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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 10th JUNE

Project: Notebooks Distribution

Time: 10.30 am.

Venue: SMC School No. 199, Vadod Gam, GIDC Pandesara

Google Location link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/4ioFMSxjeqmbM7vk7

***Rotarians and Spouses are Invited**

Project Manager: Rtn. Gaurang Goel.

Wedding Anniversary Greetings	Birthday Greetings
Rtn. Anant- Tanvi Agrawal: June 10	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)**

June 13-14 Fri-Sat : Excursion trip to Ambik Resort, Navsari
Project Manager: PP. Setu Gandhi
Last date to enroll your name is Sunday, 8th June

***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 His team for the Rotary Year 2025-26.**
Time: 10.30am Venue: The Amore

Message from RI President- June 2025

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

6. Under snow in Istanbul, Stephanie dedicates a peace pole during the Rotary President Peace Conference 2025. 7. In her hometown, she prepares to throw out the first pitch at a Pittsburgh Pirates game. 8. On a visit to Peru, she explores Machu Picchu. 9. Stephanie meets with Zeijko Komsic, the Croat member of Bosnia and Herzegovina's presidency. 10. While exploring the pyramids of Giza, Egypt, she indulges in some photographic fun.

The best is yet to come

I have had so many wonderful experiences over the past year, but as comforting as it might be to dwell on the past, we must look toward the future.

We are closer than ever to ending polio, but that does not mean we can relax. We still have a promise to keep to the children of the world and their families, and we will only fulfil that promise through fundraising, advocacy, and the power of our collective action.

I was amazed at the capability and commitment of peacebuilders at the Presidential Peace Conference earlier this year. Our Peace Fellowship programme and our many other peace initiatives bring healing to a divided world, but they need our support to remain effective and relevant.

Amid a worldwide loneliness epidemic, Rotary offers friendship, purpose and belonging. If we hold true to our ideals — to The Four-Way Test and our spirit of inclusivity — we will remain a beacon of light even in the darkest times.

The Action Plan can serve as a guide to make our clubs and districts simply irresistible, but it is up to us to take that advice and put it to use.

Family of Rotary, there is nothing we cannot achieve when we come together and work toward a common goal.

You are *The Magic of Rotary*, and I can't wait to see the lasting change you bring to the world.

Stephanie A Urchick
President, Rotary International

Last Meeting- Thursday, 5th June

On 5th June evening we were treat to a meaningful interaction by **chief Guest Ms Nirja Parekh and Anchor Dr Purvi Kothari on the most interesting topic " Live Happy + Healthy Life after 40".**

Anchor Dr Purvi Kothari lucidly anchored the interaction by posing right questions to chief Guest **Ms Nirja Parekh who shared her wealth of knowledge**. It was followed **by lively Q&A** which had to be concluded past 10.00 pm.

Even after the adjournment of meeting, Nirja Parekh was encircled by Rotarians and Spouses with many queries. **Delicious Dinner and enriching fellowship was enjoyed by everyone**. Thank you fellow Rotarians and spouses for turning up in good numbers. Cheers!!

Rtn. Archana Thakare and **Ann Shivani Mandlewala** introduced Ms. Niraja Parekh and Dr Purvi Kothari respectively. **Rtn. Tasnim Doctor** proposed a hearty vote of thanks. ***Kudos to PP Tinish, PP Ashit, Rtn. Anirudh and Rtn. Vijay Mevcha for their painstaking service.***

-Report by President PDG Devendra Shastri

Rotary club of Surat West is “100% Giving Club”

Our club has been recognised as 100% Rotary Foundations Giving club by DG Tushar Shah with each Rotarian contributing atleast US $ 25 to the Annula Fund of The Rotary Foundation.

It is worth noting that almost all members of our club Board of Directors have contributed US $ 100 setting right example to other club members. **One of our fellow Rotarian contributed US $ 10,000 and become TRF Major Donor.**

We still have 3 weeks and I request all Rotarians to contribute atleast US$ 100/- to the Rotary Foundation. For further information, please contact President Devendra Shastri or Club TRF Chair PP. Bhavesh Shah.

Rotary at a glance					
Rotary clubs	:	36,632	Rotary members	:	1,171,195
Rotaract clubs	:	9,454	Rotaract members	:	135,426
Interact clubs	:	16,784	Interact members	:	386,170
RCCs	:	13,984	*As on May 19, 2025*		

Membership Summary

Source: RI South Asia Office

As on May 1, 2025

RI District		Rotary Clubs	No of Rotarians	Women Rotarians (%)	Rotaract Clubs	Rotaract Members	Interact Clubs	RCC
2981		142	6,019	5.68	56	110	35	255
2982		91	4,076	5.86	33	490	97	188
3000		149	6,272	11.64	93	1,215	244	218
3011		136	5,336	30.88	72	1,924	235	41
3012		159	3,982	24.81	55	646	102	61
3020		82	4,634	8.01	46	698	178	351
3030		103	5,569	16.20	62	975	513	400
3040		102	2,376	14.86	35	757	63	216
3053		76	3,195	17.78	23	332	43	131
3055		85	3,470	12.28	49	682	59	400
3056		85	3,822	24.83	21	187	110	201
3060		101	5,172	15.62	52	1,836	78	154
3070		116	3,107	15.35	36	352	73	64
3080		114	4,459	13.90	59	1,972	212	127
3090		134	2,607	6.29	24	368	359	174
3100		115	2,203	10.39	17	112	41	151
3110		137	3,742	12.00	22	216	104	114
3120		90	3,865	15.86	34	478	43	58
3131		137	5,514	35.67	123	2,632	304	244
3132		99	3,853	14.77	32	381	198	227
3141		123	6,653	28.86	124	3,550	216	248
3142		115	4,074	23.05	55	1,650	140	99
3150		106	4,096	12.87	83	1,684	126	130
3160		78	2,483	9.02	26	94	100	82
3170		144	6,670	15.04	89	1,051	203	184
3181		91	3,799	11.06	40	444	136	122
3182		87	3,761	11.01	49	304	118	105
3191		90	3,353	19.86	74	1,822	199	36
3192		84	3,439	22.10	63	1,685	163	40
3201		174	6,761	10.19	112	1,975	119	98
3203		101	5,277	7.58	47	749	158	39
3204		84	2,837	9.98	27	295	23	22
3211		162	5,324	9.34	13	206	33	135
3212		120	4,708	10.77	89	607	215	153
3231		94	3,659	7.24	35	436	117	421
3233		88	3,348	18.37	61	1,752	55	63
3234		79	3,230	24.06	64	1,580	95	42
3240		100	3,520	17.02	43	761	75	251
3250		113	4,407	23.51	37	537	78	193
3261		100	3,427	24.22	18	112	37	46
3262		118	3,932	16.35	84	814	655	294
3291		144	3,793	27.55			95	776
India Total		**4,504**	**175,824**	**16.19**	**2,177**	**38,471**	**6,247**	**7,354**
3220	Srilanka	72	2,107	16.85	86	3,730	144	78
3271	Pakistan	108	1,483	20.70	106	492	275	28
0063 (3272)	Pakistan	76	1,167	19.54	48	293	23	49
0064 (3281)	Bangladesh	247	5,314	17.26	185	1,012	120	211
0065 (3282)	Bangladesh	141	2,896	8.84	167	1,103	26	48
3292	Nepal	161	5,698	22.10	159	5,365	128	143
S Asia Total		**5,309**	**194,489**	**16.35**	**2,928**	**50,466**	**6,963**	**7,911**

District Wise TRF Contribution

Source: RI South Asia Office

Annual Fund (AF) includes SHARE, AoF and World Fund.
PolioPlus excludes Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

As on April, 2025

(in US Dollars)

District Number	Annual Fund	PolioPlus Fund	Endowment Fund	Other Funds	Total Contribution
2981	67,932	15,983	10,104	38	94,056
2982	47,911	13,988	10,421	110,254	182,573
3000	52,467	24,038	1,000	342,578	420,084
3011	105,432	6,497	70,480	1,603,982	1,786,390
3012	18,368	151	1,500	1,128,996	1,149,014
3020	113,352	56,014	105,906	151,382	426,654
3030	59,609	5,203	23,935	272,022	360,768
3040	8,296	270	3,000	89,183	100,748
3053	60,185	700	0	83,524	144,409
3055	53,853	4,417	2,071	68,208	128,549
3056	28,648	2,056	60	$133	30,897
3060	200,484	6,449	38,970	722,382	968,284
3070	30,826	1,713	0	0	32,539
3080	41,124	9,765	17,384	79,456	147,729
3090	18,103	109	22,064	$0	40,276
3100	32,014	5,561	0	55,133	92,708
3110	18,429	1,593	4,164	432,566	456,751
3120	67,061	1,211	14,746	65,312	148,330
3131	586,626	21,318	142,420	1,434,397	2,184,761
3132	71,163	2,589	23,339	84,868	181,959
3141	509,581	40,749	269,941	3,198,801	4,019,072
3142	492,529	58,892	50,060	626,541	1,228,022
3150	184,862	31,909	145,498	970,221	1,332,490
3160	25,579	3,443	1,000	5,787	35,809
3170	54,773	23,006	120,174	370,703	568,655
3181	157,281	17,261	77	0	174,619
3182	114,456	4,104	12	29,270	147,842
3191	72,022	8,340	158	284,506	365,025
3192	153,434	9,942	23,500	342,788	529,665
3201	130,143	40,551	32,982	821,565	1,025,241
3203	52,406	14,164	16,034	143,539	226,143
3204	50,054	16,275	53,047	17,080	136,456
3211	32,412	4,373	$0	47,055	83,839
3212	303,186	40,183	103,500	178,954	625,823
3231	17,215	8,289	93,192	46,768	165,464
3233	72,818	20,899	5,199	464,421	563,338
3234	128,497	30,657	100,746	1,031,174	1,291,075
3240	200,470	31,436	50,000	204,780	486,685
3250	149,330	6,161	22,248	182,539	360,277
3261	10,538	644	8,335	10,878	30,395
3262	81,664	2,515	2,313	22,505	108,996
3291	157,074	14,206	198,335	279,515	649,130
3220 Sri Lanka	61,709	4,828	30,052	24,730	121,319
3271 Pakistan	9,953	50,036	0	10,500	70,489
63 (former 3272)*	8,637	2,683	0	0	11,321
64 (former 3281)*	7,799	3,060	1,000	1,050	12,908
65 (former 3282)*	1,096	1,351	0	$0	2,447
3292	104,722	27,729	90,026	152,634	375,111

* Undistricted

Meet our Inbound IYE Student
Ana Luiza Busanello Veiga, BRAZIL

Hello, I am Ana Luiza Busanello Veiga, I am 15 years old, and I live in Balneário Camboriú, Santa Catarina, Brazil.

In my free time, I like to paint and listen to music. During the week, I wake up at 6 a.m., get ready, have my breakfast, and my father drives me to school. I have 9 subjects throughout the school year: Portuguese, Mathematics, History, Geography, Arts, English, Religious Education, Science, and Physical Education. I have five classes every day, each lasting 45 minutes. The first class starts at 7:45 a.m. and ends at 11:45 a.m. At my school, I cannot choose my subjects, but the teachers have their own classroom, so students must move to another room when the bell rings. I have been a class representative twice, in 2022 and 2024, and I was also a monitor and teacher's assistant in the off-school hours during the 2022 school year.

In addition to school, I take dance classes every Monday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., then I have coffee with my parents, and at 8:00 p.m., we go to the Rotary meeting. On Tuesdays, at 6:30 p.m., I go to the Interact meeting.

At home, I've always shared a room with my older sister, and this only changed in 2023 when she moved out, so I have no problem sharing a room since I've always been used to it. My school is 5 km from my house, so my father drives me there.

My father is an institutional consultant and international crisis manager, and my mother is a financial analyst.

I live in a region with several interconnected cities. I live in the Camboriú community, study, and take courses in the city of Balneário Camboriú, both with an average population of 100,000 to 130,000 inhabitants. The economy of Camboriú is mainly based on industry, agriculture, granite and marble mining, and rural tourism, while Balneário Camboriú's main activity is tourism.

Since I was very young, I have always been passionate about the seven world arts: painting, music, dance, literature, theater, and cinema. My family values and invests in art. We go to painting and sculpture exhibitions, watch theatrical plays, appreciate and enjoy our national cinema, and I frequently attend various dance performances. When I was younger, I took two different types of dance classes for a year, I did a year of surfing lessons, and during these years, I always tried to improve my painting and drawing techniques. In 2023, I took a professional course to learn new oil painting techniques. In 2024, I returned to taking dance classes. At least three times a year, we make some cultural trips to visit exhibitions and museums.

In October 2023, I took my first trip abroad with my mother's uncles. I stayed 20 days in Portugal and 10 days in Italy, visited several cities, learned a lot of new things, and matured greatly during this short period of time, changing my perception of many things.

Regarding food, I have no restrictions, I like to try new cuisines and I'm very open to it. As for animals, I have no problem; I feel a strong connection with them, and I even have two cats. I don't like it when people act unjustly or yell at me; I find it unacceptable.

My most distinctive traits are creativity, communication, critical thinking, sense of justice, generosity, empathy, and kindness. Areas I am working on include being self-critical, improving focus, and overcoming procrastination.

As a project for my professional career, I want to establish a school where we can develop children in a different way than conventional schools. I had this idea from a young age due to my dissatisfaction with the study method I experienced. I want to learn and study new, more humane study methods, and I feel that by visiting other countries, I will be able to achieve this.

As an exchange student, I aim to expand my knowledge in various areas such as education, politics, cuisine, art, and culture, and as a foreigner, I plan to share my experiences, life stories, and culture, contributing knowledge and valuing the strengths of my country.

What is Rotary Foundation

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- The Rotary Foundation is Rotary's own charity. It exists to support Rotarians and their clubs in the charitable activities that clubs choose and undertake themselves.

- The mission of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

- The Rotary Foundation is governed by a Board of Trustees.
- The headquarters of The Rotary Foundation is in Evanston, Illinois, USA,
  but it also has associate foundations in other countries, including
  The Rotary Foundation of the United Kingdom.

- All contributions to either The Rotary Foundation directly or any of its associate foundations are essential to securing and growing Rotary programmes throughout the world.

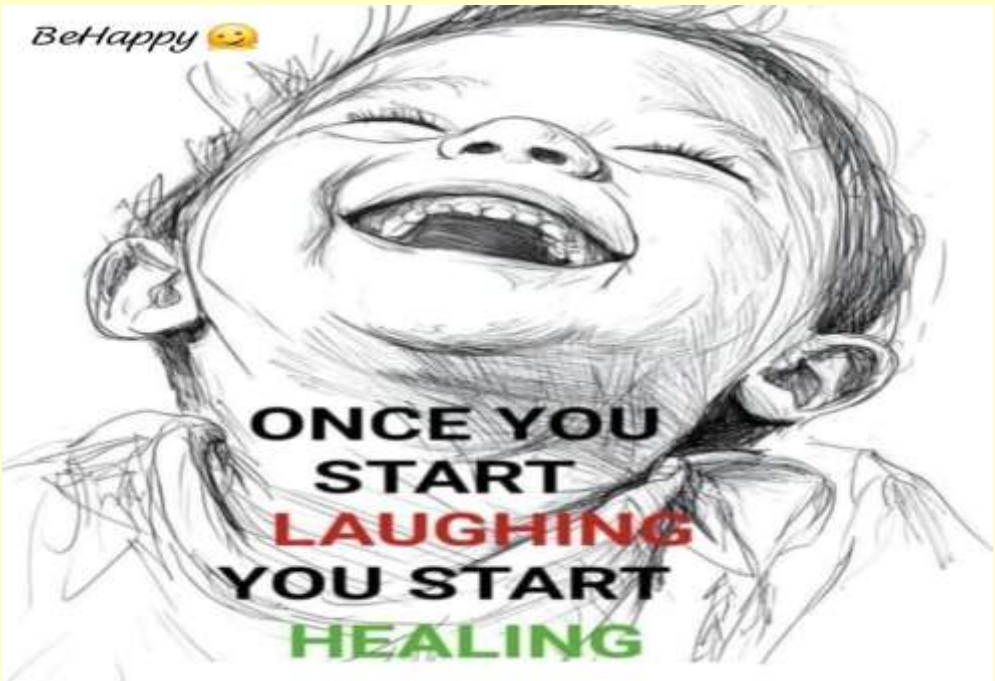
- Since it was founded over 100 years ago, The Rotary Foundation has spent $4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects around the world. It currently awards grants averaging about $1 million per day.

All Rotarians are requested to contribute US $ 25/- (Rs.2150) to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation by registering on following link;

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=Q-C0Z_0K-0qLlL-WNwyOf2pnws_IyYNJvtUSrVgxeZZUN083SkRIUzE4SVZIMURBQ00wRTMxRFVXVyQlQCN0PWcu&route=shorturl

Those members who have already donated US $ 25 or more may please ignore this message.

How to be Happy



Since I was not using it for a long time, my old Moped (Pleasure scooty) was becoming obsolete. I thought why not resell it online. So I put out an advertisement, quoting its price at Rs 30,000/-
There were many offers ranging from Rs 15,000 to Rs 28,000. I thought if people are willing to pay Rs28,000, someone might be ready to pay Rs 30,000 as well. One person offered Rs 29,000 but I didn'tconfirm and kept him waiting too.

One morning a person called and said, "Hello Sir, I saw the advertisement for your moped and likedit too. I tried a lot to earn Rs 30,000 but have only been able to collect Rs 24,000 until now.
My son is in his final year of engineering. He has worked very hard. Sometimes he walks to his college, or uses a bicycle, and sometimes travels by bus or takes a lift from someone. I thought at least in his final year he should have his own vehicle. I request you Sir, please reserve your scooty forme.

A new one will cost more than twice as much. I would not be able to afford it at any cost. Please give me some time, I will arrange for the money. Selling my mobile phone will also get me some money. But I pray to you, please do not sell it to anyone else."
I just said a formal "Okay" and hung up.
Then a few thoughts came to mind, and I called him back. I said, "Don't sell your mobile phone; justbring the Rs 24,000 tomorrow morning, and take the vehicle. I will sell it to you in Rs 24,000 itself.

So I was going to sell my scooty to an unknown person for Rs 24,000, even though I had an offer for Rs 29,000.I thought of how much 'pleasure' or joy this must have brought to that family. Tomorrow, theywould have a 'Pleasure' scooter at home, and it wasn't really causing much loss to me. God has beengracious and given me a lot; the biggest wealth probably is the ability to help someone in need. May God keep this family happy.

The next morning he called at least 6-7 times.

Sir, what time should I come?
I hope it will not disturb your schedule
Are you sure I should come now?
Shall I bring my son along, or should I come alone?
But Sir, please don't give the vehicle to anyone else.;

He brought with him a collection of Rupee notes in various denominations – 2000, 500, 200, 100, and 50. His son had also joined him. It seemed he had collected the money from a lot of different sources – maybe withdrawn savings, or borrowed from many.

The son was looking at the moped with great eagerness and gratitude. I handed him both the keys, and the documents. The son was gently running his hand over the vehicle, and wiping it with his handkerchief.

He asked me to count the money, and I said, "It's okay, you must have counted and brought it."
As they started to leave, I took out Rs 500 and returned it to him saying, "Do take some sweets for your family."

I was wondering whether they would have any money for fuel. And in any case, then they could get both fuel and sweets with this money. With tears of gratitude in his eyes, he bid farewell to us and took away his 'Pleasure' (moped). Bowing down politely, he kept thanking me again and again till he left. It was on that day, while selling my 'Pleasure', that I really understood the meaning of pleasure or joy.

We simply say 'it's my pleasure'.
At some occasions in life, one should not see profit or loss. We should also consider if we are bringing joy to someone through our actions and dealings.

Humour

My friend and I always gift each other ironic gifts, but this time he killed it

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Teacher : Sani, if you had 5 dollars and you asked your mother for another 5, how many dollars would you have?

Sani : 5 dollars Sir!

Teacher : You don't know your Arithmetic.

Sani : But Sir, you don't know my mother!

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