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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 28th May

Program: BOX CRICKET FELLOWSHIP



Time: 7.00 Pm to 9.00Pm Match
9.00 Pm onwards: DINNER

Venue: Friends Club,

**Near Punya Bhumi, Second VIP Road,
Vesu, Surat.**

***Rotarians, Spouses and Annets are Invited
to attend and participate in the event**

***Details in our club's official Whatsapp Group**

Project Co-ordinators: PP Hitendra Mody

Rtn. Sandeep Monga

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

Rtn Dr Parag Shah & Ann Dr Sejal Shah: May 19

Birthday Greetings

PP Rtn Mitesh Bhagat.....: May 19

Rtn Vijay Mevcha: May 23

Ann Sarita Alok Tulsian.... : May 26

Ann Mausam Jalan.....: May 27

Mr. Milind Thakore.....: May 26

Ann Dr Mona Nilesh Shah...: May 28

Ann Aditi Mukesh Jain.....: May 31

Forthcoming Programs and Projects

***Thursday, 05 June** : Talk Show on “**Live Happy+Healthy Life +40**”
Anchor: **Dr. Purvi Kothari**
Speaker: **Ms. Nirja Parekh**, Eminent Dietician.
Venue: Crazy Bite Banquet Hall **Time:** 8.00pm
*Meeting will be preceded by **DINNER**

***Wednesday, 11th June** : **Jt.meeting of Club Board of Directors(24-25&25-26)**

***Monday, 16th June** : **Notebook Distribution Project**
Project Manager: **Rtn. Gurang Goel**

June 20-21 Fri-Sat : **Excursion trip to Ambik Resort, Navsari**
Project Manager: **PP. Setu Gandhi**

***Wednesday, 25th June** : **Fellowship Dhamaka**
Program Co-odinators: **PP. Tinish Mody, PP. Ashit Kothari**

***Sunday, 29th June** : **Installation of Rtn. Dr. Parag Shah as PRESIDENT and His team for the Rotary Year 2025-26.**
Time: 10.30am **Venue:** The Amore

Rotary Wisdom



Rotary is a vast, private United Nations, the most powerful, prestigious, important organization of competent community leaders the world has ever known. In the words of Albert Schweitzer, "Rotary is necessary for the future."

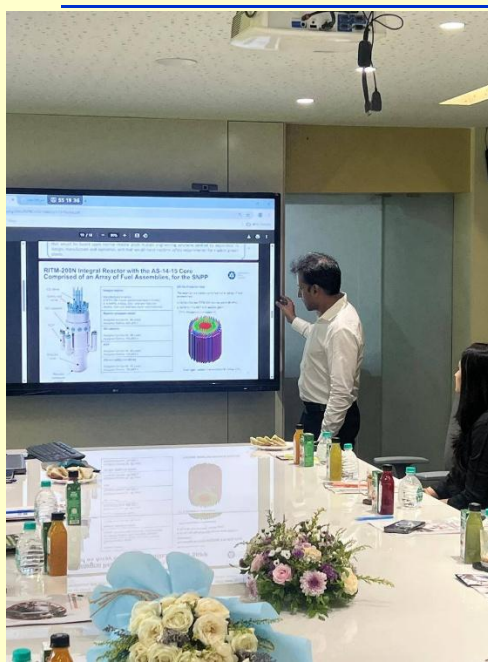
IMAK'20



Our impact as Rotarians starts with our members, people who work tirelessly with their clubs to solve some of our communities' toughest challenges.

IMAK'20

Vocational Visit to Steamhouse- May 17



Vocational visit to Steam house was once in a lifetime experience. **Shri Vishal Bhudhia, CEO** welcomed all of us.

He explained the complete process of producing steam and distribution through overhead pipes to various industries in Sachin GIDC. **They have 20 such plants all over India.** **Aaishanj Ashit Kothari**, represented Steam house in looking after the visit of our team.

Kudos to our Project coordinator PP Ashit Kothari for his dynamic leadership in working out all details of the visit.

Those who joined the RCSW clan were: PP Ashit Kothari, PP Setu Gandhi , Vijay and Anant Nihalani, Anirudh Garg and Yukti Garg , Rajesh Bansal, Ajay Varshney , Anil Pitaliya , Tasnim Doctor and President Devendra Shastri. **It may be noted that both newly inducted member Rajesh Bansal and Tasnim Doctor joined the RCSW group in vocational visit.**

Highlights of Meeting of Club Board of Directors- May 21



The 11th Meeting of club Board of Directors was held on 21st May 2025 and hosted by PP. Hitendra and PP. Tinish Mody at their company Board room. Following decisions were taken;

1. **Minutes** of the last board meeting held on 23rd April was read and confirmed.
2. Reviewd **financial status** of the club especially collecting pending club dues.
3. **PP. Ashit Kothari presented different designs of the proposed club flag. After due deliberations, it was decided to go for a flag design.** The final design in form of flag will be presented in next Board meeting. **Everyone apporeciated efforts of PP. Ashit.**
4. Programs and Projects for rest of May and June were discussed and fianlised. **PP Hitendra Mody shared update on Box Cricket Fellowship** where as **PP. Setu Gandhi shared proposal for Excursion program on June 20 and 21 at a resort near Navsari which was agreed.**
5. Discussed update on **TRF Contribution especially EREY club and 100% PHF club.** **TRF Director PP. Bhavesh Shah** will take a lead to pursue members to give their contribution.
6. **Next Bkoard meeting will be a Jt. Board meeting to be held on Sednesday, 11th June evening to be hosted by PE Dr. Parag Shah and PN Dr. Vijay Shah.**

The meeting adjourned with vote of thanks by **President Devendra Shastri** to wonderful hosts of the evening, **PP. Hitendra- Ann Sonal Mody and PP. Tinish- Ann Hem Mody** for their warm and wet hospitality with delicious Dinner which lingered up to midnight. Kudos to Mody Family.

Those present in Board meeting were; President Devendra Shastri, PE Dr. Parag Shah, Hon. Secretary PP Tinish Mody, Jt. Secretary PP Ashit Kothari, Hon. Treasurer PP. Hitendra Mody, PP. Setu Gandhi, PP. Bhavesh Shah, PP Geeta Modi, PP. Krunal Mehta, IPP Sonal Shah, Rtn. Sanjay Jalan, Rtn. Anirudh Garg and Rtn. Vijay Mevcha. Your bulletin editor who is on Overseas tour, missed the meeting.

-Report by President PDG. Devendra Shastri

Club Leadership Learning Seminar for the year 2025-26

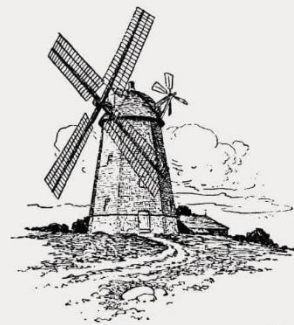
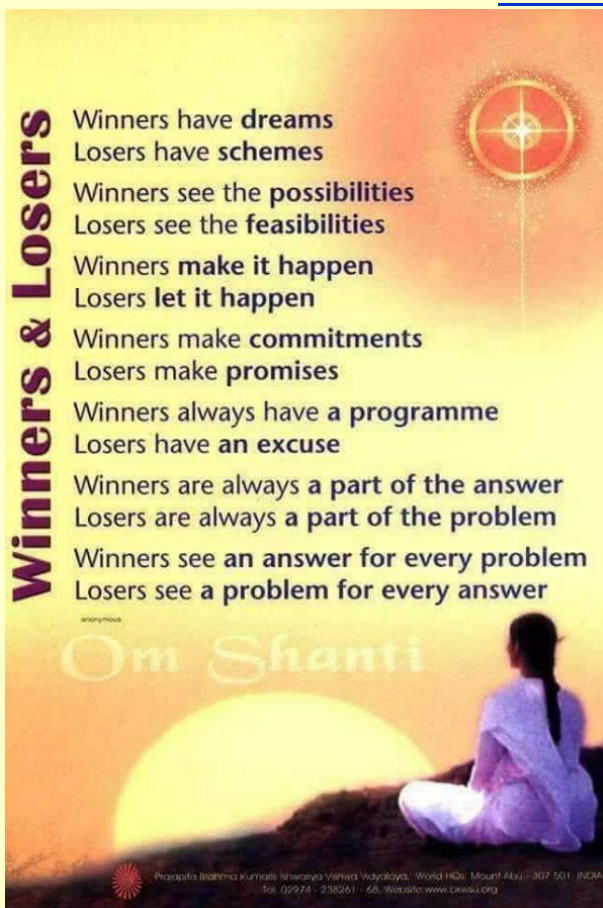


The Grant Management Seminar & Club Leadership Learning Seminar 2025-26 for the Rotary District 3060 was organized on 17th & 18th May at **C U Shah University, Surendranagar** & was hosted by **RC Wadhwan City**.

From our club, the Grant Management Seminar was attended by Rtn. PE Dr. Parag Shah & the Club Leadership Learning Seminar by **Rtn. PE Dr. Parag Shah, Rtn. PP Bhavesh Shah & Rtn. PP Sonal Shah**.

The Program was well organized by **Rtn. DGE Amardeep Singh Ji & his District Team, facilitated by DLF Dr. Thakral Ji & a galaxy of learned faculties**, for both the days, to cater to the training needs of all upcoming Presidents, Secretaries & Club leaders across District 3060.

Points to Ponder



Chinese Proverb

"When the winds of change blow, some people build walls, and others build windmills."

When change happens, some people resist it (building walls) while others adapt and take advantage of it (building windmills).

There is a difference between those who fear change and those who use it as an opportunity for growth.

FB: How To Lead

Contribution to The Rotary Foundation by our club members

Rotary CONTRIBUTION DETAIL REPORT District 3060 Donor Summary For 2024-25 In USD

Anonymous contributions and donors are excluded
Surat West, GJ (31549)

Donor Type	Rotary ID	Name	Member Status 14-May-2025	New Donor	Annual Fund	PolioPlus Fund	Other Funds	Endowment Fund	Total Amount
Individual	5281001	Gandhi, Setu Rajnikant	Rotarian		\$100.00				\$100.00
Individual	10730748	Jalan, Sanjay Muralilal	Rotarian		\$100.00				\$100.00
Individual	5625102	Kothari, Ashit Ajitbhai	Rotarian		\$100.00				\$100.00
Individual	8587940	Mehta, Krunal Jeevanbhai	Rotarian		\$101.15				\$101.15
Individual	2532467	Modi, Geeta	Rotarian		\$89.22				\$89.22
Individual	2532471	Mody, Harendra Rajendra	Rotarian		\$100.00				\$100.00
Individual	5625106	Mody, Tinish Rajendra	Rotarian		\$100.00				\$100.00
Individual	11803161	Nandwani, Rajesh Parmanand	Rotarian		\$117.65				\$117.65
Individual	1573269	 Anonymous 	Rotarian		\$9,850.00				\$9,850.00
Individual	6708293	Shah, Bhavesh Mahendra	Rotarian		\$100.00				\$100.00
Individual	10629809	Shah, Parag	Rotarian		\$100.00				\$100.00
Individual	8471459	Shah, Vijay Bahendra	Rotarian		\$100.00				\$100.00
Individual	200331	Shastri, Devendra V.	Rotarian		\$120.93				\$120.93
Individual	3178963	Silwala, Bankim Madhusudan	Rotarian		\$100.00				\$100.00
Total Giving		Donors 14	New Donors	0	\$11,178.95				\$11,178.95

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Passport Rotary club Model - Innovative concept



Passport clubs get their name from the idea that members essentially have a "passport" to visit as many other clubs in their area as they can. Typically, a passport club holds a limited number of its own meetings, but it has regular board and committee meetings and plans frequent social events to build camaraderie.

The Rotary Club of Greater Sacramento Passport One, California, proudly claims to be the first passport club. It was founded by Michael Reiner and Past District Governor Glenn N. Fong in 2015, with RI's approval. Carol S. Langley, club president, describes three significant features of the passport concept:

Flexibility — Members may participate at a level that's convenient for them.

Affordability — Costs are kept to a minimum because fewer meetings include a meal.

Inclusivity — The model attracts new members, as well as transferring and returning members who travel frequently

or have time constraints that make attending a weekly meeting difficult.

The Sacramento club requires members to perform at least 40 hours of service a year, which can include attending a Greater Sacramento Passport One club meeting or any other Rotary club's meeting, helping other clubs with fundraisers or projects, volunteering with other organizations, and contributing to The Rotary Foundation (every \$100 donation counts as 10 service hours).

One of the top benefits of the passport model is the emphasis on service, which encourages members to take action to make communities better wherever, whenever, and however they see fit, says Jim Eaton, president of the Rotary Club of the Central Coast-Passport, California. His club requires members to do 60 hours of community service a year, but members' average is closer to 150 hours.

"I am most excited about the commitment of our members to community service in general. It doesn't have to be Rotary-

specific," Eaton says. "I smile when people tell me all the wonderful things they are doing."

Eaton adds that his club's passport model has attracted many members who were on the verge of leaving Rotary because of the time commitment it requires. As a result, his club has grown from five members to 27 in a little more than 18 months.

"We don't recruit active members of another club, but we [encourage the] club presidents around us, if they have somebody who is going away, to have them talk to us before leaving Rotary totally," Eaton says.

Flexibility and innovation are two key pillars for Rotary's future growth. Read more about what other clubs are doing to attract new members, retain current members, and increase diversity in **The Rotarian**.



OPERATION SINDOOR AND THE EVOLUTION OF INDIA'S MILITARY STRATEGY AGAINST PAKISTAN



India struck inside Pakistan in response to a terrorist attack. Once more, the two sides escalated — again to unprecedented levels — before agreeing to a ceasefire. It is tempting to consider this latest crisis as a somewhat larger replay of the last Indo-Pakistani crisis in 2019, but in fact it signifies a notable shift in India's military strategy towards Pakistan, which is considered New normal now.

The latest crisis was triggered by a terrorist attack at Pahalgam on April 22, which was especially provocative — and likely calculated to be so — by targeting specifically Hindu men for point-blank execution. Tensions rose immediately, with consistent exchanges of small-arms fire across the Line of Control that separates Indian- and Pakistani-controlled parts of Kashmir. Then, soon after midnight on May 7, India launched its military response, dubbed Operation Sindoor. It used a mix of long-range stand-off weapons, including air-launched missiles and loitering munitions, to target nine sites belonging to terrorist groups Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Muhammad, groups that have frequently attacked India, including at Pahalgam.

The two sides traded tit-for-tat rounds of stand-off weapon attacks against each other's military installations. **The war like situation intensified on May 9 and 10, with effective Indian strikes against key Pakistan Air Force bases and Pakistan launching its own counter-offensive, Operation Bunyan Marsoos, which was completely thwarted by Indian armed forces.** USA president Trump tried to take credit of ceasefire when the two belligerents agreed to ceasefire on the afternoon of May 10.

Despite some minor violations, the ceasefire seems to be holding, and the crisis seems now to have concluded. **For India, this crisis represents an important evolution in its military strategy against Pakistan — shifting from the issuance of threats to change Pakistani behavior, to the direct imposition of costs to degrade terrorists' capacity.** This new cost-imposition strategy has a compelling logic, India will respond to any terrorist attack as act of war and will not be cowed down with threat of nuclear assault from Pakistan. ***Long Live Bharat! Salute to our armed forces!!***

The Bajau people



The Bajau people are the first tribe in the world that has evolved to adapt to life under the sea. They spend their whole life living above the sea and foraging at the bottom of the ocean. They live in temporary houses on pilots and on their ships, scattered along the seas of Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines.

They have lived this way for more than 1,000 years, and their diet depends entirely on the surrounding seafood. This forces them to work underwater all day to catch shrimp, crabs, fish and squid.

For this reason, Bajau drill their ear drums to balance the pressure between the outer ear and middle ear, which helps them avoid discomfort when diving into great depths. However, drilling the ear drums can also reduce your hearing ability and make them more susceptible to ear infections. This is a sacrifice Bajau people must accept to live underwater.

The extremely unusual thing is that they can dive for more than 13 minutes at a depth of 60 meters below sea level. Turns out they have a much larger mucus than normal people. This organ is capable of pumping more oxygen into the blood and works very similar to a biological diving tank. Their spleen has a larger volume by more than 50 percent compared to normal people.

The special thing is that this feature is not only found in divers, but also in other tribe members, including children who have never dived before. This means they've evolved to live more easily under the sea.

The ROOTS of Gossip are
in our education system.

For 5 marks, we have
been repeatedly asked in
school question papers:

**"WHO SAID TO WHOM,
WHEN & WHY.."**

सोचा था हर मोड़ पर याद करेंगे
आपको,
पर कमबख्त पूरी सड़क ही सीधी
निकली...

