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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

FROM R.I. PRESIDENT'S DESK

I first discovered the value of service when I saw how a few simple acts can immeasurably change lives. It began when I joined others in my club for a project to bring toilets and clean drinking water to rural villages near our city. It moved forward when we promoted sanitation and provided opportunities for education across the country, thanks to generous gifts from supporters who believed in our projects as much as those of us on the ground did.

There is no better time of the year to be reminded of that generosity than November, which is Rotary Foundation Month.

As the charitable arm of Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation is the engine that powers so many Rotary projects throughout the world. The Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change lives. It is the Foundation that helps us to get closer to our goal of eradicating polio, to show more people how we promote peace through tangible actions, and to demonstrate the impact our projects have in our areas of focus.

Consider some recent projects that were made possible by the Foundation:

- The Rotary clubs of Guatemala La Reforma, Guatemala, and Calgary, Alberta, received an \$80,000 global grant to organize a comprehensive plan to train nurses and rural health care workers to prevent and treat cervical cancer and to implement a sustainable system of referrals in seven regions of Guatemala.
- More than two dozen hospitals in Honduras received personal protective equipment for their medical staff thanks to a \$169,347 global grant sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Villa Real de Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and Waldo Brookside-Kansas City, Missouri.
- The Rotary clubs of Cotonou Le Nautille, Benin, and Tournai Haut-Escaut, Belgium, received a \$39,390 global grant to provide agricultural training at an ecologically responsible permaculture mini-farm connected to a center for children in Sowé, Benin. This will help a new generation of farmers become economically self-sufficient.

I like comparing The Rotary Foundation to the Taj Mahal, a monument of one man's love for a woman. The Foundation is a dynamic monument of our love for all of humanity. This month I am asking all Rotary clubs to bring attention to the Foundation. It is what connects all Rotarians worldwide and transforms our collective passions into projects that change lives. Visit rotary.org/donate; once there, you will have an opportunity to give directly to the program you're most passionate about.

Thank you for giving your all to Rotary. You are the reason that Rotary is able to do more and grow more. Let's continue to represent that important legacy this month, this year, and beyond as we Serve to Change Lives

Shekhar Mehta

President 2021-22



MESSAGE FROM TRUSTEE CHAIRPERSON

When people ask me what The Rotary Foundation is, I tell them it's the heart of Rotary. You may have heard before that Rotary has an intelligent heart. The Foundation combines our emotional response of compassion with pragmatic action. With both heart and brains, you can change the world.

So, what does the Foundation mean to you? November is Rotary Foundation Month, but do you really know our Foundation?

First, it truly is our Foundation. The Rotary Foundation doesn't belong to me or the other 14 trustees, nor to the RI Board of Directors, nor to the RI president. It belongs to each Rotarian around the world.

And it's there for all of us to change the world. We save mothers and children because we have compassion, and we know how to plan. We provide clean water and sanitation where they're needed to those who need them, because we build strategies based on a community's needs. We combine support for peace, education, and economic stability for at-risk communities with an ability to manage big projects.

Giving to the Foundation is smart, too, because in doing so, you multiply the value of that gift. How many other foundations can you think of that identify the projects, fund them, and run them on the ground themselves? Ours is the only one I know. And we get it all done at such a relatively low administrative cost. This is one reason Charity Navigator consistently gives the Foundation a four-star rating.

I sometimes get asked a question: How much should I be giving to the Foundation? Each year, make a gift of what you can afford to give. For some, that is \$100, and for others, more. What's most important is that you give something, because each generous gift helps us meet the increased demand we're seeing from members for global grants and our other programs.

This year, we want to raise \$50 million for PolioPlus, which will be matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, for a total of \$150 million. If every Rotary club contributed just \$1,500, we would surpass this goal. We have other goals as well — for the Annual Fund, the Endowment Fund, and outright gifts — adding up to a grand total of \$410 million.

We will get there if we set our hearts — and minds — to it. But remember, it's not about the money; it's what the money can do.

There's a saying that goes, "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."

The Foundation is that stone, so let us turn ripples into great waves with it, using our hearts and our minds.

John F. Germ

Trustee Chair 2021-22



PROJECT SAMARTHYA

2nd October 2021, Vapi: On 2nd October, 2021, Project Samarthya: brain child of Hon. Secretary Rtn Sudha Prapapati aimed at creating awareness about banking procedure and various Government Schemes like Jan Dhan Yojna, Aayushman Bharat card, Atal Pension Yogna, Schemes for Girl child, etc. amongst women of lower strata was organized in Gokul Vihar Society. 120 domestic help women were given knowledge of above mentioned schemes. The program was undertaken in association of Gokul Vihar society and with support of ICICI bank Regional Manager Rtn Abhishek Sharma. Club also aims to continue this project in other societies of Vapi. A food kit (consisting of Rice, dal, cooking oil, pulses, salt and masala) was presented to all the beneficiaries.



RED REVOLUTION SESSIONS

6th & 7th October 2021, with Gyan Dham students, Vapi: On 6th & 7th of October, Rtn Dr. Amisha Mehta conducted online sessions for Red Revolution with girl students of Gnyan Dham School. 150 Girl students from 6th to 12th standard were benefitted by menstruation hygiene awareness session. The curious students asked many questions regarding the topic and even requested Dr. Amisha to conduct sessions with boys as well.



9th October 2021, at Jivan Chetna Girls Highschool, Mota Ponda: 3rd session of Red Revolution was conducted on 9th October 2021 at Jivan Chetna Girls High School, Mota Ponda town by Rtn Sheetal Tailor in association with Lions Alfa Club which was attended by 75 girls from class 9th to 12th girls and 4 teachers and 4 members from Lions Alfa club attended the session. Rtn Tammana Sharma was present in the session. During the session the myths and beliefs around menstruation were discussed and their scientific reasons were explained to them. The ladies from Lions Alfa Club accepted that they didn't know the harmful effects of market available sanitary pads and now they will educate their children about what to use.



9th October 2021, Vapi: 4th session of Red Revolution was conducted online on 9th October 2021 Rtn Dr. Amish Mehta. It was organised by Rotary Club of Surat Round Town in association with Sir KP College of Commerce. It was streamed live on YouTube channel and was attended by 92+ participants.



14th October 2021, Vapi: On 14th October 2021, Cluster 7 Coordinator for Red Revolution, Rtn Sheetal Tailor conducted a session on behalf of Rotary Club of Vapi Riverside at Bhagini Samaj High School, Udvada. President of Rotary Vapi Riverside Rtn Amit Kothari, first lady Neepa, membership chair for Red Revolution Rtn Asha Shah and Rtn Viral Desai were present for the session.



27th October 2021, Vapi: Online session of Red Revolution (Orientation Session for Cluster 7) was conducted on 27th October 2021 by Rtn Dr. Amisha Mehta. 30 female and few male members from various clubs of our district 3060 attended the session. The session and efforts of Rtn Amisha Mehta were appreciated by



NAVRATRI CELEBRATION

13th October 2021, Vapi: On 13th of October 2021, Navratri festival was celebrated by members and family of Rotary Club of Vapi Phoenix at Bunker hall of Avadh Utopia, Vapi. Around 50+ members and their family enjoyed Garba and fellowship on this day. Prizes were given for the best Garba performances.



GIRL EMPOWERMENT SEMINAR (DISTRICT EVENT)

21st October 2021, Vapi: On 21st of October, Rotary Club of Vapi Phoenix got the opportunity to host an online district seminar on 'Girl Empowerment'. The main idea was to understand about the 'Girl Empowerment' program and in which areas it could be executed. Speaker PDG Deepak Aggrawal explained in details about the different verticals of 'Girl Empowerment' program viz. Education, Finance, Soft skills, etc. One by one all the cluster chairs shared their club projects on this forum. This sharing of the projects gave different ideas to other clubs also.



The Empowering Girls Initiative


Why empower girls?

- It makes families healthier.
- Educated girls have better-educated children and earn higher wages, helping their families get out of poverty.
- As per World Economic Forum, women participating in the labour market at the same rate as men would add up Phenomenally to gross domestic product.
- Every girl should be in charge of her own future. We have an obligation to protect girls' rights and promote their well-being.




WHAT CAN ROTARY DO?

Rotary clubs and Districts can participate by creating and implementing projects that enhance the quality of life for girls. This will improve their chances of enjoying safe, healthy, and productive lives. Rotary clubs can also modify their existing projects to include components that focus on empowering girls. (Gender Segregation at school toilet)



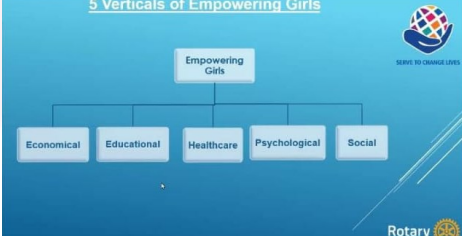




How will you do it ?

- What challenges do girls face in our community?
- How can our club work with communities to find solutions to these challenges?
- What cultural norms in our area might keep girls from attending school?
- Which local organizations can we work with ongoing projects that empower girls?
- How can we raise awareness of the need to empower girls within our communities and among our partners?
- Does our club empower women to take leadership roles?




5 Verticals of Empowering Girls

FLEDGE - INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF INTERACT CLUB OF ROTARY VAPI PHOENIX AND DIWALI CELEBRATION

30th October 2021, Vapi: 'Fledge' Installation Ceremony of Interact Club of Rotary Vapi Phoenix done on 30th October at Banquet hall of Parklands, Vapi with Rtn Dr. Alpa Kotadia as Installing officer. Along with Charter President Int. Ronit Gupta and Hon. Secretary Namya Shah, total 27 members were inducted in the newly formed club. There were song and dance performances by Interactors. The occasion was graced by GSR Vipul Patel. Around 100 members and their family attended the occasion which was clubbed with the Diwali Celebration. After the installation, First lady Rtn Sonakshi and Rtn Shilpa Gupta organised various games for all. Members enjoyed the delicious dinner and lighting fire crackers. During this event, children also exhibited their artefacts.



RED REVOLUTION AWARENESS SESSION

12th November 2021, Vapi: On 12th November, Rtn Dr. Amisha Mehta conducted online session of Red revolution with 15 Interactors of RC Vapi in coordination with Interact chair Rtn Shilpa Shah.

SPARKLE - CELEBRATION OF CHILDRENS DAY

14th November 2021, Vapi: Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference.

Project Sparkle was a great initiative by the children and for the children to celebrate this Children's Day which would definitely bring a great difference in the community.

Interact Club Of Vapi Phoenix celebrated Children's Day by collecting toys, bags, books, etc. and distributed to indigent children on 14th November, 2021. The project titled as 'Sparkle' by President Ronit Gupta. President Ronit Gupta and his team worked hard and collected a huge number of donations which included toys, books, and bags, stationary and also got snacks from friends, neighbours and family members. President of Rotary Club of Vapi Phoenix Himanshu Garg and Interact Chair Paromita Sarkar guided the team which led to a seamless and smooth execution of the project in a very short span of 3 days. The donation could reach to nearly 250 indigent kids which brought happiness on their faces. The kids shared a digital banner through social media to their neighbours, friends and family members and collected good donations by 14th Nov, 2021 which was then segregated by age group. They received few newly bought stationeries including colour books, toys, chocolates, biscuits and snacks as a part of donation.



SPEAKER MEETING ON FOUNDATION GRANTS

20th November, 2021: On 20th November, Rotary Vapi Phoenix organised speaker meeting on 'Foundation Grants' at Gokul Vihar club house. Rtn Parimal Naik who has done various projects through Foundation Grants was the speaker. He spoke on the importance of donating to Foundation and how the grants functions.



GENERAL MEETING

25th November, 2021: On 25th November, members of RC Vapi Phoenix had general meeting to discuss planning & execution of service projects: Awareness session on Breast Cancer, Dental check up camp, digital campaign on say no to plastic as well as other service project ideas by members.



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- Rotary Club of Vapi Phoenix got the opportunity to host an online district seminar on 'Girl Empowerment'.
- Project 'Samarthya' was very much appreciated during the district seminar for 'Girl Empowerment'.

ROTARY KNOWLEDGE

Sad Demise: PRID and former RI President Nominee, Sushil Gupta, passed away on 29th October 2021. He was elected as President Nominee of Rotary International on 1st October 2018. He was to serve as President in 2020-21. On 26th April 2019, Sushil Gupta resigned due to health reasons. He was member of Rotary Club of Delhi Midwest, Chairman of Asian Hotels (West) Ltd., owners of Hyatt Regency Mumbai and JW Marriott Aerocity New Delhi. He served as President of Federation of Hotel and Restaurant Association of India and Director of Tourism Finance corporation of India. Under his leadership, Rotary in India took up many projects in areas of water, wash in schools, blindness control and heart surgeries.



Noble Prize: Rotarian Benjamin List, member of RC Mulheim ad Ruhr-Schloß Broich, Germany wins Nobel Prize for Chemistry. He shares the prize with the US researcher David WC MacMilan. Both have developed methods of accelerating chemical reactions.



Sad Demise: Clifford L. Dochterman, a past Rotary International president and university administrator, died on 23 November 2021. He was 95. Dochterman, who was known for his lively sense of humor, ready smile, and positive outlook on life, served as RI president in 1992-93. An accomplished public speaker, he was recognized around the world as one of the premier spokespersons for Rotary. Dochterman retired in 1990 after more than 40 years in higher education administration, including 20 years at the University of California, Berkeley, and almost two decades as executive vice president of the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California, USA. Dochterman, a member of the Rotary Club of Moraga, California, joined Rotary in 1958. In addition to his term as president, he served as RI vice president and as Rotary Foundation trustee and trustee chair.



The Power of Nutrition partners with Rotary, other organizations for new malnutrition program in Ethiopia:

The Power of Nutrition announced on 1 November a partnership with Rotary International, the Eleanor Crook Foundation, and The END Fund, to fund a new multi-sector nutrition program in Ethiopia. By pooling resources and working through The Power of Nutrition, the funding partners' investments are being matched to create a five-year, \$30 million program.

BIRTHDAYS



Rtn Poonam Dhoot
2nd November



Rtn Hitendra Yadav
6th November



Rtn Meetal Bhavsar
8th November



Rtn Sonakshi Garg
11th November



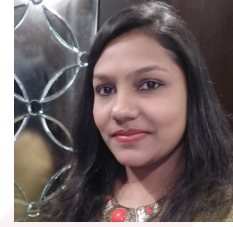
Rtn Pratiksha Goyal
11th November



Rtn Rahi Shah
14th November



Rtn Aditi Nadkarni
15th November



Rtn Riddhi Seth
27th November



Rtn Nitin Gaikwad
1st December



Rtn Smita Nadkarni
9th December



Rtn Monish Gupta
12th December



Rtn Paromita Sarkar
22nd December

ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH



Rtn Rajeev Sarayan (October)



Rtn Smita Nadkarni (November)

ANNIVERSARIES



Rtn Himanshu & Heena Parekh
23rd November



Rtn Aditi & Akshay Nadkarni
25th November



Rtn Hitendra & Sapna Yadav
29th November



Rtn Abhishek & Tammana Sharma
8th December



Rtn Vivek & Shweta Gupta
9th December



Rtn Rahi & Khyati Shah
11th December



Rtn Hemant & Sudha Prajapati
13th December



Rtn Nitin & Shubhangi
18th December



Rtn Neepa & Hiren Gosrani
27th December



Rtn Praveen & Namrata Dhandhan
25th November



Rtn Vikas & Aditi Jain
19th November