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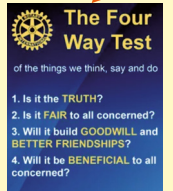
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MEETING DETAILS

DATE : 5th January 2025

DAY : Sunday

VENUE & TIME : 7:20am (Sharp Sunrise time) at Nyari, Nature walk , 9:00am Breakfast at Acrolawns Club.

PROGRAM : How about starting the first weekend of 2025 with a Sunday morning Nature walk with breakfast? Enjoy the fellowship of Midtowners on a relaxed Sunday morning!!



ANNIVERSARY WISHES - Wishing wonderful years of togetherness and happiness!!

Hetal and Kalpeshbhai Kothari
1st January, 2025

Dr. Bijalben and Dr. Ketanbhai Thakkar
1st January, 2025



CLUB NEWS

1. MEETING MEIN:

On Friday, 27th December 2024, D.P.M.C witnessed a full house- Rotarians, Anns and annets.

Marriages are like mango pickles. They are 'different' in different families. But unanimously Sweet, tangy and spicy- all together. And they are finger-licking scrumptious.

Our 5 couples, well 3 couples and 2 better, buttered halves to be precise, explored the magic mayhem of marriage - with all its twists and turns, trails and travesties! Urvi recreated the sweet tweets and treats of pre-marriage memories. Nidhi and Mitul Kadvani were the ideal 'mad at each other' Tom- Jerry combo who warmed the house with their combustive chemistry- their jibes and vibes were entertaining. Nishith and Jhankhana Sanghvi's tete-e-tete traveled the tsunami of a tough professional life and how to enjoy, love and grow a family taking all the ebbs and tides to strides. Ankita Chag, in her own savvy and sassy style, involved the audience and reflected upon the Kal, Aaj aur Kal of marriages. Finally Twinkle and Nishith Mehta probed and proved how Yeh Dooriyaan become Yeh Nazdikiyaan, how to keep on and kindle love lines while staying and saying- "Aap Qatar mein hai!"

Miloni of course was a peppy host with her 'Million' dollar quotes and 'Lakh'ani quips. She was an epitome of grace and glint, sparkle and sizzle, zest and zing! Her charm, concept and camaraderie were મોજે દરીયા!

Marriage is an all genre blockbuster. It has comedy and tragedy, action and drama, thrills and chills, drills and grills and lot of horror! But it is surely a super duper hit formula full of magic, masti and masala- the ubiquitous Entertainment, Entertainment, Entertainment!

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D.P.M.C LALITALAY

Nerve Conduction Velocity camp at D.P.M.C, a useful indicator of the long term effect- peripheral neuropathy that can occur in Diabetes mellitus. ALSO useful in Muscle weakness. The camp dates are 27/12/2024 to 10/01/2025. The camp will be carried out by a Neuro Physiotherapist under the guidance of Dr. Devangiben Vaishnav.



ROTARY MIDTOWN LIBRARY

RCRM has undertaken the initiative of collecting Gujarati literary books suitable for children. Members were invited to send their old possessions of story books and literature related to children. A big thanks to Sunilbhai Mody & Bhaveshbhai Ghodasara (Friend of Nishithbhai Mehta) for their generous donations (Rs. 10,000/- each). Surilee Vanzara (daughter of Dr. Sankalpbbhai Vanzara and Shagunben Vanzara) donated Rs. 5,000/- from her own earnings obtained by sales of her artwork.



SERVICE PROJECTS

1. RO Water Filter plant installation at Haripar School: A 250 litre per hour water filter was installed at Haripar School. The Project in charge was President Divyeshbhai Aghera and donor was Rtn. Mohitbhai Solanki. A Project with a long lasting impact!



2. ART FOR A CAUSE :

The Project title "Art for a cause" Empowering Slum kids through Education and Awareness. RCRM and Rrotract students of T.N Rao College established the Open Library (with artistic cupboards) on 30th December 2024 at the Slum area behind Kidney hospital. The main donor for this was Sunilbhai Mody & Ranjanbhai Shah donated books for the same. Yogesh Dave from RCC was present and also contributed books. President Divyesh bhai Aghera, Sheetalben Aghera, Nishithbhai Mehta, Twinkleben Mehta, Ritaben Chauhan with Annets Shashvat Aghera and Vaidant Mehta were present for this event. Its a super initiative to inculcate reading habits in children from the less privileged sections of the society.



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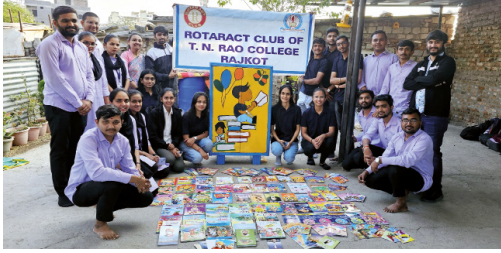
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3. JOY OF GIVING : Celebrating Vaidant Nishith Mehta's Birthday

On 24th December, Vaidant Nishith Mehta celebrated his birthday. So on account of this, on 30th December 2024 the Mehta family visited Udaan Education & Charitable Trust in the slum area near Kidney Hospital, University Road. Vaidant's Special day was celebrated with the slum kids, providing them with food & joy!

The Donors for this were Nishithbhai & Twinkleben Mehta & a total of Rs. 5,000/- was received from them. Special thanks to our donors for this wonderful gesture.



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

A Rotarian astronaut lives her out of this world dreams

In some ways it's just like any other Rotary meeting.

Dozens of members of the Rotary Club of Köln am Rhein gather on a pleasant Monday evening at one of the famous Kranhäus office buildings, architectural gems shaped like upside down L's over the Rhine River with the towers of Cologne Cathedral visible in the distance. The night's speaker, an out-of-this-world member of the club, is scheduled to give the Rotarians a virtual tour of her workplace. The Wi-Fi connection on her end is finicky, and they wait eagerly. At last, she appears, and that's when this meeting takes a decidedly different turn. Because Samantha Cristoforetti, an astronaut aboard the International Space Station, is floating.

Cristoforetti is four months into her second stint on the space station, a research vessel about the size of a six-bedroom house that orbits the Earth every 90 minutes. Her hair set loose from the confines of gravity in a way that would make an '80s metal rocker jealous, she takes questions and wows club members with the cosmic views. She generally takes the meetings from the cupola as she can show the Earth from the windows. She displays the Köln am Rhein Rotary club banner at the end of the meeting and there is a thunderous response. Indeed a "out of the world meeting!!



ACHIEVERS AND ACCOLADES

1. A great gesture by Dr. Nirav Mody-a donation of 1 lakh rupees received for Hearing Aid Camp.
2. Congratulations to Miss Vinisha Kakkad (daughter of Prashantbhai and Dollyben Kakkad) - Best Orator award of MUN. Wishing more success in the future.



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3. Congratulations to Miss Diva Manek (daughter of Vishwas and Binisha Manek) for obtaining the 4th position at the National level in Art and Handwriting Competition. Kudos champ!!

4. Congratulations to Vice President Rtn. Neetaben Motla for bagging the first place (in her Age category) at the Rajkot Night Half Marathon 2.0 held on 28th December 2024.

Congratulations to Dr. Khushbuben Dodia for her excellent run at the marathon. She was the pacer for 21 kms (3 hours).

Kudos to Shaileshbhai Goti for being on the Organising Committee team of such a successful event.

A huge applause to all our Rotarians, Anns and annets for being super enthusiastic and participating in the marathon in huge numbers.



5. Congratulations to Dr. Bhushanbhai Kalaria for being selected as the President Elect of the Indian Dental Association Gujarat State Branch for the year 2024-25.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

One day the Sun and a Cave struck up a conversation. The Sun had trouble understanding what “dark” meant and the Cave didn’t quite get the hang of “light and clear” so they decided to change places.

The Cave went up to the Sun and said, “Ah, I see, this is beyond wonderful. Now come down and see where I have been living.”

The Sun went down to the cave and said, “Gee, I don’t see any difference.”

When the sun went down, it took its light along and even the darkest corners were illuminated. That’s why the Sun couldn’t see any difference.

There is a quote from an old book that says “The enlightened ones can never be sent to hell or pushed into darkness. They carry their heaven on their shoulders all the time”.

We thought that heaven is a place where we are supposed to go, perhaps it was a state of mind we were supposed to achieve.

If you are full of darkness within, full of negativity, fear, and doubt, you become a Cave unknowingly. It’s hell within and no matter how much you accumulate, you still remain hollow.

If you are illuminated like the Sun, then the darkness of the cave wouldn’t matter. You could be in the worst of circumstances, you’ll still be able to find a blessing somewhere.

Trust you’ll be carrying your Heaven with you in 2025

Happy New year to RCRM family!

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