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**District Governor - Dr. Manish Motwani**

**Club President - Rtn. Mithoon Gada**

**Club Secretary - Rtn. Rajesh Kushte**

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### President writes....



**Dear Rotary Family,**

As I step into my new role as President, I am aware that I have big shoes to fill. I have been an active member of this club for 4 years and I have seen the club's growth and many accomplishments. This year, I plan to set higher standards for our club. I acknowledge my goals are also my members goals and together we will accomplish as many as we can. We are a determined bunch of individuals with diverse vocations and it is quite honestly an amazing feeling to witness and work alongside my membership.

We've had our fair share of ups and downs, but what family doesn't? And that's what we are...a family.

We will actively work to increase our membership numbers because Each One, Bring One is

an initiative that I stand strongly behind. We will build our online presence so we can continue to share all the good work we do within the community both locally and internationally. Finally, we will participate in one initiative which touches on each area of focus within Rotary.

With all of that being said one cannot be naive as there will be many challenges. Some of those challenges will be beyond our control. However, this is more of a reason for me to encourage the membership and other Rotarians to find a way to adapt and work around them. Together, we will bring new ideas to the table and make this one of the greatest Rotary years yet. In closing I must say I am truly humbled and honoured to serve as your president this year. I look forward to working closely with the board and each member as we all move forward and

Serve To Change Lives. The Rotary Club of

Mumbai West Coast, is going places and I encourage you to join us! Thank you for your continuous support and encouragement. I would have never been here without the influence of each of you over the last few years. You have all played an active role in my growth as a Rotarian and I will and hope to continue to inspire each of you in a little way everyday as change-makers.

Yours Sincerely,

**Mithoon Gada**

**President 2025–26,**

**Rotary Club of Mumbai West Coast**

## **District Governor's Message:**



Dear Inspired President Mithoon Gada and Members of RCMWC,  
It gives me immense pleasure to contribute to your very first bulletin this year!

Your club, with a proud legacy of nearly 30 years, is a shining example of Rotary's spirit – a diverse group of dedicated professionals who have served not just your neighborhood, but also rural areas through impactful projects in Health & Hygiene, Water & Sanitation, Education & Literacy, especially girls. Your impressive record – nearly 20 CSR grant projects and numerous Global Grants – speaks volumes about your commitment.

As you continue this journey, I invite you to align your passion with our District's focus areas: Cancer Screening & Detection, Model Villages, Rotary Connect (networking), Managing Lifestyle Diseases, Mental Health & De-addiction, Women's Empowerment, and strengthening Rotary Hospitals – while leveraging your excellent CSR connections.

Above all, let us INSPIRE each other to do good in the world. I have a definition of INSPIRE which is:

- I – Involve every member and celebrate your diversity.
- N – Nurture every project and build on successes.

- S – Seek strategic support through partnerships.
- P – Promote leadership with clarity and passion.
- I – Initiate meaningful connections within the Rotary family.
- R – Reach out personally to every member.
- E – Engage with joy and purpose in everything you do.

I complement your club for its vibrant base of fairly large members you can aim for the milestone of 100! Will be great if do it, but ensure we retain every member who is there today!

Together, let's continue making a difference, creating smiles, INSPIRE each other and UNITE FOR GOOD to serve.

Dr Mahek and I wish you a wonderful year ahead!

*Yours in Rotary Service,*

**Dr Manish Motwani**

**District Governor 2025-26**

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# The Editor's Desk



## Dear Rotarians and Rotaractors,

As we step into another Rotary Year, let us carry forward the torch of service with renewed energy and purpose. Each July brings not just a change in leadership, but a fresh opportunity to create lasting impact in our communities and beyond.

Rotary is more than meetings and projects—it's a movement of hearts and hands working together for a better world. This year, let us dream bigger, serve deeper, and inspire one another to go the extra mile.

Whether it's planting a tree, educating a child, or simply lending a listening ear, every act of kindness counts. Let us continue to be the change we wish to see, guided by the Rotary ideals of service, fellowship, integrity, and peace.

Together, we can make this year another milestone in our shared journey of doing good in the world.

Yours in Rotary,  
**Machindra Borhade**  
**CNN Editor**

**Dimple Tanwar**  
**CNN Co-editor**



## Presidential message.....

Francesco Arezzo  
President 2025-26

Two weeks ago, I was in my living room playing with my grandchildren. A few days later, I was on a plane to Calgary, suddenly carrying the responsibility of leading this incredible organization.

Life comes fast, but so often, it brings us exactly where we're meant to be.

We begin this year with a clear message;/ Unite for Good. It is a simple phrase, but a powerful one. Because behind every successful Rotary effort, every act of service, every new member welcomed, every global challenge met—there are two things that matter most: friendship and trust.

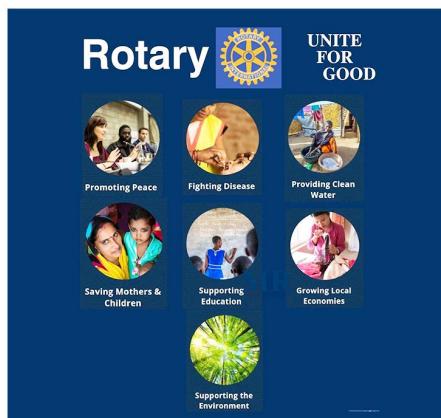
This is how we build strong clubs. It's how we create meaningful partnerships and transform global problems into local solutions. It's also how we lead—not through titles or applause, but with humility, humanity, and heart. But let me be honest with you—this kind of leadership is not always easy. We're human and yes, we make mistakes. We sometimes disagree, but in Rotary, we are called to something greater. Let us reflect on the full vision of Rotary:

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change—across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

The last part is essential, because transformation doesn't start with strategy. It starts with character and the way we treat one another. It starts with how we listen, how we support, and how we serve. This year, I ask you to lead with that spirit. To grow Rotary through relationships.

To make your clubs more welcoming, more flexible, more open to new ideas.

To think big—but also to think beyond one year. Our term is short, but our impact can be lasting if we plan and act with continuity and vision.



Let us remember our key priorities: membership, polio and peace. We are closer than ever to ending polio. We cannot stop now. We must keep the promise we made to the children of the world. And as for peace-Rotary has been building it for over a century. Every clean water system, every youth exchange, every maternal health project is a step toward peace.

I joined Rotary as a young professional, eager to help but terrified of public speaking. My fellow Rotarians believed in me and encouraged me to take on new roles, and in doing so, Rotary changed my life. It gave me courage and purpose, but above all, it gave me you: my friends, my team, my family around the world.

So now, my friends...take out your dreams tucked away in a drawer, especially those you thought were too big or bold to achieve. Let's bring them into the light. Let's Unite for Good-for our clubs, our communities, and our world. And let's make this a year not only of service, but of joy, of connection, and of love.

**Francesco Arezzo**  
**President, Rotary International,**  
**2025-26**

## The Month That Was

### 1st July 2025: Blood Donation Camp at Goregaon Station

Project Name: Jeevandhara  
A Rotary District Initiative

The Rotary Club of Mumbai West Coast successfully organized a Mega Blood Donation Drive on 1st July 2025 at Goregaon Railway Station.

We are proud to share that 60 units of blood were collected during the drive, making a valuable contribution to those in need. As a gesture of gratitude, free umbrellas—provided by the District—were gifted to all blood donors.

In addition to the blood donation camp, the event also featured an Organ Donation Awareness session and a CPR workshop, empowering participants with life-saving knowledge and promoting the importance of organ donation.

Heartiest congratulations to Project Chair Rtn. Ganesh Kadam and Director of Community Service Rtn. Rashmi Mahajan for their exceptional leadership and seamless execution of the project.

We extend our sincere thanks to all the donors, Rotarians, and Rotaractors who participated and contributed to the success of the event.

Special appreciation goes to:

Rtn. Vishnu Bhat, Rtn. Jyotsna Gaikwad, Rtn. Nilima Inamdar, Rtn. Reena Patel, Dr. Ajay Balan, Rtn. Rajesh Kushte, Rtn. Neelam Patil, Rtn. Rashmi Mahajan, Rtn. Sunita Shetty, and Rtn. Anjali Karandikar for their wholehearted support.

This impactful event was made possible through the collaborative efforts of the following Co-Host Clubs:

Rotary Club of Mumbai Western Elite  
Rotary Club of Mumbai Northwest Malad  
Rotary Club of Mumbai Rising Stars  
Rotary Club of Mumbai Kandivali West  
Rotary Club of Mumbai Marvels

Together, we proudly upheld the Rotary motto: Service Above Self.

Thank you President Rtn. Mithoon Gada for your unwavering support.





A dedicated team of doctors and Rotarians at the Blood Donation Camp, Goregaon –united in service and compassion



Little Interactors making a big impact—promoting blood and organ donation on the ground

## 4th July 2025: First Club Assembly at Trento, Goregaon

### An Inspiring Beginning to a Promising Rotary Year

The Rotary Club of Mumbai West Coast marked the commencement of its Rotary year with its 1st Club Assembly on 4th July 2025 at Trento, Goregaon. The evening was filled with enthusiasm, purpose, and camaraderie as members gathered in large numbers to shape the path ahead.

President Rtn. Mithoon Gada warmly welcomed all members and set the tone for the year with his motivating address. He proudly introduced the Board of Directors, acknowledging their dedication and commitment to service.

Under the banner of INSPIRE, President Mithoon Gada, along with the Board of Directors and Project Chairs, presented a comprehensive and thoughtfully curated roadmap for the year. The presentation included key focus areas, impactful service projects, and strategic plans to achieve the club's goals—demonstrating meticulous planning and visionary leadership.

The energy and engagement of the members reflected a shared commitment to making a difference through Rotary. The assembly not only set a strong foundation for the year ahead but also reinforced the club's core values of fellowship, service, and impactful action.

Together, we look forward to an inspiring year of service, growth, and lasting impact.



President Rtn. Mithoon Gada with fellow Rotarians at the First Club Assembly – leading with vision and unity

## 12th July 2025: Stationery Distribution at Vidya Niketan School, Goregaon

### Spreading Smiles, One Notebook at a Time

On 12th July 2025, the Rotary Club of Mumbai West Coast conducted a heartwarming stationery distribution drive at Vidya Niketan School, Goregaon. As part of our ongoing commitment to education and community support, the club distributed notebooks, pencils, erasers, sharpeners, scales, and snacks to the students.

This thoughtful initiative benefited nearly 30 young learners, bringing not just educational essentials, but also joy and encouragement to their day.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the members who joined hands to make this event meaningful. Special thanks to Secretary Rtn. Rajesh Kushte, Ajay Balan, Dr. Neelam, Shaila, Radha, Sunita, Sunil, and a warm welcome to our new member Paresh, who graced the occasion with their presence.

Kudos to Project Chair Rtn. Rashmi P. Mahajan for leading the initiative with dedication and compassion.

Together, we continue to serve with purpose, upholding Rotary's spirit of giving and growth.



United in service—President Mithoon Gada, Project Chair Rashmi Mahajan, and Rotarians at the Vidya Niketan School initiative

## 13th July 2025: Annadan – Food Distribution Drive at Station Road, Goregaon (W)

### *Serving with Compassion and Kindness*

On 13th July 2025, the Rotary Club of Mumbai West Coast carried out a deeply fulfilling Annadan (Food Distribution) Drive at Station Road, Goregaon (W). With a spirit of service and empathy, the club distributed healthy and delicious meals to over 350 people, ensuring that no one went hungry that day.

This act of kindness not only touched the lives of many individuals, but also extended to feeding birds and Gomata (cows)—a gesture reflecting true compassion for all living beings.

We are grateful to every member who contributed—whether directly on the field or behind the scenes—to make this initiative a success.

Special thanks to the attending members:

Rtn. Rajesh Kushte, Meghna Kushte, Rtn. Neelam Patil, Rtn. Renu Bhat, Rtn. Ajay Balan, President Rtn. Mithoon Gada, and Dr. Nilima Inamdar for their active participation and support.

Together, we not only served meals, but shared joy, dignity, and humanity with all.



President Rtn. Mithoon Gada with fellow Rotarians at the First Club Assembly – leading with vision and unity

## Recognition



### **Hair Donation – Project Swaroop**

Spreading Confidence, One Strand at a Time

As part of Project Swaroop, an initiative of the Rotary Club of Mumbai West Coast, Ms. Mahi Phadte made a beautiful and selfless gesture by donating her long hair to support cancer patients. Her contribution will be used to create wigs, helping restore confidence and dignity to those bravely battling cancer.

A heartfelt thank you to Exhale Salon, Rtn. Sunita Shetty, and Meghana Kushte for their generous support and seamless coordination in making this donation possible. The project is being led with passion and dedication by Project Chair Rtn. Anjali Karandikar, in collaboration with V clCare Foundation. Together, they continue to bring smiles and hope to the lives of underprivileged cancer patients through this meaningful initiative.



## Congratulations, Dr. Nilima !

Rtn. Nilima Inamdar gave a lecture on breast cancer, HPV vaccine and Thalassemia at CISF on Saturday 12th July 2025.



## Congratulations, Rtn. Ganesh !

On 17th July 2025, Rtn. Ganesh Kadam, founder of Yammunas Travels, was invited as a guest speaker at Thakur Ramnarayan College of Arts and Commerce.

He delivered an insightful session on the topic: "Entrepreneurship in Emerging Sectors: Opportunities and Challenges – Understanding Market Trends and Consumer Behaviour."

Rtn. Kadam shared his real-world experiences and expertise, shedding light on the evolving entrepreneurial landscape, emerging business sectors, and the critical importance of adapting to market trends and consumer insights.

His talk was both informative and inspiring, leaving the students with valuable takeaways and a deeper understanding of the entrepreneurial journey.

# What Rotary means to me



Rotary's meaning can vary from person to person, but at its core, it represents a commitment to service, community, and making a positive impact in the world.

In my understanding, Rotary represents:

- Service Above Self,
- Integrity,
- Fellowship,
- Diversity and Inclusion,
- Polio Eradication,
- Community Development,
- Disaster Relief,
- Youth Development,
- Community Engagement,
- Personal Growth,
- Networking

In a nutshell, it's a lasting legacy for future generations.

I'm proud to be a Rotarian.

Rtn. Rajesh Kushte  
Secretary 2025-26  
Rotary Club of Mumbai West Coast



## Why Rotary Needs You

*This is a changing world, we must be prepared to change with it. The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again!*

*Paul Harris, Founder of Rotary*



## Birthdays and Anniversaries Of August

### August

#### Birthdays

3 August : Anjali Karandikar

4 August : Dr. Dattaben Shah

7 August : Dr.Jaideep Rajebahadur

12 August : Dr. Neelam Navagare

19 August : Rajan Savani

26 August : Mr.Tejinder Kaur

28 August : Adv Ameet Mehta

28 August : Vishal Mundra

31 August : Radha Shah

#### Anniversaries

9 August : Rtn. Vinita Vanjani  
& Rtn. Govind Vanjani



Zone 3  
Akira Miki (Rotary Club of Himeji, Japan)

Zone 5  
Basker Chockalingam (Rotary Club of Karur, India)  
Alternate: Ananthanarayanan Venkatesh (Rotary Club of Chennai Mambalam, India)

Zone 7  
Mahesh Kotbagi (Rotary Club of Pune Sports City, India)

Zone 9  
Chi-Ten Liu (Rotary Club of Yangmei, Taiwan)

Zone 11  
Young Suk Yoon (Rotary Club of Seoul Hoehyon, Korea)



## Rotary Stories International News

### Committee to nominate 2027-28 RI President

**These Rotary members will serve on the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2027-28. The committee is scheduled to meet on 4 August 2025.**

Zone 1  
Muhammad Faiz Kidwai (Rotary Club of Karachi Karsaz, Pakistan)

### Zone 13

Roger Lhors (Rotary Club of Pont-Audemer, France)

### Zone 15

Hans-Hermann Kasten (Rotary Club of Aachen-Frankenburg, Germany)

### Zone 17

Ann-Britt Asebol (Rotary Club of Falun-Kopparvagen, Sweden)

Alternate: Virpi Honkala (Rotary Club of Raahe, Finland)

### Zone 19

Nicki Scott (Rotary Club of Hub of West England District 1100, England)

### Zone 21

Katerina Kotsali-Papadimitriou (Rotary Club of Pendeli, Greece)

Alternate: Gideon Peiper (Rotary Club of Ramat Hasharon, Israel)

### Zone 23

Julio Silva-Santisteban Ojeda (Rotary Club of El Rimac, Peru)

Alternate: Antonio Hallage (Rotary Club of Curitiba-Leste, Brazil)

### Zone 25

Jose Sepulveda Fayad (Rotary Club of Pachuca Plata, Mexico)

### Zone 27

Vicki Puliz (Rotary Club of Sparks - Nevada, USA)

### Zone 29

Pat Merryweather-Arges (Rotary Club of Naperville - Illinois, USA)

### Zone 31

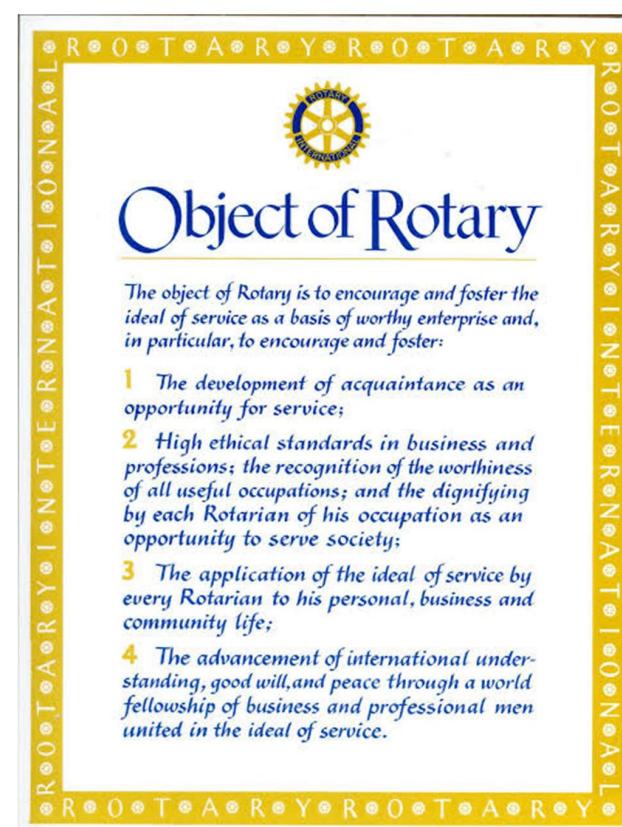
Elizabeth Usovitz (Rotary Club of Kansas City-Plaza - Kansas, USA)

### Zone 33

Anne Matthews (Rotary Club of Columbia East - South Carolina, USA)

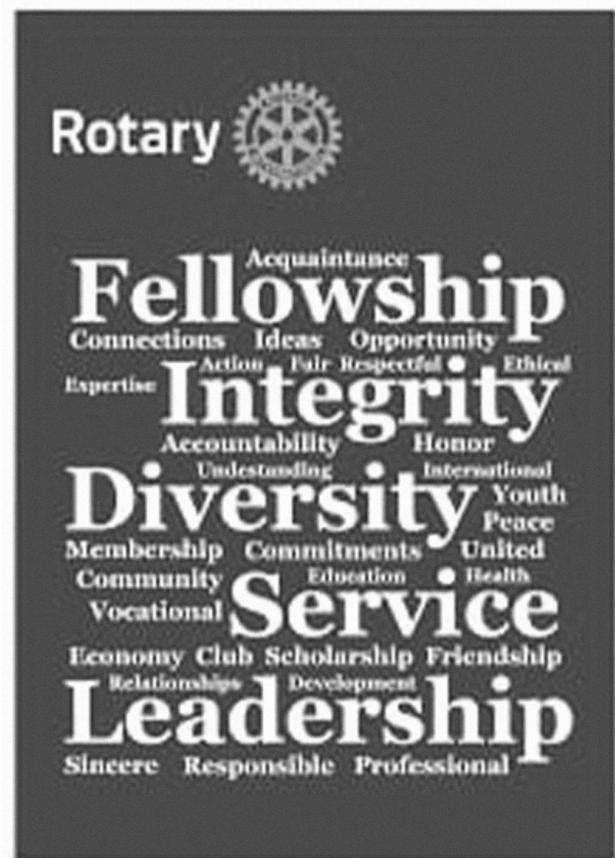
Alternate: Peter Kyle (Rotary Club of Annapolis - Maryland, USA)

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The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- 1 The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- 2 High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- 3 The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business and community life;
- 4 The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service.



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**Fellowship**  
Acquaintance  
Connections Ideas Opportunity  
Action Fair Respectful Ethical  
Expertise  
**Integrity**  
Accountability Honor  
Understanding International  
Community Youth  
**Diversity**  
Membership Commitments United  
Education Health  
Vocational  
**Service**  
Economy Club Scholarship Friendship  
Relationships Development  
**Leadership**  
Sincere Responsible Professional

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OFFICE BEARERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
FOR THE VIBRANT YEAR 2025-2026

Thank You...