

# *NUMERO UNO*

Monthly Newsletter of Rotary Club of Thane Angels



**CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD**

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# Message from RI President

**Dear fellow Rotary Readers:**

Rotary recently surveyed our members and found something that should be unsurprising but still caused many of us in Rotary leadership to sit up and pay attention: The single most important factor in **member satisfaction is the club experience**. How at home you feel in your club, how rewarding club meetings are, and how engaged you feel in service projects.

I have seen this firsthand across the Rotary world this year. When members feel an emotional connection to their club, they cannot imagine leaving. And that connection is often forged in “Rotary moments,” when people feel that special connection to the people around them and the impact of their service. Our Imagine Impact Tour is all about shining a light on those Rotary moments and encouraging our members to tell their stories.

But there’s something else that makes an enormous difference in building and sustaining that connection. It’s the comfort and care of our members — both Rotarians and Rotaractors. As my Rotary friend Todd Jenkins says, “People can’t see how you think, but they sure can see your actions.”

We are in **the relationship business**, and if we take care of each other — genuinely show concern for each other — then we will make friends for life, and we will do anything to widen that circle of friendship. The question is: How do we live with our eyes wide open and do the things that really matter? We do this by taking time for each other, actively listening to one another, and treating every Rotary member as equally valuable — no matter how long we have been a member or what position we hold.

People like me in Rotary leadership can offer all kinds of advice about how to make your club experience more valuable. But what’s most important is for everyone in **every Rotary club to speak up and listen to one another**. We should never be afraid to share with our fellow Rotary member what we expect to get out of our membership and have an open discussion about how to make that happen. To lead a Rotary club is to invite such dialogue and to be willing to try new approaches. Good leadership is giving it away. Propping others up. Allowing others to feel the victory.

I have one last request for club leaders. We still need to do more worldwide to **increase our female membership**. It’s up a bit this year, but I know we can and must do better. Rotary is growing again. As I write this, we’re just a handful of members away from **surpassing 1.2 million Rotarians again**. So let’s redouble our efforts to bolster our clubs with great new members, then keep them for life by providing comfort and care.

**Jennier Jones**

**President, Rotary International 2022-23**



# Meet RI President Elect 23-24

**R. Gordon R. McNally**

**President-elect 2022-23**

Rotary Club of South Queensferry

West Lothian, Scotland

R. Gordon R. McNally is president-elect of Rotary International. He was educated at the Royal High School in Edinburgh and at the University of Dundee, where he earned his graduate degree in dental surgery. He operated his own dental practice in Edinburgh until 2016. Gordon was chair of the East of Scotland branch of the British Paedodontic Society and has held various academic positions. He has also served as a presbytery elder, chair of the Queensferry parish congregational board, and commissioner to the general assembly of the Church of Scotland.

R. Gordon joined Rotary in 1984 at age 26. A member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, he has served as president and vice president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI). He has also served RI as a director and on several committees, including as an adviser to the 2022 Houston Convention Committee and chair of the Operations Review Committee.

Gordon is a patron of the UK-based nonprofit Hope and Homes for Children and led a partnership between that organization and RIBI to support children in Rwanda who had been orphaned in the genocide there. He is a patron of Trade-Aid, an initiative of the Rotary Club of Grantham Kesteven, Lincolnshire, England, that provides sustainable humanitarian aid to individuals, families, and businesses in the developing world. He is also an ambassador for Bipolar UK, a national mental health organization.

In his free time, Gordon enjoys rugby, good food and wine, and stick dressing, the traditional Scottish craft of making walking sticks.

Gordon describes The2 Rotary Foundation as “the fuel that provides the energy to do Rotary service.” He and his spouse, Heather, also a Rotarian, are Paul Harris Fellows, Major Donors, and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation. They are also members of the Bequest Society.

## **Presidential Initiatives**

### **Prioritizing Mental Health**

In 2023-24, Gordon will encourage clubs and districts to undertake activities that:

- Erase any stigma associated with discussions of emotional well-being
- Raise awareness of mental health needs
- Improve access to mental health services

### **Building Peace Through Virtual Exchanges**

### **Empowering Girls**



# Happy Street Project



Rotary District 3142



## Happy Street

Chief Guest  
DG Kailash Jethani

All Sundays of January 2023 Timings 7.00 am till 9.00 am	
8th January	Below Flyover Opp. Korum Mall
15th January	Lodha Amaara
22nd January	Upvan Lake
29th January	Near Teen Hath Naka



- RCT Central
- RC Amaara Thane
- RC Midtown
- RCT Aces
- RCT Garden City
- RCT Skyline
- RCT Angels
- RCT North
- RCT Smart City
- RCT Downtown
- RCT West
- RCT Creekside
- RCT Connoisseurs
- RCT North End
- RCT Amigos
- RC Thane
- RCT Titans
- RCT Uptown



# Voice of Thane: District Event for Singers in Thane



**Chief Guest: DG Kailash  
@ Inaguration**



**Convenor  
Aniruddha Nakhawa**



# Joint meetings: Financial Literacy



# Joint Meeting: Hindi Bhasha din



# Gapshup: RYE student activity

**Gapshup**  
with  
**Brazilians**  
Member of Rotary Youth Exchange Team

**Maria**  
**Lukas**

**On Saturday  
07 January 2023 @ 5.00 p.m.**

Thirani Highschool, Vartak Nagar ,Thane (W)  
5.00 to 5.30 p.m. Hi-Tea • 5.30 to 6.30 meeting

Rtn. Amol Dharme  
Rotary Club President

Rtn. Mohan Nagle  
Rotary Club Secretary

Rtr. Jigisha Bagdekar  
Rotaract Club President

Rtr. Gehna Chandiramani  
Rotaract Club Secretary

**Rotary Club of Thane Lakecity**



# PR Activity: Ozone valley festival





# Celebrations & Individual Achievements:



Shri Aniruddha Nakhawa, Hon. Secretary, BAI Mumbai was the Convenor for the hybrid session of Builders' Association of India conducted at Mumbai Centre

BAI (All India Association of Civil Engineering Construction Contractors and Builders)

**Topic: The RISING - Skill Development in Construction Industry using German VET Dual System**

Friday 6th January, 2023, 7.15 p.m. (The presentation was be in HYBRID mode )

GIZ (German Agency for International Cooperation GmbH) has tied up with Government of India to upscale the skilling in Indian construction industry with German co-operation, through Vocational Education and Training (VET) and many similar Education systems.

# Celebrations: Participation in DGE Milind Kulkarni's welcome ceremony



# Club visit: Inter-state: Guwahati



# Celebrations: New year celebration:



# Celebrations: RI Theme unveiling



# Naad installation: Particiapation



# The Rotary History: Why the Rotary year begins 1 July

- Ever wonder why 1 July is the beginning of the Rotary year? Initially, our conventions played a key role in determining the start date of our fiscal and administrative year.
- Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the first convention ended, on 18 August 1910. The 1911-12 fiscal year also related to the convention, beginning with the first day of the 1911 convention on 21 August.
- Attendees at Rotary's first convention in Chicago in 1910. Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the convention ended.
- The next August, the Board of Directors ordered an audit of the International Association of Rotary Clubs' finances. The auditors recommended that the organization end its fiscal year on 30 June to give the secretary and treasurer time to prepare a financial statement for the convention and board, and to determine the proper number of club delegates to the convention.
- The executive committee agreed and, in April 1913, designated 30 June as the end of the fiscal year. This also allowed for changes to the schedule for reporting club membership and payments. Even The Rotarian changed its volume numbering system to correspond to the fiscal year (beginning with Volume 5, No. 1, in July 1914).
- Rotary continued to hold its annual conventions in July or August until 1917. Delegates to the 1916 event in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, approved a resolution to hold future conventions in June, mainly because of the heat in cities where most of them occurred. The next one was held 17-21 June in Atlanta, Georgia.
- The term "Rotary year" has been used to signify Rotary's annual administrative period since at least 1913. An article in The Rotarian that July noted, "The Rotary year that is rapidly drawing to a close has been signaled by several highly successful joint meetings of Clubs that are so situated as to assemble together easily and conveniently."
- Since the executive committee's decision in 1913, the end of the Rotary year has remained 30 June.

