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R. I. President Francesco Arezzo



Francesco Arezzo, a member of the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy has been selected by the Board of Directors to become Rotary International's President for 2025-26. The Board conducted a special session following the unexpected resignation

of RI President-elect Mario Cesar Martins de Camargo on 8th June. Guided by the RI Code and policies, the Board selected the new president-elect from a pool of candidates who were considered by the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in August 2023.

The 2025-26 presidential message, announced at the 2025 Rotary International Assembly in February, will remain Unit for Good, which calls on Rotary members to be a force for unity in a world increasingly divided by politics, geography and ideology. Through service projects, Rotary brings together people of every background - across races, religions and professions - in a shared mission to do good in their communities.

Arezzo is an orthodontist in private practice. He is active internationally as a member of the Italian, European and American orthodontics associations. He is vice president of the National Association of Italian Dentists for the province of Ragusa and was the founder and head for seven years of the delegation for Ragusa of the National Trust for Italy. He is a Knight of Honor and Devotion in Obedience within the Sovereign Order of Malta.

A Rotary member for more than 30 years, Arezzo has served as vice chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee and as RI director, learning facilitator and as district conference presidential representative.

Arezzo is a Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation. He is married to Anna Maria Criscione, an entrepreneur in the tourism field. They have two children.

District Governor Harsh Makol



Rtn. Harsh V Makol started his Rotary Journey at the age of 3 when he started his schooling from Rotary English Medium School in Godhra, started by his father Late Rtn. PP Virender Makol.

He is successfully running the business through three enterprises of his own for the last 29 years. Gerald Mobile Services, 3G Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. and Space Hunt.

He joined Rotary in 2000, became charter member of RC NM Palm Beach in 2011. He served as club president in 13-14, served the district as Dist. Coordinator 2022-23, Dist. Secretary 2021-22, Coordination Committee in Dist. 3141, Dist. Trainer in 2019-20, AG in 2018-19, Chairman & Co-chair of various committees under the five avenues of service.

He always leads from the front with relief and rehabilitation work in cases of natural calamities like - floods, earthquakes etc. He could convince Disaster Aid International Australia to supply 200 survival tents worth 40000 dollars for Kashmir Relief in 2016 floods and Sky Hydrant Units installed as a pilot project culminating in a Global Grant project worth 22000 dollars benefiting about 10000 people in rural areas of Thane District. The spirit of true service has been evident during the Covid Pandemic in Navi Mumbai and adjoining areas where he arranged beds and medicine for more than 250 people. Vaccination for more than 4000 people, support of 12 ventilator 26 BIPAP and Oxygen concentrator through international support. For this, he was awarded at the hands of His Excellence Governor of Maharashtra Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari.

His idea of Auctioning for VIVO handset with an Autograph of Past RI President Shekhar Mehta fetched in total for the foundation by Dist. 3141 an amount of 1.4 lac Dollars and Dist. 3142 with 30,000 dollars for which he was awarded appreciation award in 2021-22 by Dist. 3142 at the hands of past RI President Shekhar Mehta. He has received ample Awards, Recognition, Appreciation -

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Club President Girish Vartak



Rtn. Girish is born on 10th March, 1962. He is a highly learned pharmaceutical scientist. He is M.Pharm, in PharmaTec. He has vast experience in Sandoz Ltd. He had independent charge of Pharma Production. He has held higher posts in all the concerned departments in Searle and Novartis. He has awarded and honoured in these fields. His areas of personal interest are social service and making friends.

He is married to Rhucha Vartak. Rhucha is B.Sc. Tec and B.Sc. Physics from Bombay University and Certified Cyber Security Auditor. At present she is heading cyber security department at a Chartered Accounting firm. She is also an independent consultant in her field. Her special interests include teaching and reading.

Daughter Shirin has completed medical education from Tufts University, Boston, Massachusetts (USA). She is currently working with Phoenix Childrens Hospital - Phoenix, AZ, USA. Son Saumit has qualifications in Hotel Management. He has moved to Scotland for studying Distilleries in Edinburg University. Currently he is in Brewing and Distilling industry at Chatham in UK.

District Governor Harsh Makol . . . Contd.

RI Citation for Membership Growth, RI Citation for Membership Development & Extension Award, Dist. outstanding contribution during 2018-19, New Club Advisor, Dist. Five Avenue of service Award, Dist. Service Award, RI Avenue of Service Award .

Happily married to Ms. Harpreet a double master's in marketing and public policy currently working for FIEO, Harpreet is also a Proud Rotarian and a PHF. Blessed with 2 children Kashish and Anay. Kashish an RYE rebound student who just completed her BA, LLB and shall pursue her post graduation from RMIT Australia. Son Anay has been pursuing his 12th Commerce from DPS Navi Mumbai. Harsh a Multiple Paul Harris, PHS and a Benefactor.

In March 2023 he was elected to lead the Dist. 3142 as Dist. Governor for the year 2025-26. He is the first governor from Navi Mumbai in Rotary from past 48 years.

Club Secretary Kedar Patwardhan



Kedar Patwardhan is a Sales and Marketing Professional with a 'Field and Managerial experience' of more than 35 years. Worked across all segments of Sales and Marketing. Worked with renowned Brands such as Kores India, Bajaj, Morphy Richards (Brand Launch in India), Usha, Spherehot, Infra Market in the capacity of Product Head, Brand Head and Sales Marketing Head.

Currently perusing as Consultant and a Head Strategy counselor for Svenska Institute of Technology for the Construction Equipments Industry. Also holding an independent consultancy services, Skill Sphere Solutions, engaged in Attitude Management and Sales Training.

He is specialist in • Channel Management • TQM • TOC (Theory of Constraints) • New Brand Inception.

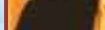
He is associated with Rotary International for Social Activities. He is a certified trainer for National Skill Development Corporation, a Career Mentor for Dheya Career Management, Pune.

His wife Madhavi is an Arts student, holding a Masters Degree in Literature, engaged in Social and Cultural Initiatives. She was President for the Inner Wheel Club of Dombivli for 2013-14. She is currently holding an independent business under the banner of Madhavi Masale as promoter.

IPP Manish Patil's Message



To the incoming team -
Congratulations ! You have got a
fantastaic opportunity ahead. Let
us support Girish and continue our
tradition of excellence.

 Thank you once again for the honor of serving as your President. It has been one of the most enriching experiences of my life. Let us now rise together for another successful Rotary Year - 2025-26.

Long live Rotary. Long live RCT.

Thank You!

Meeting Report - 24th June 2025

Shukriya Day for the President and Board of Directors.

This is one of the exciting day for the whole club to celebrate and remember the whole year worked for and enjoyed by the President Manish and his team.

The stage was well decorated with National Flgs and the Rotary Board with 3 dimensional appearance.

Chief Guest was DG Dineshji and first Dist. Lady Jyotsnaji.

The event was attended by DGE Chandrahas and our previous member PP Ajay Bhosle.



Mandar and Swapna were the comperers of the celebrations. They called over the dignitaries to light the lamps. The are was decorated with beautiful Rangoli drawings. President Manish in his fluent language narrated the projects on the audio-visual

screen. The clarity of the screen was appreciated by all.

The Mauritius Eye-Care Project was appreciated by all.

Manish said all the credit goes to PP Anand Kale for the



total arrangement and manpower in this projects. This year govt. has also participated in the eye care.

Chrter day drama presentation was the best event. The 12-15 rotary actors gave their total skill and entertaining ability. The drama was witnessed by the DG and First Lady of the district. Since last few days in the torrential rains DG Dineshji, President Manish and 8 rotary members



went to Wada to inaugurate the girls school, toilets and classrooms. Inter-district project of Dialysis machines donation to Dist. 3100 - RSP hospital in Muradabad was the great event. President thanked Seema, Prakash and Dishit Sneha, PP Rajeev, Neha, Dr Suhas, Ajay Kelkar in the talk.

DG Dineshji appreciated the club's efforts in procuring



the global grants and the crown funding from the members and the guests.

The awards were distributed for the avenue services and the Rotary projects. Ameya Paranjape's efforts for the trust deed and the legal aspects were appreciated by all.

Best Rotarian Trophy was given to Aparna Bedekar for her all the avenues and cultural skills.

PP Smita excelled in the major projects, Rotal and many social projects. She received 5 prizes and working for more ones from R.I.

Secretary Girist gave the exhaustive vote of thanks involving many participants. First Club Lady Radhika gave the general impressions and the thanks in her special mimical way.

Attendance : Rtn. 48 • R Anns 22 • Guests 10 • Total 80





I am writing this column for the first time in this year. I intended to write something in the Shukriya Issue last year.

Our President Manishi was so busy in his last month of duties and it was my pleasure to report our club activities. He rushed to Mauritius and came back in no

time. The project photographs took lot of space. Then we had Charter Day drama on 2nd June with 10-12 characters each with their speciality. Again the reporting and photographs took the rightful space and my column was kicked out. Inter-district Dialysis Machine donation was very important for us and DG Dineshji. We are happy that we could accomodate the report and the photographs.

Last year I wrote for our bulletin from Zurich and Houston. That is a miracle of modern communication. Every bulletin is a challenge with so many activities of our club members. I wish all the members a successful new Rotary Year. I am here in my chair again.

I thank Swati for all her communication help. A special mention to our printer dear Milind who has been responsible for getting my words on the bulletin. A big thank you to him for ensuring all happenings and all the happiness at Rotary reaches every reader.

- PP Dr. Suhas Purohit

Rotarians Prakash (Ram) and Seema Saving Lives, One Platelet at a Time



Rotarians Ram and Seema have been quietly yet consistently contributing to the lives of cancer patients by donating platelets at Tata Memorial Hospital for the past 5-6 years. Together, they have donated over 60 times, supporting patients whose platelet counts are critically low due to chemotherapy or other cancer treatments. Aware that platelets have a short shelf life of just five

days, they emphasise the urgent and ongoing need for donations.

They were also felicitated by Tata Memorial Hospital for their noble deed. Through their commitment, they not only spread awareness about this lesser-known but vital form of donation, but also inspire others to step forward and save lives, one drop at a time.

We urge you to consider donating platelets too- it's a simple act that can make a life-saving difference.



Dear all, As the year draws to a close, I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude as I step down from the role of Chairman of IFRM **नमो**.

It has been an honour and a deeply enriching experience to serve in this position. I'm immensely grateful for the trust

you placed in me, and the collective efforts that helped us move forward together. None of the milestones achieved would have been possible without members unwavering support, teamwork, and encouragement.

I would like to express my gratitude to President Manish Patil and trustees of Rotary Club of Thane for providing us with Sahayog Mandir Hall for our programs.

My special thanks to PP Anand Kale and PFL Kalyani Kale for graciously helping with the Clubhouse Vaastu the Residency for our practice sessions.

Though I may be stepping aside from this role, I remain committed to our shared goals and will continue to support in every way I can.

Wishing the incoming Chairman- Priti Paranjape and her BOD all the very best — may you reach greater heights and bring even more positive impact. Thank you once again for the respect, love, and memories. It has truly been a privilege.

Regards,

Rtn Aditi Kelkar

The Real Force and Benefactor of Our Girls' Toilet Project



The story of Rotary International

The first Rotary Club meeting in Chicago was held on February 23, 1905. The meeting took place in the office of Gustave Loehr, a mining engineer, the Unity Building in downtown Chicago. The attendees were Paul P. Harris, Gustave Loehr, Silvester Schiele (a coal merchant), and Hiram E. Shorey (a tailor).

This meeting was held in Room 711 of the Unity Building on Dearbon Street in downtown Chicago. The room, the office of mining engineer Gus Loehr, was restored to its original condition for RI's 75th Anniversary in 1980. When the building was demolished in 1989, Rotarian members of the Paul Harris 711 Club removed and preserved the room's flooring, wood trim, office equipment, and furnishings. In 1994, the room was re-created at RI World Headquarters in Evanston. Hundreds of Rotarians visit the office each year.



The 'trophy' office of Paul Harris is located on the 16th floor of RI World Headquarters. Furnishings, photos and memorabilia are arranged almost exactly as they were in the founder's original office. His desk, with inlaid wood of different kinds as a gift from Australian Rotarians. You can also see a chessboard made of butterfly wings, a Rotary Flag flown by Admiral Byrd over the South Pole, medals of honour from various nations and Paul's favourite quotation : "He who has a thousand friends has not a friend to spare."

- Rtn. Swati Purohit

Award Winning Poem by Neha Soni

The Heritage Walk

A step back in time, with friends & guide we tread along,
Beautiful structures & shining history all belong
To the craftsmen and designers, to the owners & stakeholders,
The structures converse with you,
Conveying the abundant beauty it held, when new!
The pathways are the picture book,
And echoes are heard from every corner & nook.
Stone & Bricks say - let's honor the craftsmen,
It's been hundreds of years, yet we stand tall as noblemen.
Time & tale wait for none,
The sea breeze and trees make you wait for once.
Generations come & colors change,
Roots deepened & the magnificence sojourns.
Arches and pathways, windows & doors,
Facade & railings, all tell a folklore.
Curiosity & knowledge seek the better,
The day is sprinkled with a lot more in store.
Honorable are those who are conserving the heritage,
Otherwise, we would be at a great loss in this age.
The walk rekindled the pride & love that this part of the city holds,
Let's explore more and witness new stories unfold!

Why the Rotary Year begins on 1st July

Ever wonder why 1st 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 18th August 1910. The 1911-12 fiscal year also related to the convention beginning with the first day of the 1911 convention on 21st August.

The next August, the Board of Directors ordered an audit of the International Association of Rotary Clubs' finances. The auditors recommended that the organisation end its fiscal year on 30th 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 30th June as the end of 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 meeting 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 30th June.

- Rtn. Swati Purohit

Global Grant 2

We are collaborating with the Rotary club of Thane West and Rotary club of Maple Grove USA.

In this initiative we aim to install solar power drip irrigation system for farmlands across 5 villages. Baladachapada, Tulyachapada, Ghodipada, Kunjpada and Phuachi Wadi located in the Jawahar and Mokhada region.

The project will support 923 families impacting a total population of 2983 and will directly benefit 212 small holder farmers who currently depend on seasonal agriculture for their livelihood. The total cost is \$110,000.

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