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NEXT MEETING *Wednesday, 04th September Time: 8.00 Pm to 8.40 Pm- DINNER 8.45 Pm onwards: MEETING Program: Felicitation of Teachers to mark Teacher's Day

Chief Guest: Rtn. PP. Amit Gajjar, Chairman, The Surat People's Cooperative Bank Ltd. **Director, The Millennium School.**

Venue: The Amore, Opera-1, 2nd Floor

Rotarians and Spouses are most welcome.

Teachers To be Felicitated

Rtn. Archana Thakare
Ann Archita Khaitan
Rtn. Dr. Parag Shah
Ann Dr. Purvi Kothari
Rtn. Sandeep Monga
Rtn. Dr. Shikha Samaiya
Rtn. IPP. Sonal Shah
Rtn. Dr. Vijay Shah
Rtn. Dr. Vishal Mandlewala

Birthday Greetings

September 3: Ann Nima Amit Desai September 4: Ann Rekha Vivek Goel September 7: Rtn. Ajay Varshney September 10: Rtn. Rajesh Nandwani September 13: PP Rtn. Krunal Mehta September 20: Ann Radhika Vinod Patel September 23: Ann Meeta Anurag Kapoor September 24:Rtn. Niraml Mandlewala September 26: Ann Yukti Anirudh Garg September 29: Ann Dharti Nirmal Mandlewala

Forthcoming Programs

- Wednesday, 4th September : Teacher's Day Celebration at The Amore, 2nd Floor.
- Sunday, 15th September : FIRESIDE MEETING- If you want to be a Host Family- Please Contacty President.

Thursday, 26th September; Meeting to Welcome RI President-Elect Mario Cesar MrtinsCamargo and wife Denise Camargo Last meeting – Wednesday, August 21st, 2024 Induction Ceremony of SMC Commissioner -Mrs. Shalini Agrawal as Honorary Rotarian





On Wednesday, August 21st, our club had the distinct honour of inducting Surat Municipal Commissioner Smt. Shalini Agrawal, as an Honorary Rotarian, marking a significant milestone in our club's history. The meeting was well attended by all Rotarians and Anns.

The meeting commenced with a warm welcome by our Club President, PDG. Rtn. Devendra Shastri, who highlighted the immense contributions of Shaliniji to our city's development and governance. Her leadership, vision, and commitment to public service have not only transformed the civic landscape but also inspired many to work toward the betterment of society.

Ann. Nilima Shastri welcomed Smt. Shalini Agrawal with a bouquet of flowers. The birthday and anniversary greetings were done by PP. Rtn. Ashit Kothari.

Meeting co-ordinator PP. Rtn. Krunal Mehta introduced the SMC commissioner, Smt. Shalini Agrawal with eloquence and capturing everyone's interest.

Amidst a thunderous round of applause, President PDG. Devendra Shastri formally inducted Smt. Shalini Agrawal as an Honorary Rotarian through the presentation of a Rotary pin and certificate, by his esteemed hands.

He emphasized that the decision to confer the honorary membership on Shalini'ji was in recognition of her outstanding service to the community. Her innovative approach to solving urban challenges, from infrastructure development to environmental sustainability, has set a benchmark for municipal governance.

SMC commissioner, Shalini'ji, in her acceptance speech, expressed her gratitude for the recognition and reaffirmed her commitment to working closely with the Rotary Club on initiatives that align with Rotary's mission of "Service Above Self."

In her remarks, Shaliniji spoke about the importance of collaboration between civic bodies and community organizations like Rotary. She emphasized that such partnerships are crucial for addressing the complex challenges faced by our society today. She also shared her vision for the future, where municipal governance and community service go hand in hand to create a sustainable and inclusive city.

PE.Rtn. Parag Shah presented a momento to SMC commissioner, Smt. Shalini Agrawal. PP.Rtn. Tinish Mody made the secretarial announcements.

PP. Rtn. Bankim Sitwala proposed a hearty vote of thanks.

The evening ended with the singing of our National Anthem.

Million Dollar Districts from South Asia and their worldwide Rank

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Zone	District	Total TRF Contribution	Worldwide Rank	Rank in South-Asia
4	3141	\$4,116,626	1	1
7	3131	\$3,051,157	4	2
5	3232	\$2,734,456	6	3
5	3201	\$2,174,585	11	4
4	3011	\$2,062,649	13	5
5	3000	\$1,405,409	26	6
7	3192	\$1,114,825	44	7
4	3060	\$1,113,794	45	8
7	3020	\$1,040,657	52	9
7	3191	\$1,003,298	56	10



Congratulations to **The <u>#RotaryFoundation</u> (India)** for being recognized as the <u>#BestCSR</u> Implementing Partner (Global Organization) at the 14th India CSR Network Awards.

This award highlights Rotary International's steadfast dedication to driving positive change through strategic Corporate Social Responsibility partnerships across India. In the past three years, Rotary Foundation (India) has experienced an impressive 81% growth in project numbers, partnering with over 300 corporations and supporting initiatives valued at \$21 million USD as of 31 March 2024 <>

Thank you to the partners and supporters who have contributed to this journey. Together, we're making a lasting difference in communities throughout India and beyond.

2nd BOARD MEETING - Wednesday, August 14, 2024

In a well-attended second board meeting of the board of directors was held online on Wednesday, August 14, 2024.

The following points were discussed and passed by the board.

President PDG Devendra Shastri welcomed everyone, after which the minutes of the last board meeting were read out and passed.

Various suggestions were made and discussed about revival of **Rotaract Club of Surat West**. PP Ashit Kothari, our club's Youth committee chairman was appointed unanimously to explore various options and to take further course of action for the same.

Preparations for the induction of **honorary Rotarian**, **Smt. Shalini Agrawal** (Hon. Municipal commissioner of Surat) on Wednesday, August21 st , 2024 were discussed and finalized.

For the months of August & amp; September, tentative projects were reviewed and thought upon.

President Devendra Shastri shared the success of 1st **Fireside meeting** at his home. It was agreed to continue Fireside meetings in Future. **Willing host families may come forward. Next draw of Fireside meeting on Wednesday, 4th September meeting**,

President PDG Devendra Shastri thanked everyone for their whole hearted participation and the meeting was adjourned.

78th Independence Day celebration and Tree Plantation At Millennium School, Surat.



78th Independence Day celebration at Millennium school was heartwarming and memorable experience for RCSW family who was present in good numbers.

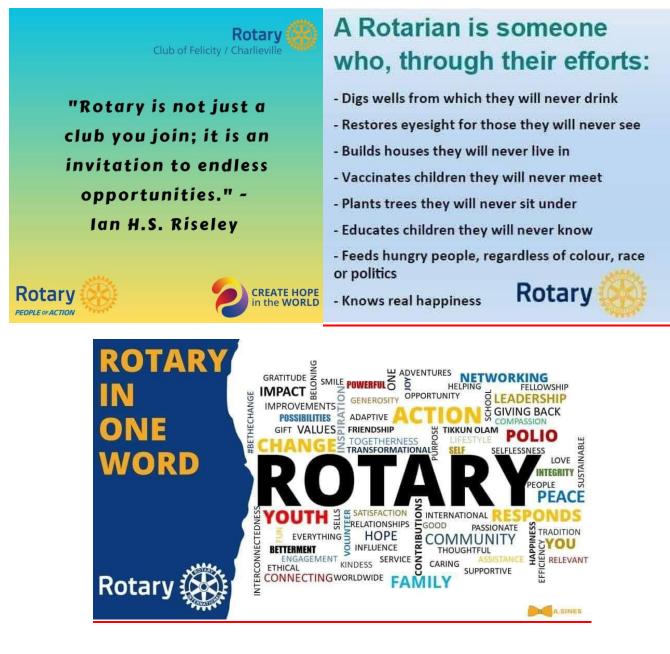
Our hearty thanks to Director of the school PP Amit and Pooja Gajjar, Mrs. Kekul Patel, HR head Ann Shivani Mandlewala, Principal Ms khurana, teachers and Students for warm hospitality; giving our President Devendrabhai the privilege to perform Flag hoisting of our national flag. Dance performances and patriotic songs presented by students filled our hearts with national pride.

The brunch was delicious and fellowship was enlivening. Indeed a memorable morning filled with countless pleasant memories. It was an occasion to be proud of RCSW.

Many thanks to Hon secretary PP Tinish, PP Ashit, PP Geeta Modi, PP Vivek Goel, PP Shilpa and PN Dr Vijay Shah, PE Dr Parag Shah, PP Krunal Mehta, Rtn Vijay and Madhvi Mevcha, Rtn Anil and Mrs. Pitaliya and last but not the least PP Amit and Ann Pooja Gajjar and Ann Shivani Mandlewala for their gracious presence and participation.

Tree plantation ceremony marked our initiative to contribute to make Surat greener. Jai Hind

ROTARY WISDOM



Invitation for Rotary District 3060 Youth Exchange Programme



On behalf of the Rotary International District 3060 Youth Exchange Programme, we are inviting applications for youth exchange students for the following programmes.

1. Long-term Youth Exchange (11 months),

2. Short-term Youth Exchange (3-6 weeks) and

3. New Generations Service Exchange (3-6 weeks).

The probable countries with whom we generally exchange for **long term programme are Germany, France, USA, Brazil, Mexico, Columbia, Italy, Netherlands, Japan etc.**

For Short term programme we generally exchange with France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Brazil, Argentina, Spain, South Africa and Czech republic etc.

For NGSE programme we generally exchange with Germany, Spain, Italy, France, Africa, Argentina, Brazil and USA etc.

IMPORTANT CRITERIA:

As per the rules of District 3060 and the guidelines given by Rotary International, the important criteria for selection are mentioned below. Each club willing to sponsor a student must meet the given requirements.

- 1. The selection process must be initiated and maintained with the concurrence and decision of the current President, President Elect and Youth Service Director.
- 2. Each application must be accompanied by a resolution of the Board of Directors of the club, of the current year. This includes a provision of three host families for the incoming student necessary for LT programme, each of which will host the student for a minimum duration of three months each. The format of the Resolution is attached herewith.
- 3. If there is more than one application and they meet with the criteria of sponsorship, the Club can sponsor all the candidates for the District interview. However, the club must provide a list of at least three host families for each of the candidates sponsored for District selection.
- 4. Rotarian and Non-Rotary children are welcome to participate.
- 5. The sponsored student's parents must be well educated and encouraged to take part in Rotary Foundation activities and encouraged to host the student.
- 6. The club should undertake in writing to host the inbound student in the same year or subsequent 2 years thereafter.

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR STUDENTS

- 1. The student should be above average in his/her studies
- 2. Should have good command over languages—Gujarati, Hindi, English (Most Important)
- 3. Must be good in extra-curricular activities
- 4. Must have good general knowledge and must be familiar with affairs of India and the world.
- 5. Must have good knowledge of Indian culture
- 6. The student should be broad minded, flexible and should be able to adapt to new customs and habits.
- 7. The student for the Long term youth exchange programme must be between 15 and 18 years old as on June 2025. The student for the short term youth exchange programme must be between 15 and 19 years old as on June 2025. For the New Generations Service Exchange, students between the ages 18 to 30 (June 2025) are welcome to apply. New Generations Exchanges will be Short-Term.

- 8. The student should be physically fit to participate in the programme. Special Exchange programmes are available for physically challenged students. Their selection criteria are different and Rotary International encourages such exchanges.
- 9. The parents must be able to financially support the student. While home stay and school education are free, typical costs to be paid by the student include selection process cost, travel, local sightseeing tours, 3060 orientation programmes, and other incidental costs.
- 10. The parents should give unqualified freedom and support to their ward to participate in the programme.

For more details of the Youth Exchange Program, please visit: https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/youth-exchanges

The application form is enclosed with this circular. A Demand Draft of Rs. 5000/- should be drawn in favour of "<u>RI District 306 Trust account IYE</u>" (Please note it is 306 and not 3060), payable at Valsad (Bulsar). <u>The last date for accepting club sponsored applications is</u> <u>10th September, 2024</u>. <u>District interviews will be held after 2th September 224</u>. The application fees is non refundable. Candidates will be required to travel with their parents and club representative to the city of the interview as may be notified. Kindly send in your completed forms along with the demand draft, board resolution and other attachments. Incomplete applications will be rejected.

If the candidate is selected, they will have to pay participation fees of Rs. 7,000 for short term programme. Rs.15,000 for long term programme. For 1:1 NGSE Programme the charges will be Rs. 7,000 and for group NGSE programme the charges will be Rs. 25,000.

We look forward to your club's enthusiastic participation.

Please contact Chairman, Club Youth Exchange Committee Rtn. PP. Hitendra Mody <M>94290 10500 for query or clarification. The complete E circular with attachments has been emailed to all Rotarians.

Invitation from R I District 3060

Rotary Friendship Exchange Programme committee.



Greetings from District Governor Tushar Shah & RFE Chair Praful Dewani.

Most of you are aware of the Rotary Friendship Exchange Program. For many years Rotarians of our District has been participating in the RFE program. This year also we are continuing this legacy. With the efforts of our respected District Governor Tushar Shah, we have been able to establish contact with several RI Districts for the RFE program.

We are sure you all DS, AGs, RFE Coordinators, Presidents & Secretaries will encourage Rotarians of your club and your area to participate in this program jovially.

I know many of you are interested in this program and must have experienced this wonderful program either by hosting the RFE teams and/or participating by going to the RFE program.

Rotarians who have experienced this program are carrying lots of unforgettable memories.

I am Attaching herewith the Application Form which is to be filled in physical format and courier it to me and also send scanned copy to <u>prafuldrfechair3060@gmail.com</u>.

Normally tentative Dates for RFEs are as follows:

Inbound: -November to FebruaryOutbound: -For all countries May to September.

The last date for filled application forms to reach on the address mentioned in the form is 10th September, 2024.

Dates for interviews is 15th September at Surat. Venue and Registration details shall be announced shortly.

This year, we have modified the system and shall accept 20 forms only on the basis of *"first come first serve".*

You will bring cheque for Rs. 35000/- at the time of Interview along with passport copies showing the Validity of Passport and visas if any. We will deposit this cheque only if you are selected.

Looking forward to a great response.

The last date to receive CLUB SPONSORED complete application is 1st September 2024 with complete documents and Demand draft of prescribed amount in the e circular. The completed application must be submitted to Club Rotary Youth Exchange

Chairman Rtn. IPP. Sonal on or earlier than 11th September, 2024.

For further information and clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Rtn. IPP. Sonal Shah <M> 98251 30620

KINTSUGI



Kintsugi also known as kintsukuroi (金繕い, "golden repair"), is the Japanese art of repairing broken pottery by mending the areas of breakage with urushi lacquer. dusted or mixed with powdered gold, silver, or platinum.

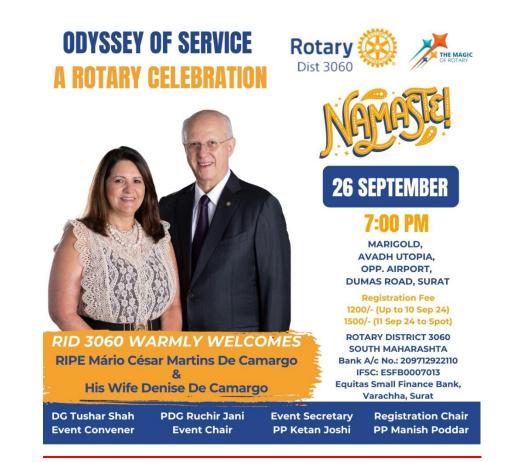
Not only is there no attempt to hide the damage, but the repair is literally illuminated.

The method is similar to the maki-e technique. As a philosophy, it treats breakage and repair as part of the history of an object, rather than something to disguise

The 15th-Century practice of kintsugi, meaning "to join with gold", is a reminder to stay optimistic when things fall apart and to celebrate the flaws and missteps of life. The ancient Japanese philosophy that helps us accept our flaws.

The philosophy of kintsugi can also be seen as a variant of the adage, "Waste not, want not

RI President Elect to visit Surat on 26th September



HUMOUR



Husband and wife were having dinner

at a fancy restaurant...

As the food was served, Husband said:

"The Food looks delicious, let's eat."

Wife: Honey.. You say prayer

before eating at home.

Husband: That's at home

sweetheart... Here the

chef knows how to cook.