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NEXT MEETING

***Sunday, 23rd February**

Program: VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD PRESENTATION

Award Recipients:

***Ichhapore Police station.**

Police Inspector Shri. Anirdhhsinh Gohil

(adjudged best Police Station in India)

***Mr Neeraj Choksi,**

CEO, NJ India Invest Pvt Ltd.

(Largest network of Financial Products Distributors in India with AUM over Rs.2,36,949 Crores)

***Mr Vishal Budhia,**

CEO, Steam House.

(Environment friendly Steam generation and distribution company)

***Time: 11.00 am**

Venue: The Amore, near V R Mall.

Chief Guest:

Shri. Raghavendra Vatsa,

Jt. Commissioner of Police (Crime), Surat City.

*** Rotarians and Spouses are cordially invited.**

*** Meeting will be followed by LUNCH.**

*** PLEASE BLOCK THE DATE.**

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Last meeting – Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Fellowship program: - “Made for each other Contest”



“MADE FOR EACH OTHER CONTEST” is one of the most awaited fellowship programs of our club



. The program was held on the lawns of Crazy Bite restaurant. After the sumptuous dinner and enlivening fellowship, the program started with the welcome address by **President PDG. Devendra Shastri**, who highlighted the importance of such events in fostering strong bonds among members and creating a warm, welcoming atmosphere within our club. Then after, **Hon. Jt. Sec. PP. Ashit Kothari** made the Birthday & Anniversary greetings. **Hon. Sec. PP. Tinish Mody & Ann. Hem Mody** were the dynamic conductors of the evening. Their exceptional coordination, wit, and enthusiasm instantly connected with the audience. They were ably assisted by **Ann. Rakhi Gandhi** and **Ann. Kinjal Mehta**.

The Participants were:

- 1. Rtn. Dr. Shikha & Asim Samaiya.**
- 2. Rtn. Dr. Vishal & Dr. Daizy Mandlewala**
- 3. Rtn. Amit & Nima Desai**
- 4. Rtn. Anup & Sweta Mittal**
- 5. Rtn. PP. Vivek & Rekha Goel**

The program started with the male participants being escorted out of the venue by **Sergeant Rtn. Vijay Mevcha**, setting the stage for a suspense-filled competition. The ladies were then asked a set of five questions about their partners, with their answers being noted down. Once the ladies had completed their responses, the men returned, and the same questions were posed to them. The answers were then compared, and the couples whose answers matched the most were adjudged the winners. In a delightful turn, **Hon. Sec. Tinish Mody** and **Ann. Hem Mody** added an extra layer of fun and camaraderie by introducing a series of **couple games**.

The five couples participated in exciting challenges, such as **Lifting the Balloon** and **Dumb Charades**, which required teamwork, creativity, and a sense of humour. These games brought out the playful side of the participants, and the couples were seen supporting each other and laughing together as they completed each task.

Rtn. Dr. Shikha & Asim Samaiya were declared winners of the contest.

As the night ended, **PP Krunal Mehta** proposed a hearty vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all participants & everyone who made the event a success. He acknowledged the efforts of the **Hon. Sec. PP. Tinish Mody** and **Ann. Hem Mody** for their outstanding contribution in organizing and conducting the program. He also thanked **Sergeant Rtn. Vijay Mevcha** for his support.

Hon. Sec. Tinish Mody & Ann. Hem Mody brought their characteristic quick wit to the stage, making humorous remarks and playful jabs that had everyone laughing. Whether it was teasing the participants about their answers or delivering punchlines with impeccable timing, they had the crowd in stitches throughout the night. Their knack for keeping the mood playful and upbeat was essential in creating the jovial atmosphere that defined the evening.

The History of Rotary- Rotary Celebrates 120th Anniversary on 23rd February 2025



The first four Rotarians. From left: Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram E. Shorey, Paul P. Harris

The world's first service club was founded on 23 February 1905 when lawyer Paul Harris and three friends met in a small office in downtown Chicago. These men wanted to rekindle in the turn-of-the-century city the spirit of friendliness they had known in their home towns. Word of the club soon spread and others were invited to join. They named their new club "Rotary" to describe the practice of meeting in rotation at the members' various places of business.

Originally formed for fellowship, the first Rotary club quickly evolved to use the talents and resources of its members to serve the community. By the end of 1905, the Rotary Club of Chicago had 30 members. Three years later a second club was established in San Francisco, California, USA. The next year three more clubs were established on the west coast of the United States and a fourth in New York City. Within a few years, other groups formed service clubs based on the Rotary model.

First Rotary Convention

The first Rotary convention was held in the Congress Hotel in Chicago in August 1910. The National Association of Rotary Clubs was organized at that time with 16 member clubs. Rotary founder Paul Harris was elected the association's first president.

Rotary's international growth

During the 1911-1912 Rotary year, the association became international with the founding of a club in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Soon Rotary crossed the Atlantic to establish clubs in England, Ireland and Northern Ireland. **The National Association of Rotary Clubs, which became the International Association of Rotary Clubs in 1912, adopted the name Rotary International (RI) in 1922.**

Before reaching its 20th birthday, the Rotary association had grown to include some 200 clubs with more than 20,000 members across the globe:

- The first Rotary club in Latin America was organized in Havana, Cuba in 1915.
- Asia's first club was established in Manila, Philippines in 1919.
- In 1921, Rotary clubs were organized for the first time on continental Europe (Madrid, Spain), Africa (Johannesburg, South Africa), and Australia (Melbourne) and **Calcutta (India)**

RI President Elect's Message for year 2025-26



Rotary International President-elect Mário César Martins de Camargo asked members to **Unite for Good** by embracing growth, service, and connection as he outlined a plan to expand "the best-qualified team of volunteers on the planet."

"Rotary's greatest asset is not our history, our projects, or even our unmatched global reach. It is our members," de Camargo said at the organization's International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, USA, on 10 February. He noted praise from one of Rotary's partners about "the extraordinary dedication" of Rotary members. **"That recognition from an outsider deepened my understanding: Rotary's greatest gift to the world is its people."**

De Camargo, a member of the Rotary Club of Santo André, São Paulo, Brazil, emphasized the importance of seeking out new perspectives and strengthening Rotary's service to communities around the globe. **He outlined three "essential pillars" for growth: innovation, continuity, and partnership. RI Theme Concept has been done away from 2025-26.**

Good News for India

Rotary District 3131 | **CREATE HOPE** in the WORLD

BIG NEWS

India's 1st & World's 9th Rotary Peace Center to be set up in Pune at Symbiosis University

Proposal put up by IPDG Manjoo Phadke & DRFC PDG Dr Shailesh Palekar from RID 3131 and Dr Anita Patankar & Dr Sulakshana Sen from Symbiosis during 2023-24, has been approved by RI.

Heartfelt gratitude to TRF Trustee PRID PDG Dr Bharat Pandya, Past Trustee PDG Gulam Vahanvaty and Rtn Rajendra Ruia for guiding us.

Manjoo Phadke
District Governor
2023-24

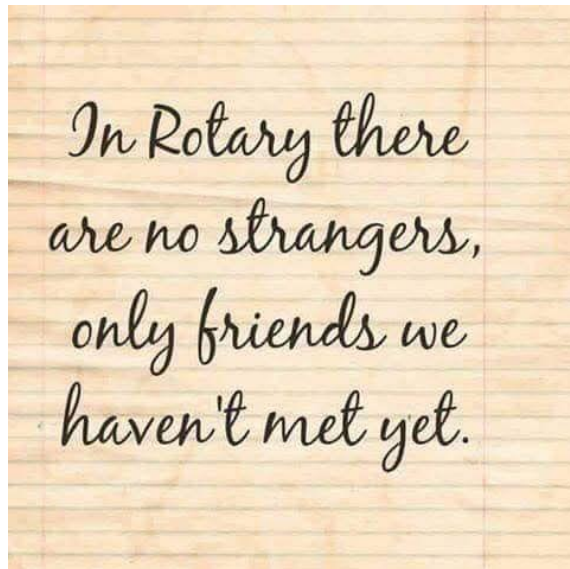
Dr Shailesh Palekar
Past District Governor
DRFC - 2022-25

Rotary Foundation Major Donor Level 1



A Fellow Rotarian of our club has contributed US \$ 10,000/- to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation. Thus, he becomes TRF Major Donor Level 1. Now the cumulative TRF Contribution of our club has reached **10,988 US \$**. **Our target for 2024-25 is US\$ 13,000/-**. **This philanthropic Rotarian has instructed not to mention his/her name in our club Bulletin.** *Salute to this large-hearted Rotari*

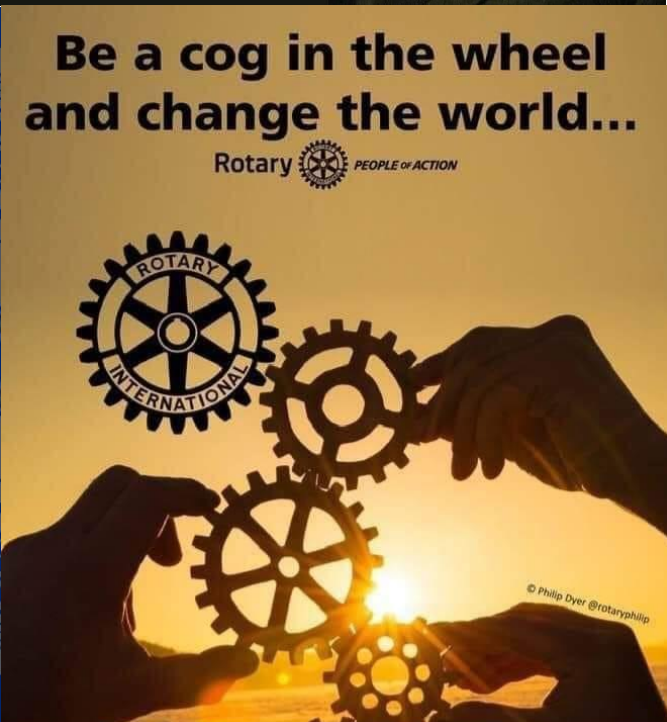
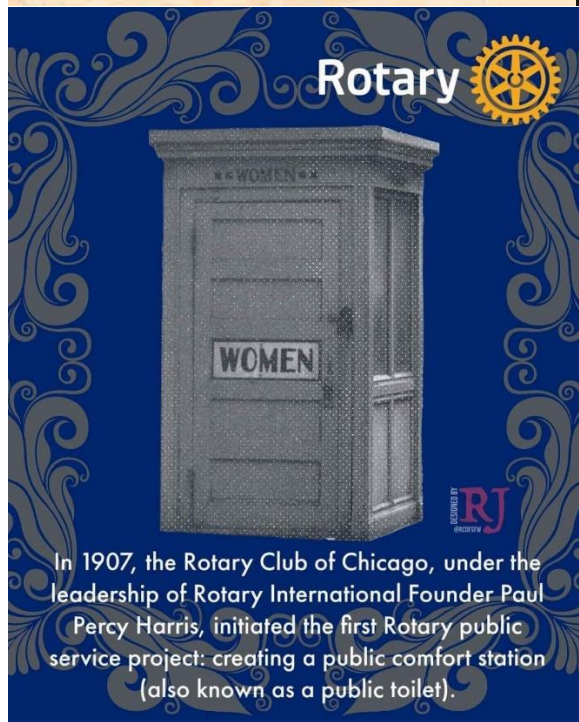
Rotary Wisdom



Paul Harris Quotes

If Rotary is to realise its proper destiny it must be **EVOLUTIONARY** at all times and **REVOLUTIONARY** on occasions.

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Point to Ponder



This incident happened in Kombaru sanctuary in Karnataka, India.

The leopard was chasing the dog, the dog entered the bathroom through a window, the bathroom was locked from outside.

The leopard entered behind the dog and both of them got trapped in the toilet; when the dog saw the leopard, he panicked and sat silently in a corner.

He didn't even dare to bark.

Although the leopard was hungry and was chasing the dog, he didn't eat it.

He could have had dinner by jumping on the dog, but the two animals stayed together in different corners for almost twelve hours. During these twelve hours, the leopard also remained calm.

The forest department focused on the leopard and captured it with a tranquilizer dart.

Now the question is, why didn't the hungry leopard attack the dog when it was easily possible?

Wildlife researchers have answered this question: According to them, wild animals are very sensitive to their freedom.

As soon as they realize that their freedom has been taken away, they can feel deep pain, to the point of forgetting their hunger.

Their natural motivation to eat begins to fade.

Freedom and happiness are connected. Freedom to think, act and live as we wish.

Forthcoming Projects and Programs

* **Friday, 21st February: Meeting of club Board of Directors**

* **Sunday, 23rd February: Dhamaal Gali** (Details in club Whatsapp Group)

* **Saturday, March 08 : Global Investor Conference at Avadh Utopia**
Time: 5.00pm onwards followed by Dinner.

HUMOUR



"SPARK" Conveys best wishes for

