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NEXT Project MEETING- Tuesday, August 26

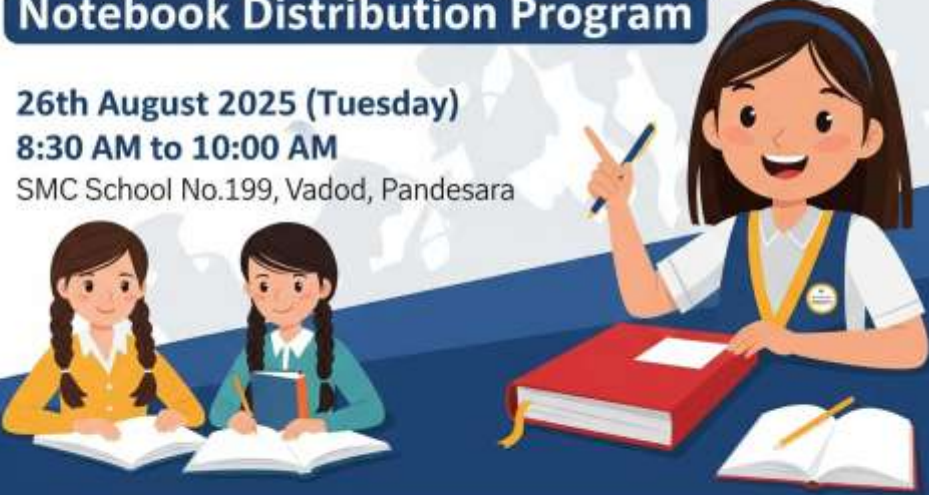
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Presents

Joint

**RYLA Program &
Notebook Distribution Program**

26th August 2025 (Tuesday)
8:30 AM to 10:00 AM
SMC School No.199, Vadod, Pandesara



RYLA Event Chair
Hon Jt Sec Rtn Gaurang Goel

**Notebook Distribution
Event Chair**
PP Rtn Setu Gandhi

- **Rotarians and Spouses most welcome.**

Forthcoming District Events

*RYE Inbound Orientation Program

- 30th & 31st August 2025 at Baroda

Birthday Greetings

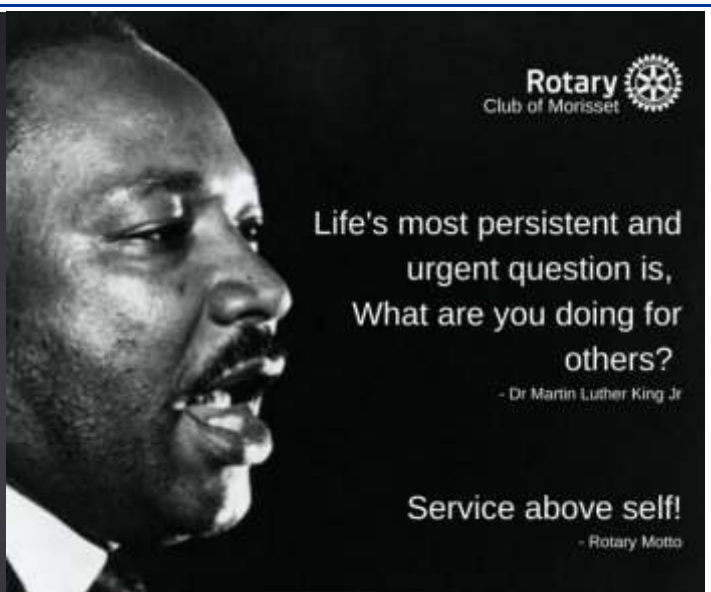
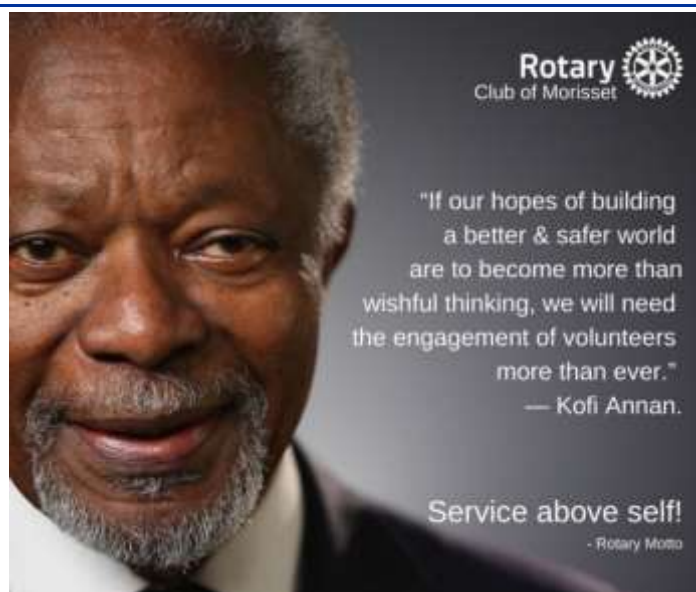
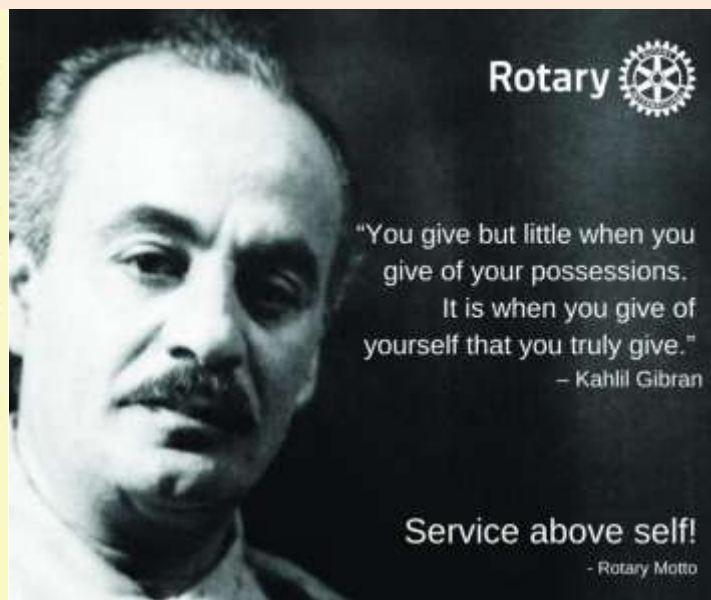
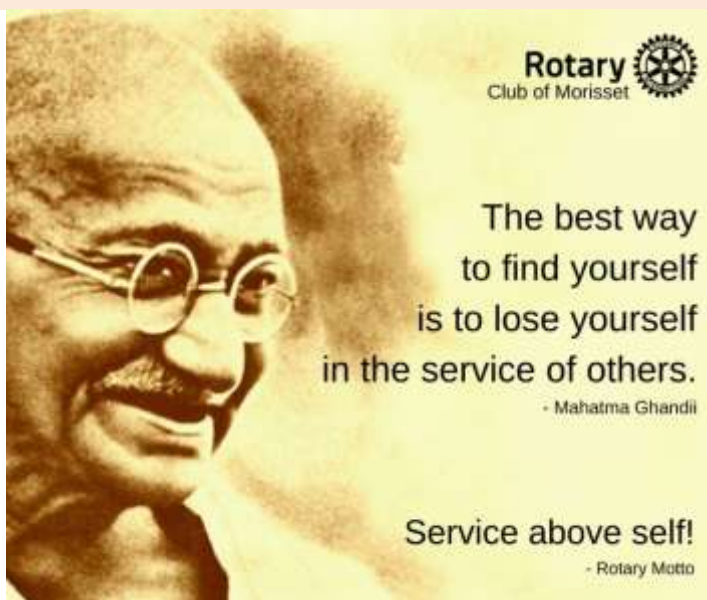
PP Dr. Paresh Vaidya...- August 26

PP Sonal Shah.....- August 27

Forthcoming Programs

***Sunday, 7th September:** Workshop on: Terrace Gardening
By Dr. Paresh and Dr. Keyuri Shah(New City Hospital)

Rotary Wisdom



Last Meeting- August 20
KNOW YOUR ROTARIAN @ HOUSIE GAME



Fellowship meeting was full of fun and excitement, as Ann Hem Tinish Mody along with Ann Rakhi Gandhi, anchored highly entertaining Housie Game, while interesting information about our own Rotarians was exchanged in a jovial way. They were supported by PP Rtn Tinish Mody.

The International Service Chair **PP Rtn Hitendra Mody** along with Ann Sonal Mody did the honours of formal welcome ceremony of the **RYE Student - Ana Luiza**, hosted by our club. They also extended a formal farewell to the RFE participants from our club, **PP Rtn Bhavesh Shah & PP Rtn Sonal Shah**.

The hall was full and RCSW family enjoyed sumptuous dinner with enlivening fellowship.

- Report by President Rtn. Dr. Parag Shah

Sylvia Whitlock Leadership Award



Nominations for the Sylvia Whitlock Leadership Award are now open up to 31st August 🏆

This award honors one Rotary member who is actively working to advance women in Rotary. The award is named after Dr. Sylvia Whitlock, the first female Rotary club president and a trailblazer for women in the organization 💛

Nominations will be accepted until 31 August: on.rotary.org/3WR9mlm

END POLIO



"Rotary was the first to envision a world without polio - and today, we have the tools and knowledge to make that vision a reality," - **Bill Gates, Chair of the Gates Foundation.**

The news came at the annual Rotary International Convention in Calgary that **Rotary and the Gates Foundation** are renewing their longstanding partnership to #endpolio, through a **joint commitment of up to \$450 million (£332 million) to support the continuing polio eradication effort worldwide** 🌍💛

Adventurer James Wheeler Davidson



In 1928, adventurer James Wheeler Davidson embarked on a 2.5-year journey that contributed to the formation of Rotary clubs in 12 countries 🚢

Sailing from Canada to Southern Europe to Asia, he relied on his personal and Rotary contacts to help him make introductions and create connections in the communities he visited, resulting in over 20 new Rotary clubs.

🌐 Explore this chapter of our history: <https://on.rotary.org/3HE5MpW>

Rotary Friendship Exchange program



Rotary should be fun and a change to gain new experiences so here is one such way. On a #RotaryFriendshipExchange, you are never 'just a tourist', you are so much more guided by friends in Rotary.

Friendship Exchange participants travel as individuals, couples, families, or groups, and may include Rotary members and non-members. For further information, please click on the following link;

<http://rotary.msgfocus.com/c/1g490gaUiHa8ERnHOXUb5Q175U>

Pictures that make news



Point Nemo



Point Nemo, located in the South Pacific Ocean, is the most isolated place on Earth. Officially known as the oceanic pole of inaccessibility, it lies roughly 2,687 kilometers from the nearest landmass, including the coasts of Antarctica, Easter Island, and the Pitcairn Islands. Discovered in 1992 using computer calculations, this remote point was named after Captain Nemo, the fictional submarine captain from Jules Verne's *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*.

What makes Point Nemo especially fascinating is just how completely cut off it is from human activity. At any given time, the closest humans are often astronauts aboard the International Space Station, orbiting about 417 kilometers above the Earth. This surreal reality underscores how vast and empty our oceans can be, with Point Nemo serving as a kind of "oceanic desert" far from civilization, shipping lanes, or air traffic.

Because of its remoteness, Point Nemo has been used as a spacecraft cemetery, where decommissioned satellites and space stations like Russia's Mir are directed to crash safely into the ocean. Its isolation makes it ideal for avoiding harm to populated areas, but also highlights how much of our planet remains untouched and mysterious. Point Nemo stands as a powerful symbol of both Earth's natural extremities and humankind's reach across sea and space.

Courtesy: PP Bankim Sitwala

Laughter- The Best Medicine

