



Rotary Opens Opportunities

R.Y. 20-21

R.I. Dist.  
3060

R.I. President  
Rtn. Holger Knaack

Charter Date  
05-03-1965

Club No  
15204

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# NEWS WHEEL

FORTNIGHTLY CLUB BULLETIN

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## BULLETIN OF ROTARY CLUB OF UDHNA

**FOR PRIVATE CIRCULATION ONLY**  
**2020-21/19. APRIL 01, 2021**

### Next Meeting

Thu., April 01, 2021

Program : Rotary Means Business

Time: 8:30 P.M.

Speakers: Members of RCU

Note: It will be Zoom Meeting.

### Forthcoming Meeting

Fri., April 09, 2021

Virtual District Conference

Note : Meeting of Thu., April 08 shifted.  
No meeting on April 08, '21.

Thu., April 15, 2021

Program : Quiz by Annets.

### Birthdays

April 01 Ann Nidhi Yayati Desai  
06 Annet Heer Dipesh Shah  
06 Rtn. Bhupendra Bhatt  
09 Ann Trupti Pritesh Parekh  
09 Rtn. Nilesh Shah  
11 Ann Smita Jayesh Varma

**Wish you all a speedy recovery...**

**Fighting CORONA :**

**PP. Rtn. Bilal Memon**

**PP. Rtn. Ubeyy Lokhandwala**

**Ar. Husain Ubeyy Lokhandwala**

**Ann Priti Pragadesh Bandaria**

**Annet Dr. Vimmy P. Bandaria**

**Annet Harsh P. Bandaria**

Our prayers for their speedy recovery.

### **ANN NIDHI YAYATI DESAI..**



SHOONYA – Art studio on Ghod Dod Road; **Ann Nidhi Desai's** passion now her career. She can help you with Paintings, Murals and piece of Art from her creative studio. She

conducts art workshops for kids & women. Please follow her work on instagram and Facebook @shoonyabynidhi.

### **56<sup>th</sup> CHARTER NITE CELEBRATED WITH POMP...**

Our Club received its Charter on March 05, 1965. **Late Rtn. Gunvantrai Bhatt** (father of our PDG. Rtn. Prafull Bhatt & Rtn. Bhupendra Bhatt) became the Charter President. Our Club was sponsored by **R. C. of Surat**, when the Club President was **Late PDG. Rajanikant Thakkar**. Charter was presented by the then District Governor **Late Rtn. Suman Shah** of Indore. The Governor's Special Representative (GSR) was **Late PDG. Babubhai Solanki** (father of PDG. Bharat Solanki). Ours was the second Rotary Club in Surat area.

From amongst the Charter members, as on date, we are blessed to have **PP. Rtn. Tarun Dave & PDG. Rtn. Prafull Bhatt** as our member.

The lush green lawns of the Aagam Bungalows with the backdrop of pictures of all the Past Presidents enhanced the ambience and to take us through the ceremonies was the brainy & tenacious **Ann Sumita Sachin Shah**.

The ball set rolling with the "Vive le Rotary" by the choir of Song leader **PP. Rtn. Dharmesh kachiwala, Rtn. Bhupendra Bhatt & PP. Rtn. Bankim Dave**.



**President Rtn. Vishal Merchant** in his welcome address was all praises for the membership of the Club and the way it has groomed. First lady **Ann Ami & President Rtn. Vishal Merchant** felicitated the Past Presidents as they came forward amidst loud applause followed by felicitation of future leaders of our Club.



MOC Ann Sumita then invited Charter member **PP. Rtn. Tarun Dave** alongwith the senior member **PP. Rtn. Rajanikant Marfatia** for a special Posthumous felicitation of **Late Rtn. Arun Mehta**. **Late Ann Jyotsna & Late Rtn. Arun Mehta** was known for their sincere commitment but more for their gaities, fun & frolic. **Rtn. Paras Mehta** received the honour on his behalf.



The success of any Institution is thanks to the team work and the grass root workers who though are eligible to become the leader but prefer to serve as a member only; all such Rotarians were presented a felicitation plaque by the worthy hands of DGE Rtn. Santosh Pradhan who then commended the success saga of our Club.

In a unique concept, to bring back the experienced, Ex-members – persons who left our Club because of some reason were specially invited and were felicitated by first lady Ann Ami & President Rtn. Vishal Merchant.



This might also help us bring them back to our fold and help increase the membership growth; brain-child of Program Committee Chair Rtn. Dr. Manish Patel & President Rtn. Vishal. The cake cutting was done jointly by Rtn. Bhupendra Bhatt, Rtn. Pavan Sharma & Rtn. Manu Chheda.



After the announcement by Hon. Sec. Rtn. Chetan Jariwala; it was the methodical & ingenious PE Rtn. Manish Shah who proposed vote of thanks & also invited PDG. Himanshu Thakkar to present a memento to the vibrant Ann Sumita Shah who with her eloquence performed excellent as Master of Ceremony. Meeting was then adjourn.

### **DGE. RTN. SANTOSH PRADHAN PRESENTS VISION 2021 – 22...**

At our regular weekly meeting in the meeting hall of Platinum Plaza; it was our own Rotarian DGE. Santosh Pradhan who presented his Vision for the R.Y. 2021 – 22 when he would lead the R. I. District 3060 as Governor.

After the meeting called to order President Rtn. Vishal Merchant shared the sad news of the demise of our Ex-Rotarian Mr. Karsan Bhakta – father of our beloved Past President Late PP. Rtn. Naresh Bhakta; the house was requested to observe silence to pay homage to the departed soul. President Rtn. Vishal Merchant then welcomed the gathering followed by Birthday & wedding anniversary greetings.

Under Know Your Rotarian, it was **IPP. Rtn. Manish Naik** who conveyed his gratitude to the family of Udhna for the District awards received for his term as President, narrating from the day he joined Rotary to his ascending career as President. He then briefed about his business and his role therein. IPP. Rtn. Manish Naik is a silent core worker who would work single handedly for any community driven cause but would attribute the success to the Team work of the Club; a quality worth emulating.

The leader with difference, having passion for Sanskrit, the subhashito fame, simple & humble carrying qualities of a good leader **DGE. Rtn. Santosh Pradhan** addressed his own family of Udhna opening his heart fully, revealing all ins and outs, frank to the core of his journey from a Past President of the Club to becoming District Governor Elect. He holds **PDG. Prafull Bhatt** in high esteem and proudly informed that the same is true for PDG. Prafull Bhatt in the entire R.I. District 3060. He added that being known as Premium or Premier Club of the District and being from such a prestigious Club was in itself a Challenge when he decided to be the District leader; expectations, envy, assumptions and confront were few of the many signage in his way.

He added that there are Rotarians in the District who are enthusiastic, inspiring, dedicated – core workers but there are also who are aspiring and vibrant; as a leader one needs to balance both. He then presented list of Rotarians from our Club who would help him serve the District in various positions; prime being **PP. Rtn. Devendra Lalwala and PP. Rtn. Janak Jariwala** as District secretaries and **PP. Rtn. Devang Munim** as IYE Counselor. Talking of the District Conference for the R.Y. 2021 – 22, he was of the opinion to have the same at a place in our own District; which would be Diu or Daman depending upon the logistics and current pandemic. He also talked of the membership growth and informed that he is preparing to form new Rotary Clubs of which two have received Charter; he added that he could have done it in his tenure as Governor but he said, “I am for Rotary and committed to its Goals so will do my best anytime when opportunity comes my way” – proud of you Santosh.

After the announcement by **Hon. Secretary Rtn. Chetan Jariwala**; President Rtn. Vishal thanked DGE. Rtn. Santosh and all present.

### **OUR HONORARY ROTARIAN PADMASHREE YAZDI KARANJIA FELICITATED...**



Honorary Rotarian of our Club who this year received the coveted honour of **PadmaShree Mr. Yazdi karanjia** was presented with “**Life Time Achievement**” Award by SGCCI under the banner of Golden Jubilee Memorial Trust award 2018 – 19, of which our senior member **PP. Rtn. Rajanikant Marfatia** is a Chairman, who presented this Award.

### **“TREASURE HUNT” WITH ANN MAHRUKH ZUBIN CHICHGAR**

Thursday, March 25, 2021 on virtual platform we had entertainment program skillfully conducted by the cheerful, multi-talented and ever-beaming **Ann Mahrukh Chichgar** and ably supported by Program Chair **Rtn. Dr. Manish Patel**.

After the meeting was called to order, **President Rtn. Vishal Merchant** welcomed the attending family of RCU and then wished greetings. Under Know Your Rotarian, it was a person whose sincerity and commitment to RCU needs a Salute – **Rtn. Manu Chheda** who is a true Rotarian spoke on his journey to Surat which commenced in the year 1971 after his graduation. He conveyed his gratitude to Late Rtn. PP. J. K. Ved and Rtn. Dilip Gandhi for inviting him to Rotary and then expressed his gratefulness to family of Udhna for supporting him and more particularly his daughter and son; Chhedas never felt lonely as family of Udhna was always there.

Ann Mahrukh then took charge of the “Treasure Hunt”, explained the three categories and the rules; she promised that it will be nothing but fun. Lot of efforts were put in beforehand by Rtn. Dr. Manish and Ann Mahrukh in preparing groups and also WhatsApp group of all participants for smooth play on a virtual platform. The entire Treasure Hunt was divided into four categories viz.,

01. Who am I ?
02. Alphabet.
03. Collect us.
04. Bumper – to sing and dance for 10 secs on any song and post it on the group.

The participants were asked to send a selfie or a picture with an object named in a particular category; even the family members were allowed to support and participate. It was a fun filled evening. The result is as under :

Question no.	Rtn. Harshal Desai	Ann Ami Merchant	Ann Hiral Desai	Ann Nisha Kachiwala	Ann Jigisha Chorawala	Rtn. Pranav Desai	Ann Nikki Shah	PP. Rtn. Yogesh Chorawal	Rtn. Chetan Desai	Rtn. Sunetra Pradhan
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15	15							10	5	
Bumper				10	30				20	
	<b>100</b>	40	15	45	<b>80</b>	55	35	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	20

**Winners : First : Rtn. Harshal Desai      Second : Ann Jigisha Dharmesh Chorawala**  
**Third : Joint winners : Rtn. Chetan Desai & PP. rtn. Yogesh Chorawala**

### ***The Prettier Me by Rtn. Nisreen M Lokhandwala...***

I buried the young girl in me when I got married! I sacrificed my dreams, my passion when I began a family. I shut the door to my soul so hard that I may not hear the voice of my soul crying. Not that I was forced to do so. But I kept prioritizing everyone else before me. Reminiscing the golden days of my lifetime I deliberately left the door open. And this day I made myself a promise to live more from intention and less from habit.

I wanted to start afresh from where I left myself 25 years back. I revived my group of girl friends from school. Cherry on the cake was when I landed in Kenya. Solo travelling is mesmerising. It comes with a package loaded with liberty and happiness. I managed to walk past my belief about age and what would people think. "Age is just a number"...I started believing this quote. Social networking was on my Cards. Networking with the people of my choice and not becoming a mannequin of Page 3!!! It is here that I made good friends, revived long lost friendship and found my best friend Ever.of my Life. An inspiration to my life and with whom I am" Real Me." I lived my life...overcoming hurdles faced and becoming fearless as a bull. Some times you just need to breathe, trust, let go and see what happens. So be it. Young minds and a dapper look is what is necessary.

Pampering oneself is a magnificent experience. At my age, one needs special skin care and staying young is a choice. Getting trained at this age comes with the bundle of advantages. A solo traveller to a totally new place ..missing the mode of transportation....lost in some remote area in the early morning...and finally reaching destination. An unprecedented, unfettered experience!!!! A maverick spirit in vaticination of hope!!! I have put my capabilities to trial by undertaking a challenging venture. Challenging because its off beat!!!

Now that I have managed to break the shackles of the concept of growing Old, as one ages, I have decided to take a pledge, " Feel Young, be fearless and be Happy". The adventurous sports are still on my bucket list - Sky diving, bungee jumping and Flying Fox still on my bucket list. If everything goes to the plan, it will be fulfilled in near future. I await those days!!! I have reinforced a lost relation and i.e. "relationship with myself"

### ***KUDOS TO DG. PRASHANT JANI***

**R.I. DIST. 3060 ACHIEVES FIRST POSITION PAN INDIA FOR RECORD 5000+ PROJECTS.**



**Big Congratulations**  
 To  
**TEAM PINNACLE**  
 RI District 3060 crosses  
**5000+ PROJECTS**  
 First Position in India

PAN INDIA			
Sr.	Zone	Dist	Project
1	04	3060	5014
2	07	2981	3919
3	06	3181	3397

ZONE 4		
Sr.	Dist	Project
1	3060	5014
2	3054	2047
3	3142	1614

Rtn. Prashant & Hita Jani  
 District Governor  
 District 3060