



ROTARY CREATES ENVIRONMENTS OF PEACE

As a humanitarian organization, peace is a cornerstone of our mission. We believe when people work to create peace in their communities, that change can have a global effect.

By carrying out service projects and supporting peace fellowships and scholarships, our members take action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

Our commitment to peace building today answers new challenges: how we can make the greatest possible impact and how we can achieve our vision of lasting change. We are approaching the concept of peace with greater cohesion and inclusivity, broadening the scope of what we mean by peace building, and finding more ways for people to get involved.

UPCOMING EVENT OF THE FEBRUARY MONTH

17th February: OCV

19th February: Box cricket

25th February: Picnic

Annapurna with Humf: Dates will be announced later

February is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month



"Peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of creative alternative for responding to conflict- alternative to passive or aggressive responses, alternatives to violence."

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PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- 15th January - GKP – Land Filling
- 26th January - GKP: Republic Day Celebration and Water Sanitation and Hygiene Project
- 26th January - GKP : Annapoorna Project 7
- 26th January - HUMF Project 8 – Maternal and Child Health

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

15th January - GKP – Land Filling

The Village Primary School adopted by RSR had been facing a serious problem of rain water clogging on the approach to the boys' and girls' restroom blocks. Hence, as a GKP project, the club undertook the responsibility of making the toilet approach easily accessible for the students by land filling on 15th January. This has now made the accessibility of washrooms to the students devoid of any hindrances in the monsoon season. Kudos to the team for this act of kindness to uplift and upgrade the school campus we have adopted.

26th January - GKP – Republic Day Celebration and Water Sanitation and Hygiene Project

The 74th Republic Day was celebrated with much pomp and grandeur by the members of RSR amidst the shining faces of the future citizens at Segvachhama School. The DGN Rtn. Tushar Shah and AG Rtn. Ram Mandloi graced the occasion to witness the most important service project of providing purified drinking water and improvised kitchen facilities to the students of the school. The renovated run-down kitchen and the water purifying plant were inaugurated by the respected DGN Rtn. Tushar Shah.

It gives us immense pleasure to provide these basic facilities on such an auspicious occasion. The man behind all the arrangements made was none other than PP Rtn. Jugal Shinglot. We extend a heartfelt gratitude to him for sparing his time and effort to execute the project. Special mention goes to the 100% donors of this project – President Rtn. Ritu Kumar and First Gentleman Rtn. Rajan Talwar for implementing this project worth 2.5 Lakh.

26th January- GKP: Annapoorna Project 7

Nutritious breakfast was served to the little ones of Segvachhama School, after the celebration of Republic Day, as a part of the GKP – Annapurna project. The sponsors of the relishing breakfast being Rtn. Sushma Jain, PP Rtn. Manoj Jain, President Rtn. Ritu Talwar and First Gentleman Rtn. Rajan Talwar.

26th January - HUMF Project 8 – Maternal and Child Health

To address the issue of malnutrition in Anganwadi kids, the HUMF project is undertaken. This time, under this project, nutritious food was also provided to pregnant and lactating mothers of Segvachhama village on 26 January soon after the Republic Day celebration. Heartfelt gratitude to the sponsors Rtn. Sushma Jain, PP Rtn. Manoj Jain, President Rtn. Ritu Talwar and First Gentleman Rtn. Rajan Talwar.

GKP – Land Filling



GKP – Republic Day Celebration and Water Sanitation and Hygiene Project



GKP: Annapoorna Project 7 / HUMF Project 8 – Maternal and Child Health





FELLOWSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

29th January - Board meeting

The Board Meeting for the month was held at President Ritu Talwar's residence on 29 January. It was attended by all the board members to make the upcoming OCV a grand success. They also brainstormed to plan the months of February and March and keep up with successful execution of the events lined up. Needless to say that the hosts, President Ritu Talwar and the First Gentlemen Rajan Talwar were superb as usual.

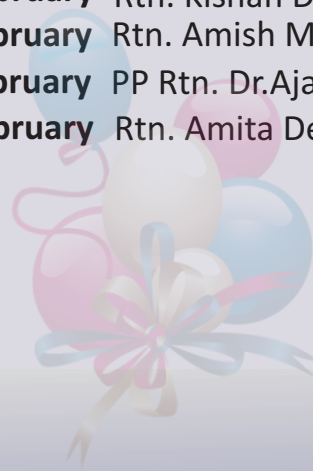
Birthday & Anniversary of February

Birthday

- 3rd February** Spouse Dr. Mehul Bhavsar
- 5th February** Spouse Samir Grover
- 6th February** PP Rtn. Manoj Gajiwala
- 10th February** Rtn. Dr. Prabhakar Singh
- 11th February** Annet. Saumya Manish Dalal
- 12th February** Rtn. Gautam Raval
- 15th February** Ann. Dr. Purvi Patel
- 21st February** Ann. Sangeeta Acharya
- 24th February** Rtn. Haresh Mahadevwala
- 25th February** Annet. Jonil Vaidya
- 28th February** Annet. Saanvi Rajat Vij

Anniversary

- 3rd February** PP Rtn. Mukund Jariwala
- 6th February** PP Rtn. Garshil Lekhadia
- 6th February** Rtn. Prerna Grover
- 11th February** PP Rtn. Rajesh Patel
- 11th February** Rtn. Kishan Desai
- 12th February** Rtn. Amish Malji
- 20th February** PP Rtn. Dr. Ajay Bhardwaj
- 22nd February** Rtn. Amita Desai



Rotary Woman of the Month.

A Lady with Die-hard Commitment: Rtn. Rashika Bhardwaj



It is often said that a teacher takes a hand, opens a mind and touches a heart. PP Rtn. Rashika Bhardwaj must have taken innumerable hands, opened endless minds and touched countless hearts in her professional life. She is a Veteran when it comes to imparting education and a prominent name amongst her students, but her commitments as a Rotarian is worth taking note of. She took the batons of RSR as the President in the year 2018 and proved her mettle as a 'Woman Leader' of this prestigious club. She was Nominated as the AG for the year 2021-22 and won lots of accolades from the District Dignitaries for her tenure. Her contributions are remarkable and her energy and exuberance can't go unnoticed when in action during the service projects.





“Motivational Story ”

A man who made us a nation of equals

It makes a little difference, who you are, who you were born, once you decide to bring the change. “We are Indians, firstly and lastly.” –**as said by this great Legend**

It takes courage to fight for social inequality. He was an economist, politician, scholar, social reformer who inspired the Dalit Buddhist movement and a leader who established an India of equals. A man who put the first brick of the foundation of equality in India.

“I measure the progress of a community by the degree of progress which women have achieved.” – **as said by this great Legend.**

His story is very much an inspiring one. **A little boy born of a Dalit Mahar family** who was considered untouchable, facing all the humiliation in the school, in college, in the society but standing still for the rights of the lower class, for the equality, liberty and basic human rights, **became the father of Indian Constitution.** One of the most respectable freedom leaders.

“Every man who repeats the dogma of Mill that one country is no fit to rule another country must admit that one country is not fit to rule another class.” – **as said by this great Legend**

He was **Born on 14th April 1891** to an officer in the Indian army. His father retired in 1894 and the family moved to Satara two years later. Shortly after their move, His mother died. Since childhood, he faced the lack of resources just because of being a Mahar, a lower caste in Hindu religion.

Of his brothers and sisters, **only he passed his examinations and went to school.** Later, Awarded a scholarship by the Gaekwar (ruler) of Baroda, he studied at universities in the United States, Britain, and Germany.

He entered the Baroda Public Service at the Gaekwar's request, **but, again ill-treated by his high-caste colleagues,** he quit in a short time.

The Karkun contemptuously asked, “Who are you?” I replied, “Sir, I am a Harijan.” He said, “Go away, stand at a distance. How dare you stand so near me! You are in the office, if you were outside I would have given you six kicks. What audacity to come here for service!” Thereafter, he asked me to drop on the ground my certificate and the order of appointment as a Talati. He then picked them up. While I was working in the Mamlatdar's office at Borsad I experienced great difficulty in the matter of getting water for drinking. In the verandah, there were kept cans containing drinking water. A waterman was in charge of these water cans. His duty was to pour out water to clerks in the office whenever they require it. In the absence of the waterman, they could themselves take water out of the cans and drink it. That was impossible in my case.

However, after that, **he tried many ways to make a living for his growing family.** He first worked as a private tutor, then as an accountant, and even established an investment consulting business, **but it failed when his clients learned that he was untouchable.**

Later, he became a professor of Political Economy, Although he was successful with the students, other professors objected to his sharing a drinking-water jug with them.

Before the Southborough Committee, which was preparing the Government of India Act 1919, **he argued for creating separate electorates and reservations** for untouchables and other religious communities.

While he was practicing law in the Bombay High Court, he there tried to **promote education** to untouchables and uplift them and thus established **Bahishkrit Hitakarini Sabha.**

These movements disturbed the Higher caste Brahmins and thus faced a lot of objections.

In 1935, his wife died after a long illness without proper care from doctors as she was born in a lower caste. After completing the draft for India's constitution, he suffered from lack of sleep and had neuropathic pain in his legs. During his treatment, he met Dr. Sharada Kabir, whom he married on 15th April 1948, at his home in New Delhi. He was so much humiliated for being born a Mahar so-called lower caste that he decided to convert to other religion. On October 14, 1956, he organized a public ceremony to convert around five lakhs of his supporters to Buddhism. and along with his wife accepted Buddhism.



“Motivational Story ”

Upon India's independence of 15 August 1947, the new Congress-led government invited him to serve as the **nation's first law and Justice Minister**, which he accepted.

On the day of August 29th, he was appointed as **Chairman of the Constitution Drafting Committee** and was appointed by the Constituent Assembly to write India's new Constitution.

He had studied and chosen the best from the constitutions of about Sixty countries. He is recognised through out the world as the **“Father of the Constitution of India.”**

“My struggle of life is my message”

“ Titbits of Life ”

Making a Difference

In manifesting your aliveness, you will want to follow a principle which was beautifully stated by Albert Schweitzer when he said, "I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: The only ones among you who will be truly happy are those who have sought and found how to serve." Notice that Dr Schweitzer says, "sought and found how to serve." He did not say, "try to serve," or "try something and drop it," or "do the best you can."

Happiness comes from having served successfully.

One continues to expand in one's ability to serve by meeting the challenge of actually delivering the results.

Decide on a project for which you are willing to take complete responsibility. Complete the project successfully. Relate this achievement to others as an inspiration for them. Your willingness to express yourself may be just the trigger needed by someone else to do something for themselves. From now on, don't wait for something to happen to you. Actually, take responsibility for making something happen. Keep at it until you make it a successful experience for everyone. You can make the difference.

By Rtn. Kishan Desai

QUIZ

1. Who is the man who made us 'a nation of equals'?
2. How is his birthday celebrated as?
3. When is the OCV and DG visit planned for the current year?
4. What example has Rtn. Kishan picked to support his belief in 'making a difference'?
5. When did the Rotarian of the Month become the President of RSR?
6. What is the cost of the water sanitation project and who donated it?
7. Name the two special guests of Republic Day celebration.



Why Join Rotary ?

Realization of “service Above self”

Opportunities to be involved with community and international projects.

Team up with other volunteers to make a difference.

Appreciation for your contribution

Respect, fellowship and fun

Your skills and talents are shared