



Rotary Club of Surat West

R.I. District 3060 Zone 4-B



CREATE HOPE
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Rtn. Gordon R. McInally
R.I. President - 2023 - 2024



Rtn. Nihir Dave
D.G. 3060 - 2023-2024



Rtn. Sonal Shah
Club President



Rtn. Meeta Kapoor
Hon. Club Secretary

Bulletin Editor : Rtn. Mausam Jalan

FROM THE DESK OF BULLETIN EDITOR



My dear Rotary Surat West family,

The festive season has begun and Rotary Club of Surat West has Organised back to back programs for Navratri and Diwali .

The Navratri Program was a huge success due to overwhelming participation of our Members.

Lets Honour our District Governor Rtn Nihar Dave on his Official Club Visit on 3rd November and Celebrate Diwali along with DG and First Lady Vaishali Ben in Customary RCSW style..

I request the presence of all members for the memorable evening..

Regards

Rtn Mausam Jalan

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Nari Sanrakshan Gruh – Project by Rotary Club of Surat West

On October 18th, President Sonal and Rtn Mayank Deorah met Hon Union Minister of state for Railways and Textiles - Smt Darshnaben Jardosh. They briefed her about the project that our club has undertaken at the "Nari Sanrakshan Gruh".

Motivated by his daughters, Vidhushi and Vedanshi, Rtn Mayank has installed machinery to make pillows out of textiles waste material. Acting as the chair of the project, he has arranged supply of raw material from his factory, as well as, logistics and marketing set up.

The arrangement will help the ladies staying in the facility, to make a substantial living and lead more productive, as well as, respectable lives.

Hon Minister appreciated the initiative and promised to visit the set up with our members, in near future.



Joint Club Meeting on Mental Health Awareness – 19th October 2023

On October 19th, our Rotary Surat West, joined hands with Rotary Surat Tapi, and Rotary Diamond City to spread awareness on mental health.

It was a speaker meeting. The topic was : “Substance abuse disorder”. Our district chair for mental health, Dr. Jitendra Nanawala and Dr. Tejas Joshi (both are MD Psychiatry), shared their expertise and experiences on the subject.

They guided us about the science, symptoms, social stigma, and solutions related to the same.

It was a very interesting and interactive seminar. From our club, Rtn Nipa and PP Bankim, Ann Rekha and PP Vivek, Rtn Shikha and Mr. Asim - along with the first couple- Sonal and Bhavesh, attended the meeting.

It was another successful joint club event. We look forward to many more, with substantially greater participation.



AG visit and Board Meeting – 25th October 2023

On 25th October 2023 Rotary Club of Surat West held a Board Meeting at the residence of New Member Rtn Nanda Aunty to discuss and plan for the Official Club Visit of DG Rtn Nihir Dave.

Assisitant Governor Rtn Manish Naik presided over the meeting and gave his valuable suggestions for the same.

The meeting was attended by Board members and Members of Task force where in a detailed agenda was set for the OCV.



The meeting was followed by Dinner. Rtn Nanda Aunty was a wonderful Host. RCSW members thank Rtn Nanda Aunty for her wonderful hospitality.

Members may Note that Official Club Visit of DG Rtn Nihir Dave will be held on 3rd November 2023. Members are request to attend in large number and grace the occasion.

We will also be having our Annual Diwali Get Together along with the Official Club Visit...

Joint Club Navratri Celebrations – 30th Oct 2023

Rotary Club of Surat West along with Rotary Club of Udhana, Rotary Club of Surat, Rotary Club of Surat Round Town and Rotary Club of Surat Tapi organized a Grand Navratri night at Tahuko Farm on 30th October 2023.



President Rtn Sonal Shah with Presidents of Participating Clubs



It was a well managed event with a huge participation of members from all the 5 Clubs. Wonderful decoration and Superb Venue.

The State of Rotary Membership as on 1st July, 2023

THE STATE OF MEMBERSHIP

As of 1 July 2023
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



THREE PILLARS OF SUSTAINABLE GROWTH



WELCOMING NEW AND DIVERSE MEMBERS



EMBRACING A CULTURE OF CARE



STARTING AND NURTURING NEW CLUBS

ROTARY		ROTARACT
<p>1,153,717</p> <p>- 12,614 since 1 July 2022</p>	MEMBERS	<p>164,416</p> <p>- 43,545 since 1 July 2022</p>
<p>36,860</p> <p>+11 since 1 July 2022</p>	CLUBS	<p>11,191</p> <p>-179 since 1 July 2022</p>
<p>26%</p>	WOMEN	<p>47%</p>

1 July 2023

REGION	PORTION OF ROTARY CLUB MEMBERS	CHANGE SINCE 2014
Asia	36%	+26%
U.S., Canada, and the Caribbean	26%	-19%
Europe, Africa, and the Middle East	25%	-3%
Latin America	8%	-14%
Great Britain and Ireland (Rotary GBI)	3%	-33%
Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands	3%	-26%

STARTING AND NURTURING NEW CLUBS

SATELLITE:
Members manage the club in collaboration with a sponsor club but choose their club's structure themselves

PASSPORT:
Members attend meetings of any club, in their community or around the world

CORPORATE:
Members (or most of them) work for the same employer

CAUSE-BASED:
Members unite to address a particular cause

AND MORE!



GLOBALLY

1.4 MILLION CLUB MEMBERS

Working together, nearly **1.4 million Rotarians and Rotaractors** in more than **48,000 clubs** are bringing positive change to communities worldwide.

WHY PEOPLE JOIN

ROTARY

Local community service

Meaningful friendships

Professional and leadership development opportunities

1

Professional and leadership development opportunities

2

Local community service

3

Meaningful friendships

WHY PEOPLE JOIN

ROTARACT

THE CLUB EXPERIENCE MATTERS MOST

Members have **confidence** in club leaders and their focus

Members **enjoy** meetings

Service opportunities **make a difference** in the world and local community

Members feel **comfortable** with each other

Members make **meaningful friendships** and personal connections

LEAD TO SERVE

1

Create a club environment that adds value to your members' lives.

Devote time to understand their needs and how they'd like to be involved in your club.

[ROTARY.ORG/MEMBERSHIP](https://rotary.org/membership)



2

IMPROVE OUR MEETINGS

Now more than ever, we can connect with each other differently.

We can offer more opportunities for people to attend our meetings, support their communities, and grow personally and professionally.

[ROTARY.ORG/FLEXIBILITY](https://rotary.org/flexibility)



SERVE IN MEANINGFUL WAYS

Start by asking yourself what is the **positive, lasting change** that will be the ultimate impact of your work.

Then determine what activities will lead to that result.

[ROTARY.ORG/PROJECTRESOURCES](https://rotary.org/projectresources)

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CREATE AN INCLUSIVE CLUB CULTURE

Our members want and expect Rotary to be a diverse, equitable, and inclusive organization.

Although the Rotary experience may differ from country to country, issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion are globally relevant.

[ROTARY.ORG/DEI](https://rotary.org/dei)



PRIORITIZE TIME FOR MEMBERS TO CONNECT

5

“The foundation upon which Rotary has been built is friendship; on no less firm foundation could it ever have stood.”

- PAUL HARRIS

[ROTARY.ORG/JOIN](https://rotary.org/join)



TAKE ACTION

- Lead to serve
- Improve our meetings
- Serve in meaningful ways
- Create an inclusive club culture
- Prioritize time for members to connect



Rotary History –Rotary Youth Exchange Program

First Rotary exchange started in 1927 in Copenhagen with a 2 week exchange. Soon the RC of Nice France became involved.

Initially, informal exchanges were arranged between clubs. The first Australian Club participated in 1956.

When the students arrived in the USA, the precursor of the Department of Homeland Security advised that it wasn't an official exchange so they couldn't have a visa, and they would have to return home. Fortunately another exchange organisation – AFS - was able to prepare the necessary documentation, and the students could stay.

In 1958 at an assembly of Rotary Governors PDG Harley Shaver asked members to consider long term exchanges in a country with a different culture and language. A framework was developed for a formal program, and first exchange started in January 1959 with a club in Victoria and clubs in Colorado and Nebraska USA.

The program was monitored by the Foundation and there were concerns. Would it be supported? Would it be successful, would it damage the image of Rotary? YEP was officially approved as a Rotary project in 1972.

Every year there are about 8,500 long term exchanges (12 months) and 1,500 short term exchanges (4-8 weeks). Students from over 80 countries participate. They have an opportunity to develop international friendships, learn about different cultures and the need



The road to peace

This month, Rotary takes a step toward supporting peacebuilding in the Middle East and North Africa region.

In November, Rotary and District 2420 are hosting a signing ceremony for our newest peace centre in partnership with Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul.

The ceremony is the first in a series of events recognising the new centre at BAU and Rotary's work to promote peace. The 2024 Rotary International Convention in May will mark 25 years since the first Rotary Peace Centers were announced — coincidentally at the Rotary Convention in Singapore in 1999. Recruitment for the first cohort of Rotary Peace Fellows at BAU also starts in 2024, and selected candidates will begin their programme in early 2025.

Since its beginning, the peace centres programme has prepared more than 1,700 peace fellows working in more than 140 countries to create a more peaceful world. That is certainly worth celebrating, but Rotary Peace Fellows are more than statistics on a page. Their actions have helped *Create Hope* in the World and will continue to do so.

For example, Jennifer Montgomery and Goret Komurembe — peace fellows from the programme at Makerere University in Uganda — are co-founders of Magenta Girls Initiative. The international non-governmental organisation equips Ugandan girls and young women with the support and tools to overcome harmful gender norms, generational poverty, gender-based violence, trafficking and trauma.

Ndzi Divine Njamsi, another peace fellow who studied at Makerere, has taken lessons, learned about

Positive Peace and is sharing them with students of his own in Cameroon. He became interested in the Rotary Positive Peace Activator training programme after witnessing extremism, online hate speech, and violence in Cameroon. Since completing the programme, he has brought his lessons on peace to students at the Yaoundé International Business School and other organisations in the Central Africa country.

The world needs more people like the graduates of the programme at Makerere and our other peace fellows. To that end, we can all advance peace by encouraging our local peacebuilders to learn more about Rotary and apply for this impactful fellowship. Rotary members can also mentor candidates for the fellowship. Or you can work with peace fellows who have already graduated. They probably have an initiative or two that would benefit from your help.

Our peace centres in North America, Europe, Africa, Australia and Asia depend on financial support as well. The programme at BAU was made possible thanks to a generous gift of \$15.5 million to The Rotary Foundation from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation.

This new Rotary Peace Center will offer a one-year professional development certificate in peace and development studies for fellows focusing on peacebuilding within the Middle East and North Africa region.

Peace must be waged persistently; it is the soil where hope takes root. But as with any journey, we take one step at a time. Let's take those steps together.

Gordon McNally

President, Rotary International

Rotary Club of Surat West will be Organising the Official Club Visit of DG Rtn Nihir Dave along with Annual Diwali Get together on 3rd November 2023

Venue : The Amore, 7.30 pm Onwards



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INVITATION

Rotary Club Of Surat West

President Rtn. Sonal Shah and Members of the Club cordially invite you with spouse to grace the special day



**OFFICIAL CLUB VISIT
&**

DIWALI MEET

DG NIHIR DAVE & FIRST LADY VAISHALI DAVE

Date: 3rd NOV, Friday, 2023

Time: 7.30 PM Onwards Dress Code: Traditional

Venue : ORRA Hall, AMORE, PIPLOD

Please join us for Dinner

RSVP: Hon. Sec. Rtn Meeta Kapoor- 98251 34523

Request all Members to Grace the Occasion and have a Memorable Evening