



### ROTARY CREATES ENVIRONMENT OF PEACE

Clean water and sanitation is a human right, but not everyone can afford that right. Rotary members are providing communities with sustainable access to safe water, improved sanitation, hygiene management training. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, improved sanitation facility, and better hygiene habits, they lead healthier and more successful lives.

During March, The Rotary Water and Sanitation Month, we encourage members to work towards Rotary's goal of providing everyone with safe water, sanitation, and hygiene by 2030.

### UPCOMING EVENT OF THE MARCH MONTH

**3<sup>rd</sup> March** : Women's Day Celebration

Bone density test and mammography test : Dates to be announced

**20<sup>th</sup> March** : Annapurna Project 10

**25<sup>th</sup> March** : Punjabi Night

### March is Water and Sanitation Month



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#### Rotary Action Groups

Water and Sanitation

Eliminating Malaria

Literacy

Diabetes

Blindness

Polio Survivors

World Health Fairs

Blood Donation



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### PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- 3<sup>rd</sup> February - Project Asmita-1
- 3<sup>rd</sup> February - Project Asmita-2
- 18<sup>th</sup> February - GKP : Annapoorna Project 8
- 28<sup>th</sup> February - GKP : Annapoorna Project 9
- 28<sup>th</sup> February - HUMF Project 9

### PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> February - Project Asmita-1

Project Asmita has been initiated by Rotary Club of Bibbewadi, Pune and our prestigious club has undertaken this project for a greater cause. It is a girl empowerment program, in which we are going to do multiple activities for the upliftment of 1000 girls.

Project Asmita 1 was conducted on 3 February at Citizen Tots, wherein educational sessions with beautiful videos on self-esteem, self-defense, importance of healthy diet & nutrition and awareness of menstrual hygiene were conducted. 82 girls were given booklets based on the topics presented and they were screened for Anaemia using hemometers & were provided Iron supplements.

The commencement of the project was executed seamlessly by PP Dr. Prashant Kariya & his team, under the leadership of President Ritu Talwar and Secretary Nirupa Patel. We extend a heartfelt gratitude to the Rotarians who supported this project.

It is indeed an empowering and fantastic project undertaken.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> February - Project Asmita-2

Project Asmita 2 was conducted on 8 February at Citizen Tots, wherein educational videos based on self-esteem, self-defense, importance of healthy diet & nutrition and awareness of menstrual hygiene were screened and sessions conducted for better understanding. 80 girls in the age group of 10 to 14 were given booklets based on the topics presented. They were screened for Anaemia using hemometers and were provided Iron supplements.

The project was executed seamlessly by PP Dr. Prashant Kariya & his team, under the leadership of President Ritu Talwar and Secretary Nirupa Patel. Heartfelt gratitude to the Rotarians who supported this project by sharing their precious time.

#### 18<sup>th</sup> February - Annapurna Project-8

Under GKP-Annapurna Project, we served dinner to the 47 children of Balashram. Thanks to PE Rtn Ankur Marfatia & his family for sponsoring dinner. Thanks to the Rotarians who were present there.

#### 28<sup>th</sup> February - Annapurna Project-9

As a part of our efforts to address the issues of malnutrition in primary school children, 60 kids of the village primary school at Segvachhama were served healthy lunch of vegetarian sandwiches and juice on 28 February.

#### 28<sup>th</sup> February - HUMF Project 9

HUMF Project 9 was conducted on 28 February at the Primary School of Segvachhama as a part of our efforts to address the issues of malnutrition in Anganwadi kids. The Anganwadi children were served healthy vegetable sandwiches and juice.

#### Project Asmita-1 & 2



#### GKP: Annapoorna Project 8



#### GKP: Annapoorna Project 9



#### HUMF Project 9







### FELLOWSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

**17<sup>th</sup> February - OCV**

**19<sup>th</sup> February - RSR Box Cricket 2023**

**25<sup>th</sup> February - RSR Picnic**

#### 17<sup>th</sup> February - OCV

The OCV of Rotary Riverside Club was held on 17 February. The District Governor Shrikant Indani and the First Lady Sarika Indani travelled to Surat to attend this occasion. They were given a warm welcome by the President Ritu Talwar who hosted them too.

They visited the permanent Physiotherapy Centre of the club, the GKP Village Segvachhama and were highly appreciable of the work done there. They also visited the preschool, **The Learning Nest** owned by the newest members of the club Rtn Kishan Desai and Ann Mohini Desai and were highly impressed by the modern and advance ways implemented in educating the tiny tots.

The much awaited evening session was held at Seasonal Leaf Banquet Hall, where all the members of the club, dressed in formals for the occasion, were present to handhold each other. It was a grand occasion as an OCV is a big day for any club. All the protocols of OCV were followed impeccably.

It was a delight to see the Rubber Girl of India, Annet Anvi Zanzarukia performing on a prayer song to begin the evening on an auspicious note. Two major donors and few PHF members were recognized by the DG Shrikantji, in the presence of the other RSR members, PDG, District Officers and neighbouring clubs' Presidents and Secretaries.

The DG appreciated the club and the projects undertaken. He was absolutely floored by the meticulous paper work done by the IPP Rajesh Mehta and his team.

Another feather being attached to the RSR kitty. Keep rocking RSRians!!!

#### 19<sup>th</sup> February - RSR Box Cricket

RSR Family Box Cricket for Cause is a Fundraising and Fellowship event. 40 family members of RSR participated in this tournament. The 5 teams formed were Team Avenger led by Rtn Alpa Shah, Team Destroyer led by Rtn Tejashri Mehta, Team Dynamite led by Rtn Dhvani Mehta, Team Snippers led by Rtn Falguni Arora and Team Warriors led by Rtn Vaishali Kariya. Team Dynamite were the Champions and Team Warriors the Runner-up. We raised an approximate amount Rs. 1.70 Lakh for our permanent project Physiotherapy Centre and for the service projects of the club. Every year, this event makes the bonding among the members stronger, especially the new members and their family. This event wouldn't have been possible without the selfless service extended by the three gentlemen of the club PP Raju Mehta, PP Siddharth Shah and Rtn Kishan Desai who laid the rules of the game and made the fixture of the matches. On behalf of the club, we thank all sponsors and donors and the event organizers.

#### 25<sup>th</sup> February - RSR Picnic

The much-awaited fellowship of the year, the Annual Club Picnic was organized on 25 February at White Feather, Dudhani. The day began at Jay Jalaram Khaman House, Chikhli where the members had their breakfast enroute to Dudhani. The members then jumped into the pool to beat the heat of the day at the resort. After enjoying the sumptuous lunch and a short nap, the members played some fun games to charge up and also to bond amidst fun. The evening was followed by some rocking music accompanied by the members shaking their legs and then finally settle down after the dinner to light music and a story telling session. The next day dawned with a beautiful sun rise view by the Dudhani lake. The members then had breakfast and bid goodbye to each other with a heavy heart.

#### OCV



#### RSR Box Cricket 2023



#### RSR Picnic





## Birthday & Anniversary of March

### *Birthday*

3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Ann. Sonal Parikh
4 <sup>th</sup> March	PP Rtn. Neena Sinha
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Ann. Falguni Arora
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Rtn. Mihir Shukla
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Annet. Rudri Mehta

***"A wish for you on your birthday, whatever you ask may you receive, whatever you seek may you find, whatever you wish may it be fulfilled on your birthday and always."***

***Happy birthday!***

### **"Motivational Story "**

Once, a young school boy was caught in a fire accident in his school and was assumed that he would not live. His mother was told that he was sure to die, for the terrible fire had devastated the lower half of his body. Even if he were to survive, he would be a cripple throughout his life.

But the brave boy did not want to die nor did he want to be a cripple. Much to be the amazement of the doctor, he did survive. But unfortunately from his waist down, he had no motor ability. His thin legs just dangled there, lifeless. Ultimately he was discharged from the hospital. But his determination to walk was indomitable. At home, when he was not in bed, he was confined to a wheelchair. One day, he threw himself from the chair and pulled himself across the grass, dragging his legs behind him. He reached the picket fence, raised himself up and then stake by stake, he began dragging himself along the fence, his resolve to walk undeterred. He did this every day, with faith in himself that he would be able to walk unaided. With his iron persistence and his resolute determination, he did develop the ability to stand up, then to walk haltingly, then to walk by himself and then to run.

He began to walk to school, then run to school, to run for the sheer joy of running. Later in college he made the track team.

In February 1934, in New York City's famed Madison Square Garden, this young man who was not expected to survive, who would surely never walk, who could never hope to run – this determined young man, ran the world's fastest mile.

An epitome of the power of positive thinking and faith in one's self, he continues to be an inspiration for many, and his story, a brilliant testimony to how one can bounce back even when all odds are stacked against one, to the extent that death seemed the preferable option.

## **QUIZ**

- 1) Name the person in the Motivational story.
- 2) Where was the Box cricket played? What is the purpose behind organising the Box cricket tournament?
- 3) Give an appropriate name to Jugalbhai's poetry in "TITBITS OF LIFE".
- 4) When are we going to celebrate "Punjabi Night"?
- 5) During the OCV, who is the new member whose place was visited by the DG?
- 6) Which club initiated the Project Asmita?
- 7) What is the Rule 85 in Rotary?





## Rotary men of the Month.



**PP Rtn. Siddharth Shah**

**PP Rtn. Raju Mehta**

**Rtn. Kishan Desai**

The month of February couldn't overlook the contributions of three Stalwart Rotarians and hence we have these Three Musketeers sharing the title Rotarian of the Month. To begin with, it is an arduous task to fix a sports event. It devours a greater part of your time and effort fixing the rules, designing the format, booking turfs for practice as well as for the final day, handling adults to fall into the format or even convince them to play (that too barring genders), so on and so forth. It, for sure, is a humungous task. But the three gentlemen of our club made it seem seamless by organising the Annual Cricket for a Cause event with such panache. They indeed go through a rigour to make this event a grand success convincing the members to donate for the banners and then bond over the fellowship with a bit of nok-jhok (that's common in any game and adds flavour), accommodate the players all facilities required, and the endless list goes on. So RSRians let's all applaud the trio - PP Rtn. Siddharth Shah, PP Rtn. Raju Mehta and Rtn Kishan Desai for organising this event and celebrate their tireless contribution by commending their efforts which helped us be a part of this unique event.

Kudos to the Awesome Three!!!



PP Rtn. Siddharth Shah



PP Rtn. Raju Mehta



Rtn. Kishan Desai



### “ Titbits of Life ”

પૂછ્યું કૃષ્ણ એ મનેમંદ મુસ્કાન સાથે,બોલને શું વાત છે.આજે કેમ ઉદાસ છે ?

મે કહ્યું મારા જીવન માં સંઘર્ષ કેમ.?

ઉદેશ્ય શું મારા જીવન નો.?

મારી સામે જોઈહસી પડ્યા મુરલીધરબોલ્યા.જાણે છે તું ?

હું જન્મ્યો એ પહેલા જમને મૃત્યુ આપવા તૈયાર હતામારા જ મામા.

હું જન્મ્યો જેલ માંજીવન આખું સંઘર્ષ માંદરેક ડગલે પડકાર

જન્મતા સાથેજ માં થીથયો અલગ.બાર વર્ષે ગોકુળ થી અલગ

જેણે પ્રેમ આપ્યોએ મા .. યશોદા.જેને પ્રેમ આપ્યોએ રાધા ...ગોપી ઓ અને ગોવાળોને પણ છોડ્યા.

મથુરા છોડ્યું અનેદ્વારકા પણ વસાવ્યું.

જીવન માં આટલો સંઘર્ષતો પણ કોઈનેય જન્મકુંડળી નથી બતાવી.

ના કોઈ ઉપવાસ કર્યાના ખુલ્લા પગેચાલવાની બાધા યે માનીના ઘરની બહારલીંબુ મરચા બાંધ્યા

મેં તો યજ્ઞ કર્યોફક્ત અને ફક્ત કર્મ નો..

યુદ્ધના મેદાનમાં જયારે અર્જુનેધનુષ્ય બાણ નીચે નાંખ્યા.

ના અર્જુનના જન્માક્ષર જોયા,ના કોઈ મુહૂર્ત જોયું,ના તો કોઈ દોરોકે તાવીજ આપ્યા.

બસ એને એટલું જ કહ્યું.આ તારું યુદ્ધ છેતારે જ કરવાનું છે.હું માત્ર તારો સારથીકર્મ માત્ર તું કરમાર્ગ હું બતાવીશ.

મારુ સુદર્શન ચક્ર ચલાવીસંહાર કરી શકત આખીકૌરવ સેનાનો.

પણ તારું ધનુષ્ય તું ઉપાડ.તારા તીર તું ચલાવ.

હું આવી ને ઉભો રહીશકોઈ ને કોઈ સ્વરૂપમાંતારા પડખે તારી સાથેતારો સારથી બની ને.

દુનિયાની તકલીફોમાં તું જાતે લડ.હું હંમેશા તારી આગળ ઉભો હોઈશ.

તુ સારા કર્મ કર.તારી તકલીફોને હું હળવી કરીશ.

બસ હું આવું ત્યારે ઓળખજે મને તું.

મારી ગીતા નો સંક્ષિપ્ત સાર.

નથી જોઈતા તારા કોઈ ઉપવાસ,કોઈ માનતા કે નથી બાધા જોઈતી...

માત્ર શુદ્ધ કર્મ કર...ખુલ્લાં મનથી જીવન ને આવકાર...પ્રત્યેક ક્ષણ ને ભરપૂર માણ...

હું આવતો રહીશ,બસ... ઓળખજે મને તું ..

- By Jugal Shinglot

**TOGETHER, WE SEE A WORLD  
WHERE PEOPLE UNITE AND TAKE ACTION  
TO CREATE LASTING  
CHANGE ACROSS THE GLOBE,  
IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AND IN OURSELVES.**

## **ACTION PLAN**

Priority 1

### **IMPACT**

As People of Action We Rotarians make decisions  
grounded in evidence

Priority 2

### **REACH**

As People of Action We Rotarians are Inclusive, engaging,  
compassionate and ambitious on behalf of the world

Priority 3

### **ENGAGEMENT**

As People of Action We Rotarians create meaningful relationships  
across decades and continents

Priority 4

### **ADAPT**

As People of Action We Rotarians seek new perspectives and new ideas  
that can strengthen Rotary & create lasting change