

**Dear RBM family,**

*I am glad to publish the 2<sup>nd</sup> Issue of Metro Digest. New members are the blood of any organisation and I welcome them all. We are in the month of increasing the family as much possible. Invite friends & relatives to meetings so that can feel proud and become a Rotarian. I am awaiting your comments to make it more interesting. Please share your views.*

*Editor & PP. Rtn. Rajiv Maniar*

## Message from Rotary Baroda Metro Board Members

- **President - Rtn Sumul Patel –**

Our club, Rotary Club of Baroda Metro is branded as Difference maker in the Rotary District 3060. The reason is – we have an innovative approach initiated by the charter member PRID Dr Manoj Desai. However, in the current times, we do have lots of challenges. Rotary believes that as a Rotarian - Family & Work should be first & then Rotary. My question to all is... As a member, are we really following this principle? Do we give similar time for Rotary Activities?

Once a learned saint was sharing that whatever we do in our professional or personal life, if we add our sensitivity & feelings, the outcome will always positive. If we all the members follow the Four Way Test of the Rotary in every walk of our life, we will be one of the happiest people on the earth.

- **Public Image Chair, Rotary Baroda Metro: PP Rtn. Dr. Agam Srivatasva –**

Let the friends, family members & People know the goodness of Rotary & what Rotary achieves through the services in the world.

- Publicized the good work done by Rota such as drive for Polio, which is going on for more than 37 years & Rotary had spend more than Rs. 18,000 Cr. plus millions of man-hour to achieve the dream of Polio Free world.
- Think, Plan & Implement long lasting humanitarian projects required for our community.
- Make it a habit to wear a Rotary Pin in daily life.
- Keep Rotary Flags / Rotary logo clearly visible at home / office.
- Keep Rotary Magazines in easy access areas at home / office & if possible give one of the old copies to your known person to allow them to know more about Rotary.

- **International Service Director, Rotary Baroda Metro: PP Rtn. Dr. Sharmishtha Desai –**

One of the most important and unique avenues of service in Rotary is International Service. Internationality of Rotary is at its best in different programs like Youth Exchange, Group Study Exchange and Friendship Exchange programs. Rotarians/ Rotary couples from their Rotary District of a country travels to another country at their own cost, in the form of a team and enjoy the Rotary activities in the other country. Home hospitality, attending rotary club meetings/ conferences, seeing Rotary projects and local sight seeing are some of the highlights of this program. You go as an ambassador of goodwill and peace. No amount of money you spend as a tourist can give you a similar experience. I have enjoyed this going to Japan and so I recommend all our club members to participate wholeheartedly.

If there is friendship and fellowship, Service is a by-product. Enjoy Rotary by participating in all activities at Club Level, District Level and International Level. I have enjoyed Rotary for the past 36 years and look forward to many more. Thanks to Rotary for making me a better human being now.

## CLUB MEMBERSHIP

- Our Club had 39 members as on 30th June 2022. We inducted 10 new members in July 2022 & 3 more in August 2022. Our membership has reached 52 members including one honorary member. The most important fact is that many existing members brought new members to strengthen our club to allow us to cater better humanitarian services. We are in the process to inducting four more members shortly. We would like to welcome all the new members in our Rotary family & thankful to existing members, those who encourage their family & friends. List of new members & their reference members are as under:

Name of the Member	Referred By	Type of Member
Rtn Ahmad Munvvari	PP Rtn Rajiv Maniar	Rejoined
Rtn Shantilal Kava	Rtn Sumul Patel	Rejoined
Rtn Kina Shah	PP Rtn R O Shah	Rejoined
Rtn Dr Vinay Kumar	Rtn Darshansinh Solanki	New
Rtn CA Shardul Shah	PDG Rtn Pinky Patel	New
Rtn Lalit Agrawal	Rtn Naresh Asnani	New
Rtn Sanjay Jandial	Rtn Sujata Mehta	New
Rtn Ramesh Bansal	PP Rtn Agam Shrivatasva	New
Rtn Meet Patel	Rtn Rinky Choksi	New
Rtn Dr Sejal Mehta	PDG Rtn Pinky Patel	New
Rtn Dr Jigar Mehta	Rtn Sumul Patel	New
Rtn Alpana Patel	Rtn Rinky Choksi	New
Rtn Satyen Kulabkar	Rtn Naresh Asnani	New

## CLUB SERVICE PROJECTS

- Our club was fortunate to celebrate two flag hoisting ceremonies on 15th August 2022.**
- First was in Dajipura Primary school at 8.00 AM,** which was attended by approximate 400 Villagers & the **2<sup>nd</sup> was at Dajipura Secondary school at 9.00 AM, which was attended by 100 villagers.** Both the ceremonies were followed by distribution of 232 raincoats to primary school students & plantation of 100 medicinal tree plantations in secondary school. We also distributed snacks to the students.



- Project to Distribute Sanitary Napkins to Girls of Leprosy affected parents at "Shram Mandir"
- Blood Donation camp to be organized on 17th September 2022 by all clubs of Vadodara.

## OUR AMBASSADORS

- PRID Dr Manoj Desai is attending the Operation Review Committee meeting from 7th to 9th September at Evanston, Chicago, USA; Rotary HO.
- PRID Dr Manoj Desai was invited as Chief Guest in the PET / SET for Dist 3012, Gaziabad.
- RPIC PDG Rtn Pinky Patel was invited as Chief Guest in the District Seminar of Public Image for Dist. 3142, Thana.

## STOP PRESS

Our club had distributed 1000 workbooks to 500 students in 8 schools, nominated by the "Shikshan Samiti" of Vadodara Municipal Corporation in July 2022, as a pilot project. The workbooks were designed & developed by our Community Service Director Rtn Shalini Bhalla, based on numbers & alphabet in Gujarati to support textbooks as per NEP. The workbooks were appreciated by all the school's Principals, Teachers, Students and Parents.



*In the process "Shikshan Samiti" had approved to circulate such workbooks to all the schools of Vadodara Municipal Corporation & even Shikshan Samiti had agreed to support this project by diverting CSR funds available to them from any other Industry source.*



## GLOBAL GRANT

### • **Global Grant (GG) Project status at Chilyavant & Sanada –**

As you know, our club is implementing E3 project to Empathy - Empower - Energise two villages in Chhota Udaipur District, 130 Kms away from Vadodara with the partnership of Shroff Foundation.



Under this project, we are going to carry out land leveling of 16,25 hectares, build 9 check dams, Repair of 6 Check Dams, build 75 Gully plugs / 3 Earthen Bundh / 1 Bori Bundh / 3 Horizontal bore in Well / 1 Group well amongst 8 farmer & 1 lift irrigation scheme. The project is almost 80% is over & likely to complete by March 2023.

## PROUD MOMENTS OF ROTARY BARODA METRO

- Rotary Baroda Metro awarded the best club in cluster 5 of all Vadodara clubs in the Monthly Public Image project for August 2022 during the District Seminar of Membership, Public Image & Literacy held on 28th August 2022 at Mercure Surya Palace.





## CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS

- Installation of Interact & Earlyact at New Era School, Nizampura Vadodara. Date will be finalized soon.
- Installation of new RCC Dabhoi. Date will be finalized soon.
- Teachers felicitation at Dabhoi who are teaching in before & after school hours in 23 villages. Date will be finalized soon.

## DISTRICT CIRCULARS

- GG's monthly letter circulated "GML" on 2nd September. The same has been circulated by the President
- District Governor Rtn. Satish Indani has planned for OCV on 7th November 2022 for full day. Members are requested to block their dates. Program will be shared soon.
- Nation Builder Awards to be distributed on 5th September - Teacher's day or 8th September - World Literacy day.
- PPT circulated on proposed District Project of "Maternal & Child Health" - HUMF. Please share your feedback to the President – if interested.

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CIRCULARS

- ☐ A message for Interact Club Advisors & Club Sponsors.
- ☐ Register Now: Work Smarter, Not Harder, to Grow Your Club- Webinar on 28<sup>th</sup> September on Membership Development.
- ☐ Message from Jennifer Jones "A look at the year ahead" circulated.
- ☐ Message for Convention Registration: Don't wait: Save big on the 2023 Rotary International Convention in Melbourne, Australia

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 8th September - Chai pe Charcha - at Tea Post, Akota, Vadodara
- 12th September BOD to be hosted by Rtn Shalini Bhalla at Polo Club, Vadodara
- 15th September - New Member Orientation Program at LVP, Rajmahal, Vadodara
- 6th October - BOD to be hosted by PP Rtn Sharmishtha Desai – Venue will be communicated Later
- 8th October - Chai pe Charcha - at Coffee Lounge - Venue will be communicated Later
- 13th October - Pre Diwali Meet at LVP. Suggestions are invited for this celebration

➤ **No members who are having their birth-date in September. How about finding some?**

### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:**

01<sup>st</sup> - Rtn. Maneesha Shukul

07<sup>th</sup> - Rtn. Rajendrasinh Thakor

12<sup>th</sup> - Rtn. Puja Soni



### **ANNIVERSERIES:**

14<sup>th</sup> September Rtn. Sandeep & Payal Grover

05<sup>th</sup> October Rtn. PP Agam & Anita Srivatava



### **STOP PRESS:**

Members are requested to send their suggestions or their own creations.