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## INSTALLATION CEREMONY

## Review

Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end, but a year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on. The **36<sup>th</sup> Installation Ceremony of Club President, Hon. Secretary and Office Bearers of Rotary Club of Rajkot Greater (2022-23)** was held on **Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2022** at The Imperial Palace Hotel.



The Meeting was called to order by **Outgoing President Rtn. Paresh Kalavadia** after a short video message by **RI President Jennifer Jones** on **Imagine Rotary**. The **Rotary Prayer** was recited by **Rtn. Ashok Surelia**. Keeping up with the theme of **Imagine Rotary** the **Rotary 4-way Test** was played in an interesting format of a video-song. The Secretarial announcement was made by **Rtn. Dr. Hitesh Sapovadia**.

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The occasion was graced by various dignitaries like **DG of District 3060 Rtn. Shrikant Indani**, **First Lady of District 3060 Rtn. Sarika Indani**, **AG Rtn. Dr. Hita Mehta**, **AG Rtn. Mehul Nathwani**, **DPIC Rtn. Nilesh Sheth** and the **Club Presidents** and **Hon. Secretaries** of **Rotary Club of Rajkot**, **Rotary Club of Rajkot Prime** and **Rotary Club of Rajkot Metro**. Among the invited guests there were known names like **Devang Mankad**, **Jayesh Shah**, **Nehal Gandhi** and **Kishor Kotecha**. RCRG heartily welcomed all of them.

The **Outgoing Club President Rtn. Paresh Kalavadia** made a great year in review speech. He was filled with pride to share about the projects and meetings conducted during his tenure, the donation made towards Rotary Foundation and the start of new Interact and Rotaract Clubs in Rajkot. As per the traditions of RCRG a **Scroll of Honour** was presented to Rtn. Paresh Kalavadia by all the **Past Presidents** that were present in the function. The outgoing President was also applauded for becoming a **Major Donor Level 1**.

The DG presented the **Certificate of Organization** to the **President of Rotaract Club of Rajkot Greater Parikshit Kalavadia**.



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It is a matter of honour and great pride for RCRG that **18 members** of our Greater Family have become **Paul Harris Fellows** this year.

**Rtn. Prashant Parsana** introduced the dynamic **DG Rtn. Shrikant Indani** who then formally installed **Rtn. Kunal Ashok Mehta** as the **Club President** for the year 2022-23. After taking the **Presidential Oath**, the **Presidential Collar** was exchanged between the outgoing and incoming Presidents. The **Secretarial Collar** was then passed on by **Rtn. Dr. Hitesh Sapovadia** to **Rtn. Apoorva Modi**. The **Office Bearers** for the year 2022-23 were also formally installed by **DG Rtn. Shrikant Indani** and **First Lady Rtn. Sarika Indani** by presenting them with the honoured **Rotary Pins**.



**President Rtn. Kunal Ashok Mehta** made his first **Presidential Speech**, where he assured everyone a year full of entertaining meetings and meaningful projects. He revealed the new Rotary Club of Rajkot Greater logo during the event, focusing on **Mankind, Humanity and Future**. The Club President also proudly declared a contribution of ₹25000 from each Board Member of 2022-23 and ₹50000 from himself towards the RCRG Trust. The MHM project was reintroduced as **Project Pankh** in association with the **Self Finance School Association** that includes 700 schools of Rajkot. A new **Corporate Catalogue of RCRG Permanent Projects** was launched at the event by the noble hands of DG Rtn. Shrikant Indani in presence of all the Past Presidents of the Club.



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On this occasion, **3 new members, Dr. Miral Patel, Mr. Vipul Kotak and Dr. Niyati Bhalani** were inducted to the club. They took their **oath** and were given the prestigious **Rotary pins** by DG Rtn. Shrikant Indani and First Lady Rtn. Sarika Indani. The new members were cordially welcomed by the entire Greater family.


Speaking at the programme, DG Rtn. Shrikant Indani asked everyone to consider Installation Day as an occasion to **Redirect, Rededicate and Repledge** oneself to the **Rotary Motto**. He wished for the members of RCRG to join hands and fill all the colours of rainbow in the theme of Imagine Rotary and to help President Rtn. Kunal Ashok Mehta to achieve the best in the future. The DG also described the various projects being undertaken across District 3060 that will make a huge difference to the Public Image of Rotary, especially the **Gram Kalyan Project**. Meanwhile, he lauded the outgoing President, Rtn. Paresh Kalavadia, and his team for leading the club during 2021-22 and wished good luck to the incoming President Rtn. Kunal Ashok Mehta and his team.



The Vote of Thanx was made by Hon. Secretary **Rtn. Apoorva Modi** where he thanked all those present in his charming style.

The **Installation Chair, Rtn Manish Patel** did a fantastic job making the event a grand success. The **Masters of Ceremony Rtn. Ankoor Sanghvi and Ann. Dr. Sakshi Shrenik Doshi** created the right atmosphere for a ceremony of this grandeur. **Rtn. Hrishit Amlani** did a fantastic job with the Presentation. No major event of Rotary can be complete without a beautiful Rangoli by our very own **Ann. Roopa Nagrecha. Rtn. Nilesh Sheth** cannot be thanked enough for the wonderful venue.

The night ended on a great note with the **National Anthem**. The dinner was delicious, but the best part of the evening was the fellowship with the members and invited guests who were present to welcome the new team.



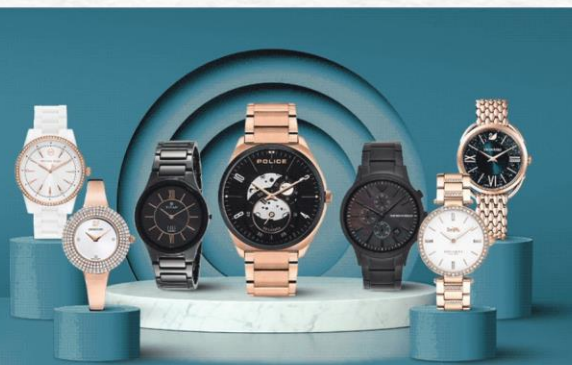
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RI - PRESIDENT  
JENNIFER E.

Jones

A member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, **Jennifer E. Jones** is **Rotary International President** for 2022-23, making her the **first woman** to hold that office in the organization's 115-year history.

She is the founder and president of Media Street Productions Inc. Jones was chair of the board of governors of the University of Windsor and of Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce. She has been recognized for her service with the **YMCA Peace Medallion**, the **Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal**, and **Wayne State University's Peacemaker of the Year Award**, a first for a Canadian.

As the first woman president of Rotary, Jennifer Jones wants to follow through on **Rotary's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Statement** and wishes to champion double-digit growth in the number of female members and members under the age of forty, without losing sight of the entire Rotary family. She wants to **innovate, educate, and communicate opportunities** that reflect today's reality.

The Presidential Rotary Theme for this year is **Imagine Rotary**. The RI President Jennifer Jones imagines a Rotary where members act to make their dreams become reality and they make the most of their club experience. She urges members to engage more with each other and use these connections to build partnerships that change the world.

A **current Rotary Foundation trustee**, Jennifer Jones has served Rotary as **RI Vice President, Director, Training Leader, Committee Chair, Moderator, and District Governor**. She played a lead role in Rotary's rebranding effort by serving as chair of the Strengthening Rotary's Advisory Group. She is the co-chair of the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee, which aims to raise \$150 million for polio eradication efforts.

Rtn. Jennifer Jones led the successful **#RotaryResponds** telethon, which raised critical funds for COVID-19 relief and was viewed by more than 65,000. She has also received Rotary International's **Service Above Self Award** and **The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service**. She and her husband, **Nick Krayacich**, are members of **The Rotary Foundation's Arch Klumph Society, Paul Harris Society**, and the **Bequest Society**.



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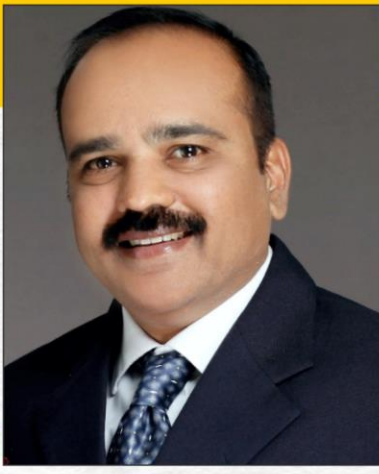
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**DISTRICT GOVERNOR  
RTN. SHRIKANT**

*Indani*

A hardcore Rotarian with a Rotaractor's heart **District Governor Rtn. Shrikant Indani's** life found a new dimension when he joined the **Rotaract Club of Dondaicha** in 1997. He became the Club Secretary in 1998 and the Club President in 2000. He was honoured with **Rotaractor Of The Year** trophy among the 2000 Rotaractors of RI District 3060 at that time. Looking at his dedication and leadership qualities, he was elected as DRR in year 2003-04, when he made a record for hosting a 3-day assembly.

In 2006, Indani joined **Rotary Club of Dondaicha**, a prestigious club with a great legacy of many esteemed permanent projects. He went on to become the Club Secretary in 2011 and in 2013-14, he took over as the President of the Club. In his Presidential year **70+ remarkable projects** like **Digital Classrooms, Mobile Hospital, Dada Dadi Park, Dondaicha Festival, Affordable Blindness**, etc. were done. He was awarded with RI Presidential Citation with Distinction with 100% donor club. DG Rtn. Shrikant Indani also chartered a Rotary Club on the Birthday of our PRIP Rtn. Kalyan Banerjee.

Over the years Shrikant Indani has been selected for various important posts in district in all arenas of Rotary services. He is a regular at Rotary District Assemblies and Conferences. With his profound knowledge of Rotary, he has been invited as a speaker in many events. Since 1997, Indani has received various prestigious awards in Rotary like **Three Star well Informed Rotarian, Best Secretary, Kalyan Fellow Award, Prominent President, Fantastic 15 Rotarian Award, Outstanding Assistant Governor, TRF Coordinator, Super Challenger Rotarian, Service Project Chair Award** to mention a few. He wrote for the Club Bulletin, District GML and Coffee table book and his specially recognised for his poetry and shaayri on Rotary Foundation.

Our DG believes that friends and friendship are the biggest assets of his life. A Computer Science graduate, DG Rtn. Shrikant Indani joined the family business of oil industry and took it a step ahead with the establishment of Baalkrushna Industries. His wife **Rtn. Sarika Indani** is the **Past President of Inner Wheel Club Dondaicha**. The dynamic couple are both **Major Donors**. They have a daughter Aditi and a son Aditya who are both **Paul Harris Fellow**.



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