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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 9th July

Program: Club Assembly cum Visit of AG Bankim Vashi



Venue: Crazy Bite Restaurant Banquet Hall

Time: 8.00pm

- The meeting will be preceded by **DINNER**.
- This meeting is **OPEN** for Rotarians only.

Forthcoming Programs

July 2: Meeting of Club Board of Directors (**Virtual Mode**)

Birthday Greetings

PE Dr. Vijay Shah- **July 3**

Rtn. Sanjay Jalan- **July 6**

Installation Ceremony of Rtn. Dr. Parag Shah as PRESIDENT
And Board of Directors for the Rotary year 2025-26.
June 29,2025. The Amore. 10.30am





The installation meeting of our club on Sunday, June 29 was a great display of team work and result of meticulous planning and perfect execution of various logistics and flow of the event.

Congratulations to President Rtn **Dr Parag Shah** and his team for flawless performance with pomp, dignity and grace.

The Chief Guest of the event was **Shri Anupam Singh Gehlot, Commissioner of Police, Surat City**. He was also inducted as **Honorary Rotarian** of our club for the year 2025-26.

PDG Devendra Shastri installed Rtn. Dr. Parag Shah as PRESIDENT and Board of Directors for the Rotary year 2025-26 in a simple but dignified ceremony

The meeting was attended by **PDG Himanshu and Arunaben Thacker, AG Bankim Vashi, AG Sandeep Nanavati** and many Presidents and Secretaries of Surat area. We were also delighted to have **President Dr. Parag's family and friends including his beloved mother Lataben.**

Police Commissioner Shri Gehlot surprised everyone by revealing that Surat's population has reached 90 Lakhs making the only non-state capital city in India. He talked about menace of drug addiction in Surat and how police are working to assist drug addicts with the help of 80 psychiatrists in Surat. He lauded the fine service work done by our club in the year 2024-25 **which was displayed on screen by outgoing Hon. Secretary PP Tinish Mody.**

President Dr Parag read out the resolution putting on record outstanding leadership of outgoing President PDG Devendra Shastri well supported by his better half Ann Nilima. He also mentioned the yeoman services of outgoing Hon. Secretary PP Tinish Mody, Hon. Jt. Secretary P Ashit Kothari and Board of Directors for the just concluded Rotary year 2024-25. He appealed to Rotarians and spouses to get involved in club programs and projects.

The meeting kicked off with melodious **prayer by Ann Sukruti Vaidya. Outgoing President PDG Devendra Shastri extended a cordial welcome to one and all** and added that RCSW is not just a club but extended Rotary family working together for common good.

PP Ashit Kothari recognized all Rotary dignitaries and friends and family of President Dr. Parag. Outgoing **President PDG Devendra Shastri in his farewell address** thanked entire RCSW family for their support throughout the year. He recognised those Rotarians who have walked extra mile to make Rotary year 2024-25, a year of service and fellowship.

PN DR. Vijay Shah introduced President Dr Parag whereas **PP Krunal Mehta** introduced **Police Commissioner Shri Gehlot who presented Distinguished service awards to PP Tinish Mody and PP Ashit Kothari. The "Rotarian of the year award" was presented to Rtn. Vijay Nihalani.**

Our club bid bon voyage and farewell to Ms. Diya Parag Shah who will leave India in first week of August as Rotary Youth Exchange student to District 6670, USA. Ann Nilima Shastri blessed her for the mission ahead.

Hon. Secretary **Rtn. Anirudh Garg** made usual announcement. **PP. Vivek Goe**l proposed a hearty vote of thanks.

The house full audience enjoyed 90 minutes of proceedings which captured the spirit of beginning of Rotary Year 2025-26.

Kudos to MOC Rtn.PP **Mitesh** and Ann **Kavita** for serving with distinction adding much significance to the function. **Sgt-At-Arms Vijay Mevcha and Amit Desai were in action throughout the meeting.**

The lunch was delicious and fellowship was enriching! The morning well spent !!

Francesco Arezzo is new RI President

Francesco Arezzo, a member of the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy, has been selected by the Board of Directors to become Rotary International's president for 2025–26. Arezzo will become president on July 1.

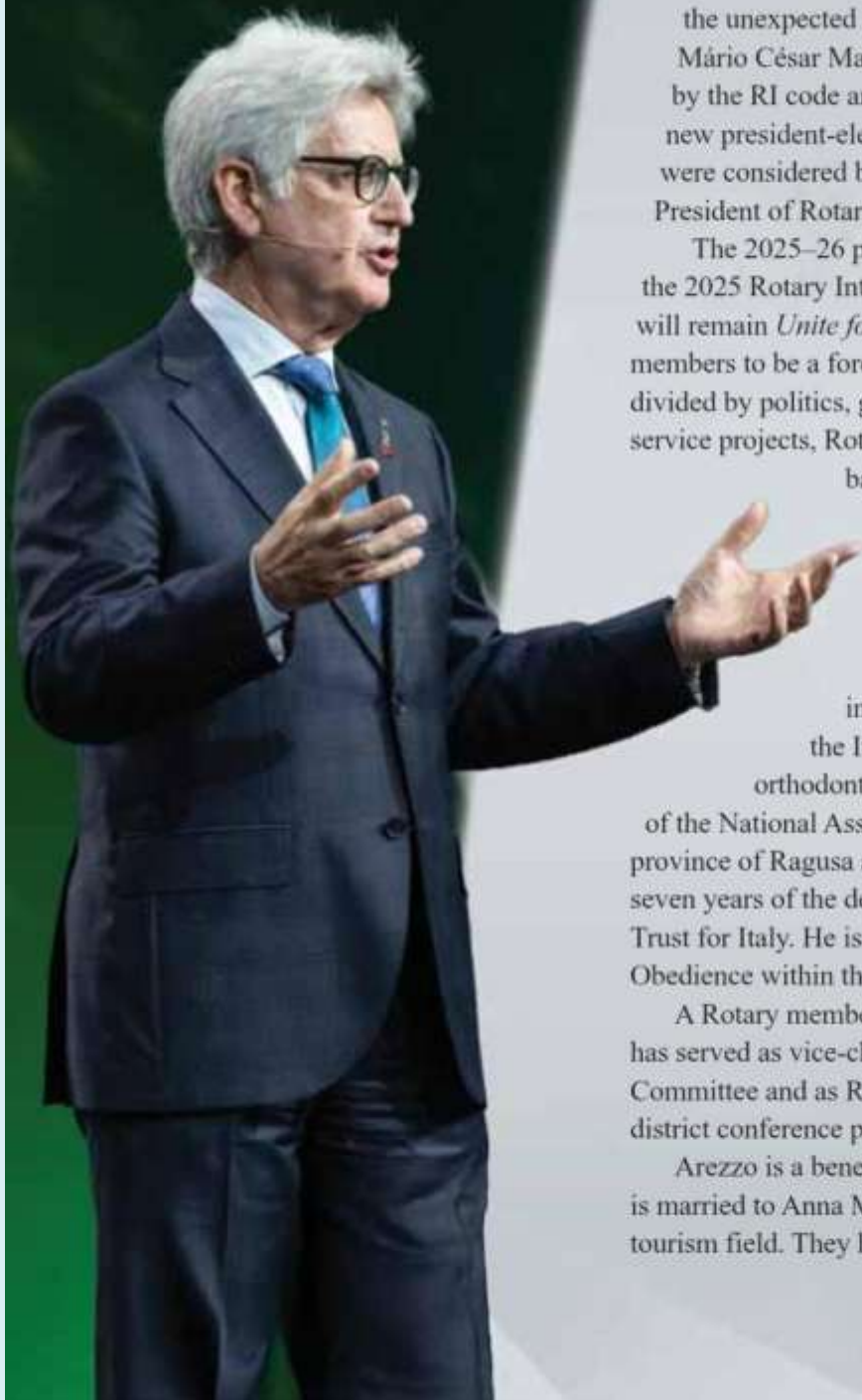
The Board conducted a special session following the unexpected resignation of RI President-elect Mário César Martins de Camargo on June 8. Guided by the RI code and policies, the Board selected the new president-elect from a pool of candidates who were considered by the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in August 2023.

The 2025–26 presidential message, announced at the 2025 Rotary International Assembly in February, will remain *Unite for Good*, which calls on Rotary members to be a force for unity in a world increasingly divided by politics, geography and ideology. Through service projects, Rotary brings together people of every background — across races, religions and professions — in a shared mission to do good in their communities.

Arezzo is an orthodontist in private practice. He is active internationally as a member of the Italian, European and American orthodontics associations. He is vice-president of the National Association of Italian Dentists for the province of Ragusa and was the founder and head for seven years of the delegation for Ragusa of the National Trust for Italy. He is a Knight of Honor and Devotion in Obedience within the Sovereign Order of Malta.

A Rotary member for more than 30 years, Arezzo has served as vice-chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee and as RI director, learning facilitator, and as district conference presidential representative.

Arezzo is a benefactor of The Rotary Foundation. He is married to Anna Maria Criscione, an entrepreneur in the tourism field. They have two children.



Message from District Governor Rtn. Amardeep Singh Bunet



Rotary District 3060 has always been a beacon of leadership, service, and innovation, and it is our proud legacy that continues to inspire us.

We stand tall today because of the vision and tireless efforts of our past leaders whose contributions have shaped the district and laid a strong foundation of service and fellowship.

As we look ahead, we must embrace the changing world with open arms and a renewed sense of responsibility. Membership being our one of the highest priority, with a focus on not just growing our numbers but nurturing meaningful, value-driven engagement across Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact.

Each member is vital, and we must strive to make every Rotarian feel inspired, involved, and empowered.

Strengthening The Rotary Foundation remains key, as it enables us to multiply our impact through life-changing projects—from dialysis centers and cancer diagnostics to clean water initiatives, educational support, and skill development. I urge each of you to make giving to The Rotary Foundation as a part of your family celebrations, as your contributions can touch lives close to home and across the world.

In the coming year, we will advance powerful initiatives like the 3R Project, e-waste recycling, tree plantation, eye donation drives, medical camps, RYLA for youth leadership, and continued literacy efforts, along with scholarships for underprivileged students. Through the GKP Village Project, we aim to reach the unreached and transform entire communities.

We will also strengthen fellowship through vibrant district events and the much-awaited District Conference, Sang-e-Marmar at Agra.

My dear Presidents, Secretaries, and fellow Rotarians—this is our time to rise, to lead with purpose, and to build a Rotary that is more impactful, inclusive, and far-reaching.

Let us move forward together to serve, to connect, and to write the next inspiring chapter of Rotary District 3060.

Jai Hind , Jai Rotary

Message From Desk of President Rtn. Dr. Parag Shah



Warm Rotary Greetings!

I express my gratitude to all the members of Rotary Club of Surat West for their confidence & trust bestowed upon me & my team for the opportunity to serve our club.

Our club has always showcased Rotary's significant contributions to society through its meaningful projects, while providing opportunities for fellowship, networking & personal growth to all our members, along the years.

Engaging our members is crucial to the success of our endeavors, ensures growth of our club & gives meaning to our existence.

We yearn to thought-fully design our club activities and projects that add genuine value and inspire active participation. Activities that resonate with our member's interests and passions with strengthen their connections to Rotary and motivate to contribute more to our activities, through their skills & time.

Every Rotarian has a strength of a personal quality, an idea to share & something to give to the society. Let Rotary be the medium for them. By fostering a sense of belonging and purpose, we can enhance member satisfaction and retention.

Let us *Unite For Good* to grow Rotary & make it irresistible.

Our cohesion, collaboration & collective efforts can grow our club to new heights, inspire more people to join us in our mission of *Service Above Self*.

I would like to urge each & every Rotarian, Ann & Annets of our club, to share their ideas, suggestions & proposals for anything that they dream of, and together we will strive to make it happen.

Thank you, and let's start a new year together, leading by example & inspiring others to follow.

Regards,

Rtn. Dr. Parag Shah
President



ROTARY HISTORY

Why the Rotary year begins 1 July

Ever wonder why 1 July is the beginning of the Rotary year? Initially, our conventions played a key role in determining the start date of our fiscal and administrative year.

Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the first convention ended, on 18 August 1910. The 1911-12 fiscal year also related to the convention, beginning with the first day of the 1911 convention on 21 August.

Attendees at Rotary's first convention in Chicago in 1910. Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the convention ended.



The next August, 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. Even The Rotarian changed its volume numbering system to correspond to the fiscal year (beginning with Volume 5, No. 1, in July 1914).

Rotary continued to hold its annual conventions in July or August until 1917. Delegates to the 1916 event in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, approved a resolution to hold future conventions in June, mainly because of the heat in cities where most of them occurred. The next one was held 17-21 June in Atlanta, Georgia.

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 signalized by several highly successful joint meetings of Clubs that are so situated as to assemble together easily and conveniently."

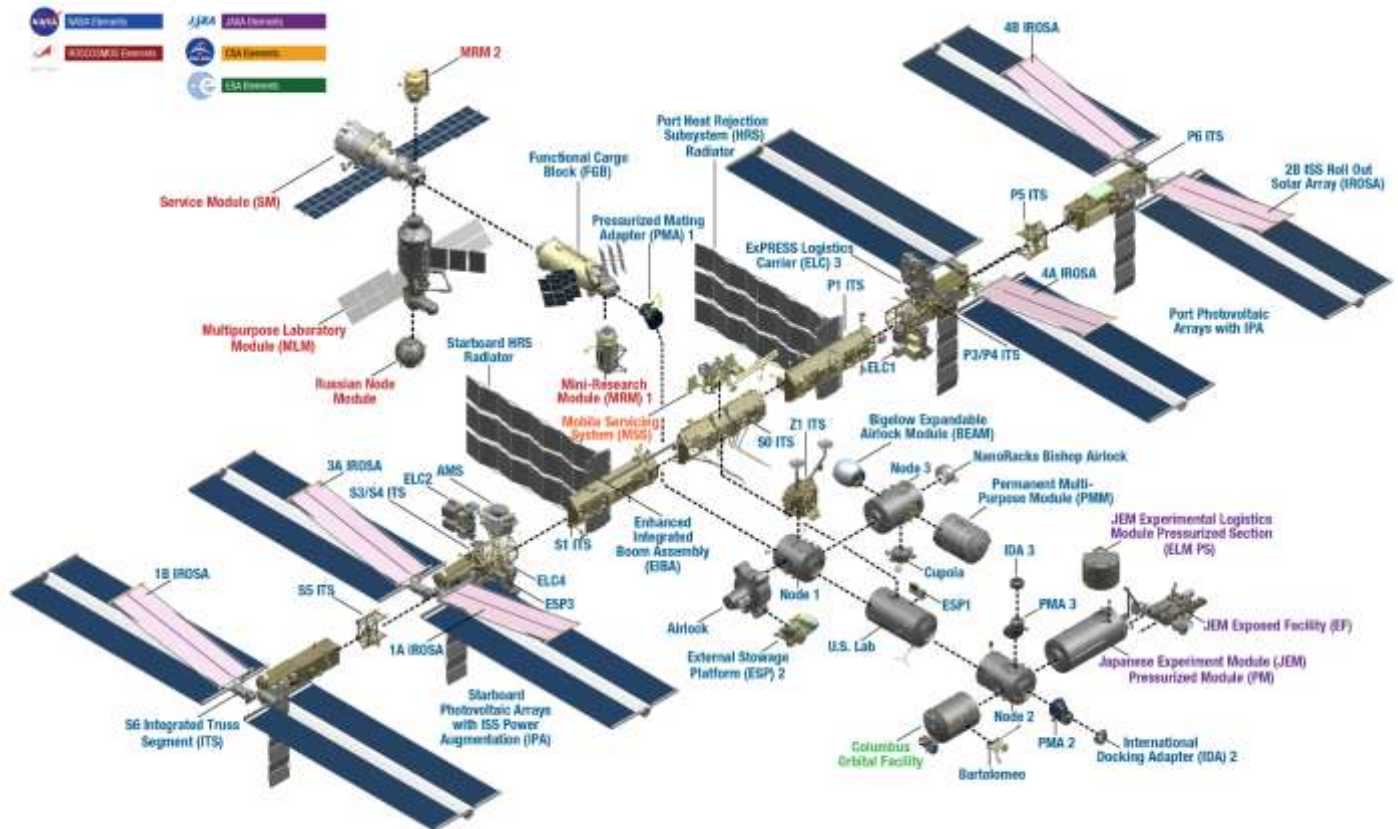
Alone we can do so little; **together** we can do so much.

Helen Keller



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Facts about International Space Station



The International Space Station is larger than a six-bedroom house with six sleeping quarters, two bathrooms, a gym, and a 360-degree view bay window.

International Space Station Facts

- An international partnership of five space agencies from 15 countries operates the International Space Station. Learn more about [visitors to the space station by country](#).
- The space station has been continuously occupied since November 2000.
- An [international crew](#) of seven people live and work while traveling at a speed of five miles per second, orbiting Earth about every 90 minutes. Sometimes more are aboard the station during a [crew handover](#).
- In 24 hours, the space station makes 16 orbits of Earth, traveling through 16 sunrises and sunsets.
- [Peggy Whitson](#) set the U.S. record for spending the most total time living and working in space at 665 days on Sept. 2, 2017.
- The living and working space in the station is larger than a six-bedroom house (and has six sleeping quarters, two bathrooms, a gym, and a 360-degree view bay window).
- To mitigate the loss of muscle and bone mass in the human body in microgravity, the astronauts work out at least two hours a day.
- Astronauts and cosmonauts regularly conduct [spacewalks](#) for space station construction, maintenance and upgrades.
- The solar array wingspan (356 feet, 109 meters) is longer than the world's largest passenger aircraft, the Airbus A380 (262 feet, 80 meters).

From the Editor of "SPARK"



Dear RCSW Family,

I am delighted to be the editor of "Spark" for the Rotary year 2025-26. **Difficult to get in to PP Bankim's shoes** but will make the best of what I know. **Spark is your bulletin and I invite you to share non- Rotary articles, jokes etc.**

I also request you to share news of your personal or professional achievements and for that matter achievements of any one in your family. I plan to publish Spark issues on every 1st and 15th of the month.

Wishing all the very best to President Rtn. Dr. Parag Shah and His team for the Rotary year 2025-26. Of course, each one of us has the duty to support new team in what ever way expected from us.

Cheers!

Devendra Shastri

Luaghter- The Best Medicine

Laughter
is the best medicine,
but if you laugh
for no reason, you
need medicine.



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Boy : You are pretty

Girl : Thanks..



**Boy : I wish there was something
between us.**

Girl : Me too..



Boy : Really? Like what?

Girl : A Wall..

