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R.I. District 3060 Zone 4-B



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Rtn. Jennifer Jones
R.I. President - 2022 - 2023



Rtn. Shrikant Indani
D.G. 3060 - 2022-2023



Rtn. Tanmay Agrawal
Club President



Rtn. Sanjay Jalan
Hon. Club Secretary

Bulletin Editor : Rtn. Mausam Jalan

My Dear Rotary Surat West family,

On 31st March 2023, We had the Official Club Visit of Respect District Governor Rtn Shrikant Indani.

FROM THE DESK OF BULLET IN EDITOR



DG Shrikant Bhai explained in

Great detail about the importance of Donating to **The Rotary Foundation.**

He enlightened us about the work done by the Foundation and how it helps to make this World a better place.

He expressed his wish for an Esteemed Club like us to be an **Each Rotarian Every Year (EREY) Club.**

I take this opportunity to request all Members to Contribute to The Rotary Foundation and make our Club an EREY Club again this year

Members can Donate Directly or contact Hon Treasurer Rtn Tinish Mody for the same

Regards

Mausam Jalan

Bulletin Editor – Year 2022 -23

MARCH IS WATER & SANITATION MONTH

On 26th March 2023, Members of Rotary Club of Surat West visited OLD AGE HOME , 567 to 596 Mahadev Nagar Vibhag 1, Dindoli Surat and Donated a 2000 Litre Water Tank .

The Old age Home is Managed by Shri Anil Baghela and has approx 100 Homeless patrons. The Old age Home is run with limited resources and is dependant on Donations received .

In addition to Water Tank Rtn Mukesh Jain personally Donated 120 Hand Towels worth Rs 6000.00

One Day Food expenses Rs 6000.00 Cash was also personally Contributed by Members of Club

11 Drums for Food Storage worth Rs 5100 will be Delivered by President Rtn Tanmay Agrawal

Rotary Club of Surat West has Committed to send 500 Adult Diapers every month to the Old Age Home



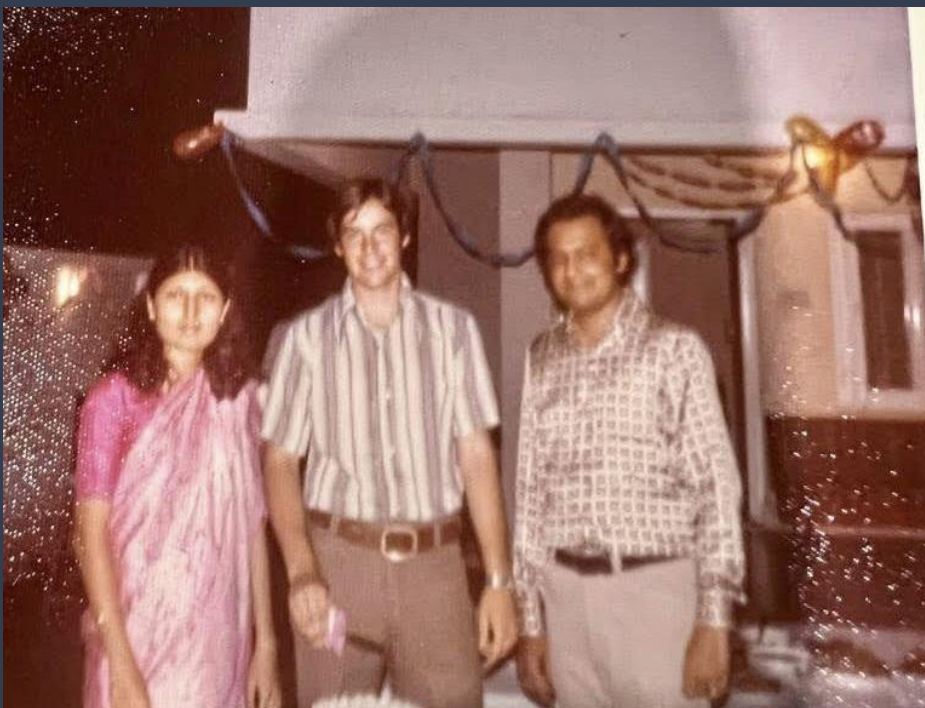
SPEAKER SESSION WITH TIM & CAROLYN AINSLIE

On 29th March 2023, Rotary Club of Surat West organised an Informative and Interactive Session at the Abbey Hall, Avadh Utopia, Surat.

Tim Ainslie was Rotary Exchange Student to India (1975-76)

PDG Devendra Shastri was one of his Host

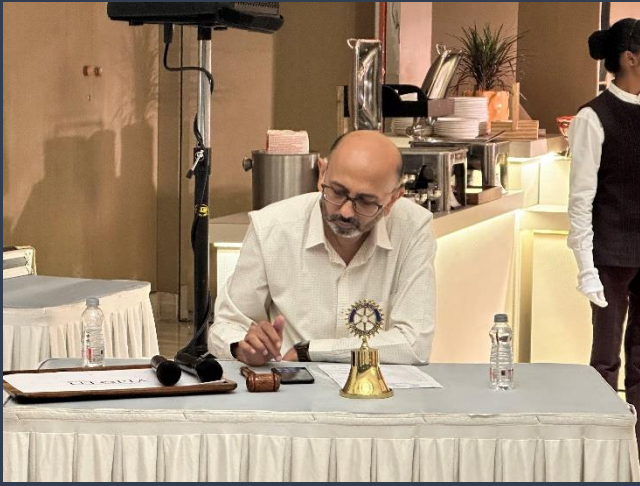
Tim Ainslie is a Physio Therapist and Carolyn his Wife is CFO with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Both of them live in Seattle, USA.



Tim Ainslie with PDG Devendra Uncle & Neelima Aunty in 1975

Topic :

How life changed after Rotary Youth Exchange – Tim Ainslie
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation – Over view of Activities – Carolyn Ainslie



DISTRICT GOVERNOR's OFFICIAL VISIT

On 31.03.2023 - District Governor Rtn Shrikant Indani & First Lady Sarika Indani visited Rotary Club of Surat West

The Day began with Welcoming of DG Rtn Shrikant Indani & First Lady at the residence of President Rtn Tanmay Agrawal.

After that DG Rtn Shrikant Indani had a meeting with President Rtn Tanmay Agrawal , Hon Sec Rtn Sanjay Jalan & PE Rtn Sonal Shah.

Complete list of documents required for OCV was submitted to the DG in a Spiral Bound Book and also Soft copy for the same was handed over to him in a Pen drive.

DG Rtn Shrikantji examined all the documents and put forward his opinions and Ideas to the President. He also pointed out about the lack of participation by our Club at District Events .

DG Rtn Shrikant Indani also requested the President for all Members contribution towards **The Rotary Foundation**. He explained about how the club can get Grants from Rotary for carrying out big Service projects.

Followed by this we had our Board Meeting where the Chairman of Various Committes gave a brief presentation of the activities done by the Various Committes till date in the Current Rotary Year.



After the Board Meeting, Board Members of RCSW proceeded to **The Bachpann Day Care Centre** with DG Rtn Shrikant Indani & First Lady Sarika Indani. Also Present was DCP Smt Bhavana Patel. DG Rtn Shrikant bhai Interacted with kids at the centre and understood the role of RCSW in maintaining the Bachpann Day Care Centre



Club Meeting was held at Iris Hall, Avadh Utopia.

The Event began with Lighting of Lamp by DG Rtn Shrikant Indani , First lady Sarika Indani, PDG Rtn Devendra Shastri, IPDG Rtn Santosh Pradhan, AG Rtn Rachna Maheshwari, President Rtn Tanmay Agrawal & Hon Sec Rtn Sanjay Jalan



Next on the Agenda was prayers which was Sung beautifully by Rtn Radha Agrawal. Followed by reading of the 4 Way test by PP Rtn Bhavesh Shah.

President Tanmay Agrawal welcomed the District Governor & all other Dignataries present at the Event.



DG Rtn Shrikant & first Lady Sarika were greeted and welcomed With a bouquet of flowers by President Rtn Tanmay Agrawal & First Lady Rtn Gunjan Agrawal

AG Rtn Rachna Maheshwari was greeted and welcomed with a bouquet of flowers by Hon Sec Rtn Sanjay Jalan & Rtn Mausam Jalan



Hon Sec Rtn Sanjay Jalan , gave an Elaborate Presentation about the activities carried out by RCSW in the Rotary Year 2022 -2023

He informed the Audience that RCSW has Done

16 Service Projects

08 Fellowship Events

04 Speaker Sessions

03 Board Meetings

And also added 23 New Rotarians in the Current Year.



PP Rtn Hitendra Mody gave an elaborate Introduction of DG Rtn Shrikant Indani through a small Video showcasing his achievements in his Personal life and as a Rotarian.

AG Rtn Rachna Maheshwari addressed the Audience followed by a wonderful Address by District Governor Rtn Shrikant Indani.

He Congratulated RCSW for their achievements and various Service Projects carried by RCSW in the Current Year. He again emphasised about the lack of Participation of our Club in Rotary District Events. He informed the audience about the various activities done by Rotary Foundation . He appealed to Members to contribute towards the Rotary Foundation .

He also wished that an Esteemed Club like ours should have atleast One Peranent Project to its honours this Year



District Governor Rtn Shrikant Indani was presented with a Memento by PDG Rtn Devendra Shastri on behalf of our Club

The Meeting ended with a Vote of thanks by PE Rtn Sonal Shah, followed by National Anthem.

After the Official Meeting ended Karaoke Session began with the first song sung by DG & first lady.

Members of RCSW also Sang many Songs and Members Danced to the Tune of the Melodious Song

The Memories of this Meeting will be Etched in our Mind & Soul for Years to come



Rotary Club of Surat West Family with the Esteemeed Guest

Last but not the least special thanks to Master of Ceremonies
Ann Dr Pallavi Sethi ..

President Speaks

Introducing the Rotary Youth Network

How do you take the best from the worst?

None of us will forget how the pandemic altered our world and our lives. Each of us had to traverse this period of uncertainty, and no one had a free pass from the effects.

I personally believe this has created space for a different kind of global leadership — one that is courageous, empathetic and vulnerable. I met my good friend Anniela Carracedo online in early 2020. She is one such leader, and I'm thrilled to turn this month's column over to her.

— Jennifer Jones

In March 2020, I had a panic attack. I couldn't breathe, and I felt a terrible pain in my chest.

It had been a few days since the World Health Organisation declared Covid-19 a global pandemic, and I was in the middle of my year as a Rotary Youth Exchange student in the United States. Think about it: an 18-year-old girl stuck in a different country, with a foreign language, with people she had only met six months before. It was scary.

But I am familiar with uncertainty. I was born and raised in Venezuela, which is going through one of the worst humanitarian and political crises in the Western Hemisphere. But my mom always said, "Challenges are nothing more than needs that require a solution."

I called up my Interact and Youth Exchange friends. Together, we organised an online meeting to share projects and get inspired by what everyone else was doing during the quarantine. In that first meeting, we had 70 people, mainly students from 17 countries.

From that beginning, we built an online platform for Rotary youths

worldwide to share their experiences and inspire others with project ideas during isolation. We looked for mentors and supporters who would help our group connect young people, share cultures, and open new collaborative opportunities for international service projects. We called it Rotary Interactive Quarantine, or RIQ.

After only a year, we engaged with more than 5,000 students from 80 countries. Several of our team members became district Interact representatives and district committee members, and some of us even serve on Rotary International councils.

Eventually, quarantine restrictions were being lifted, and the needs of our participants were changing. At our last official meeting as RIQ, past RI president Barry Rassin inspired us to create even bigger change, so we transformed RIQ into the Rotary Youth Network, or RYN.

A few of our members, including me, were selected to serve on the inaugural Interact Advisory Council, where we presented our vision for youth in Rotary to the RI Board of Directors.

Our presentation to the Board inspired President Jones and her team to create a Youth Advisory Council in Rotary International, which I am honoured to serve as a co-chair.

The Rotary Youth Network was officially launched during a breakout session at the 2022 Rotary International Convention in Houston. Five of us, who had participated in Interact, Youth Exchange and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, travelled across continents to launch an organisation we had kicked off online two years before. The convention was the first time we had met in person.

When my friends and I finished our talk, we realised more than 500 people were giving us a standing ovation. Tears filled our eyes, and the feeling of excitement and accomplishment took over.

Who would have thought that a panic attack would lead to this?

ANNIELA CARRACEDO
Rotary Club of Bay St Louis
Mississippi
District 6840 Rotaract chair-elect



Anniela Carracedo addresses the International Assembly in January in Orlando, Florida.

Rotary District Governor

The Rotary district governor performs a very significant function in the world of Rotary. He or she is the single officer of Rotary International in the geographic area called a Rotary district, which usually includes about 45 Rotary clubs. The district governors, who have been extensively trained at the worldwide International Assembly, provide the “quality control” for the more than 35,000 Rotary clubs of the world. They are responsible for maintaining high performance within the clubs of their district.

The district governor, who must make an official visit to each club in the district, is never regarded as an “inspector general” Rather, he or she visits as a helpful and friendly adviser to the club officers, as a useful counsellor to further the Object of Rotary among the clubs of the district, and as a catalyst to help strengthen the programs of Rotary. The district governor is a very experienced Rotarian who generously devotes a year to the volunteer task of leadership. The governor has a wealth of knowledge about current Rotary programs, purposes, policies and goals, and is a person of recognized high standing in his or her profession, community and Rotary club. The governor must supervise the organization of new clubs and strengthen existing ones.

He or she performs a host of specific duties to assure that the quality of Rotary does not falter in the district and is responsible to promote and implement all programs and activities of the Rotary International president and the RI Board of Directors. The governor plans and directs a district conference and other special events. Each district governor performs a very important role in the worldwide operations of Rotary. The district governor is truly a prime example of Service Above Self performing a labour of love.



Rotary International Data : Courtesy PDG Rtn Devendra Shastri

FORTH COMING PROGRAMS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

9th April 2023 - 3rd Cataract Surgery Camp for the Rotary Year 2022 -2023 at Vansda

30th April 2023 – Charter Night RCSW


Rotary Wisdom



“The future of Rotary will not be shaped at RI headquarters – it will be shaped in each and every Rotary club, because it is for each of us -- as Rotarians -- to do what is necessary to keep Rotary strong.”

**– John Kenny
(RI President 2009-10)**

Trikarpur Rotary RI District 3202



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The embodiment of Rotary clubs and their ultimate purpose is to embrace and support communities in need.

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Joe Otin

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