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R.I. District 3060 Zone 4-B



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FROM THE DESK OF BULLETIN EDITOR



My dear Rotary Surat West Family,

On 14th March, 1996, Rtn. Dr. B C Naidu, Past President of Rotary club of Udhna was appointed as Governor's Special representative(GSR) to explore the possibility to start One more Rotary club in Surat.

On Sunday, march 17 1996 morning at 10.00AM, First Interest meeting was held at Jeevan Bharati school in which 22 prospective members attended the meeting.

The purpose of launching new club and important information on Rotary was shared. Mr. S. Prasad (GM-ONGC Hazira) invited all prospective members to have next interest meeting in ONGC Guest House..

On Friday, 22nd March evening, 2nd interest meeting was held on the lawns of ONGC guest house in which 28 Prospective members with their spouses were present.

A slide show on 'Welcome to Rotary" was shown. There was discussion about possible venues for club meeting, time etc. was discussed. It was decided to meet every Wednesday at 08.30 Pm

All meetings will be high tea. The name of the club "Rotary club of Surat West" was unanimously agreed by all.

Rotary club of Surat came forward to sponsor New club. In this meeting President of Surat club Rtn. Nanak Nazar and PDG. Rajnikant Thackar was present. The meeting was preceded by Grand 4 course Dinner on the lawns of ONGC Guest house.

The next meeting was held in hotel Check-mate on Wednesday, March 27 in which Club constitution and Bylaws were adopted. All prospective members were asked to give cheques of Rs. 1500/- each.

On Wednesday, April 03 1996, The Organization Meeting of the club was held at Kapadia Health club. 32 prospective members gave their cheques. It was decided to close the list of Charter members in the next meeting on April 10.

In the meeting on April 10, 1996, the meeting elected Board of Directors of the club to serve for the year 1995-96 and closed the list of Charter members with 38 members and send Charter application to DG for sending it to RI, USA for approval. Thus the Provisional Club, Rotary club of Surat West was BORN. It was decided to hold next meeting as Installation Meeting.

The Installation meeting was held on Wednesday, 17th April at Kapadia health club (regular venue for club meeting) in which DG. Himanshu Thackar installed Rtn. Gyanendra Pandey (DGM-ONGC) as President and his Team for the year 1995-96. Dignitaries present in this meeting were: DGN. Hemant Desai, PDG. Rajnikant Thackar, PDG. Bharat Solanki, District secretary Kulbandhu Sharma and President of Sponsor club Rtn. Nanak Nazr.

The First speaker meeting was held on Wednesday, 24th April. Eminent Consultant Physician Dr.Hemant Parikh was Guest speaker.In the meeting on 1st May, 1996,

PDG. Devendra Shastri announced that our club has been admitted to the membership of Rotary International on 30 April, 1996.

The Charter Presentation Ceremony of Rotary club of Surat West was held on Monday, June 03 1996 at a gala meeting held at Imperial Hall, Hotel Holiday Inn at 08.00Pm. The Chief Guest was RI Director (now Past RI President) Kalyan Banerjee who came with his wife Ann Binotaji. The Hall was full with nearly 150 persons including Rotary District dignitaries, leaders of corporate world of Surat who were all seated in specially designated seats for each invitee in the meeting.

Founder President Gyanendra Pandey accepted club Charter from DG Himanshu Thackar. RID Kalyan Banerjee greeted every Rotarian with their spouse with Rotary literature and flowers. The audience was treated to truly inspirational speech by RID Kalyan Banerjee. Rotary Dignitaries included DGNs Hemant Desai, DGN Dr. Manoj Desai and PDGs. Vaikunthbhai Shastri, Rajanibhai Thackar, Dr. Sam Bhacca, Devendra Shastri, Bharat Solanki, Chandrakant Desai (Bulsar), Navzar Wadia (Porbandar), Pradeep Gohil (Bhavnagar), Vishnu Patel (Vapi) and District officers and club presidents from 17 Rotary clubs.

Regards

Rtn Mausam Jalan

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28th Charter Night Celebrations

On 30th April 2023, Sunday Rotary Club of Surat West Celebrated its 28th Charter Night at Iris Hall, Avadh Utopia.

The Evening was graced by the presence of PDG Praful Bhatt ji, PDG Bharat Solanki ji, IPDG Santosh Pradhanji, DGND Tushar Shahji & Our own PDG Devendra Shastriji.



DG Rtn Shrikant Indani & First Lady Sarika ji were the Guest of Honour for the Evening but they could not join the function due to unforeseen circumstances.

We had a Special Guest Jai Jai Shri Abhishek Goswamiji from Radha Raman Temple , Vrundavan.



The Evening began with a Welcome speech by President Rtn Tanmay Agrawal who welcomed all the Esteemed Guests and Members for joining our Charter Night Celebrations.



Our Beloved Club wouldn't have been where it is today without the able leadership of Our Past Presidents. President Rtn Tanmay Agrawal & First lady Rtn Gunjan Agrawal honoured all past Presidents present by presenting flowers to them.



After the Cake cutting Ceremony, PDG Rtn Devendra Uncle enlightened the Guest and Members about the History of our Club , how it was formed and also acknowledged the future leadership of the club under the new all Women's team of President Elect Rtn Sonal Shah & Secretary Elect Rtn Meeta Kapoor.



He also emphasised the role of women Rotarians like Rtn Sneha Agrawal who has managed the Social Media pages of our club on Facebook & Instagram with sincere devotion

Thank You Devendra Uncle for acknowledging my role as Bulletin Editor for the Rotary Year 2022 -23. Your appreciation means a lot to me.

Words of Wisdom from Devendra Uncle was followed by Birthdays & Anniversaries announcement for the month of April.

This year RCSW has announced special Donor Awards for Rotarians who have contributed financially to facilitate the various Service Projects done by our Club.

The following Persons were felicitated

Crystal Donors – (Contributions of Rs 11,000.00)

PDG Rtn Devendra Shastri

Rtn Rakesh Agrawal

Rtm Manish Shah



Gold Donors – (Contributions of Rs 51,000.00)

Rtn Anant Agrawal

Rtn Manoj Goyal

Rtn Gaurang Goel

Rtn Ritu Goel



Diamond Donors – (Contributions of Rs 1,11,000.00)

Rtn Mukesh Jain

Rtn Tanmay Agrawal

Rtn Gunjan Agrawal

Rtn Sanjay Jalan.



Atithi Devo Bhava-

Jai Jai Shri Abhishek Goswami ji was welcomed to our Charter Night Celebrations by a wonderful and energetic Dance performance by First Lady Rtn Gunjan Agrawal, Rtn Sarita Singhal & Rtn Ritu Goel



Special Invitee Jai Jai Shri Abhishek Goswami ji gave a very Motivational , Inspirational and spiritual presentation on the concept of Friendship.

He gave an account of the friendship between Lord Shri Krishna and Arjun & also friendship between Lord Shri Krishna and Sudama.

The Audience was spell bound with the presentation given by Shri Abhishek Goswami ji .



The Evening ended with Vote of Thanks given by President elect Rtn Sonal Shah, followed by the National Anthem.

Special thanks to Ann Kinjal Mehta for reading the 4 Way Test and to Ann Pallavi Sethi for being such a wonderful Master of Ceremonies..





President Speaks

People of Action — and empathy

I believe it is a time in our world for brave, courageous, intentional leadership.

Last month, in this column, you heard from my dear friend Anniela Carracedo. She is an amazing member of our Rotary family, and as a past Interactor and now Rotarian, she is this kind of leader.

Anni shared a very personal story about coping with a panic attack, something that I have also experienced. The outpouring and response to this story have been tremendous and punctuate how critical it is that we acknowledge not only our strengths but our vulnerabilities too.

When we talk about finding space for one another — creating comfort and care within Rotary — we're describing a club experience where we can all feel comfortable sharing like Anni did, and we can all empathise with and support one another. Whatever we are facing in life, Rotary is a place where we know we're not alone.

We spend so much time helping our world, whether it's working to end polio, cleaning up the environment, or bringing hope to communities that need it most. Sometimes we can lose track of the



RI President Jennifer Jones (centre) with 2023–24 President Gordon R McNally and his wife, Heather, at the International Assembly in January.

need to apply some of our energy and care to our fellow members and partners in service.

The comfort and care of our members is the single greatest driver of member satisfaction and retention. We need to ensure that it remains a priority — and that we further strengthen these bonds by performing service that helps reduce the stigma of seeking out mental health treatment and expands access to care.

That is why I'm so heartened by President-elect Gordon McNally's wonderful vision to help improve the global mental health system, not only for

Rotary members, but for the communities we serve.

When Gordon announced our focus on mental health at this year's International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, he reminded us that helping others benefits our mental health by reducing stress and improving our mood. Studies show that performing acts of kindness is an effective way to improve your own mental and physical health. Rotary service brings hope to the world and joy to our lives.

Our new focus on mental health will take some time to do it right, and yet it builds on something that has been part of who we are for 118 years.

We are *People of Action*, and behind that action is care, compassion, empathy and inclusion.

Becoming champions of mental health is not only the right and kind thing to do, it is a tool that can *Create Hope in the World*, Gordon's inspiring theme for his upcoming year as president.

If we serve our members, we serve our communities, and if we can meet people where they are and lift them up, they will imagine Rotary in a new light and come to fully understand our value and our infinite potential.

Jennifer Jones
President
Rotary International

Rotary Peace Park - Melbourne Convention



If you are going to the Rotary Melbourne Convention, ensure you stop by the Rotary Peace Park in the House of Friendship. There will be interactive displays, presentations on Rotary's Peace initiatives, spaces to meet and discuss and much more. AND IT IS BIG !

State of Rotary's Membership as on 1st January 2023

The State of Rotary's Membership as on January 2023 - Download a PPT by Rotary International by clicking following link:

<https://msgfocus.rotary.org/c/19MLXFsGuiERDqGB2zSHjJn2GaOHf>



WORLDWIDE	AS OF 1 JANUARY 2023	COMPARED TO 1 JANUARY 2022
Rotarians	1,179,633	+ 1,364
Rotaractors	177,379	- (54,230)
Rotary Clubs	36,767	+ 192
Rotaract Clubs	11,248	- 430

25% of Rotarians are women
47% of Rotaractors are women

Polio Update as on 26th April 2023

Wild Poliovirus Weekly Update

26 April 2023

2022

30 children paralyzed by polio



2023

1 child paralyzed by polio



*Non endemic

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BRINGING MORE PEOPLE
INTO ROTARY,
IT'S RATHER A
QUESTION OF GETTING
MORE ROTARY INTO
PEOPLE.

HAROLD THOMAS



Rotary

THIS IS A CHANGING
WORLD; WE MUST
BE PREPARED TO
CHANGE WITH IT.
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Rotary at a glance

Rotary clubs	:	37,005
Rotaract clubs	:	11,210
Interact clubs	:	19,266
RCCs	:	12,796
Rotary members	:	1,197,735
Rotaract members	:	174,355
Interact members	:	443,118

As on April 17, 2023

Membership Summary

As on April 1, 2023

RI District	Rotary Clubs	No of Rotarians	Women Rotarians (%)	Rotaract Clubs	Rotaract Members	Interact Clubs	RCC
2981	136	6,413	7.48	71	462	55	255
2982	82	3,736	6.96	30	719	126	76
3000	132	5,519	10.24	103	1,624	327	215
3011	123	4,735	28.43	82	2,662	145	37
3012	151	3,757	23.10	73	1,275	95	61
3020	86	4,981	7.29	41	1,180	168	350
3030	101	5,494	14.98	122	2,171	381	383
3040	115	2,613	15.77	59	800	95	190
3053	67	2,885	16.36	35	569	55	128
3054	172	7,060	19.79	107	1,498	209	577
3060	102	5,034	14.90	67	2,415	81	144
3070	127	3,479	16.53	47	556	64	59
3080	108	4,360	12.82	120	2,211	215	116
3090	104	2,450	5.22	46	615	151	164
3100	107	2,281	13.55	15	137	39	151
3110	143	3,951	12.33	16	126	33	106
3120	89	3,709	15.77	35	398	36	55
3131	142	5,759	24.83	140	3,116	266	145
3132	91	3,682	12.95	37	514	127	168
3141	111	6,234	26.84	149	6,297	239	170
3142	103	3,913	21.21	90	3,006	149	88
3150	112	4,408	13.18	151	2,023	163	128
3160	78	2,747	9.17	32	233	26	82
3170	149	6,837	15.85	105	1,846	275	178
3181	87	3,666	10.23	37	442	224	117
3182	88	3,656	10.12	44	194	132	107
3190	169	7,079	20.36	222	5,282	294	74
3201	169	6,636	9.92	133	2,001	118	91
3203	94	4,958	7.83	76	1,003	244	39
3204	75	2,560	7.23	23	206	33	13
3211	157	5,184	8.47	9	132	37	133
3212	127	4,791	11.46	85	3,527	303	153
3231	97	3,502	8.31	37	411	99	417
3232	172	6,909	20.29	132	7,159	246	101
3240	109	3,678	16.86	71	1,433	206	226
3250	103	3,923	21.18	68	1,035	85	188
3261	91	3,302	19.93	17	61	27	45
3262	125	3,866	14.64	75	742	662	277
3291	153	4,037	25.07	135	2,045	111	706
India Total	4,547	173,784		2,937	62,126	6,341	6,713
3220	72	2,151	16.09	98	5,096	145	77
3271	171	3,426	18.68	168	2,595	304	28
3272	162	2,237	15.33	70	947	22	48
3281	312	7,372	18.08	280	2,230	157	207
3282	183	3,667	10.23	203	1,735	50	47
3292	156	5,899	18.82	184	4,951	149	135
S Asia Total	5,603	198,536		3,940	79,680	7,168	7,255

Source: RI South Asia Office

Programs for the month of May 2023

28th May 2023 – Sunday.

Treasure hunt – with a Message for Drug awareness

Members are requested to Register for Treasure Hunt Competition before 10th of May.

2- 4 people can be part of the team.

7th May 2023 – Sunday

Adult Diapers 500 pcs Donation to Old Age Home at Dindoli.

As Committed by our Club to Donate 500 pcs every month we will be visiting the Old Age home. Please Join us for this Noble Cause.

