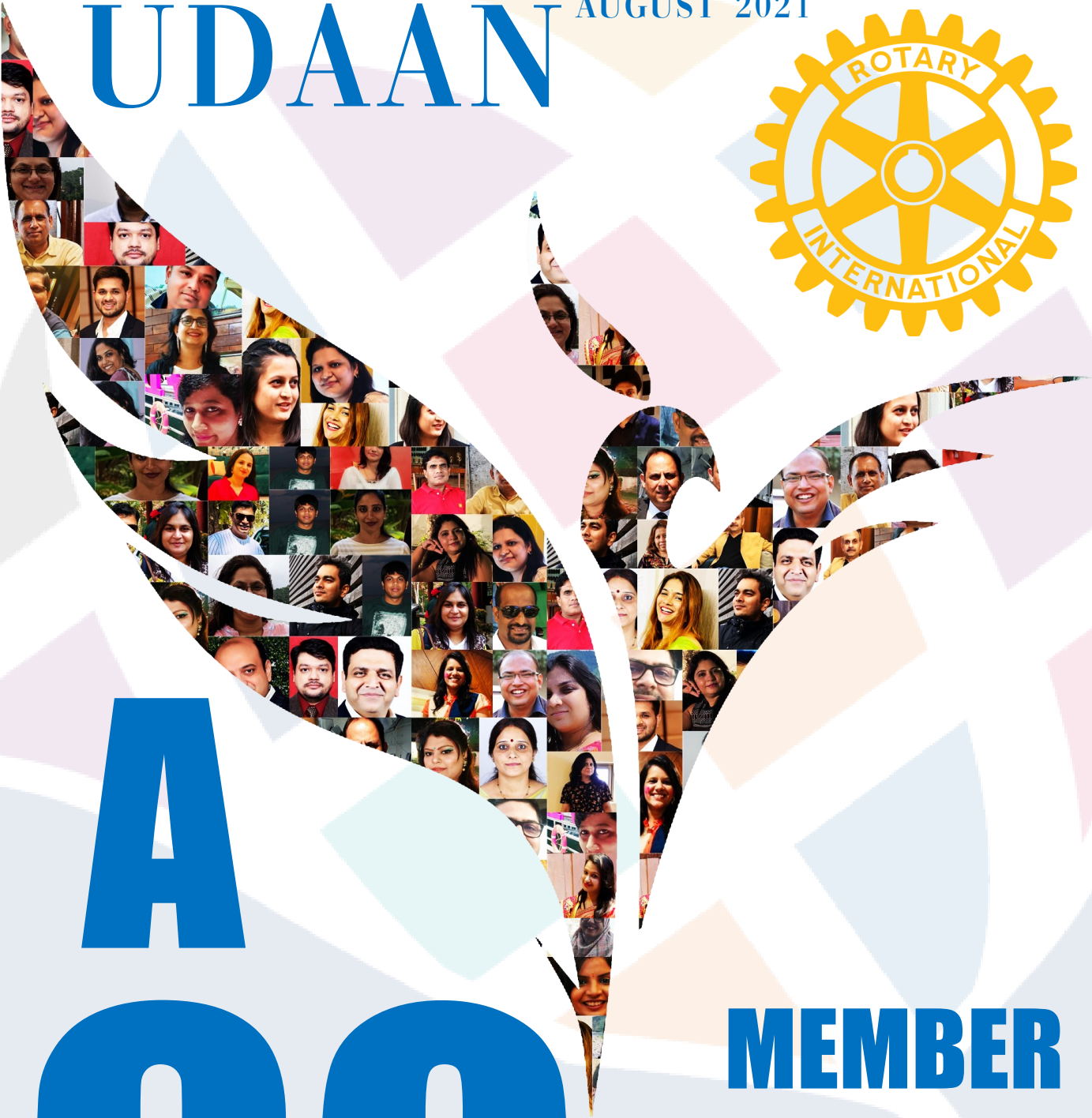


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Message from the R. I. President

Dear change-makers,

Welcome to the new Rotary year — a year when you will be called upon to *Serve to Change Lives* and achieve big dreams. Because of your passion for achieving great things, we will grow more and do more.

Our Action Plan, Rotary's strategic road map, sets our course and strengthens us for the future by focusing on four priorities: increasing our impact, expanding our reach, enhancing participant engagement, and increasing our ability to adapt. This year, I am honored to move these priorities forward by leading with vision and implementing several initiatives that I believe will result in positive growth during 2021-22 and beyond.



Expanding our reach through Each One, Bring One

Rotary membership has remained stagnant. Through a program I am calling Each One, Bring One, I ask each of you to commit to welcoming one new person into Rotary or Rotaract in the next 12 months. As we welcome new members, let us continue to ensure that diversity, equity, and inclusion are ingrained into all aspects of Rotary. We believe that anyone who gets involved with Rotary — whether as a member, partner, or participant — must feel valued, respected, and welcomed. It is only by embracing the full diversity of the world that we will be able to grow and to achieve our goals.

Serve to change lives

Service is at the heart of my own connection to Rotary, which is why I want all of us to showcase Rotary's good work by hosting Rotary Days of Service. Invite your members, neighboring clubs, local civic organizations, program alumni, friends, family, and the public to join you for a community service event. Let Rotary Days of Service be a celebration of our passion for doing good.

As your club decides which causes to support this year, please consider projects that focus on empowering girls and creating equity for them. Whether it's through a global grant project or a local program that your club supports, we can all contribute to the important work being done all over the world to expand access to education, improve sanitation, and fight gender discrimination and inequality. Girls are equal stakeholders in this world, and they should have equal rights.

Increasing our impact

My friends, you are resilient, and you are doing amazing things to fight COVID-19. We adapted quickly to support our communities at the start of this pandemic, and we are committed until the very end. Let's work to ensure that vaccines are made available equitably worldwide and that people get vaccinated as quickly as possible. We have so much to look forward to in the year ahead, and together, we will do so much. Nothing is impossible for Rotarians and Rotaractors!

I am so honored to be on this journey with you.

Sincerely,

Shekhar Mehta
Rotary International President, 2021-22



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About Our Charter President

Himanshu Garg was born in Mumbai into a business family pioneering in milk and sweets. After completing high school at St. Xavier's, he graduated with a bachelor's degree in commerce from HR College. Subsequently, he, along with his brother, Dewang Garg, launched a company called Trio Chemicals which specialized in anti-foaming agents. Recently they have merged their company with Rossari Biotech Ltd.



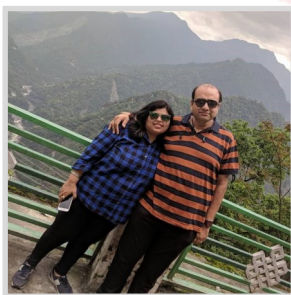
He is a foodie and a scotch lover. When he is not hosting parties for his friends, he is listening to music or gushing about traveling. Although he doesn't consider himself a sporty person, his passion for table tennis did land him a place in his school's table tennis team at the state-level championship.

He was introduced to Rotary by his friend Rtn. Manish Shah. Joining Rotary was a new notch in his belt that would fulfill his desire to give back to society. Rotary helped him engage in service through service projects like blood donation camps, quiz competitions, marathons, and medical camps, and he went to serve through various posts like club secretary and treasurer in his eight years in the Rotary career.

As the Charter President of Rotary Club of Vapi Phoenix, Himanshu's vision is to introduce the aspect of Rotary that is transparent and prioritizes service to humanity along with its self-development. His area of focus is supporting the dialysis patients and their families; and the old age people who are medically challenged and separated from their children. He lives by the Winston Churchill quote, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give" and firmly believes in our club's motto, 'Rise and Shine.'

Himanshu is happily married to Sonakshi Garg and has also inspired her to become a Rotarian. The couple is blessed with a son, Kartik.

His brother Dewang Garg and his wife Anju Garg are also Rotarian. The entire Garg family is Rotarian and has pledged to serve the community and change as many lives as they can through their service.



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About Our Hon. Secretary

Sudha Prajapati, born in Mumbai, is a true taskmaster. She completed Chartered Accountancy from Mumbai in 2001 and has since gained 20 years of experience in Corporates. She is currently working as Finance Director in Vertellus, a specialty Chemicals US-based multinational has a thorough knowledge of her subject and is very meticulous with her work. Moreover, she is actively involved in supporting business and strategy planning in their family-run business of Planetary Gearboxes and Cooling Towers.



She has many feathers in her caps. An artist at heart, she loves painting and clay modeling. Her passion for culinary art is not just a visual treat, but also a tasty delight. Fitness is her mantra hence; she keeps everyone on her toes. She actively participates in marathons and loves cycling.

Sudha is an avid traveller and has travelled to most of India. In addition, her work has taken her to many countries like the US, UK, Italy, Dubai, China, Thailand, and Singapore.

She and her husband Hemant Prajapati has been Rotarians for 15 years and in her Rotary career, she has been actively involved in social activities involving social awareness on safety and cleanliness. She helped organize multiple events such as a theme-based painting competition for children and quiz competitions for higher secondary schools. Furthermore, she decided to use her financial expertise in the event 'What corporate India wants' to guide students pursuing Chartered Accountancy as well as to provide career guidance in financial sectors.

Sudha is happily married to Hemant Prajapati and the couple is blessed with a son, Shubbh, and a pet dog, Shawn. Shawn is a grave attention-seeker, giving Shubbh a tough competition.

Sudha and Hemant are both Rotarians and are major donor level 1. Shubbh is also PHF. The entire family is always eager to serve and contribute to the Rotary & the community at the best of their abilities.



Our Board



Rtn. Himanshu Garg

President



Rtn. Sudha Prajapati

Hon. Secretary



Rtn. Hemant Prajapati

President Elect



Rtn. Dewang Garg

Treasurer



Rtn. Rajan Gupta

Foundation Chair



Rtn. Amisha Mehta

Service Chair



Rtn. Vishal Nadkarni

Membership Chair



Rtn. Tejal Tailor

P. R. Chair



Rtn. Smita Nadkarni

Executive Secretary



Rtn. Jose Chacko

Sergeant at Arms



Rtn. Vivek Patel

Club Admin



Rtn. Paromita Sarkar

Interact Chair



Rtn. Vivek Gupta

Jt. Service Chair



Rtn. Twisha Hathi

Jt. P. R. Chair



Rtn. Rajeev Sarayan

Jt. Club Admin



Rtn. Mehul Bhavsar

Jt. Membership Chair



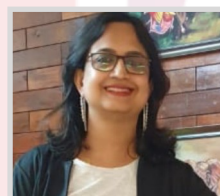
Rtn. Hitendra Yadav

Blood Donation Chair



Rtn. Himanshu Parekh

Jt. Treasurer



Rtn. Aditi Jain

Jt. Interact Chair



Rtn. Manish Shah

Advisor



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Journey of Phoenix

Rotary Club of Vapi Phoenix - a brain child of past 6 Rotarians – Rajan, Hemant, Himanshu, Dewang, Vishal and Sudha. Their faith in Rotary did not diminish even after they had gone through some bad experiences. Rotary has had an everlasting impact in our lives – it's a well-structured organization which has given all of us so many good friends in the district and beyond across the globe, along with opportunities to serve.

The motto of Rotary - Service above Self has been imbedded in our very being and it has become our way of life.

We decided to get together and start a new Club and win over the trust and confidence of all our old Rotarians friends. We decided to meet PDG Anish Shah, who warmly welcomed our idea and believing in our confidence gave us guidance which paved the path of forming a new club.

Our initial thought was to begin with small number of members, but we seldom knew that we had 2 great minds with us - Hemant & Vishal and with their ocean of contacts – we were able to win the confidence of all our friends and they showed their interest in joining Rotary.

Since, most of our friends were not from Rotary, we decided to have an Orientation meeting on 28th June 2021 and explain them about the functioning of Rotary. We gave them a brief background on the structure and the programs undertaken by Rotary throughout the world and in our country in service to the community. We had a full house gathering of around 65-70 people attending the meeting – out of which 60 members immediately agreed to join our endeavour and filled up the forms as well as paid the Charter membership fees.

We were able to hand over the Club Registration form along with Charter members list to DG Santosh Pradhan on 1st July 2021.

DG Santosh Pradhan too bestowed trust and confidence in us and approved our application and appointed our dear friend and well-wisher Rotarian Vipul Patel as our GSR.

Thus, Rotary Club of Vapi Phoenix become the First New club of RI Dist. 3060 for the year 2021-22.

For us it was like rising from the ashes after being burnt down – so the name PHOENIX – and we will rise and shine with the support and confidence of our fellow members.

The Flight of Phoenix begins from 14th July 2021 (Charter date).



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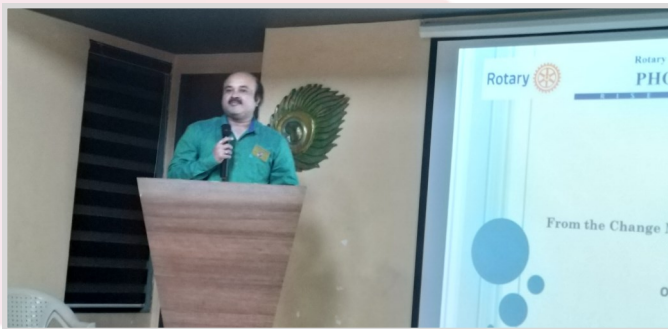
Club Events

Club Assembly, 28th July 2021

AG Rtn Deval Shah visited our club, where he was introduced by President Himanshu Garg to his board. The board presented their vision and their proposed action plan in each area of service. AG was pleased with the plans of the board. Moreover, he shared the District's expectations and visions for us to focus on throughout the year.

GSR Rtn. Vipul Patel was also present in our Club Assembly. He shared his insights on Rotary and the opportunity this organization has given him to travel around the world making new friendships.

Both provided their valuable thoughts and assured us full support and guidance throughout the year.



Visit Damodar Farms a Gaushala: 1st August 2021

More than 50 members, including children, came together on a fine Sunday morning to celebrate friendship day. Their visit to Damodar Gaushala included a joyful drive to the interior village near Silvassa and lots of garam bhajiyas and parathas fresh from the farm. Feeding cows was an unforgettable experience for the members and the children alike.



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Club Events

1st General Meeting/ Speaker meeting: 5th August

The club conducted their first general meeting on 5th August wherein Dr. Vikas Jain, President of Orthopaedic Association of Gujarat, educated us on Osteoporosis and the importance of maintaining our bone health



Visit to an Old-Aged Medical Home, 7th August 2021

The Charter President along with 10 members visited Helping Hands Charitable Trust, A medical Home in Pardi. This charitable organization is committed to help needy persons who are bedridden / aged & frail. The main aim of the visit is to understand the needs for such organization and where the club can lend a helping hand in their noble cause.



Birthdays



Rtn. Megha Patel
6th August



Rtn. Manish Shah
10th August



Rtn. Pooja Shah
12th August



Rtn. Nisha Vadhar
15th August



Rtn. Riddhi Sarayan
29th August

Anniversaries



Rtn. Jose Chacko & Sunni Chacko
16th August

Rotary Knowledge

Rotary's Hall of Fame : Olympian Rotarian:

Indian Hockey Team has won bronze medal at Tokyo Olympic 2021. The Star of the game was the Goal keeper PR Sreejash who saved 2 penalty in last 50 seconds. He needs a special mention as he is Rtn PR Sreejash - he is a Rotarian from Rotary club of Kizhakkambalan RI Dist 3201.



Rotary's Environment Focus

This is the world's largest Rotary logo in the world and it is located in Lamon Bay, Philippines.

It is a unique logo as it is and artificial coral reefs made in the bay by the joint effort of local Rotarians and fishermen.

The declining fish and coral population was a major concern at that time. The Rotarians along with the fishermen decided to establish artificial coral reefs to protect the fishes and help increase the local fauna. This is how Rotarians around the world work hard and come up with innovative ideas to make the world a better place.



Rotary Vapi Phoenix's Environment Focus:

We distributed unique National flag made from waste cotton & paper, which contains seeds in it. These seeds can be worn proudly as long as you want. It can be sowed in a pot at your home and watch it blossom into a beautiful plant. This is our gesture to save mother earth by saying no to plastic and uphold the glory of the Indian tricolour.



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Udaan ki Parwaaz

- On our installation day, we celebrated our 75th Independence Day by organizing a Blood donation Camp at Pramukh Greens, Chala, Vapi.
- Interact Club of Rotary Vapi Phoenix would be formed in September for our elated and energetic youth
- We congratulate all our members for supporting the Rotary Foundation with full enthusiasm and contributing over \$1500 + before the day of installation.

From the Editor's Desk

When we envision a small phoenix in the heap of its ashes, we are filled with a sense of hope and faith. Even though it's a mythical creature, people of all ages can relate to it as we want to believe in second chances; we want to believe in ourselves so that we can get up and try again. This reflects the hope that Phoenix inspires, and this inspired our club symbol. We aim to target diverse beneficiaries from children to old-aged people by collaborating with various other like-minded organizations. Keeping in mind the message from the R.I. President, we will strive to expand our reach and increase our impact. With the essence of passion, compassion, and benevolence, we aim to create a lasting change across our communities and in ourselves. This is the spirit of Rotary that gives us a purpose to pursue - empathy and kindness - to anew with renewed vigour and hope, the hope that we, 60 members, get from our symbol of the phoenix.

I believe in our Charter President, Rtn Himanshu Garg, our Hon. Secretary, Rtn Sudha Prajapati, and all our board members to keep the Rotary spirit in mind and lead with vision. As we commence this new venture, we aspire to rise from our ashes and shine from the fire within.



Rtn. Sheetal Tailor



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