



### DURING JANUARY, ROTARIANS, UNDER VOCATIONAL SERVICE FOCUSES ON:

- 1) Rotarians conducting themselves, their business or profession in accordance with Rotary's high ethical standards and practices.
- 2) Promoting, fostering and supporting the ideal of service in the pursuit of ALL vocations. using the highest ethical standards and fair treatment of employers, employees, associates, competitors, and the public.
- 3) As Rotarians, we are expected to take every opportunity to promote vocational excellence by example and by service to others.

### UPCOMING EVENT OF THE JANUARY MONTH

- 13<sup>th</sup> January** : Lohri (Tentative)  
**26<sup>th</sup> January** : Dhamal Gali  
**26<sup>th</sup> January** : Republic Day Celebrations  
**26<sup>th</sup> January** : Annapurna  
**31<sup>st</sup> January** : Speaker and AG meet



### January is Vocational Service Month

*"The time we take to serve those who need us can be the turning point, not only in their lives but also in our own."*

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### PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

4<sup>th</sup> December - Cleanliness Drive @ Dumas Beach

28<sup>th</sup> December - GKP: HUMF6

28<sup>th</sup> December - GKP : Annapoorna Project

### PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

#### 4<sup>th</sup> December - Cleanliness Drive @ Dumas Beach

It is said that **Cleanliness is Next to Godliness** and to adopt a clean environment around us, the Interact Club of Lourdes Convent planned a beach cleaning drive on 4 December. The vibrant members of RSR joined this drive to spread awareness about a clean surrounding, among the beach goers. It is not just about enjoying the windy mornings with the sun rising or viewing the purple horizon along with the sunset on the beach. Keeping the beach or rather our surrounding clean is priority just as we keep our homes.

Kudos to the efforts made by the Interact Club members, the young and active minds, and the RSRians! This shall be converted into a continued initiative made to give prominence to cleanliness.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> December- GKP: HUMF 6 Nanhe Kadam GKP: Annapoorna

The HUMF Nanhe Kadam and the Annapoorna drive adopted by RSR were jointly held and executed on 28 December at Segvachhama Primary School. The children of this school and the local ladies were provided with Kesar Badam Milk to boost their health status. The expecting as well as lactating mothers were presented with a box full of dates to give a boost to their immune system.

Our sincerest gratitude towards the members who spared their valuable time to make this project successful and meaningful and a special mention of Ms Daksha Bhalodia who provided the milk to accomplish this act of kindness.



**EVERY GREAT DREAM BEGINS WITH  
A DREAMER. ALWAYS REMEMBER,  
YOU HAVE WITHIN YOU THE  
STRENGTH, THE PATIENCE, AND THE  
P A S S I O N  
TO REACH FOR THE STARS TO  
CHANGE THE WORLD.**

HARRIET TUBMAN

### Cleanliness Drive @ Dumas Beach



### GKP: HUMF 6 Nanhe Kadam GKP: Annapoorna







### FELLOWSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> December - Rotary District Conference 2022-23 (Anushree)

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23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> December - Rotary District Conference 2022-23

Each year, districts are asked to hold a conference for club members so that they can learn about what's happening in Rotary and their district and meet other Rotarians in the area. The district conference committee plans the conference, in collaboration with the Governor.

The 53rd District Conference of Rotary was held at Aurangabad from 23 to 25 December 2022 with splendid glitz and glamour. President Ritu Talwar, First Gentleman Rajan Talwar, IPP Rajesh Mehta, Rtn. Rashika Bhardwaj, Rtn. Dr. Ajay Bhardwaj, Rtn. Tejashree Mehta, Rtn. Raju Mehta, Rtn. Manoj Jain and Rtn. Daksha Bhalodia attended this conference. The conference began with the 'Inaugural March' by the Dignitaries and the Presidents which was a delight to watch. The motivational speeches delivered over the three days were worth lending the ears to, the most remarkable ones being the keynotes presented by Mr. Karan Datta on 'Geo-Politics and its Impacts' and Mr. Bhavesh Bhatia on 'Ruk Jana Nahi' which were totally engrossing and inspiring. The Bollywood Night was the special attraction of the conference. The performance made by the President Ritu Talwar and Rtn. Rashika Bhardwaj along with other Rotarians from Surat was a show stealer as it presented the 6 focus areas of Rotary. All in all, it was a valuable time spent brilliantly balanced with the fun quotient. To top it all, the savouries and the spreads offered by the catering service for the 3 days was far beyond excellence.

However, what makes it even more worthy was the accolades received by our club which swells our hearts with pride and honour. Based on the projects carried out in the last year by the RSR family under the able guidance of IPP Rajesh Mehta, we had been honoured with more than 16 awards in different categories during the last District conference held in June and were once more appreciated amongst others during ANUSHREE.

The categories for which we were appreciated are:

- 1) 100% New membership Retention
- 2) 100% TRF GIVING Club
- 3) EREY Club





## Birthday & Anniversary of December

### *Birthday*

<b>4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Ann. Rinkal Lineswala
<b>5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Dr. Saumitra Shah
<b>7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Kamlesh Bachkaniwala
<b>8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Siya Goswami
<b>10<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Ann. Jacob George
<b>15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Charter PP Rtn. Jayesh Dhamanwala
<b>16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Rtn. Rinkey Barman
<b>18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Rtn. Manish Dalal
<b>25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Ann. Kiara Desai's
<b>28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Rtn. Mukund Kosambia

### *Anniversary*

<b>20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Rtn. Arvind Kumar
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	PP Rtn. Bankim Vashi
<b>24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Rtn. Rajesh Mehta
<b>24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	PP Rtn. Siddharth Shah
<b>26<sup>th</sup> January</b>	PP Rtn. Manoj Jain
<b>28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Rtn. Jaina Gajiwala
<b>29<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Charter PP Rtn. Jayesh Dhamanwala



## Rotary Man of the Month. - PP Rtn. Bankim Vashi



A Man with Benevolence: Rtn. Bankim Vashi

Being virtuous, benevolent and modest is a rare combination these days. Rotary Riverside Club is fortunate to have many such members and the one amongst many others is Rtn Bankim Vashi. He is a symbolic leader who is kind-hearted and has a down-to-earth approach towards life. His magnanimity can't go unnoticed when it comes to sharing his wealth for a noble cause. He has always donated for the projects and also donated for the TRF and has now become the first major donor of RSR.

Apart from being kind, he is also a dedicated Rotarian. He is always available to extend his service beyond limits for a greater cause, to bring about a change in others' lives. RSR is more than glad and proud to have him as one of the most valuable members. His compassion inspires many others to follow his footsteps and be gracious. He truly deserves this title of being the Rotarian of the month.





## “Motivational Story ”

His father was an abusive alcoholic Nazi cop. He used to beat him with belts. As an escape, he watched action movies, and he developed a love for America.

He felt his real future awaited him there, but his father ridiculed his dreams.

His father wanted him to be a police officer, but his will would not be broken.

Bodybuilding was his only way out. So he did everything he could to train for competitions. He even escaped basic army training to compete and spent a week in a military prison as punishment.

With only a dream and \$20 in his pocket, he left for America.

“If you want to turn a vision into reality, you have to give 100% and never stop believing in your dream”

He arrived in California when he was 21 years old. He worked as a bricklayer during the day, at night, he would focus on his dream of making it in America. Many of his friends helped him out, giving him dishes and pillows because he was so broke. He started selling gym equipment, He then took any leftover money and made small investments in real estate.

He had his sights set on Hollywood but he struggled early in his acting career.

He was told:

His body was too big and weird,

He was told:

He had a funny accent,

He was told:

his name was too long

Everywhere he turned, he was told that:

He had no chance.

But he stayed true to himself and his dream, and quickly made a name for himself as an actor. He got a small role after small role, even won a Golden Globe for New Star of the year in 1976.

With the money he made from his side hustle, he decided to focus on acting full-time.

It was a fateful decision, as he got a big role, even though it was in a low budget movie. A role turned down by Mel Gibson, Tom Selleck, Chevy Chase, and almost given to Oj Simpson. But in 1984, his film launched him to stardom, and he became an action hero icon,

The meaning of life is not simply to exist, to survive, but to move ahead, to go up, to achieve, to conquer.

With a bag full of blockbusters, he reinvented himself yet again in 2003, when he left the world of entertainment to devote himself fully to public service, eventually being elected Governor of California.

He is involved with the Special Olympics, and found programs that educate youth about health, Befitting this real-life action hero, he once saved a drowning man off the coast of Maui.

His movies have made billions but more importantly, he is the embodiment of the American Dream and a reminder that no matter where we come from, We are the masters of our own destiny.

“Your struggles develop your strengths, when you go through hardships and decide not to surrender, that is strength.”

Never stop believing.





## “ Titbits of Life ”

### Patience and Perseverance

When we say patience, it means half of the situation is controlled on its own.

To me patience is hope, patience is being courageous, patience is a problem solver. Patience is like a speed breaker and a brake to be saved from accidents. By nature, I might be very impatient but whenever and wherever the situations arise, time has taught me to be extremely patient. Patience avoids many impulsive reactions and teaches us to be calm in any and every situation.

Perseverance too has played a major role in my life. Perseverance keeps you going even in the worst of situations with a positive attitude. No matter how disappointed you are or how broken you are or continuous injustice you face, it gives you a world of courage to fight against all the odds and not lose battles. Perseverance keeps you occupied and saves a lot of your time to do better and better even in the hardest of times.

Perseverance keeps your faith intact, makes you more productive by staying positive. If you cultivate patience within you it is the best thing you have gifted to yourself. To me, perseverance is 'Strong Will Power, Self Esteem and Self confidence'. And in the face of adversity, it shows the strength of your character and determination.

- By Daksha Bhalodia



## QUIZ

- 1) Who is the first major donor of RSR?
- 2) Who performed the Dance on behalf of RSR in Anushree?
- 3) What does Rtn. Daksha speak about in the Titbits section?
- 4) Whom are we talking about in the Motivational story section?
- 5) When is the next AG meet planned?
- 6) What is the theme/agenda for January month at Rotary?
- 7) What were the Local ladies provided during the last HUMF held at Segwachama?



# FOUR-WAY TEST

FOUR QUESTIONS – 24 WORDS

## THE UNIQUE STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS

### IS IT THE **TRUTH**?

- Clarity
- Transparency
- Fact checking
- Ethical behaviour

## PROCESS TO ACHIEVE DESIRED OUTCOMES THAT ARE ETHICAL, FAIR AND BENEFICIAL TO ALL

That we do our homework to collect information and to apply critical thinking by asking questions to know the difference between facts, beliefs, assumptions, and opinions as well as know what we don't know.

### IS IT **FAIR** TO ALL CONCERNED?

- Inclusion
- Empathy
- Acceptance
- Belonging
- Accountability

That we use empathy to see other points-of-view in the context of the problems to be solved and the goals to be reached.

### WILL IT BUILD **GOODWILL** AND **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

- Trust
- Do good
- Feel good
- Have fun

That the process is civil, and there is a feeling of respect and openness to ask the "dumb" question, they can lead to creative and innovative answers. Also, people prefer to work with people they like, respect and trust.

### WILL IT BE **BENEFICIAL** TO ALL CONCERNED?

- What if scenarios
- Trade-offs
- Being creative and innovative
- Better decision making

That these are the conflict transformative answers and decisions that can lead to mutually satisfying solutions, that are sustainable and scalable. This can be an iterative process as we learn more from doing and continuously improving with time.