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## NEXT MEETING

**Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

**Program: Talk Show on**

**“Live Happy and Health Life +40”**

**Anchor: Dr. Purvi Kothari**

**Speaker: Ms. Nirja Parekh, Eminent Dietician.**

**Time: 8.00 Pm to 8.40 Pm: DINNER**

**8.45Pm Pm onwards: Program**

**Venue: Crazy Bite Restaurant Banquet Hall,  
Piplod.**

**\*Rotarians and Spouses are Invited**

### Wedding Anniversary Greetings

Rtn. Amit- Nima Desai.....: June **01**

Rtn. Anant- Tanvi Agrawal: June **10**

### Birthday Greetings

Rtn. Anurag Kapoor.....: June **20**

Ann Sonal Hitendra Mody: June **26**

## Forthcoming Programs and Projects

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

**\*Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> June**

**: Notebook Distribution Project**

**Project Manager: Rtn. Gurang Goel**

**June 13-14 Fri-Sat**

**: Excursion trip to Ambik Resort, Navsari**

**Project Manager: PP. Setu Gandhi**

**\*Wednesday, 25th June :Fellowship Dhamaka**

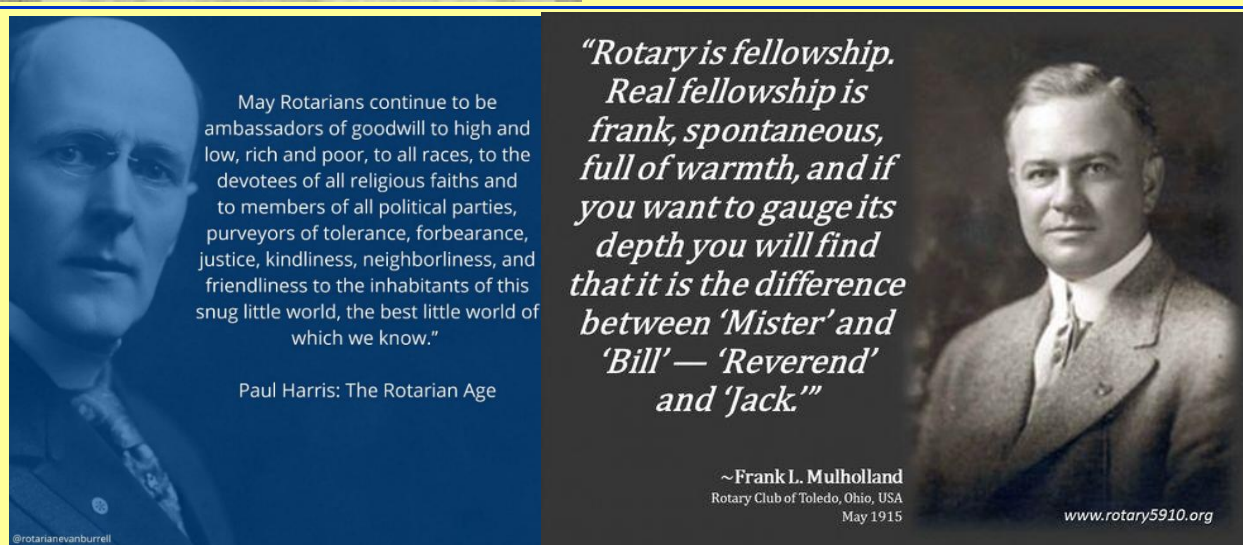
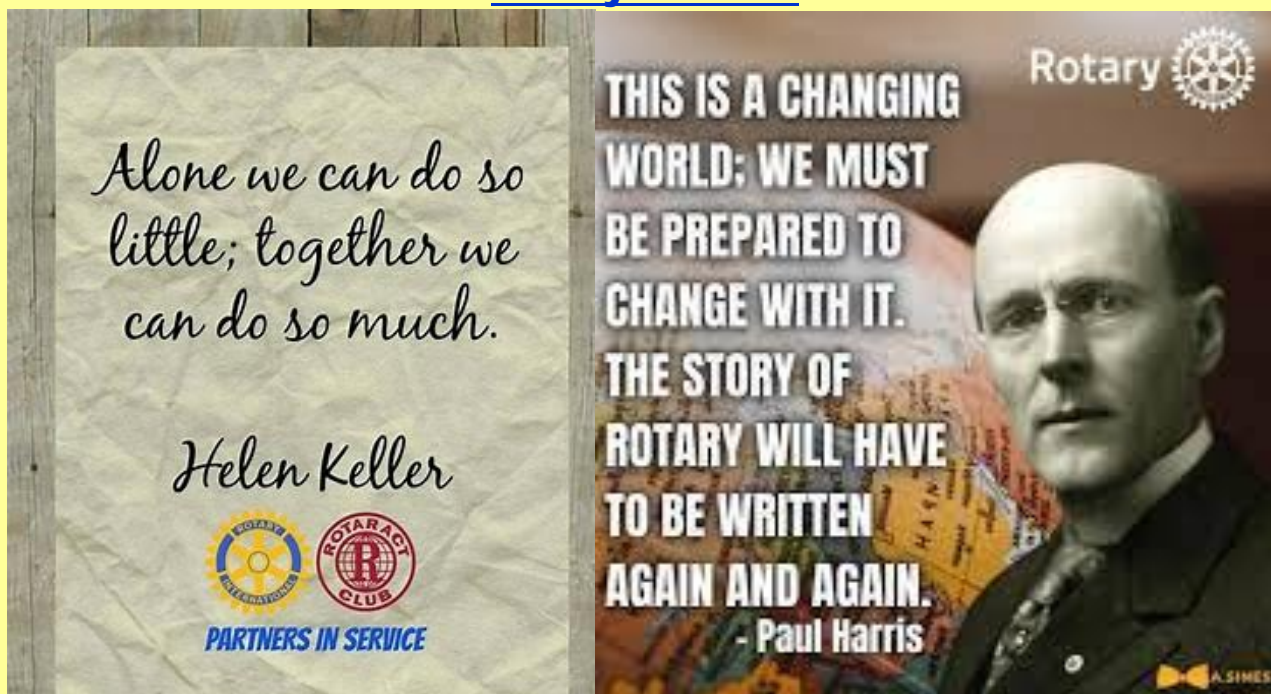
**Program Co-odinators: PP. Tinish Mody, PP. Ashit Kothari**

**\*Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> 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



### Why the Rotary year begins 1 July

In August 1910, the Board of Directors ordered an audit of the International Association of Rotary Clubs' finances. **The auditors recommended that the organization end its fiscal year on 30 June to give the secretary and treasurer time to prepare a financial statement for the convention and board, and to determine the proper number of club delegates to the convention.**

**The executive committee agreed and, in April 1913, designated 30 June as the end of the fiscal year.** This also allowed for changes to the schedule for reporting club membership and payments.

The term "Rotary year" has been used to signify Rotary's annual administrative period since at least 1913. An article in The Rotarian that July noted, "The Rotary year that is rapidly drawing to a close has been signaled by several highly successful joint meetings of Clubs that are so situated as to assemble together easily and conveniently."

**Since the executive committee's decision in 1913, the end of the Rotary year has remained 30 June.**

## **June is Rotary Fellowships Month**



**June is a Fellowships month. Explore Rotary fellowships**

Rotary Fellowships are international groups that share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience.

**Fellowships are open to Rotarians, family members, and program participants and alumni.**

**For further Information please click the following link;**

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships>

**Few Fellowships named below;**

- Antique Automobiles
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Cricket
- Cultural Heritage
- Curling
- Cybersecurity
- Cycling
- Doll Lovers
- E-Clubs
- Editors and Publishers
- Educators
- Artificial Intelligence
- Astrology
- Authors
- Badminton
- \*Computer Users
- \* Bird Watching
- \* Cricket
- \* Coffee Lovers
- \* Ethics
- \*Fashion
- \* Home Exchange
- \* Lawyers
- \*Mental Wellness Counsellors
- \* Young Rotarians
- \* Wellness and Fitness
- \* Whiskey
- \* Yoga



## **BOX CRICKET FELLOWSHIP- May 28**



It was a action packed evening with lots of fun and fellowship. **No words will be enough to thank \*Rtn Sandeep Monga and PP Hitendra Mody\* for perfect arrangements for match as well as delicious Dinner at a restaurant adjoining the match venue.**



**Sandeep**, Thank you for making the box cricket venue available to our club with all facilities including trophies. **Hitendra**, I always enjoy working with you being perfectionist.

**Congratulations to team " Rest of the club " who were winners\*** in both rounds under the captainship of Rtn Sandeep Monga. "

**"Past Presidents team " were runners up under the captainship of PP Hitendra Mody.**

Player of the match of 1st round was **Rtn Rakesh Mandlewala** where as for 2nd round was **Annet Aarna Monga**. Most valuable player of both round was **Annet Isha Gandhi**.

We all enjoyed Dinner at Karanj restaurant. It was an evening to remember for sure. The atmosphere of enriching fellowship and Bonhomie was fantastic with someone shouting **"YE DIL MAGE MORE"** Cheers!! **RCSW Clan turned up in big numbers to participate and cheer up both teams!**

At the end of the match and Award ceremony, **President Devendra Shastri** expressed his delight in having large number of RCSW family turning up in the event. Flower pots were presented by **Ann Nilima Shastri** to **Rtn. Sandeep** and **PP Hitendra** for their painstaking efforts in organizing the event. Hon. Secretary **PP Tinish Mody** made usual announcement. **PE Dr Parag Shah** proposed a hearty vote of thanks to one and all.

**-Report by President Devendra Shastri**



## Chicago Tribune- Curing the Loneliness Epidemic, Rotary Style



C.A. Rehm of the Rotary Club of Chicago with early members William Jenson, Silvester Schiele, **Rotary founder Paul Harris Paul Harris**, Harry Ruggles, and General Secretary Chesley Perry, making a "talkie" on the occasion of the 27th anniversary of the founding of the first club.

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In February 1905, a Chicago lawyer named Paul Harris resolved to fill a hole in his life. He had arrived in the city a few years earlier, and though he'd built a successful law practice, something was missing. The young man was lonely. **The sense of camaraderie and community he had known growing up in a small Vermont town was glaringly absent in the hustle and bustle of urban life. "Everywhere there were people but nowhere a familiar face," he lamented.**

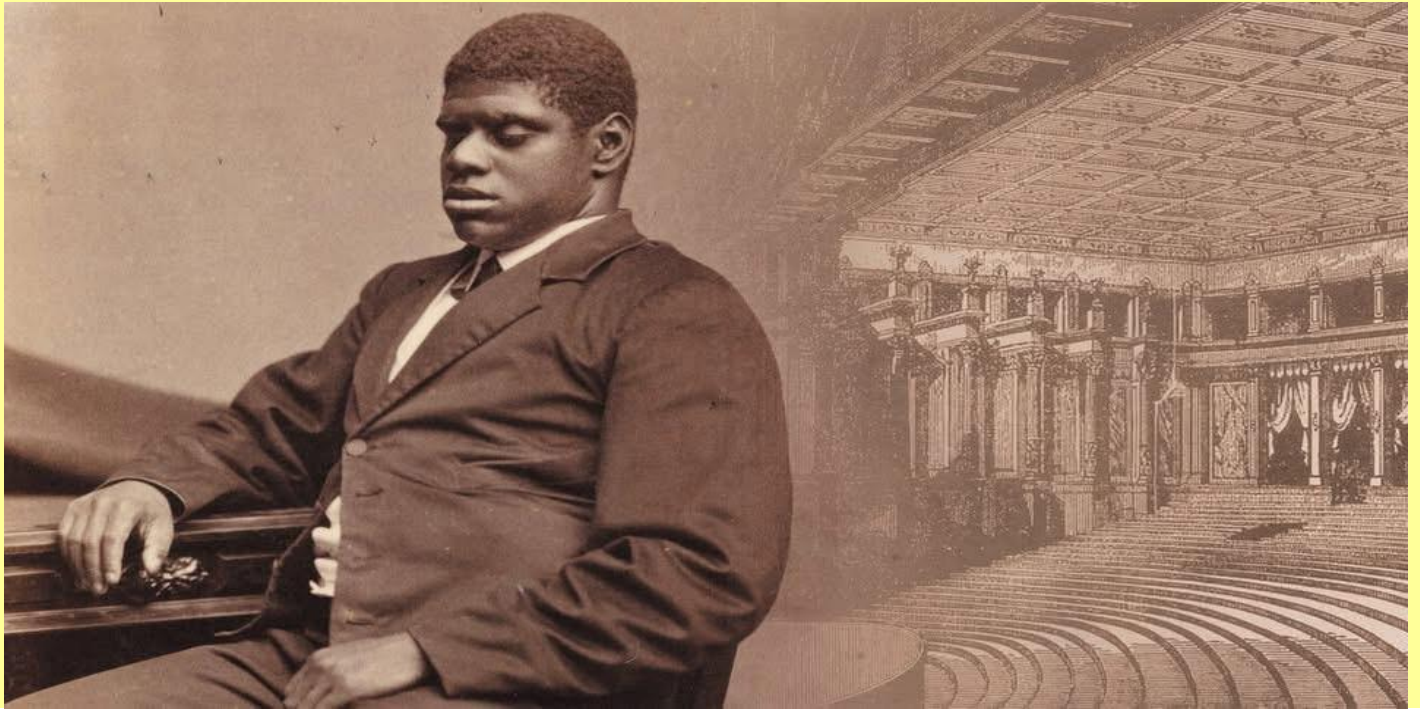
**To overcome his feeling of alienation, Harris asked three acquaintances if they wanted to meet regularly to share friendship. Their first meeting took place that February in downtown Chicago.** There, they decided to form a club, where people could come together—not just to do business, but to form lasting, genuine connections. Because they would rotate their meetings at each other's offices, they chose "Rotary" as a fitting name for the group.

**That one club soon became dozens and then hundreds, until finally there were thousands of clubs in small towns and big cities across America and the world. They meet for fellowship, networking and community services.**

Nor was Rotary alone: In 1917, Melvin Jones, another Chicagoan, founded the Association of Lions Clubs, and it too grew over time. **Thus, Chicago has become the birthplace of two of the world's oldest and largest community organizations.**



## THE BALLAD OF BLIND TOM



**In 1849, on a plantation in Georgia, a boy named Thomas Wiggins was born, a child who seemed destined to be forgotten by history. Later known as Blind Tom,** his birth occurred in an era when being blind meant being deemed useless in the harsh, enslaved South.

His early life was filled with rejection as he could not work in the fields, and his owner even considered disposing of him. However, fate had other plans for Tom, who was destined to defy all expectations.

**From a young age, Tom developed an obsessive fascination with sound. While other children played or worked, he would spend hours listening to the wind in the trees, the drip of rain, or the creaking of the house's wooden beams.** One day, at the age of four,

Tom discovered a piano in his owner's home, and to everyone's surprise, he sat down and began to play. Though he had never received a single lesson, he imitated the melodies he heard with an accuracy that amazed those around him. His owner, recognizing Tom's extraordinary gift, trained him with music teachers and began showcasing him as a natural prodigy.

**Blind Tom soon became a sensation, performing across the United States and Europe. His ability to replicate complex pieces of music after hearing them just once, including works by Beethoven and Chopin, was unmatched.** He could also mimic any sound he heard, from birdsong to the rumble of a storm.

Despite his fame, Tom's life was never truly his own. His earnings were controlled by his owner, and Tom, **with a childlike mind possibly due to what would now be recognized as autism,** never fully understood the exploitation he faced. Blind

**Tom's legacy endures today, inspiring artists like Elton John, who wrote "The Ballad of Blind Tom" in his honor.** Though his name may not be as famous as other musical geniuses, his story remains a testament to the power of art and the resilience of the human spirit.

## HUMOUR

A policeman sees a drunk man searching for something under a streetlight and **asks what the drunk has lost.**

He says **he lost his keys** and they both look under the streetlight together.

After a few minutes the policeman asks **if he is sure he lost them here,** and the drunk replies, **no, and that he lost them in the park.**

The policeman asks **why he is searching here,** and the drunk replies, **"this is where the light is".**

