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### President writes....



#### Dear Rotary Family,

As President of our Rotary Club, I am proud to reflect on our collective achievements in service and community development. Our initiatives have fostered

peace, improved health, and enhanced education — truly exemplifying our commitment to "Service Above Self."

These efforts have not only transformed lives but have also strengthened the very fabric of our society. The active participation of our new members has been particularly encouraging, as their enthusiasm and dedication are key to the continued success of our club.

We now look forward to more impactful community projects that will bring real and

lasting transformation to the lives of people we serve.

Together, let us continue to make a difference — with compassion, commitment, and purpose.

Yours Sincerely,

**Mithoon Gada**

**President 2025–26,  
Rotary Club of Mumbai West Coast**

### The Editor's Desk



#### Dear Rotarians and Rotaractors,

October reminds us of the spirit of service and fellowship that binds us together. Each project we undertake reflects our collective

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passion to make a difference — be it in health, education, or community upliftment. Let us continue to support our President's vision and bring more smiles through meaningful action. With new members adding energy and ideas, our club is truly growing stronger. Together, let's keep the Rotary wheel of service turning with compassion, integrity, and enthusiasm.

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

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## 23rd July 2025: Installation Ceremony at Jawahar Nagar, Goregaon

The most prestigious event of our club, the Installation Ceremony of the Club President and the Board of Directors, was held at Jawahar Nagar Hall, Goregaon on 23rd July 2025 with immense enthusiasm and fellowship.

It was an honour to have District Governor Rtn. Manish Motwani and First Lady Rtn. Dr. Mahek Motwani as the Chief Guests. The occasion was further graced by PDG Dr. Bal Inamdar, AG Rtn. Shelza Choudhary, CC Rtn. Deepak Choudhary, and DS Rtn. Uday Shah.

A proud moment for the club was the induction of four new members and the return of fifteen "Ghar Vapasi" members, bringing renewed energy, strength, and experience to our Rotary family. The vibrant presence of Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors made the evening truly memorable, celebrating leadership, commitment, and the shared vision of Service Above Self.

The ceremony itself was very well organized and executed. Congratulations to Prez Mithoon, Secretary Rajesh Kushte, Treasurer Vishal Mundra and all those involved in managing the event. President Rt. Dr. Seema Negi's outstanding presentation beautifully encapsulated the achievements of the year gone by, while the grand entry of our three musketeers—'M-RV'—added a lively touch. Prez Mithoon provided excellent insights for 2025-26, giving us plenty of '(dab-bawala) food for thought'!

Rtn. Satish Karandikar, as Master of Ceremonies, was a revelation—well done, Satish! Rotaractors, led by Ganesh Kadam, provided strong support throughout. Most importantly, the new members, guided by our valuable returning members, have enriched the quality and spirit of our Club. A hearty welcome to all of you!

As always, the event was beautifully supported by our 'Ladies Power,' once again proving that they are an indispensable core of our Club. Their presence and energy made the evening even more special.

### Highlights of the Installation Ceremony Bangur Vidya Bhavan Interact Club



A moment of pride and continuity — IPP Rtn. Dr. Seema Negi and DG Rtn. Manish Motwani gracefully hand over the mantle of leadership to President Rtn. Mithoon Gada through the symbolic exchange of the collar, gavel, and gong





A moment of inspiration as DG Rtn. Manish Motwani addresses the gathering with his motivating words at the Installation Ceremony of President Rtn. Mithoon Gada.



A year of dedication, compassion, and leadership – IPP Rtn. Dr. Seema Negi shares highlights of her remarkable Rotary journey



President Rtn. Mithoon Gada addressing the gathering with vision and enthusiasm, outlining his plans and projects for an impactful Rotary year ahead



The dynamic and dedicated Board of Directors, ready to lead with passion and purpose in the new Rotary year



President Rtn. Mithoon Gada, DG Rtn. Manish Motwani, and esteemed district dignitaries – a gathering of leadership, vision, and service at the Installation Ceremony



Project Rashmi: A proud moment as DG, PDG, President, and Project Chair hand over the cheque to deserving students, fostering education and opportunity



The vibrant Saraf College Rotaractors with President Rtn. Mithoon Gada, showcasing enthusiasm and dedication at the Installation Ceremony





Sharing vision, commitment, and fellowship – club members and district dignitaries come together to celebrate a new Rotary year

## 29th July 2025: Installation Ceremony of Interact Club – Bangur Vidya Bhavan School, Goregaon

The Installation Ceremony of the Interact Club at Bangur Vidya Bhavan School was held on 29th July 2025, with President Rtn. Mithoon Gada gracing the event as the Chief Guest.

Following the installation, an engaging session on 'Career Guidance' was conducted for the students. Mrs. Ulka Padwalkar, Founder of UP SUMS Career Guidance Centre, was the speaker. The session was highly interactive and informative, providing valuable

insights to the students. President Rtn. Mithoon Gada also addressed the students, motivating them to aspire and achieve.

The ceremony was attended by Mrs. Marsha Wankhede, Teacher In-Charge, along with Rtn. Jyotsna Gaikwad, Rtn. Anjali Karandikar, and Rtn. Ganesh Kadam.



President Rtn. Mithoon Gada with Teacher In-Charge Mrs. Marsha Wankhede, Interactors, and Club members at the Installation Ceremony.



President Rtn. Mithoon Gada addressing the Interactors during the Installation Ceremony



Mrs. Ulka Padwalkar engaging with students on 'Career Guidance'



President Rtn. Mithoon Gada honouring the newly inducted Interact Club President



## 4th August 2025: Rotaract Installation Ceremony at Saraf College Auditorium

The Installation Ceremony of the Rotaract Club of Mumbai Sky City was held on 4th August 2025 at Saraf College Auditorium.

IPP Rtn. Sangita Chouhan graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour. Also present at the ceremony were Youth Director Rtn. Ganesh Kadam and Dr. Nilima Inamdhar, who extended their best wishes to the newly installed Rotaractors.

## Glimpses from the Rotaract Installation Ceremony



Moments from the Installation Ceremony of the Rotaract Club of Mumbai Sky City



Dr. Nilima Inamdhar, IPP Rtn. Sangita Chouhan, President Rtn. Mithoon Gada graced the Installation Ceremony with their presence



IPP Rtn. Sangita Chouhan addressing the students during the Rotaract Installation Ceremony

## 4th August 2025: Anemia Mukh Bharat Abhiyan at Shri Vivekanand High School, Manekpur Sarai, Umargam, Gujarat

Under the "Anemia-Free India" (Anemia Mukh Bharat Abhiyan) initiative, a comprehensive health project was conducted on 4th August 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at Shri Vivekanand High School, Manekpur, benefitting 239 girls.

During the camp, hemoglobin (Hb) levels of all beneficiaries were tested, and appropriate medication was provided based on individual results. Considering the large turnout, two camps were organized simultaneously to ensure smooth operations. Qualified technicians conducted the testing, and each participant received personal guidance on maintaining healthy hemoglobin levels.

The team also created awareness about anemia prevention, emphasizing the importance of a balanced diet, iron-rich foods, and proper nutritional care.

Members of the Rotary Club of Mumbai West Coast interacted with the School Principal and staff, sharing insights into various community service activities undertaken by the club.

Heartfelt thanks to Rtn. Anjali Karandikar and Rtn. Jyotsna Gaikwad for their valuable presence and support in making this project a success.

Special gratitude to IDBI Bank for their generous support under the AMBA (Anemia Mukh Bharat Abhiyan) project.

Sincere appreciation to Advisor PDG Dr. Balkrishna Inamdhar for his constant guidance, and to President Rtn. Mithoon Gada, IPP Dr. Seemaa Negi, CSR Coordinator Dr. Neelam for their leadership and encouragement.

A special mention to Rtn. Rashmi Mahajan, who served as the Project Chair, ensuring the smooth and successful execution of this meaningful initiative.





Rtns. Rashmi Mahajan, Jyotsna Gaikwad, and Anjali Karandikar with students and doctors at the HB Test Camp, Umargaon

#### 4th August 2025: Installation Ceremony of Rotaract Club of Saraf College at Saraf College Auditorium

The Installation Ceremony of the Rotaract Club of Saraf College was held on 4th August 2025 at the Saraf College Auditorium. President Rtn. Mithoon Gada graced the occasion as the Guest of Honor. A large number of Rotaractors and Rotarians attended the event, including Youth Director Rtn. Ganesh Kadam and other club members.



Induction Ceremony of Rotaract Club of Saraf College



President Rtn. Mithoon Gada inspiring the Rotaractors with his address



Following the Installation Ceremony, Rtn. Rashmi distributing project cheques to eligible students

#### 9th August 2025: Hair Donation for Project Swaroop by Sanyukta Paul at Ex-hale7 Salon

On 9th August 2025, Sanyukta Paul (wife of TV & Film Star Manish Paul) generously donated her hair for cancer patients as part of Project Swaroop. We sincerely thank Sanyukta Paul for this compassionate gesture.

Our heartfelt gratitude to Rtn. Rajesh Kushte for supporting Project Swaroop, and to all the Westcoasters for their encouragement and participation. Special thanks to Rtn. Sunita Shetty for supporting this cause by providing her services free of charge at Exhale7 Salon.

The project was ably led by Rtn. Anjali Karandikar as Project Chair. Congratulations to Rtn. Anjali, Rajesh, Sunita, and everyone involved for contributing to this humane and much-needed initiative.





**Sanyukta Paul being honoured by club members for her generous hair donation**

### **9th August 2025: Rakhi Tying Ceremony at Goa Naval and Army Camps**

Rtn. Meghana Kushte, Rtn. Ritu Dubey, and IPP Rtn. Dr. Seema Negi, along with fellow Rotarians, tied Rakhis to soldiers at the Naval, Army, and Police Headquarters in Goa. Proud of this wonderful trio!

A heartfelt thank you to Rtn. Dr. Seema Negi, Rtn. Ritu Dubey, and Rtn. Meghana Kushte for their dedication and service.



**Rtn. Seema Negi, Rtn. Ritu Dubey, and Rtn. Meghana Kushte tying Rakhis to brave soldiers at Goa Naval and Army Camps**

### **12th August 2025: Menstrual Hygiene Session at Kamala Blind School**

A menstrual hygiene session was conducted at Kamala Blind School for 130 girls. Dr. Nilima Inamdar led the session, explaining menstrual health in a simple and engaging manner, encouraging the girls to ask questions and clarify their doubts. The event concluded with the distribution of menstrual hygiene kits sponsored by our club and sanitary pads provided by RC Sher-e-Punjab, ensuring both education and essential supplies for the students.

Heartfelt thanks to Dr. Nilima Inamdar for her wonderful guidance and to Anjali Karandikar for her consistent support. Rtn. Rashmi Mahajan served as the Project Chair.



**Dr. Nilima Inamdar interacting with the students**

### **14th August 2025: Speaker Meeting @ Lemon Tree Premier, Malad**

A speaker meeting was held at Lemon Tree Premier, Mindspace, Malad (W) on 14th August 2025. President Rtn. Mithoon Gada called the meeting to order and briefed the members on RSW initiatives and planning. Dr. Nilima Inamdar and AG Shelza Choudhary spoke about Rotary Service Week.

Following this, a special session was convened with Rtn. Vinod Thakkar as the speaker, presenting on "Rotary Ki Khatti-Mithi Batein." Vinod is a wonderful speaker, known for his interesting and humorous anecdotes about Rotary. He is frequently invited to Rotary districts across India. Rotarians thoroughly enjoyed his stories, which brought many laughs. The meeting was attended by a large number of Rotarians.



**Dr. Nilima Inamdar felicitates AG Shelza Choudhary**



**Speaker Rtn. Vinod Thakkar entertaining Rotarians with his anecdotes**





**Rtn. Dhansukh Panchal and  
Rtn. Vishal Mundra felicitate guest  
speaker Mr. Vinod Thakkar**

### **15th August – Independence Day Celebration at Vidyaniketan Primary School, Goregaon**

RCMWC celebrated Independence Day at Vidyaniketan Primary School with Rotaractors, Interactors, and the students. The celebration began at 8:00 am with flag hoisting, followed by uniform distribution and refreshments for the students. At 8:30 am, a rally started from the school to Greens Hotel, near the station, with students participating enthusiastically. Street plays were performed at the start, end, and along the route to engage the students, while awareness about civic sense was shared using posters at Ratna Signal. The rally concluded at 9:30 am at Greens Hotel, Topiwala, leaving the students inspired and happy.



**President Rtn. Mithoon Gada with Rotarians,  
students, and teachers of Vidyaniketan School  
at the Flag Hoisting Ceremony**



**Rotarians and students take part in an  
awareness program at the traffic signal**

### **22nd August 2025: Eco-Friendly Ganpati Idol-Making Workshop at Bangur Vidya Bhavan Interact School, Goregaon**

An Eco-Friendly Ganpati Idol-Making Workshop was successfully conducted at the Interact Club of Bangur Vidya Bhavan on 22nd August 2025. The event was organized in association with the Rotaract Club of Ghanshyamdas Saraf College under the guidance of our Youth Director, Rtn. Ganesh Kadam. Nearly 200 students enthusiastically participated in the workshop.



**Students, teachers, and Rotarians at Bangur  
Vidya Bhavan participated in an idol-making initiative**

### **13th September 2025: A Stray Dogs Rabies Vaccination Drive at Asmita Jyoti Premises**

As an annual initiative by the Managing Committee of Asmita Jyoti CHS Ltd, a Stray Dogs Rabies Vaccination Drive was conducted at the Asmita Jyoti premises on Saturday, 13th September 2025, from 4 p.m. onwards. Around 50+ stray dogs were vaccinated during the drive.

Members from our club were invited to participate and make it a joint project of Rotary and the local community. Several volunteers joined the initiative. No cost was involved for the club. Thank you to everyone who supported this noble cause.





Project Chair Rtn. Rajesh Kushte and team in action during the Stray Dogs Rabies Vaccination Drive

### 13th September 2025: Project Kalakruti at Vidya Niketan School, Goregaon (W)

Rotary Club of Mumbai West Coast and Rotaract Club of Mumbai Sky City jointly organized an engaging Origami Session for the students of Vidya Niketan School, Goregaon (W).

A large number of students enthusiastically participated in this creative activity and thoroughly enjoyed the fun-filled session.

Heartfelt thanks to Project Chair Rtn. Neelam Patil and Rtn. Shubham Marathe for this wonderful and creative initiative.



Project Chair Rtn. Neelam Patil engaging students during the fun-filled Origami Session

### 20th September 2025: Project – Donation of Voice Recording Machines and USBs for the Blind (NAB India)

The Rotary Club of Mumbai West Coast proudly handed over 120 voice recording machines and USBs to NAB India. On the day of the ceremony, around 55 students were present, while the remaining devices were handed over to the authorities for distribution.

Mr. Hemant Patil (Secretary, Reay Road Complex) and Mr. Charles Rao (Consultant – Resource Mobilization) were present and shared insights into the valuable work being done by NAB India. Mrs. Shefali Birwadkar and Mrs. Ujjwal Paralkar, two teachers, highlighted how these devices will benefit the students. Mr. Surendra Naik, Mr. Nilesh Kulkarni, and their team ensured the smooth conduct of the program.

A special thanks to Rtn. Jyotsna Gaikwad, Rtn. Rashmi Mahajan, Rtn. Paresh Hanamshet, and Rtn. Suniti Kolhatkar for their full support during the event.

Heartfelt gratitude to our generous donors, without whom this project would not have been possible. Rtn. Radha Shah served as the Project Chair, with Rtn. Anjali Karandikar as Co-Chair.

This initiative will significantly aid visually impaired students in their learning journey and empower them to revise their syllabus independently.







Project Chair Rtn. Radha Shah and club members donating voice recording machines to the students of NAB

## 24th September 2025: Touching Little Hearts

1. Harshad Mudhwane – A 12-year-old child underwent a Bentall procedure, a complex open-heart surgery with aortic valve replacement, on 24th July 2025 for Congenital Heart Disease (A+ category).
2. Baby of Nilima Patil – A 1-month-old girl underwent an arterial switch operation on 4th September 2025 for Congenital Heart Disease.
3. Baby of Gajala Pathan – A 2-month-old male child underwent arch repair surgery on 3rd September 2025 for Congenital Heart Disease.

All surgeries were successfully performed at Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital. Since the children were discharged directly from PICU/NICU, a visit was not possible.

These life-saving surgeries were made possible through the CSR initiative of Alkyl Amines Chemicals. We sincerely thank Alkyl Amines Chemicals for supporting The Little Heart Project over the past five years.

Our heartfelt gratitude also goes to Dr. Neelam Navagare and the CSR committee for their commitment to this noble social cause.



President Rtn. Mithoon Gada, Dr. Neelam Navagare, Rtn. Vishnu Bhat, Rtn. Rashmi Mahajan, and Rtn. Vishal Mundra visited three children at Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital, all of whom were successfully operated on for Congenital Heart Disease

# ADOPT A PROJECT, DON'T JUST DO A PROJECT.

Doing a project is temporary.  
Adopting a project  
is a commitment.





## September & October Birthdays

### Birthdays

10 September: Kavita Koti

14 September: Dharmendra Arya

14 September : Reena Patel

26 September : Pankaj Tike

28 September : Dr. Nilima Inamdar

6 October : Prashanth Nair

11 October : Ritu Dubey

16 October : Shalmali Inamdar

16 October : Sunil Gursahani

20 October : Satish Karandikar

21 October : Vishnudas Bhat

21 October : Avinash Kolhatkar

27 October : Aaishani Vedant

28 October : Sudarshan Bhat



## Recognitions

*Congratulations,  
Dr. Bal Inamdar Sir!*



Dr. Juilli Inamdar Kulkarni, daughter of Dr. Bal Inamdar, receives the Healthcare Icon 2025 Award from Ajay Kumar Mishra, Former Minister of State for Home Affairs

**PDG Dr. Bal Inamdar being honoured by  
DG Dr. Manish Motwani on 12th August  
2025**



Dr. Bal Inamdar was honoured with the Healthcare Icon 2025 Award by the prestigious organisation HIFAA. The award ceremony was held on 27th May 2025 at Hotel Sahara Star, Mumbai. As Dr. Bal was traveling at the time, the award was graciously accepted on his behalf by his daughter, Dr. Juilli Inamdar Kulkarni, from Ajay Kumar Mishra, Former Minister of State for Home Affairs.



HIFAA is a unique platform that celebrates excellence in the healthcare industry, highlighting the synergy between wellness, innovation, and elegance. The organisation recognises medical professionals, innovators, institutions, and change-makers who are redefining healthcare in India and beyond.

Dr. Bal Inamdar expressed, "It is a privilege for me to receive this award at the hands of DG Dr. Manish Motwani." He was formally honoured by DG Dr. Manish Motwani on 12th August 2025.

### **Congratulations President Rtn. Mithoon Gada and the team of Project Ni-Kshay Mitra TB MukT Bharat Abhiyaan!**



Rotary Club of Mumbai West Coast was felicitated by the Goregaon MLA on 17th September 2025. This recognition was for our efforts in the Ni-Kshay Mitra TB MukT Bharat Abhiyaan of Goregaon District. It is a proud moment for all of us

### **Proud Moment to Meet Dr. Suresh Rao**



President Rtn. Mithoon Gada, Dr. Neelam Navagare, and club members had the privilege of meeting Dr. Suresh G. Rao, Director of the Children's Heart Centre at Kokilaben Hospital and a true guardian of our Little Hearts.

Dr. Rao was recently honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Paediatric Cardiac Society of India at their 25th Annual Conference held in Mumbai on 20th September 2025.

## **Success, Thy Name Is Rotarian**



*My Journey –  
Rtn. Adv. Shruti*

*In the Spirit of Justice  
and Service*

Evening dear Rotarians,

I am Rtn. Adv. Shruti, and I feel privileged to narrate my life's journey to you in this brief write-up. I have had a childhood with lots of love, warmth, and discipline. My family taught me during my upbringing the values of honesty, kindness, and perseverance. Some of my best memories of childhood are of everyday moments—playing with friends, reading children's storybooks, and observing the world with wonder. Already back then, I was intrigued by the concept of justice and fairness. I was the one who would frequently defend friends or attempt to solve small conflicts, without realizing that this early knack would eventually turn into my career.

Education has always played a defining role in my life. I worked hard on my studies and always considered knowledge the greatest pillar of life. Pursuing law was not only a profession but a calling for me. Law intrigued me because it is society's backbone—it provides structure, order, and justice. Becoming an advocate has been both demanding and rewarding from the view point of a law student. It has tried my patience, honed my mind, and most importantly, it has provided me with the courage to stand up for those who are not given a voice. Each case that I work on is not merely about legalities, but about human feelings, struggles, and the quest for justice.

Outside of my work, I believe in maintaining a balanced and full life. Reading has been my best friend—it opens my mind and makes me see the world from various angles. My therapy is music; it spikes me during tough moments and calms me during tranquil ones. Traveling is another interest of mine—it allows me to interact with different cultures, new concepts, and individuals from diverse backgrounds. These are not merely hobbies, but doors to ongoing personal development.

Accomplishments, to me, are not quantified by titles or awards, but by the influence one leaves behind. Sure, there have been pinnacle moments in my working career, but I hold dear the moments when a person has expressed gratitude for being present or for assisting them during their lowest point. To me, those little victories represent true success.

Perhaps the loveliest aspect of my journey has been Rotary. Joining Rotary has provided me with a new identity—a way to take my service from the courtroom and translate it into society at large. Rotary has shown me that service is not only an act, but a way of life. It has provided me with a lifetime of friendships, chances to learn from great leaders, and most importantly, the satisfaction of giving back to society. Indeed, Rotary has reaffirmed my faith in the motto "Service Above Self."



## My Future Vision

In the future, I envision myself growing in my professional and Rotarian capacities. As a human rights activist, I hope to continue to fight for justice and to provide guidance to young students who desire to pursue a career in law. In Rotary, I would like to volunteer for leadership positions and engage in meaningful community projects in education, empowering women, and legal awareness. It is my dream to disseminate knowledge, to enfranchise those who are powerless, and to extend Rotary's service to all the corners where it is needed most.

My association with Rotary Club of Mumbai West Coast has been due to the kind generosity of Mr. & Mrs. Inamdar. They have always supported my effort and it's due to their guidance I have been a part of Rotary club. Being socially engaged and actively involved with the community has always made my association with Rotary special and deeply rewarding. I sincerely thank all the members of the Rotary Club of Mumbai West Coast—past and present—for their guidance, support, and above all, the camaraderie that makes this journey truly meaningful. My journey so far in life has been a combination of learning, development, and serving. And for whatever the future holds, I have with me appreciation, resolve, and the conviction that collectively we can establish lasting change.

With warm regards,

Rtn. Adv. Shruti

"Success to me is not in the heights that I attain, but in the lives that I touch and uplift along the way."

## Rotary Stories (International)

By Etelka Lehoczky



**Larry A. Lunsford, a member of the Rotary Club of Kansas City-Plaza, Missouri, USA, is the selection of the nominating committee to become Rotary International's president for 2027-28.**

### Larry A. Lunsford selected to be 2027-28 Rotary International president

Larry A. Lunsford, a member of the Rotary Club of Kansas City-Plaza, Missouri, USA, is the selection of the nominating committee to become Rotary International's president for 2027-28. He will officially become the president-nominee on 15 September if no other candidates challenge him.

Lunsford attended Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri, on an academic scholarship, earning bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting. He first encountered Rotary when he received a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship to spend the 1981-82 academic year at the University of Newcastle in Australia.

A certified public accountant, Lunsford spent seven years working for Ernst & Young before joining a family-owned business, Bernstein-Rein Advertising, in 1990. He is currently executive vice president and chief financial officer for the Bernstein group of companies. He has held positions on the boards of the Kansas City Spirit Festival and the Variety Club as well as serving as director of a local bank and treasurer of the Epilepsy Foundation for the Heart of America. He has also served on Truman State University's alumni and foundation boards and received the university's Distinguished Service Award.

Lunsford joined the Rotary Club of Kansas City-Plaza in 1991 and has since served as district governor (2001-02), RI director (2013-15), and trustee of The Rotary Foundation (2021-25, vice chair 2024-25). He has been a member of RI committees, including the Executive Committee (chair 2014-15), Membership Growth Committee (chair 2016-18), and Nominating Committee for President of RI (chair 2023-24). He also has served on The Rotary Foundation's Executive Committee (chair 2023-24), Finance Committee (chair 2022-23 and 2024-25), and Participant Experience Committee (chair 2023-24).

Lunsford has been awarded The Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award, The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service, and the RI Service Above Self Award. He and his wife, Jill Lunsford, have two children and one grandchild. They are Major Donors, Bequest Society members, multiple Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation, and Sustaining Members.

The members of the Nominating Committee for the 2027-28 President of Rotary International are:

Ann-Britt Åsebol, Rotary Club of Falun-Kopparvågen, Sweden (chair); Mahesh Kotbagi, Rotary Club of Pune Sports City, Maharashtra, India (secretary); Basker Chockalingam, Rotary Club of Karur, Tamil Nadu, India; Jose Sepulveda Fayad, Rotary Club of Pachuca Plata, Hidalgo, Mexico; Hans-Hermann Kasten, Rotary Club of Aachen-Frankenburg, Germany; Muhammad Faiz Kidwai, Rotary Club of Karachi Karsaz, Sindh, Pakistan; Katerina Kotsali-Papadimitriou, Rotary Club of Pendeli, Greece; Roger Lhors, Rotary Club of Pont-Audemer, Eure, France; Chi-Tien Liu, Rotary Club of Yangmei, Taiwan; Anne Matthews, Rotary Club of Columbia East, South Carolina, USA; Pat Merryweather-Arges, Rotary Club of Naperville, Illinois, USA; Akira Miki, Rotary Club of Himeji, Hyogo, Japan; Julio Silva-Santisteban Ojeda, Rotary Club of El Rímac, Lima, Peru; Vicki Puliz, Rotary Club of Sparks, Nevada, USA; Nicki Scott, Rotary Club of Hub of West England District 1100, Gloucestershire, England; Elizabeth Usovicz, Rotary Club of Kansas City-Plaza, Missouri, USA; Young Suk Yoon, Rotary Club of Seoul Hoehyon, Seoul, Korea

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*Thank you!*