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ROTARY CLUB OF VAPI
PHOENIX
RISE & SHINE

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RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

RTN. FRANCESCO AREZZO RI PRESIDENT 2025-26



What community-led development looks like

October is Rotary's Community Economic Development Month, a time to spotlight our efforts to help communities build thriving, sustainable futures. This month's observance aligns perfectly with the Rotary core value of leadership.

Leadership means empowering people to guide their own progress. That is precisely what Rotary's economic development projects aim to achieve. Take, for example, a recent initiative in southern India in which Rotary members unlocked the power of women of the Adivasi tribal groups through sewing training to earn a living and regain social inclusion. Historically, widows and abandoned women in this region lose social standing and are shunned by society or blamed for their misfortunes. Opportunities to support themselves or obtain training are minimal.

This year, the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, partnered with clubs in Districts 3203 and 3234 in India – and with the Indian organization Sevalaya Trust – to provide sewing machines and training to 80 Adivasi women. They learned to stitch saree blouses, kurta tunics, and salwar suits, enabling them to support themselves and their families. Each woman received a certificate for completing the program, and the sewing-machine provider offered free long-term maintenance for the machines. The project offered vital income and dignity to women ostracized by society after widowhood.

This story is one example of Rotary leadership in action: local people guiding solutions that address their community needs. Our role is not to deliver charity or to impose outside models, but to foster self-reliance by investing in leadership, skills, and sustainable enterprise.

This October, I invite Rotary members worldwide to reflect on economic leadership in their communities. Who is stepping forward to lead local economic initiatives? Where is there untapped talent that could be supported with training or mentorship? How can your club catalyze opportunity through partnerships with local businesses, vocational schools, or savings groups?

Leadership is not always about being visible. Sometimes it means listening, working collaboratively, and amplifying the voices of others. That approach lies at the heart of Rotary's philosophy and our lasting impact on economic development.

By building capacity – whether through microcredit groups, vocational training workshops, or entrepreneurship programs – we enable communities to lead their own transformation. When people take ownership of their progress, change becomes sustainable.

Let us lead with good intention and provide support with heart. By nurturing local leadership, we can create opportunities that ripple through communities, empowering individuals, families, and societies.

Together, we can support economies that work for everyone and enact community development projects that last.

FRANCESCO AREZZO
President, Rotary International



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

RTN. SUDHA PRAJAPATI CLUB PRESIDENT 2025-26

September...month is the month of Bhadarva in our hindu calender...which marks the beginning of festival season in India. Festivals has always been a unique identification of Indian culture in the world. Our culture and our country is known for the uniqueness of festivals and its celebrations. We too in Phoenix have this tradition deeply rooted in us... we celebrate all festivals amongst ourselves as well as with community as well as with the less privileged sections of the societies at our permanent projects.

I feel FESTIVITY is one of the key factor of PHOENIX - festival and celebrations bring people together and the joy helps us create a very strong bond amongst ourselves - that we PHOENIXIANS have created a milestone this year - be it service - we have completed highest service projects in the 1st quarter and we have grown bigger with 10 member addition to our family in 1st quarter of the year.



Cheers to PHOENIX spirit and to all my dear members who has continued to have their faith in us and have continued to bring their friends to our club and have continued to attend our celebrations in big numbers and continued to support us in all the various service projects we have done so.

HAPPY FESTIVALS...HAPPY CELEBRATIONS...HAPPY FELLOWSHIPS...MANTRA of PHOENIX

Cheers to the Spirit of Phoenix..wish you all a very happy festival seasons..see you all in big numbers in our celebrations and projects..

Rtn. Sudha Prajapati
President - 2025-26

CLUB ACTIVITIES

MOVIE NIGHT September 04, 2025

Our club members recently enjoyed a fun-filled movie night, taking a well-deserved break from service activities to relax and reconnect. It was an evening of laughter, good company, and shared moments that reminded us how important fellowship is in strengthening our Rotary bonds.



PROJECT KAUSHALYA Embroidery classes

Kaushalya Centre has started hand embroidery classes for ladies and girls on every Saturday.

KANIYA PUJA September 04, 2025

Rtn. Pooja Chintan Shah organized a Kaniya Puja at Avadh Shikha, where around 16 children took part. Throughout the event, food packets and water bottles were provided to all participants.



RED REVOLUTION

Red Revolution Session Aadarsh Madyamik Shala, Motiwada

On 19th September, a Red Revolution awareness session was successfully conducted at Aadarsh Madyamik Shala, Motiwada, near Udvada. The session aimed to educate and empower young girls on menstrual hygiene and health.

A total of 35 girls from 9th and 10th standard, along with 3 teachers, actively participated and benefitted from the session.

As part of the initiative, 150 notebooks were generously distributed among the students by President Sudha Prajapati and Rtn. Sheetal Tailor.

The event was impactful in raising awareness and providing much-needed resources to the students, reflecting a strong commitment to community health and education.



NEW MEMBER INSTALLATION



Mrs. Seema Dhapre

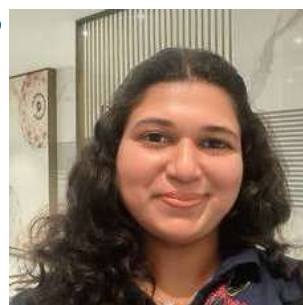
She holds a postgraduate degree in psychology and brings 20 years of varied corporate experience to the table. She manages the financial and accounting operations of her own ventures, Micra Colours and Chemicals, as well as Pari Rang Industry in Sarigam.

Her husband, Mr. Harish, is an active member of the Rotary Club of Sarigam. Their daughter, Urja, has recently graduated with an LLB in Corporate Law and is currently practicing in Mumbai.

Seema enjoys sketching, reading, and traveling.

She is sponsored by Rtn. Shreya Desai.

Mrs. Kirti Mule



Born and raised in Mumbai, she spent a few years in Oman and Pune before relocating to Vapi in 2021.

With a background in architecture, she is also an artist and storyteller at heart. As an eco-warrior, she passionately recycles and upcycles various types of waste, creating beautiful handmade products such as visiting card Rakhi and more under her brand, Eco Sparkles by Kirti. Additionally, she is skilled in Warli and mural art.

She is married to Kunal Mulay, who works at Arete. The couple is proud parents to their ten-year-old son, Palaash, who is currently studying at Lumens School.

She is sponsored by Dr. Amisha Mehta.



Mr. Garvit Agarwal

He runs Amigo Industries, a corrugated packaging business, recognized amongst the top 10 corrugators in India.

He married to Mrs. Richa Agarwal.

Beyond business he is passionate about innovation, sustainability and social impact, working on ventures in smart automatic renewable agriculture and financial literacy.

His father, Mr. Kanhaiya Lal Agrawal is president of Agarwal Samaj Seva Samiti. Garvit enjoys travelling exploring cultures and building meaning full connections.

He is sponsored by Rtn. Praveen.

Mrs. Shilpa Gupta



She completed her graduation in BA psychology from Kanpur.

She married to Monish Gupta who runs a business in packing stripes. She blessed with two children daughter Kriti and son Pratik. Pratik works at Tata Boeing Hyderabad and Kriti is pursuing her career having completed her MBA last year.

She is passionate about social work and have been actively involved with various organisations. She served as the chairperson of JCI club for 2 years and was president of Agarwal Mahila Samiti for 2 years.

She loves conducting workshops, summer camp and creating engaging activities for kids.

She is sponsored by Rtn. Poonam Chaudhry.



Mrs. Shivangi Dudhani

In business, she collaborates with her husband, Hemant Dudhani, in their family venture producing plastic bags, particularly zip lock bags, while managing accounts and operations.

Additionally, she runs Shivangi Creation, crafting customized gift hampers, and works as a dance choreographer for events. She also owns a nail art brand, The Nail Project.

Passionate about teaching, she has inspired over 1,000 students in drawing, calligraphy, tie & dye, dance and collaborated with 35 NGOs.

Recently, her father-in-law was appointed President of FIA, overseeing 221 industrial associations and influencing policies from Gujarat to the national level.

She is sponsored by Rtn. Poonam Chaudhary



FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITY

NAVRATRI CELEBRATION

September 20, 2025

Rotary Club of Vapi Phoenix celebrated the vibrant spirit of Navratri on 20th September under the dynamic leadership of President Sudha Prajapati and Secretary Anju Garg.

The evening began with a delicious and mouth watering street chats, followed by a General Meeting where new members were proudly inducted 5 new members into our Rotary family. We were equally very delighted to have our dear friend and District PR committee member Rtn Anjana Desai and District Friendship Exchange chair Rtn Praful Dewani as our Installing officer for the event.

Our Partner in service of our Kaushalya Center-1 Chala, Dinesh kaka and his colleagues from Seniour Citizen council, Vapi also graced our celebration. Girls and teachers from Kaushalya center brought the items made by them at our center - purse, sling bags and navratri hand made jewellery and these were displayed and purchased by our members at the meeting.

Then came the highlight – a colourful Garba celebration, where Rotarians, Interactors, and Rotaractors joined hands to dance, laugh, and celebrate the festival of togetherness and joy.

It was truly a fun-filled evening filled with rhythm, smiles, and Rotary spirit!



LUMENS INTERACT INSTALLATION CEREMONY



INTERACT CLUB OF **VAPI PHOENIX LUMENS**

The Rotary Club of Vapi Phoenix proudly installed a new school-based Interact Club at Lumens School - Interact Club of Vapi Phoenix Lumens - marking a vibrant addition to the Rotary family. The club was officially chartered with 39 enthusiastic members, signaling a strong start to what promises to be an inspiring journey of service and leadership.

The newly installed team is led by President Roza Qureshi and Secretary Shantanu Suhasaria, who, along with their peers, embraced the responsibilities with grace and confidence. Despite being new to the protocols and traditions of Rotary, the young Interactors conducted the ceremony with remarkable poise, reflecting their eagerness to learn and grow through this platform.

The installation was officiated by Rtn. Rajneesh Anand, whose engaging and energetic approach infused the event with enthusiasm and joy. His words of encouragement and light-hearted wisdom coupled with a very interesting presentation (Pokemon characters and their resemblance with Rotary idology) left a lasting impression on the young minds.

The unwavering support of mentors Rahul Desai and Gautami Desai has been pivotal in guiding the students and nurturing the formation of the club. Their presence and blessings added a heartfelt touch to the event.

This milestone would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts of President Sudha Prajapati, Interact Chair Rtn. Riddhi Sheth, and Secretary Rtn. Anju Garg, who played a crucial role in bringing this vision to life. A special mention goes to Interact Coordinator Rtn. Dr. Amisha Mehta, whose patient mentorship and consistent guidance ensured that the children were not only prepared but truly empowered for this significant occasion. The ceremony witnessed the warm presence of many members of the Rotary Vapi Phoenix family, making it a truly memorable and inspiring event for all involved. The formation of this club along with Interact coordinator Rtn. Dr. Amisha Mehta who hand held the children to create this unforgettable milestone of their school life.

The event was attended by many members of the Rotary Vapi Phoenix family.



LUMENS INTERACT INSTALLATION CEREMONY



Roza Qureshi

Charter President of the Interact Club of Lumens

We proudly introduce Int. Roza Qureshi, the Charter President of the Interact Club of Lumens. Currently studying in Grade 11 Liberal Arts, Roza stands out not only for her leadership but also for her academic and extracurricular achievements.

She has secured 2nd place in both the English Spelling Bee and Speech Competition, and has also showcased her talent in the Storytelling Competition. Her passion for communication and public speaking is evident, as she aspires to pursue a career in journalism and make a meaningful impact in that field.

Roza is the eldest daughter of Rozina Qureshi and Rais Qureshi, and a caring older sister to Rawaan Qureshi. She leads by example, showing dedication, responsibility, and vision.

Shantanu Suhasaria

Hon' Secretary of the Interact Club of Lumens

Introducing Shantanu Suhasaria, the dynamic and dedicated Secretary of the Interact Club of Lumens. A student of Grade 9, Shantanu brings youthful energy, creativity, and a strong sense of responsibility to the club's leadership team.

He is the son of Avishek and Pallavi Suhasaria and the younger brother of Ansh Suhasaria. Despite his young age, Shantanu has already made impressive strides in academics and curricular.

His notable achievements include:

- 1st Place in the Poetry Recitation Competition
- 2nd Place in the English/Hindi Spelling Bee

Shantanu is passionate about social welfare and is committed to supporting the President in executing impactful initiatives. His goal is to inspire young minds to contribute toward helping underprivileged communities through creative and sustainable solutions.

With his proactive attitude and compassionate spirit, Shantanu is an invaluable asset to the Interact Club, playing a key role in driving its mission forward.



Charter Board 2025-26

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Stuti Dwivedi

Vice President

Shantanu Suhasaria

Hon' Secretary

Dhyan Vaidya

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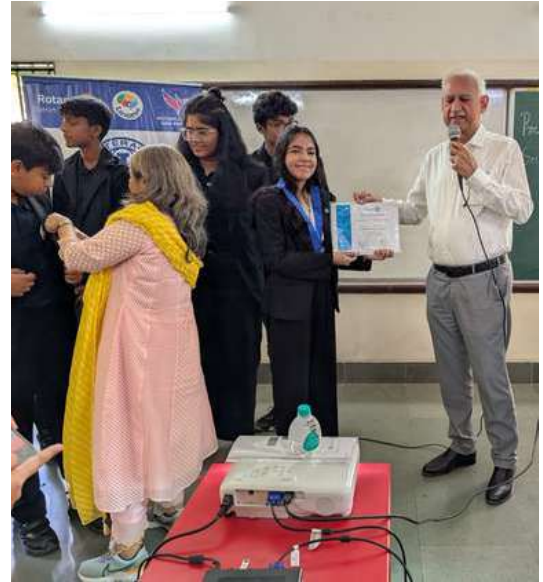
RYLA Chair

Devesh Mishra

Lumens Project Chair



LUMENS INTERACT INSTALLATION CEREMONY





DISTRICT TRF EVENT



Special Rotary Foundation Event

Hotel Regency Lagoon, Rajkot

On September 23, 2025, a notable event for the Rotary Foundation took place at Hotel Regency Lagoon in Rajkot, hosted by the Rotary Club of Rajkot Greater. The event featured distinguished guests, including the current TRF Trustee and Past RI President for 2021-22, Rtn. Holger Knaack, along with Rtn. Dr. Bharat Pandya, Trustee of TRF. Approximately 110 members from various Rotary Clubs within RI District 3060 were present.

Our club was represented by Rtn. Vipul Patel and Past President Rtn. Hemant Prajapati. Rtn. Vipul Patel was honored with a memento in recognition of his significant contributions to the endowment fund of \$15,000.





FROM OUR INNER CIRCLE



Tarot Reading

Unlocking Insights Through the Cards

Rtn.Sonakshi Garg

Tarot reading is much more than fortune-telling; it's a powerful tool for self-awareness and guidance. A standard tarot deck contains 78 cards divided into the Major Arcana (symbolizing life's big themes) and the Minor Arcana (reflecting day-to-day experiences). Each card carries its own symbols, colors, and archetypes – like The Fool for new beginnings, or The High Priestess for intuition. When you ask a question, the cards you draw mirror your current energy, subconscious patterns, and possible paths ahead. Rather than predicting a fixed future, tarot helps you uncover hidden motivations, clarify choices, and gain a broader perspective on your situation. With an experienced reader – or even in self-readings – the cards act like a mirror to your inner world. Though no system is 100% accurate, tarot can offer surprisingly relevant guidance, helping you trust your intuition, make better decisions, and feel more empowered on your life's journey.



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Lumens

WHY SHOULD WE CELEBRATE FESTIVALS ?

Rtn. Aditi Jain

Life can often feel overwhelming, and festivals remind us to celebrate life's simple pleasures. Whether it's dancing, feasting, or enjoying cultural performances, they provide a much-needed break from stress and routine. Beyond joy and merriment, festivals create feelings of happiness and belonging. By offering positive emotions and shared experiences, they strengthen bonds and enhance our mental well-being. They also preserve our history, traditions, and values—passing down stories and heritage that keep cultural identity alive for future generations. Festivals of light like Diwali, for instance, are not only celebrations of joy but also powerful reminders of resilience, hope, and community. Human beings have always been drawn to celebrations, anticipating the chance to come together and rejoice. Spiritual elements such as music, dance, art, and rituals inspire creativity, self-expression, and emotional connection. They reinforce our sense of unity and give individuals a heightened feeling of belonging and purpose. Festivals also nurture virtues of love and sharing in natural, engaging ways—whether through exchanging sweets, spreading kindness, or offering charity. They remind us to pause, breathe, and care for ourselves and those around us. True celebration begins when the mind feels safe, peaceful, and whole, and when joy is shared generously with others.



GREETINGS OF THE MONTH
BIRTHDAY'S



October 04th
Rtn. Rahul Nandwana



October 05th
Rtn. Mahima Maheshwari



October 05th
Rtn. Pushpa Kumar Dhoot



October 13th
Rtn. Sarika Nandwana



October 16th
Rtn. Divya Vasave



October 19th
Rtn. Mehazabeen Jasani



October 22nd
Rtn. Hemant Prajapati



October 23rd
Rtn. Amisha Mehta



October 30th
Mr. Barun Sarkar



October 31st
Rtn. Dr. Limkesh Ashra

Anniversary



October 04th
Rtn. Monish Gupta and Mrs. Shilpa Gupta

Rotarians of the Month



Rtn. Amisha Mehta

For mentoring the interactors of Lumens School and for the preparing the Interactors for their Installation ceremony.



**Rtn. Mehazabeen Jasani
& Rtn. Taskeen Jasani**

For supporting the creation of Kaushalya 3: Skill development for Beautician course at Bhagini Samaj School, Udwarda



EVENTS CALENDAR

October

2025

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

			1	2	3 RYLA	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Board Meeting
12	13	14	15	16	17 Diwali Party	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



EDITOR'S NOTE



Dear Rotarians, Interactors, and Friends,

As we move through this vibrant season, it brings me great joy to share the exciting milestones our Rotary family has recently celebrated.

First and foremost, we warmly welcome the formation of a new Interact Club—a shining example of youth taking the lead in service, fellowship, and community-building. These young leaders remind us that the future of Rotary is bright, bold, and in passionate hands.

We also extend a heartfelt welcome to our new members who have recently joined the Rotary family. Your decision to serve through Rotary brings fresh energy and new perspectives to our mission. We're excited to see how your unique talents will shape the impact we create together.

Adding to this spirit of unity and celebration, our club came together to mark the joyous festival of Navratri. With traditional dance, music, and vibrant gatherings, members celebrated culture and connection while continuing to serve the community with enthusiasm and compassion.

This season, whether through service, celebration, or new beginnings, we are reminded that Rotary continues to grow—not just in numbers, but in heart.

Yours in Rotary,

Rtn.Paromita Sarkar

