



*Let's
Inspire!*



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IR President's Message

More than job training

In a garage outside Salinas, California, young people who are learning to restore classic cars are doing more than developing a skill – they are reclaiming their futures. This training programme provides mentorship and, for some, a path away from gang involvement toward meaningful employment. Graduates leave with certifications, practical experience and hope.

This is what Rotary's Vocational Service Month celebrates each January – the power of bringing together people with unique skills to do good in the world. It reminds us that integrity isn't just about our actions matching our words. Integrity is in everything we do.

The California automotive programme has been such a success because it was built on integrity. Members of the Rotary Club of Carmel-by-the-Sea didn't assume they knew what the community needed. They listened. They learned there was a shortage of skilled mechanics as well as a large number of young people lacking job training. They recognised that technical skills alone wouldn't be enough, so they partnered with Rancho Cielo, a nonprofit offering counselling and support services alongside vocational training. That is The Four-Way Test in action. Those four simple questions help us not judge others but guide us toward genuine, effective service.

This January, I encourage you to ask how your club can address vocational needs in your community. What skills do your members have that could change someone's life? How can your networks open doors for young people? What partnerships can create sustainable jobs?

Let integrity guide you. Let The Four-Way Test light your path. And let the young people in California and the multitudes worldwide who need job skills remind you why vocational service matters. Let us celebrate putting our professional skills to work for humanity with integrity at the heart of everything we do.

FRANCESCO AREZZO
President, Rotary International



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THE FACE BEHIND THE ROLE

Rtn. Shruti Divecha

In service through Education and Expression.



Ms. Shruti Divecha is a multifaceted educator, storyteller, and creative professional whose work beautifully blends academics, communication, and the art of expression. An accomplished English Language and Literature educator, she is also the founder of her own academy, mentoring students from across the globe with a strong focus on language mastery, storytelling, and creative thinking.

With a rich and diverse educational background, Ms. Divecha holds her undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications from reputed institutions in the United States, including the Academy of Arts, San Francisco; the University of California, Berkeley; and Adelphi University, New York. In India, she has pursued studies in English Language and Literature from Amity University and Commerce from Sydenham College of Commerce and Economics. This unique academic blend allows her to approach education with both creativity and structure.

Her professional journey spans varied roles — from being associated with Kathalaya's International Academy of Storytelling and Tridha School's Steiner Education framework, to earlier experience as a merchandiser and designer in a family export house. Over the years, she has evolved into a specialised Creative Writing and Literature educator (for all Indian and international boards prep), passionate podcasting educator, freelance writer, and academic consultant,

At the heart of Ms. Divecha's work lies a deep commitment to communication as a life skill — one that empowers individuals, builds confidence, and nurtures empathy. Her teaching philosophy emphasizes imagination, clarity of thought, and expressive freedom, making learning both engaging and transformative.

Ms. Divecha resonates strongly with the values of Inner Wheel and expresses a keen desire to contribute meaningfully to the community, engage in purposeful social impact, and collaborate with like-minded individuals committed to service and growth.

An avid reader and photography enthusiast, she brings sensitivity, observation, and creativity into everything she does. We are delighted to introduce Ms. Shruti Divecha and look forward to her journey of learning, sharing, and service with the club.

ANN-TASTIC MOMENTS ...

My Passion - My Work Life Swati Vishal Nathany



My Journey

I have enjoyed working with younger ones since my childhood. I made my passion my work life; Montessori training from Sir Ratan Tata Institute in 2010-11 was my steppingstone. My journey as a Montessori Directress has been wonderful since then. After gaining experience in well-known institutions, I started my own private Montessori Classes. I have also been an avid yoga practitioner for the last 17 years. I love encouraging people practice Yoga; being a certified Yoga instructor from The Yoga Institute, I use spare time guiding my close ones how to embrace a healthier lifestyle.

As a Montessori Directress, I see myself as a guide rather than a teacher. Each day, I watch children discover the world with curiosity, and I feel grateful to be part of their journey. My work in yoga flows from the same philosophy—helping others find balance, strength, and peace within themselves. Both paths remind me that growth is not about rushing but about embracing the process with patience and love. I've always believed that inspiration doesn't only come from extraordinary achievements, it often shines brightest in the ordinary moments we choose to make extraordinary. For me, that means being the emotional anchor in my family, the one who nurtures connections and turns occasions into memories. I delight in writing heartfelt festive messages that make my loved ones feel truly seen. I find joy in simplifying complex processes, whether it's navigating travel or immigration logistics—because I want my family to move forward with confidence and ease. These small acts are my way of blending practicality with love. What inspires me most is the everyday—the laughter shared over a festive dinner, the courage to face bureaucratic hurdles with grace, the curiosity to explore both rational and traditional explanations for life's mysteries. I continue to explore new ways to empower myself and my loved ones—through travel, wellness, and creative expression. My hope is that my story reminds others that inspiration is not reserved for the extraordinary; it lives in each of us, waiting to be celebrated in the simplest of moments.



From the Editor's Desk

After seven e-bulletins and three physical editions, I find myself pausing—not because there is nothing left to say, but because words suddenly feel inadequate.

Each edition has carried stories of service, commitment, friendships, milestones, and memories. Together, they reflect not just events and projects, but the spirit of togetherness that defines us.

This journey has reminded me that a bulletin is far more than ink on paper or pixels on a screen. It is a living record of shared purpose, evolving leadership, and enduring values. It captures moments that will one day become memories—and memories that already inspire nostalgia.

With gratitude, humility, and a full heart, I thank everyone who contributed, supported, encouraged, and believed. The journey continues, and so do the stories—stronger, deeper, and richer with time.

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This is Rotary and I am sure that these challenges will bring out our considerable strengths - ingenuity, decisiveness, flexibility, and integrity.
George Robertson-Burnett
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Touching Lives- One Project At A Time



17th Jan'26- distribution of solar lamps at MOKHADA village in Palghar.

Upcoming Projects/ events

- 7th & 8th Feb'26- DISCON 2026
- 22nd March'26- ID party
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Once a week - Rendezvous



3rd Jan'26- Featuring Bharat Dabholkar- Humor in advertising , theatre and bollywood.



10th Jan'26- RCBN Pre OCV Session



17th Jan'26- Mr. Harshad Ahirrao, spoke on prison reforms and life in prison

A Moment Etched In Rotary Memory

PP RTN. QURESH MASKATI



The Rotary year 1978–79, when District 314 still carried a three-digit identity, was a very different era. The district was vast—embracing all of Maharashtra and parts of Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh—yet it comprised barely 75 clubs. Distances were long, communication slower, but the spirit of fellowship was immense.

For a prestigious district like 314 in those days, the RI President's Representative was almost invariably a senior American Past District Governor, and our District Conference was no exception. Rotary International President that year was Clem Renouf of Queensland, Australia, whose inspiring RI theme was "Reach Out." In perfect alignment with this global call, District Governor Badar Maskati gave the district its own resonant theme—"Each One Reach One," reinforcing the belief that individual commitment could create collective impact.

The District Conference was held at Shanmukhananda Auditorium at Sion, then the largest and most prestigious venue in the city. The Conference Secretary was PP Raman Patel, whose meticulous planning ensured an event that would be remembered for decades.

The star attraction was none other than Mother Teresa. Persuading her to attend was no small feat. She had a crucial engagement in Surat the very same evening, and District Governor Badar Maskati had to make extraordinary arrangements to ensure her presence. A private charter was organized to fly her from Juhu airport immediately after her address—generously facilitated by a leading industrialist who stepped in at the eleventh hour.

Mother Teresa's speech left the packed auditorium in tears. With quiet authority and deep compassion, she urged Rotarians who had travelled hundreds of kilometres to be there:

"Give till it hurts."

And she added gently, "If you cannot give money, give your time. Wipe a tear. Spread a smile."

It was a moment etched forever in Rotary memory—a powerful affirmation that true service is not measured by scale alone, but by sincerity of heart and willingness to reach out.



In Picture:

PP Sultan Fazalbhoy

Mother Teresa

DG Badar Maskati

PRID Soli Pavri

PDG DM Desai

Charter Member- Raman Patel

Introducing the Editorial Team

A new inning has truly begun, and I believe I still have at least 25 years to go. It has been eight years since I joined Rotary under the guidance of Dr. Rajendra Agarwal, yet I still feel like a newcomer. The reason is simple—every day brings new learning, and I keep meeting new members.

Since childhood, I have always been inclined towards hands-on learning. Breaking and fixing

things led me to engineering. Eventually, I completed my Mechanical Engineering (B.E. Mech) and later specialized in Production Engineering (M.E. Prod). The university honored me with a Gold Medal—along with an unspoken suggestion to never return!

I then spent 38 years at Siemens, enjoying my work and progressing steadily. In 2008, I took a short break as Executive Vice President. However, the very next day, I was invited by Reliance Urban Infrastructure Venture Capital as Project Head. I enjoyed my time there too, and in 2018-19, a new transition took place. My experience in engineering and technology at Siemens helped me coordinate around 30-35 projects simultaneously at Urban

Infra—a completely different and enriching experience.

Later, I moved towards academia. Corporate Real Estate (CRE) is a specialized branch of Real Estate. CoreNet Global is an international organization for CRE Professionals, and I was part of the team that established its India Chapter in 2000. I started teaching in 2016-17

as part of their University Relations team, and today, I teach and manage the CRE postgraduate program at NICMAR University, Pune.

Otherwise, my time is dedicated to RCBN! I thoroughly enjoy working on various RCBN projects.

I almost forgot to mention—while I have been occupied with my professional journey for the

past 50 years, my wife, Anuradha, has been the strong pillar holding our home together. Our elder daughter, Sonali, pursued her education in the U.S. and has settled there, while the younger one, Manali, completed her education in the U.S. but returned to India and is currently based in Mumbai. It is satisfying to see both daughters achieve more than their father!

Being a native of Khandesh, I have a special love for spicy, traditional food. However, after

spending 38 years in a German company, Beer & Sausages have become equally dear to me!

Work and passion have taken me across the world, but there is still much more to explore.

I am currently trying to learn Yoga and Bhagavad Gita.



Rtn. Shirish Tare

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