd September

HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS



Rtn Paromita Sarkar
Appointed as Area Coordinator
(Girl Emporment), Cluster 7 Dist 3060



Rtn Amisha Mehta
Appointed as Project Chair
(Red Revolution) Dist 3060



Rtn Twisha Hathi
Rotarian of the Month

ROTARY KNOWLEDGE

Carlo Ravizza, who led Rotary into the 21st century, died on 19 July 2021 at the age of 95. Ravizza served as RI president in 1999-2000. He believed that to ensure its success in the new century, Rotary should base its decisions and actions on three criteria: consistency, credibility, and continuity. He said, "Rotary members were well positioned to serve as a bridge between the problems and the possibilities."

Through Rotary, Ravizza worked tirelessly to improve the lives of people all over the world. In 1996, he led a trip to Kenya to immunize children in nomadic groups against polio. He was one of the first leaders of Rotary's World Community Service programme to connect industrialized nations' resources to needs in the developing world. From 1986 to 1988, he chaired four Rotary International Conferences for Development, in Bangladesh, France, the Philippines, and Zimbabwe. He represented Rotary in global summits that addressed issues such as housing and hunger.



CURRENT AFFAIRS

India moves to phase out single-use plastic items by year 2022. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has introduced a new set of guidelines via Plastic Waste Management Amendment Rules, 2021.

HEALTH TIPS

Home remedies by Rtn Manisha Pranjapati:

- * To increase platelets count in case of dengue, squeeze one spoon juice of papaya tree leaf and have it two times a day.
- * Half cup juice of giloy stick boiled in water, taken empty stomach in the morning works wonders in increasing platelets count.
- * Dragon fruit, kiwi and apple are efficient in increasing red blood cell count.

HERE'S WHAT IS BANNED IN INDIA FROM 2022



- Earbuds with plastic sticks
- Plastic sticks for balloons
- Plastic flags
- Plastic candy/ice cream sticks
- Thermocol decoration
- Plastic plates/cups/glasses/cutlery
- Plastic straws and trays
- Plastic wrapping on sweet boxes
- Plastic invitation cards
- Plastic cigarette packets
- PVC banners less than 100-microns



UDAAN KI PARWAAZ

- Congratulations to all our members for contributing \$2000+ to Rotary Foundation by 15th August, our installation day.
- 26 interactors have accepted to be charter members of Interact club of Vapi Phoenix, Int Ronit Rajan Gupta and Int Namya Chintan Shah have accepted to take the responsibility of being charter president and secretary of the proposed Interact club, respectively.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

We commenced this month with the spirit of fellowship. We chose to walk this path of service together. In this path, we, as Rotarians as well as responsible citizens, come closer each passing day because of our shared idea of a utopian community where every person we come across is doing to best to contribute to society. We are also eager to welcome every person who shares our spirit as we can serve society on a grander scale if we are joined by more like-minded individuals. We believe that every person can give back to the community, and all we need is to explore and recognize that attribute. At Rotary Club of Vapi Phoenix, we aim to employ every Rotarians' abilities to the fullest in the execution of our service projects. Keeping the Rotary motto in mind, we target to involve a larger number of people to organize bigger service projects that create a lasting impact on society.



Editor

Rtn. Sheetal Tailor