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My Dear Rotary Surat West Family,

Wish you a very Happy New Year 2023..

The Rotary Theme for Rotary Year 2023 – 24 has been launched by Rotary International President Elect Gordon McNally. **Create Hope in the World..**

Rotarians all around the Globe will strive hard to uplift the under privileged and bring peace and Harmony.

Registration for District Conference to be held at Indore in January 2024 has started. Members are requested to Contact PE Rtn Sonal Shah for details.

Regards

Rtn Mousam Jalan

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To spread the message of organ donation, Kite Festival was organized by **Donate Life** in association with **The Surat District Cricket Association** at the Lalbhai Contractor Stadium on 8th January 2023.

Members of Rotary Club of Surat attended the event as special invitees to pledge their support to Organ Donor Families

It was an Electrifying Atmosphere with live Music and Dancing and Kite flying at the Venue.



Gavaskar's third innings: saving children's lives



Sunil Gavaskar receives Rotary's Lifetime Achievement Award from RI President Jennifer Jones, RI Director Mahesh Kotbagi and PRIP Shekhar Mehta in the presence of institute chair PDG Kishore Kumar, PDG Ravi Vadlamani, PRID Kamal Sanghvi and Vivek Gaur, trustee, Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospitals.

Gavaskar was conferred Rotary's Lifetime Achievement Award, and he received it from RI director Mahesh Kotbagi in the presence of RI President Jennifer Jones and PRIP Shekhar Mehta.

He was honoured for “being a sporting legend of our times who epitomised the elegance of the game of cricket on and off the field,” said the citation.



Waterman of India Rajendra Singh and Archana Verma, director, National Water Mission.

At the Vizag institute, one of the most impressive and outspoken sessions was one dedicated to the memory of the late RI presidential nominee Sushil Gupta, who put water conservation and preservation on the map of Rotary.

Making an impassioned plea to teach people to use water “with respect,” Magsaysay Award winner Rajendra Singh, popularly known as the -waterman of India, who has worked with Rotary on water management projects, gave out some alarming statistics. “According to Gol figures, over 72 per cent of India’s ground aquifer is overdrawn. Rotary has done great work in eradication of polio from India and is still working to eradicate it from the rest of the world. But more dangerous and worrying problem is our overdrawn aquifer. Once your earth has no water, then RBI’s currency will have no value, because only the presence of water can allow our life to continue comfortably.”



Rotary International President Elect 2023-24 Gordon McNally announcing his "Theme" to the 2023/24 District Governors at the Rotary International Assembly in Orlando Florida on January 9. 2023.

RI president-elect, R. Gordon R. McNally wants Rotary members to create hope in the world. 2023-24 presidential theme announced.

Rotary International President-elect R. Gordon R. McNally called for members to capture the world's attention and lead the way toward possibilities far beyond our current expectations.

McNally, a member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, West Lothian, Scotland, revealed the 2023-24 presidential theme, Create Hope in the World, during the Rotary International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, USA, on 9 January. He urged members to promote peace in troubled nations, help those affected by conflict, and maintain the momentum of initiatives begun by past leaders.

"The goal is to restore hope — to help the world heal from destructive conflicts and, in turn, to help us achieve lasting change for ourselves," McNally said at Rotary's annual training event for incoming district governors.

McNally spoke about a woman he met in Ban Taling Chan, Thailand, where Rotary members helped build houses, a meeting hall, and childcare and health care facilities following the tsunami that devastated South Asia in late 2004. The woman had lost her husband, her daughter, and her son in the tsunami, as well as her livelihood. But she still had a gift to offer McNally: a beautiful seashell.

"She went on to tell me that Rotary... had restored her optimism. We gave her hope," McNally said.

"This is how Rotary brings lasting change to the world," he added, "one restored or newly created hope at a time."

Promoting peace

A significant way to bring hope to the world is to put a greater emphasis on peace, McNally said. He cited the action Rotary members have taken in the past year to support the people of Ukraine after the invasion by Russia. Rotary has made humanitarian relief a priority, attracting more Ukrainian members in the process. But McNally noted that true relief won't come without peace — not just in Ukraine, but in Yemen, Afghanistan, Syria, and dozens of other places around the globe.

"Peace is the soil where hope takes root," McNally said.

McNally also emphasized the power of continuity, calling for Rotary members to continue the work of some past leaders. He pledged to maintain the Empowering Girls initiative launched by 2020-21 President Shekhar Mehta and uphold the emphasis on diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout Rotary. He also noted recent events that underscore the importance of Rotary's continuing focus on polio. In the past year, polio cases have emerged in many areas

around the world, making it more crucial than ever for Rotary members to lead the fight against the disease.

To do that, McNally said, Rotary must continue to raise at least US\$50 million each year to receive the full 2-to-1 funding match from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Only about 1 in 12 members currently gives to the polio eradication campaign, with fewer than 1 in 5 clubs donating each year.

McNally asked the district governors-elect for support creating a new sense of urgency in their clubs to help realize Rotary's vision of a polio-free world. "This is the time for us to go beyond what's necessary year to year and make sure we provide every resource necessary to succeed as quickly as possible," he added.

Focusing on mental health

In addition, McNally said, Rotary members should offer hope to those affected by mental health challenges — a crisis exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many people have lost family members, many more have found their social networks uprooted, and young people especially have had their educational and developmental paths interrupted. As a result, more people around the world are facing mental health issues. And yet, seeking assistance is often perceived as a sign of weakness.

"Nothing could be further from the truth," McNally said. "Reaching out for help is courageous — and continuing on a path toward wellness is even more so."

He added that Rotary will work to improve mental health services in the next year and beyond. Rotary should be known as an organization that takes care of its members as well as the people it serves, McNally said. "Any mental health professional will tell you that by helping others, we essentially help ourselves."

McNally ended his speech by describing his ideal balance of continuity and innovation. "Rotary helps create the conditions for peace, opportunity, and a future worth living," he said. "By

continuing what we do best, by remaining open and willing to change, and by keeping our focus on building peace in the world and within ourselves, Rotary helps create a more peaceful world — a more hopeful world."

- Etelka Lehoczky, Rotary International



RI president-
elect,
R. Gordon R.
McNally





I recently traveled to Taiwan as part of the Imagine Impact Tour to highlight Rotary's partnership with local governments to preserve indigenous communities and cultures. This partnership promotes economic development and protects water resources by cultivating alternative crops.

RI President Rtn Jennifer Jones..

Germany has announced two camps. All students interested to participate in camps may kindly send me a mail with interest for participation. For more details about the camp please refer to the link below.

There are always limited seats, selection will be made on merits and early applications.

In the attachment you will find 2 Camps that just announced from Germany,

Camp District 1850 : June 02 - June 11 2023

Camp Hamburg-Lübeck-Schwerin : July 08 - July 29 2023

For further information and camps please check their website:

<https://www.rotary-austausch.de/camps-in-germany/>



Each Rotarian is a connecting link between the idealism of Rotary and his trade or profession. To others in his vocation or trade he bears peculiar responsibilities of securing their cooperation in the development of the highest standards for his vocation.

Paul Harris
Founder of Rotary International
'My Road to Rotary' - c.1945

JANUARY - VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH



Trustee chair's message - January 2023

A new year is upon us. As we look forward to new beginnings and experiences, let's think outside the box and find new opportunities to serve through Rotary.

Consider taking up a community economic development project this year. In this Rotary area of focus, we apply our professional experience by promoting the entrepreneurial spirit as we help communities help themselves in a sustainable way. Community economic development projects, to paraphrase the universal adage, don't just give someone a fish today but teach them to fish so they can eat for a lifetime.

These projects can be microloans to start up a livestock breeding business, or they might take the adopt-a-village approach in which Rotary works with communities on multipronged efforts to boost local economies sustainably.

In 2000, during its transition to independence, Timor-Leste was reeling from political violence and destruction. Communities not only needed shelter and improved living conditions but also a new economy.

This is where Australian Rotary clubs stepped up with the East Timor Roofing project to produce and install corrugated roofing, and later, water tanks and grain silos. As the project grew, other organizations joined, including The Rotary Foundation, which delivered a grant that set the project on its path to success.

Before long, East Timor Roofing became a financially viable enterprise, raising enough money to build roofs for homes, schools, orphanages, and commercial buildings. Subsistence farmers got silos for their crops. Hundreds of Timorese received professional training in basic building and administrative skills. Thousands of new water tanks ensured that young girls could attend school rather than fetching water.

What began as a roofing project is today a commercial enterprise employing local people and making a huge impact. And your Foundation paved the way.

What experiences lie ahead for you in 2023? A district or global grant? Or possibly a visit to Melbourne, Australia, just up the road from my home, to make new friends, reunite with old ones, and find partners for projects during the 2023 Rotary International Convention?

Let's make a New Year's resolution to take advantage of opportunities to learn, grow, and serve. And let's have some fun in the process. This is Rotary, after all.

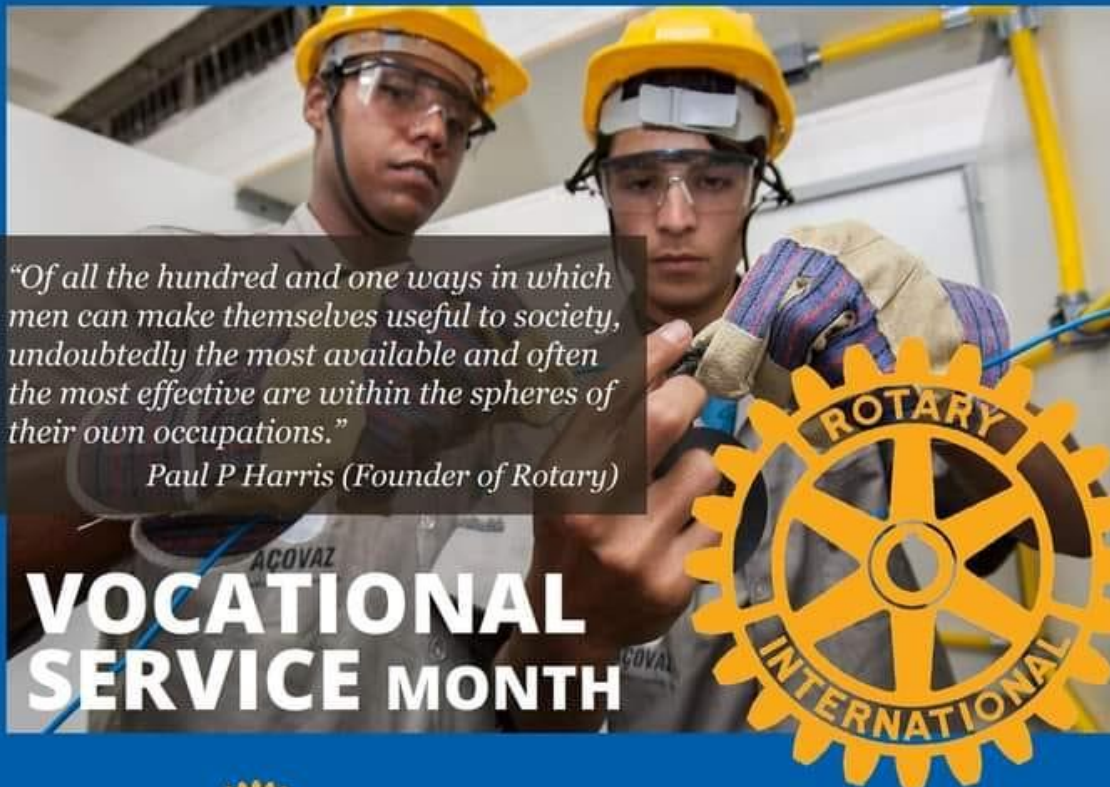
So, my friends, let us go forth and carpe annum — seize the year.

Ian H.S. Riseley

Trustee Chair 2022-23

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"Of all the hundred and one ways in which men can make themselves useful to society, undoubtedly the most available and often the most effective are within the spheres of their own occupations."

Paul P Harris (Founder of Rotary)

VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH



TAKE ACTION: Get Involved, Join Rotary

January is Vocational Service Month on the Rotary calendar.

Rotary emphasizes integrity and high ethical standards. As part of Rotary's guiding principles and the Avenues of Service, Vocational Service calls on Rotarians to empower others by using their unique skills and expertise to address community needs and help others discover new professional opportunities and interests.

Vocational Service is at the heart of Rotary, which was founded on the classification system of membership. Business and professional life are the bedrock of Rotary, and Vocational Service is a major force in promoting honour, integrity, and trustworthiness in business.

Vocational Service Projects - Ideas for Our club;

During Vocational Service Month, Rotary clubs highlight the importance of the business and professional life of each Rotarian.

Here are just some of the special activities that Our Rotary Club can look at to promote the vocational avenue of service.

- * Distribute Four way Test
- * Distribute Vocational Awards to outstanding individuals, Arrange Vocational Visits
- * Awareness seminar on career guidance,
Organize / Arrange in Plant Training
- * Start Vocational Education / Skill Guidance Centre.
Start Part Time Consultancy centre
- * Helping Physically Challenged people to gets jobs.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

18th January 2023, Wednesday – SPEAKER SESSION

Venue: The Amore

Time: 7.30 pm Onwards

Dinner Time: 7.30 to 8.00 pm. Followed by Speaker Session

DR SAI TANUSH SHAH

MS Ophthalmologist

New Generation Service Exchange to France Sponsored by Rotary Club of Surat West

Topic : My Experiences in France.

International Speakers:

Joint Presentation By:

DR NEILESH PARIKH & DR FRANK VILLA

They are doing Residency in General Surgery and Currently doing a 3 Year Fellowship in Surgical Oncology at National Institute of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland, USA

Topic: Health System and Cancer Awareness

Experiences From the National Cancer Institute (NCI)

Neilesh Parikh, MD
Frank Villa, MD

January 2023



For Context: Our Backgrounds

- University of Michigan- 4 years undergraduate
- Central Michigan University College of Medicine- 4 years medical school
- University of Rochester- 2 years General Surgery Residency
- National Cancer Institute- 3 year immunotherapy/surgical oncology fellowship



Neilesh Parikh, MD



Surgical Oncology Research Fellowship



For Context: Our Backgrounds

- Catawba College- 4 years undergraduate
- Brody School of Medicine (East Carolina University)- 4 years medical school
- Loyola University Chicago- 2 years General Surgery Residency
- National Cancer Institute- 3 year surgical/thoracic oncology fellowship



Frank Villa, MD



Surgical Oncology Research Fellowship



What's so special about the NIH?

- The NIH Clinical Center is the nation's largest hospital devoted **entirely** to clinical research
 - Every single patient is enrolled on a clinical protocol
- NCI is the largest funder of cancer research in the world
 - The annual budget, which is set by Congress, is approximately \$6.25 billion

ONE INDIA, ONE FESTIVAL MANY CELEBRATIONS



**Rotary Club of Surat West Wishes You a
Very Happy Festival Season**