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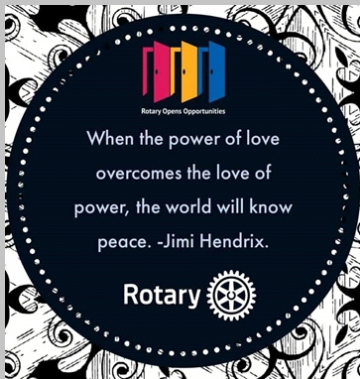
Note : All meetings shall be virtual on zoom / Google meet till further instruction.

Next Meeting

Thursday, February 04, 2021

Special GBM

Subject : Rotary Udhna Trust



Forthcoming Meeting

Sunday, February 14, 2021

Valentines Day Celebration

Note : This meeting is in place of Thursday, Feb. 11, 2021

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Subject : Workshop on Wellness (Balancing personal & professional Life)

Speaker : Mr. Vinay Madrasi (Heartfulness Institute, Surat)

Birthdays

Feb.04 Annet Aanosh ZubinChichgar
09 Rtn. Jayesh Verma
14 Ann Nirali Neeraj Choksi

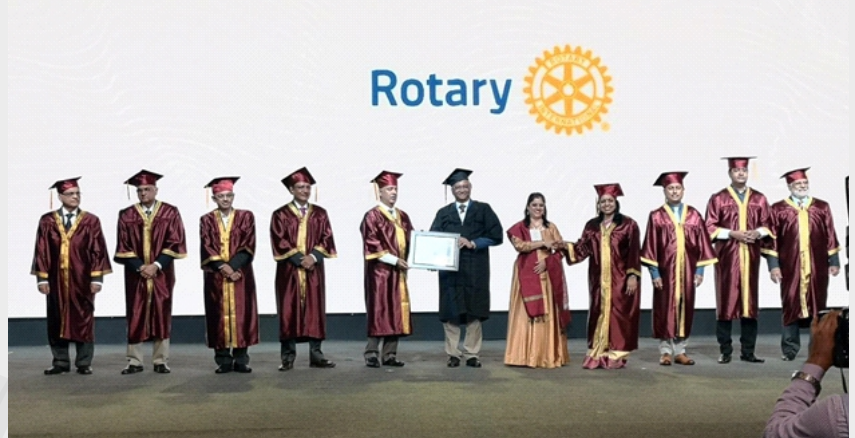
Wedding Anniversary

Feb. 07 Archana & Devendra Lalwala
10 Shetal & Paras Mehta
11 Trupti & Dr. Pritesh Parekh

SHIFTED TO NEW HOME...

PP. Rtn. Tarun Dave & PP. Rtn. Bankim Dave Family have shifted to B. no.22, Vasundhara Society, opp. New Gate of Lalbhai Contractor Stadium, Big Bazar lane, Vesu, Surat – 395 007

GRADUATION CEREMONY OF DGE. SANTOSH PRADHAN & ANN SUNETRA



At the Governors Elect Training Seminar held in Delhi; DGE. Santosh Pradhan & Ann Sunetra were bestowed with this honour on Monday, February 01, 2021. The plaque was presented by Ann Rashi Mehta and RIPE Rtn. Shekhar Mehta while present as seen in the top picture above from left are PDG. Ranjan Dhingra, Trustee Rtn. Gulam Vahanti, RID Rtn. Dr. Bharat Pandya, RID Rtn. Kamal Sanghvi, RIPE Rtn. Shekhar Mehta, DGE. Rtn. Santosh Pradhan, Ann Sunetra Pradhan, Ann Rashi Mehta, RIDE Rtn. Mahesh Kotbagi, RIDE Venkatesh & PRID Rtn. Dr. Manoj Desai.

Congratulations Ann Sunetra & DGE Rtn. Santosh Pradhan. You have strong support of the family of R. C. Of Udhna.



The 2021 Rotary International Convention will be held virtually from 12 – 16 June, 2021. For more information visit :

<https://convention.rotary.org>

BRINGING JOY ON THE FACES OF CHILDREN AT THREE AGANWADIS...

January 11, 2021 marks the birthday of our Club's first lady Ann Ami Vishal Merchant and she celebrated the same with Children of three Anganwadis by adding joy and happiness as they celebrated Kite festival. The pictures here speaks it all...



SERVICE WITH DIFFERENCE...RTN. BHAVEEN SAWLANI speaks about his journey in academics...

Thursday, January 07, 2021 on the virtual platform of Zoom we had our own member, a person simple, soft spoken and down to earth Rtn. Bhaveen Sawlani who leaving behind all the luxuries of life has dedicated himself to imparting education, not at the most modern school or an Institute but at the School which runs almost on the philosophy of a GuruKul, the Krishnamurti School in Chennai. After the welcome address and greetings President Rtn. Vishal Merchant invited Rtn. Bhupendra Bhatt who narrated his journey from his education to the business and one as Rotarian under Know Your Rotarian. Rtn. Bhupendra Bhatt is a very senior Rotarian, dedicated and friendly having a very melodious voice. Hon. Sec. Rtn. Chetan Jariwala made announcement for the regular weekly meeting.

President Rtn. Vishal then invited Rtn. Bhaveen Sawlani who spoke on "Education in a Krishnamurti School : First hand Experience" wherein he described the School as one that also teaches discipline, mutual admiration and helping each other to elevate the standard of each student. He added that all students are considered as equal and there are no restrictions on junior student opining to the senior one. Grading is not the only important criteria but elevating students to live a better life and making them better human beings is of prime importance. Rtn. Bhaveen spoke in English / Hindi and at times also in Gujarati – the language which when it comes to public address he is not comfortable; but on special request of Program Committee Chair for the benefit of many Teachers present from various Schools; Rtn. Bhaveen did the same.

While the vote of thanks was proposed by a Rotarian who is a widely travelled person with an innate quality of friendship & fellowship PP. Rtn. Tushar Shah who conveyed gratitude to the speaker for his simplicity and commitment to the field of Education and all present. Meeting was than adjourn for online fellowship.

Review Meet with AG. PP. Rtn. Chirag Gandhi

The third review meet of our Club, generally known as Club Assembly was held on Monday, January 18, 2021 at 8.30pm on virtual platform in presence of Assistant Governor

PP. Rtn. Chirag Gandhi. The meeting started with welcome by President Rtn. Vishal Merchant who also briefed about the various activities and community service projects undertaken by our Club. AG. Rtn. Chirag Gandhi who is known to our Club as a friend and a person with integrity spoke straight from heart, mentioning that speaking to a premium Club like Udhna where he admires many senior Rotarians from whom he too has learnt Rotary; he does not need to inform the do's and don't's but would like to highlight few observations. He began with the concern about membership growth which Club needs to look into and explained the importance of My Rotary app where all members should register; he also informed that major members do register but a small box which requires to be marked as "I am a Rotarian" is seldom missed and therefore, the person is not registered as a Rotarian. He also talked about the various Service projects and requested to upload the same with number of beneficiaries and Rotarians attending. Rtn. Chirag also talked about TRF and its contribution. While, talking about the Rotary Conference he added that considering current Covid – 19 scenerio it seems that we would be able to meet physically. He concluded complimenting the Club for all round performance and then opened the floor for Q&A. It was a very purposeful meeting.

**DISTRICT VOCATIONAL AWARD COMMITTEE CHAIR
PP. RTN. PRAKASH PATEL IN ACTION...**

A new Club in Surat but vibrant and full of action - Rotary Club of Surat Tapi in its meeting presented Vocational awards in form of Certificates and plaques to Shri Ramkumar Singh and Shrimati Rama Singh along with 9 Artisans of Suruchi Shikshan Vasahat Trust Bardoli. This NGO is working to develop Micro Entrepreneurs in the field of Farm Equipment Manufacturing and Framing and Agriculture produce. Our veteran & Community service Champion PP. Rtn. Prakash Patel was the Chief guest.



**Message from Dy. Commissioner SMC Rtn. Gayatri ben Jariwala
- Our Honorary Member...**

Respected all,

As you know, SMC is doing surveillance for Covid – 19 vaccinations. More than 50 yrs. and co morbid with less than 50 yrs. of age are eligible for the same.

First round of surveillance is complete, even though there is chance of someone remaining to be enrolled for vaccination.

If you know anyone who is eligible but still remained for enrollment in vaccine surveillance, please inform me.

SMC staff will attend and enroll...

You are always co-operative for any team work...please support for this noble work also.

**SURAKSHA SETU NATIONWIDE TRUCK RIDE...
R. C. Udhna one of the sponsors...**



Ms. Durriya Tapiya, a Surat – based woman has taken up on herself to provide Covid – 19 essentials to under privileged people. She will drive a truck from Surat for 10,000kms. Covering 4500 villages in 13 States across India to distribute face masks, sanitisers, dustbins, sanitary pads among other essential items to the needy. The ride is known as "Suraksha Setu Nationwide Truck Ride" and it has started from January 26, 2021. We are very proud to share with you all that **Rotary Club of Udhna** is one of the sponsors in this noble initiative. The tender hearted member of our Club **Rtn. Nirali Naik** played pivotal role in this project.



RIPE. RTN. SHEKHAR MEHTA presents the R.I. Theme for R.Y. 2021 - 22 who will lead Rotary International. While our R.I. District 3060 will be led by our own Rtn. Santosh Pradhan as Governor and Rtn. Manish Shah as President of our Club.

KNOW YOUR ROTARIAN...RTN. Kishor Gohil



Rtn. Kishor Gohil (IRS) now posted at Kolhapur, Maharashtra as an Assistant Commissioner, Central GST Dept.. Born in Mahuva, Bhavnagar settled & in Surat after joining as an Inspector in the year 1988 in Customs Department in Surat. He was then promoted as a Superintendent in the year 2002 and transferred in many places like Daman, Silvassa, Vapi, Ankleshwar, Bharuch, Kandla, Mundra, Baroda, Pune. During the service period, detection and booked many cases for Customs, Central Excise and Service Tax matters, A commerce Graduate and post graduate in LLB, married to Kritika, MSc and artist in 1990, daughter- Kalgi, Fashion Designer and Owner of Mornee Boutique married to Sarjit, Owner of Nextgen power for Solar solutions, and Son Kirtan, job as a senior manager of international business for Import Export

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MY JOB EXPERIENCE ...RTN. KISHOR GOHIL...

Some of the different experiences I have experienced during my service career that I share with you :

1. It's early days of my job when I was an Inspector of Customs, I have been posted at Surat Customs, but intelligence received that smuggling of gold to be landed at nearby Umargao, Valsad, we were deployed to the many deserted and without movements of humans beaches near by Umargao to Sarigam area, also staff were on duty on our customs boat, I was one of them posted on Boat, after continuous three days vigil watch in deep sea and duty on boat without took bath changes of clothes, we have seized a big vessel with 1000 nos. gold biscuits, this was the big achievements for our departments as well as us, but the main experience was that staying in the middle of the for three days in a row eating only rice(nothing else) without bath and without change of clothes.

2. In the year 1990, take a raid in Janta Market, Chowk Bazar, Surat, on the intelligence basis of smuggled goods were stored in nearby places, during the raid many things happened that fighting with ladies, old persons, snatching goods from our possession and run away, many things I saw first time, but main thing was that I was fired in air with arms by me at first time in public place, thereafter recovered most of smuggled goods and seized and booked a good case.

*Many other cases booked during my job and lots of experience, events, were experienced
Pride moments :*

- 1 join the Customs and Central Excise Department
- 2 wear a uniform
- 3 two type of uniform, white for customs and khaki for Central Excise
- 4 got license for my own weapon arms that is PISTOL
- 5 now served as IRS officer in Class I grade
- 6 during job gets may rewards in cash and awards also

Personal tour experience :

During the year 1991-92, we were on tour to Sasan gir, Junagadh, that time no strict security was there in sasan gir and you could easily move to whole jungle area in your private vehicle. During the moving around we saw many lions in a very natural way, but in a one point we stopped our vehicle and got out of the car to clicks some lions were in a rest mood, but as soon as we came out of the car, lions roar and ran towards us, we got really scared and immediately got in the car and locked, but a bunch of lions started moving around us and after a while they just sat there, believe me we had to sit in same position for about 40-45 minutes in a locked car without AC, I mentioned here that the car was Maruti Onmi (van). We truly survived, but with an amazing wonderful life time memorable experience.