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RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

RTN. FRANCESCO AREZZO
RI President - 2025-26



This November, as we celebrate The Rotary Foundation, I invite you to consider not only what we give but why we give. The Foundation is more than a fund for projects. It is the beating heart of our promise that service, rooted in trust and friendship, can create lasting change.

Our Action Plan calls us to increase our impact, and the Foundation is how we make this vision real. Since 1988, Rotary and our partners have immunized nearly 3 billion children against polio. We have committed more than \$2.6 billion to this cause, and last year alone we directed \$146 million toward the final push for eradication. These numbers are significant, but the true impact is not in statistics — it is in the lives of children who will never again fear polio. It is in the hope restored to families and the peace built in communities once defined by disease.

But polio is only one story among many.

Each year, Rotary Peace Centers train new generations of leaders who will transform conflict into dialogue and division into understanding. In 2023-24, nearly 100 new fellows began their studies, continuing a legacy of more than 1,800 peacebuilders from over 140 countries. When we invest in them, we are planting seeds of peace that will bear fruit for decades to come.

The Foundation also touches lives through district and global grants, supporting projects large and small. A clean water well for a rural community, scholarships for young professionals, medical care in the wake of disaster — these are not temporary gestures, but steps toward dignity, resilience, and opportunity. This is how Rotary service becomes lasting impact. And when natural disasters strike, our Foundation allows Rotary to act quickly with disaster response grants.

Our Foundation is not about what we can do alone but what we can do together. Each contribution, no matter its size, joins with others to create a collective act of faith in humanity and in the future.

The last mile of any great journey is always the hardest. We see this in our final steps toward ending polio, in our work for peace, and in every project that seeks to lift people out of despair. Yet every time we give, we declare that our work will continue regardless of the challenge.

This November, let us give with gratitude, with joy, and with hope. Through our Foundation, we Unite for Good, and in doing so, we leave behind not only projects but a legacy of peace, trust, and Service Above Self.

FRANCESCO AREZZO
President, Rotary International



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



RTN. SUDHA PRAJAPATI *President - 2025-26*



November, children await eagerly for celebration of childrens day and we plan the entire year on how best can we celebrate CHILDRENs day and bring happiness and joy to them. Here comes November for PHOENIX..and not only us but our children - the Interactors made this month a celebration of themselves, for others and created an eventful month of all of us. We had our first PR project of the year Vapi's Got Talent – season 3 and we were amazed to see the talent in young kids, year after year the performances of the children gets better and year on year we are committed to provide them a better platform to show case their skills – so this year we had decided that the best 10 performers in each category will have the chance to perform in Grand finale in presence of people of Vapi on a BIG stage in the PHOENIX CARNIVAL, which is scheduled to be held 21st December 2025.

Our Interactor kids also did an exceptional jobs this month and proved that they are not behind us in service or celebration or team work. Interactors celebrated children day in their school and with underprivileged children by executing Project Arpan – wherein they collected 300 kgs of cloths and toys and distributed to 500 children in 5 different schools. As the kids experienced JOY of GIVING, they partied hard in their Halloween party and also stood by us hand in hand in compering the entire Vapi's GOT talent event for full 10 hours.

On the occasion of Children's Day, we thought of extending our traditional games to children in an Innovative way..we got our Indian traditional games of Snakes and Ladders and Luddo printed on large size flex and donated it to the Government Primary school. The children were so delighted to receive this unique game which allowed them to play in an interactive way..

Extending our Traditional art our team at Kaushalya, Chala center undertook lessons for embroidery and we also undertook first exam for the current years session.

I feel very blessed and contended to be part of PHOENIX...wherein the entire team be it Rotarians, Rotaractors or Interactors..all join hands BE it SERVICE...BE it FELLOWSHIP and BE it CELEBRATIONS and they take all that in their stride in this ride of JOYFUL Experience of SERVICE above SELF...

Rtn. Sudha Prajapati
President - Rotary Club of Vapi Phoenix - 2025-26



PRE - PELS & SELS



Hosts: DG NILESH SHAH | PDG RUCHIR JANI
Date: 2nd November, 2025

2nd November, Rotary Club of Vapi Phoenix future leaders President Elect Rahi Shah and Secretary Sonakshi Garg of RY - 2026-27 attended, Cluster 4 training session for Pre-PELS and SELS hosted by Rotary Club of Valsad at Coffee Culture, Valsad.

The session focused on leadership development, effective communication and Rotary program orientation.



Participants engaged in interactive activities, discussions, and workshops designed to enhance their skills, boost confidence, and prepare them for active roles in club projects and community service initiatives. The session fostered collaboration among members from different clubs, creating a platform to share ideas, learn best practices, and strengthen the spirit of service."

The training session was graced by PDG Ruchir Jani as the keynote speaker, who shared his valuable insights on leadership and service,



ARPAN THE JOY OF GIVING INTERACT CLUB OF PHOENIX LUMENS



Project: Arpan - The Joy of Giving November 8th 2025

A heartfelt donation drive was conducted by the Interact Club of Phoenix Lumens, along with Rotarians from the Phoenix Club — Riddhi Sheth, Sana, Taskeen, Yashvi Shah, Vineet Ojha, Dr. Amisha Mehta, Kirti Mulay came together to distribute clothes and toys. The initiative was further supported by teachers from Lumens School: Palani Sir, Savita Mam Milee Teacher, and Akhila Teacher.

Beneficiaries

The donations reached several schools and communities, impacting hundreds of children:-

- Chandor Prathmik Shala – 50 children
- Chandor AW – 20 children
- Kasal Fadia AW and village – 100+ children and adults
- Namdha Prathmik Shala – 250 children
- Chala Halpatinivas School – 50 children

Old clothes & toys were collected from children of Lumens School Namdha and Gunjan centres . An overwhelming collection of around 300 kgs was very well segregated in a span of days - age wise by Interact children under the guidance and support of Milee Ma'am & Akhila ma'am.



PARTY TIME - HALLOWEEN

**Venue: Cafe Ville Villa
November 9th 2025**

The Interactors of Vapi Phoenix organized a vibrant and fun-filled Halloween Party at Cafe Ville Villa, creating a spooky yet exciting atmosphere for all the participants. The venue was decorated with Halloween-themed balloons, eerie lights, and creative props that instantly set the mood.

Interactors arranged a variety of engaging games such as the Ring Toss, and a Trick-or-Treat Mystery Box, keeping children entertained throughout the event. A special photo booth and costumes allowed everyone to capture memorable moments. Interact club Phoenix Lumen joined in the celebration their dedication and teamwork were reflected in every part of the event—from planning the decorations to coordinating activities and ensuring smooth execution.

The Halloween Party turned out to be a delightful celebration filled with laughter, creativity, and community spirit, showcasing the energy and enthusiasm of the Interactors.



INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP CRICKET-LOVING ROTARIANS



**IFCR – International Fellowship of Cricket-Loving Rotarians
Cricketing Event | 3rd-9th November 2025
Colombo, Sri Lanka**



A distinguished gathering enriched with sportsmanship, Rotary fellowship, and global harmony.

It was graced by renowned former and present cricketing stars of Sri Lanka along with Rotary members from Coimbatore, Thana, Mumbai and Gujarat Dist. 3060.



A true blend of Rotary bonding and the timeless spirit of cricket.

District 3060 Was Champion of the Event with lifetime Memories and Friendship " UNITE FOR GOOD ".

Rtn.Vipul Patel was the IFCR World Chair and Event Organiser.



GENERAL MEETINGS



We met on 14th November, and celebrated birthdays of members during the month with delicious and healthy home made snacks made by our Club Admin Rtn. Meetali Bhavsar.

In our clubs monthly lucky draw the winner for the month was our lovely Club Trainer Rtn. Dr Amisha Mehta. The fun-filled evening was concluded with cake cutting ceremony for all the birthdays and anniversaries for the month



On 20th November, we conducted a general meeting to organize and strategize the forthcoming PR events of our Club Vapi's Got Talent and the Carnival at Agnee Café, Vapi.

The discussions focused on ensuring seamless execution and creating memorable experiences for participants and attendees alike.

President Elect Rahi Shah informed the members about his experience in the Pre-PELS and SELS held in Valsad on 2nd November 2025.



CELEBRATIONS CHILDREN'S DAY



On 18th November our club donated traditional games like Snakes and Ladder - Ludo at Prathmik Shala near Avadh.

- Number of Rotatrans present: 6
- Number of students to benefit: 171

It was a joyful day filled with laughter, learning, and fun!



Youth Exchange Program



On 24th November, Phoenix children participated in the Youth Exchange Program interview organized by the Rotary Club of Bharuch.

The interview provided them with an opportunity to showcase their skills, confidence, and readiness to represent our community on an international platform. Their enthusiasm, discipline, and commitment reflect the true spirit of Phoenix, as they step forward to build international friendships and promote cultural exchange in RI 2026-27.

They also got an opportunity to interact with few RYE Aluminis Rtr Shreya Mehta and Rtr. Kush who shared their experiences with them.



VAPI'S GOT TALENT SEASON 03



Venue: Upasana School Auditorium

Date: November 30th 2025

Vapi's Got Talent 3.0

On 30th November, our first PR project



Vapi's Got Talent 3.0 audition round was held at Upasana English Medium School Vapi, it witnessed a humongous participation of 100 children from Valsad district showcasing their incredible talent and energy in singing dancing and instrumental (Drums, Tabla, Keyboard & Guitar).



We had two age categories. 8 to 15 yrs and 16 to 25 years and total 100 children participated in our event. This time, we witnessed two extraordinary young performers—an autistic child who amazed everyone with both drum and keyboard performances, and a blind child who played the keyboard with incredible passion. Their inspiring performances earned them well-deserved Golden Tickets. Top performers in each category have been selected and awarded Golden Tickets to perform in the Grand Finale, which will be held in the presence of the general public of Vapi on the Phoenix Carnival stage at Rofel Ground, Vapi, on 21st December 2025. A total of 35 contestants received Golden Tickets and will showcase their talent on a bigger stage before the people of Vapi.



The event was supported by Rotaractors as volunteers, and Interactors presented the whole event.



This was one of those events where the entire Phoenix family worked together and put up a truly wonderful show.

Eminent judges for the event were, Mahesh Kuwalekar and Dr. Amisha Mehta for Singing, Ketan Sir and Riddhi Sheth for Dance and Dushyant Pathak and Parth Gandharava for Instrumental category.

VAPI'S GOT TALENT SEASON 03



KNOW OUR ROTARIAN



Rtn. Himanshu Parekh



My name is Himanshu Bakulesh Parekh, and I am from Valsad, Gujarat. I completed my B.Com from Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat, in 1993. After graduation, I worked with a CA firm for three years, where I built a strong foundation in accounting. From there, my professional journey took me through Anchor and Bayer, and today I am proud to serve as a Finance Manager at Aurorium, a global chemical multinational company.

I genuinely enjoy my work, and over the years, I have always tried to learn, improve, and help others by making life easier not just for myself but also for my team—both professionally and personally. Supporting others to the best of my ability has always been close to my heart. I am also a slightly spiritual person with deep faith in Lord Shiva.



By nature, I have been an introvert. But in 2020, with the encouragement of my boss and a close friend, I joined the Rotary Club of Vapi Phoenix. My wife and I are proud Charter Members of the club. Rotary has helped me open up, connect with diverse people, and contribute meaningfully to society.

Since my job in finance involved very little physical activity, I decided to prioritize my health. I gradually started motivating myself, learning about fitness, and received constant support from my family and friends. I began going to the gym and soon developed a deep passion for running and cycling.



My running journey began 11 years ago, and since then I have:

- Officially completed 6 Half Marathons (21.1 km)
- Completed 10 practice Half Marathons (21.1 km)
- Completed 2 Ultra Half Marathons (25 km)
- Completed approximately 25–30 official 10 km runs, along with many practice runs
- Successfully completed two Duathlons

Over time, fitness has become not just a habit, but my true passion.

I also enjoy trekking, and over the years I have completed many small and large treks. Now, I aim to prepare more seriously for challenging expeditions such as Annapurna Base Camp and Everest Base Camp, and accomplish them with dedication.

Fitness has given me discipline, confidence, energy, and balance. It has shaped my lifestyle, strengthened my mindset, and taught me that age is never a barrier when commitment becomes your driving force.



GREETINGS OF THE MONTH BIRTHDAYS



Rtn. Atul Agarwal
4th December



Rtn. Chaaya Agarwal
4th December



Rtn. Monish Gupta
12th December



Rtn. Vipul Patel
14th December



Rtn. Vinay Maheshwari
18th December



Rtn. Paromita Sarkar
22nd December



Rtn. Sanjeev Mundra
25th December



Rtn. Toral Walunj
26th December

GREETINGS OF THE MONTH ANNIVERSARY



**Rtn. Vinay & Mahima
Maheshwari
6th December**



**Rtn. Vivek & Shweta
Gupta
9th December**



**Dr. Mahendra & Divya
Vasave
9th December**



**Rtn. Rahi & Khyati
Shah
11th December**



**Rtn. Hemant &
Sudha Prajapati
13th December**



**Dr. Limkesh & Dhara
Ashra
26th December**



**Rtn. Neepa & Hiren
Gosrani
27th December**



**Rtn. Mohan & Anjali
Raisinghania
31st December**



ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH



**RTN. MEHAZABEEN | RTN. TASKEEN
JASANI**

**For successfully leading and executing the
first PR event of the year - VAPI'S GOT
TALENT - SEASON 03**

APPRECIATION

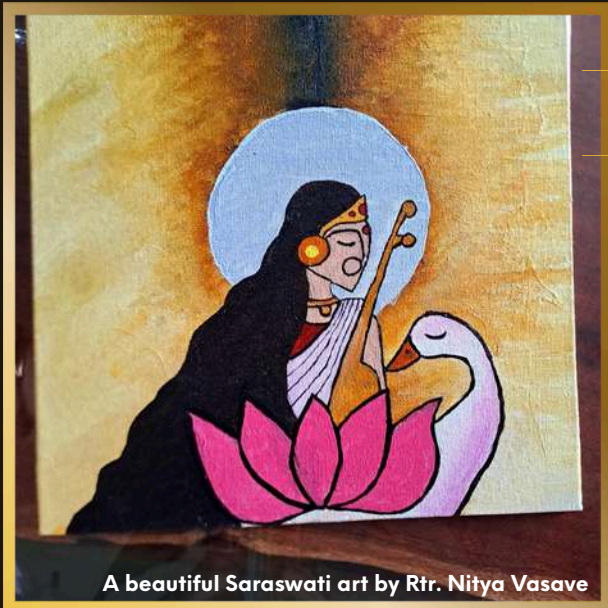


RTN. VIPUL PATEL

**For his contribution of \$ 7,500 to Rotary
Endowment Fund**



From our inner circle



A beautiful Saraswati art by Rtr. Nitya Vasave

HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO BREAK OUT OF YOUR SHELL.

We all live inside our own bubbles — our comfort zones. We find so much relaxation in that space that we don't want to step beyond it.

I was stuck somewhere in that position. Lazing around felt so good that I never even bothered to look at my own capabilities. Without even realizing it, that state made me miserable because I felt like I had no purpose other than binge-watching shows. Who was this life even benefitting, anyway — other than the OTT platforms?

Jokes aside, I realized that I am more than what I think of myself. My voice is strong enough for my opinions to be heard. My writing, smooth and honest, somehow manages to touch people's hearts. And academically, I know I can excel without a doubt.

It all just clicked for me one day, and I decided to take the hardest step — to finally use my talents and abilities. It wasn't easy, because for the longest time I was stuck worrying about what people might think or say. What if someone made fun of me? But now, I've learned to ignore that noise.

I study without treating it like a burden. I write poems and proudly share them with the world. I lead my school's Interact Club and have proved that I'm worthy of that responsibility. And the best part? I'm finally starting my own talk show — a space where I can showcase everything I love doing.

My schedule may be busier than ever, but for the first time, I feel genuinely satisfied. Because now I understand the true beauty of breaking out of your shell — it's not just about stepping out, it's about stepping into the person you were always meant to be.

By President ROZA
Interact Club of Phonix Lumens.



Upcoming Events



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EDITORS NOTE



This special edition of our Rotary Magazine celebrates a theme close to our hearts—

"Of the Children, By the Children and For the children."

November has been an inspiring month, filled with vibrant activities, creative expressions, and meaningful initiatives led by our young minds for their fellow children.

In these pages, you will find their voices, their talents, and their dreams brought to life. From artistic showcases to community-driven efforts, our children prove once again that leadership, compassion, and creativity begin early when nurtured in the right environment.

As we celebrate Children's Month, may this edition remind us that our young generation is not only our future—they are our present.

Rising brand ambassadors, future leaders, and change makers are being shaped today, and their ideas deserve to be heard, valued, and celebrated.

Let us continue empowering them, guiding them, and learning from them. For a brighter tomorrow.

Rtn. Paromita Sarkar
Editor

