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Chant-Style New Year Prayer

Light of Creation, rise within us, increase within us.
As dawn breaks, let hope awaken; as night falls, let peace remain.
River of time, flow gently, flow gently—carry away sorrow, bring renewal again.

Sun above, ignite our courage.
Moon above, calm our fears.
Stars above, remind us of endless possibilities.
We walk as pilgrims of light; we walk as pilgrims of love.

Roots deep in wisdom, branches reaching compassion, fruits of kindness to nourish all.
Storms may come—teach resilience.
Rains may fall—bring renewal.
Skies may clear—awaken joy.

Let gratitude be our song, let service be our legacy.
Let unity be our path, let harmony be our home.
Bless our hands to sow peace, bless our hearts to harvest love.
Bless our voices to speak truth, bless our steps to carry light.

New Year, New Dawn—rise within us, rise within us.
May we shine, may we serve, may we heal, may we love.

Amen.

* Sourced

RI President Francesco Arezzo's message

This month's special issue of *Rotary* magazine is all about happiness, that most elemental of human yearnings. More than a feeling, though, this state of positive well-being, and the conditions necessary to create and sustain it, should be considered a universal right.

December also marks Rotary's Disease Prevention and Treatment Month, when we highlight our members' work to promote health and wellness, including mental wellness. Globally, nearly 1 in 7 people have a mental health disorder, according to a recent World Health Organisation report. Yet only 9 per cent of people with depression receive adequate treatment.

We are fortunate in Rotary to have a powerful way to support emotional well-being and happiness: friendship. The connections we build in Rotary can be a powerful force for change. I know this from personal experience.

When my fellow members first proposed that I become club president, I demurred. I had a stutter. I was terrified of speaking. But having club members who supported me and surrounded me with affection enabled me to face my fear, and I found a way to stand confidently before a crowd.

That fellowship gives us the courage and means to create lasting change in the world as well, and mental health services are in desperate need of improvement. The WHO reports that governments, on average, devote only 2 per cent of their health budgets to mental health, and only 11 per cent of that funding reaches community-based services. In some countries, only one trained mental health professional is available for every 100,000 people. The WHO has called for strategic and urgent action to close the gap.

Rotary can answer that call by championing mental health awareness in our clubs, working with local health systems, funding training for community health workers, and supporting initiatives that bring care to places where none exists. Even small investments in mental health yield enormous returns in productivity, public health, and happiness.

While we strive to create lasting change in the world, we must also remember to take care of one another. Past RI President Gordon McInally wisely reminds us that we must go beyond asking, "How are you?" We owe it to each other to instead ask, "How are you *really*?"

As we transition to a new year filled with new possibilities, let us *unite for Good* — for healing, friendship, and access to happiness.

The New Bigining : The Spirit of Vocational Service

Governor's Inspiration

My dear Rotarians,

January is celebrated in Rotary as Vocational Service Month—a time to reflect upon and reaffirm one of the oldest yet most relevant pillars of our movement. Long before Rotary grew into the global network it is today, it began as an association of professionals united by integrity, ethics, and the desire to use their skills for the greater good. Vocational Service is the essence of that spirit.

At its core, Vocational Service calls upon us to see our work not merely as a livelihood but as a platform for service. It inspires us to uphold the highest ethical standards in our professions, to treat every client, colleague, and community member with fairness and respect, and to mentor the next generation of professionals. Each of us can practice Vocational Service daily—by exemplifying honesty, excellence, and empathy in all we do.

Across our District, clubs are finding inspiring ways to live this ideal—career guidance for youth, entrepreneurship workshops, skill development for women, vocational training for differently-abled individuals, and recognition of professionals who embody the Four-Way Test. These initiatives create dignity through work and opportunity through learning, strengthening both individuals and communities.

Let Vocational Service be not just a month's theme—but a lifelong commitment embedded in our Rotary journey.

As Rotarians, let us remember that service through vocation has the power to transform lives. Let us continue to ignite purpose in professions, pride in work, and progress in every person we touch. Together, through our vocations, we can build a more ethical, empowered, and equitable world.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Harsh Makol
District Governor (RID 3142)

From the Heart of the First Lady

Dear Rotary Family,

As we step into the year 2026, my heart is full of gratitude and joy for the wonderful Rotary journey we continue to share. A new year always brings with it fresh hopes, new goals, and renewed energy. It is that beautiful moment when we pause to cherish what we've achieved and look forward with optimism to the endless possibilities that lie ahead. I extend my warmest wishes to each of you and your families for a Happy, Healthy, and Peaceful New Year.

This season of hope also reminds us of the true meaning of Vocational Service—one of the most graceful expressions of Rotary's ideals. Each of us has a unique talent, skill, or profession that can become a source of purpose and contribution. Whether it is a teacher shaping young minds, a doctor healing pain, an entrepreneur creating livelihoods, or a homemaker nurturing kindness—every vocation, when guided by compassion and integrity, becomes a beautiful act of service.

I have always believed that Vocational Service is not only about what we do, but how we do it—with care, sincerity, and respect. It is about bringing love into our work, dignity into our daily actions, and empathy into every interaction. When we work with such purpose, we not only build stronger communities but also add deeper meaning to our own lives.

May this New Year inspire us to continue serving through our professions, to uplift others through our skills, and to celebrate the joy of honest, heartfelt work. Together, let us make 2026 a year of kindness, progress, and harmony in all that we do.

With love and warm wishes,
Priya Makol
First Lady (RID 3142)

President Daly's monthly message

My dear Skyline Family,

As we step into the New Year, I extend my warmest greetings and best wishes to all our members and their families. May the year ahead bring good health, happiness, and renewed enthusiasm for service and fellowship.

The month of December holds a special place in the Rotary calendar. It is a time that naturally reminds us of compassion, generosity, and togetherness. The festive spirit of the season encourages reflection on the values we cherish as Rotarians: service above self, goodwill, and meaningful connections. Through our meetings, interactions, and shared moments, December reinforced the importance of unity and mutual respect within our club.

This past month also gave us an opportunity to strengthen bonds of friendship and reaffirm our commitment to Rotary ideals. The warmth and camaraderie among members continue to be the backbone of our club, and it is this spirit that enables us to move forward with confidence and purpose.

As we welcome the New Year, let us look ahead with optimism and determination. A new year brings fresh opportunities to serve our community, grow as leaders, and make a positive difference through collective effort. Let us approach the months ahead with sincerity, cooperation, and a shared vision for impactful service.

I thank each one of you for your continued support, participation, and dedication to our club. Together, let us make the New Year meaningful, purposeful, and worthy of the Rotary name.

Warm Rotary regards,

Wishing you all more peace and purpose in 2026!

Rtn. Ravi Prakash of RC of New Bombay Seaside conducted an in-depth orientation session on Global Grants and inspired our club to undertake a GG project with helpful leads.

Our PE, Mahendra, portrayed the popular Marathi comic character Baburao Ganpath Apte during our district's pre-PELs for the presidents-elect of 2026-27, earning both prizes and praise. Our PP, Satish, supported as the narrator for the skit.

Our Rtn.Rekha continued her passion for swimming by participating in numerous national and international competitions, winning gold medals and many accolades.

Club Meetings

Rtn. Usha Mani, President of the Rotary Club of Thane Hiranandani Legends, was a guest speaker who delivered an impactful speech on "Why Ask Why." The joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Thane Orion was well attended.

Our PPs.Sangita and Kamal captivated the audience with their presentation of "Zindagi Gulzar Hai," taking us on a trip down memory lane that explored their life journey and experiences. This presentation helped us get to know the members better and foster fellowship.

Rotary makes change happen

We work with communities to implement service projects that improve the environment and transform lives. Thriving ecosystems can support people's health, create economic opportunities, and help build peace.

Rotary's Partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme
Through Rotary and the United Nations Environment Programme Community Action for Fresh Water initiative, Rotary clubs can protect, restore, and sustain their local freshwater ecosystems.

How Rotary protects our planet

Rotary enables our members and their community partners to take action by:

Protecting and restoring land, coastal, marine, and freshwater resources
Enhancing the capacity of communities to support natural resource management and conservation

- Supporting sustainable agriculture, fishing, and aquaculture practices
- Addressing the cause of climate change by reducing the emission of greenhouse gases
- Strengthening ecosystems and communities affected by climate change
- Supporting education initiatives that promote behaviour that protects the environment
- Advocating for sustainable consumption to build an economy that uses resources more efficiently
- Addressing environmental public health concerns

Help spread the word about Rotary's efforts to protect the environment.