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NEXT MEETING

*** Wednesday, 18th December**

Program: Annual (Election) Meeting

(To Elect the Board of Directors for the Rotary Year 2025-26)

Venue: Crazy Bite Restaurant Banquet Hall, Piplod.

Time: 8.00-8.40Pm- DINNER

8.45 Pm onwards: Meeting

- **THIS MEETING IS OPEN FOR ROTARIANS ONLY**
- **Agenda of the meeting already sent by email.**

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

Rtn. Sham- Seema Shah- **December 03**
Rtn. Mukesh- Aditi Jain - **December 07**
PP. Dilip-Kusumji Gulwani- **December 08**
Rtn. Nirmal- Dharti Mandlewala-**December 09**
Rtn. Nilesh-Dr. Mona Shah – **December 11**
PP. Amit- Pooja Gajjar - **December 12**
Rtn. Vishal- Archana Khator- **December 13**
Rtn. Rakesh-Shivani Mandlewala-**December 14**
PP. Tinish- Hem Mody **December-14**
Rtn. Archana- Milind Thakare -**December 24**

Birthday Greetings

December 08: **Rtn. Raghav Khaitan**
December 09: **Rtn. Dr. Shikha Samaiya**
December 25: **Ann Nilima Devendra Shastri**
December 26: **Ann Sneha Amit Agrwal**
December 30: **Rtn. Anirudh Garg**

Forthcoming Programs

- **Monday, 16th December: Meeting of Club Board of Directors**
- **Wednesday, 18th December: Annual (Election) Meeting**
- **Sunday, 22nd December: Eye Cataract Surgery Camp at Vansda**
- **Wednesday, 8th January: Vocational Awards Presentation Meeting**
- **Wednesday, 22nd January: Movie Fellowship**

Last Meeting- December 2 Official Visit of District Governor Rtn. Tushar Shah

District Governor Tushar Shah accompanied by First Lasy Rtn. PP., Nehal shah arrived at 3.45 Pm at the residence of President PDG Devendra Shastri. They were warmly received by President and club first lady Nilimaben, Hon. Secretary Rtn. PP. Tinish Mody and Rtn.PE Dr. Parag Shah. AG Rtn. PP. Tejas Gandhi was also there.

DG went through the booklet that President and Hon. Scertary had prepared according to the OCV chec list and he was happy with Club administration and functioning of our club. After high tea, The contigent leaft for the workplace of Rtn. PP. Amit Gajjar at the head office of The Surat People's Co-operative Bank Ltd. At nanpura.



Rtn. PP. Amit Gajjar warmly welcomed DG, Our club President, Hon. Secretary, President Elect and AG to his spacious office. We discussed matters of mutual interest. Bank's Managing Director Dr. Jatin Naik was also present. All visitors were presented with a memento by Amit. It was then time to for DG's meeting with our club Board of Directors.



All members of Board were present when the contingent reached the office Board room of Rtn. PP. Hitendra and Tinish Mody in Adarsh Society. President PDG Devendrabhai welcomed everyone and all Responsible officers presented progress report of programs and service activities carried out by our club in last 5 months. **DG shared his thoughts about need based projects and explore the CSR contribution from Companies which could be used for service projects of our club when routed through The Rotary Foundation.** He urged the club to keep growing in membership and our pro-active participation in TRF Contribution and District Events. **Rtn. PP. Hitendra Mody** proposed a hearty vote of thanks. It was then time for everyone to go home and get ready for our club's regular meeting at The Amore at 8.00Pm.



The regular meeting at 8:00 PM was held at Ora Banquet Hall, The Amore. Despite the busy marriage season, the hall was filled out with Rotarians & Anns, eager to meet our District Governor. After the dinner, the meeting started with **soulful prayer by Ann. Sukruti Vaidya.** President PDG. Devendra Shastri then, welcomed everyone present including the **DG. Tushar Shah, first lady Rtn. PP. Nehal Shah, PDG. Hitesh Jariwala, PDG. Santosh Pradhan, AG. Tejas Gandhi** as well district dignitaries and **Surat West family.**

After the floral welcome of the DG and the first lady, **Hon. Sec PP Tinish Mody recognized all the dignitaries present and then presented a power point presentation of the activities and programs done.**

PP. Geeta Mody introduced our district governor eloquently.

The district governor in his power point assisted speech, gave his overview of the whole day he spent with our club. He described the club activities as very well planned and organized. He went on to describe our president PDG. Devendra Shastri as his mentor and a source of inspiration. The district governor gave emphasis on Rotary International fellowship programs, Rotary Foundation. He laid emphasis on the Rotary action plan of- impact, Reach, engage & Adapt. He said programs of scale will provide Rotarians with a mechanism for large scale, high impact projects that will attract partner organizations through their CSR.

For membership retention, club experience matters the most, including meeting enjoyment, confidence of club leadership, personal growth opportunities and meaningful service projects and connections.

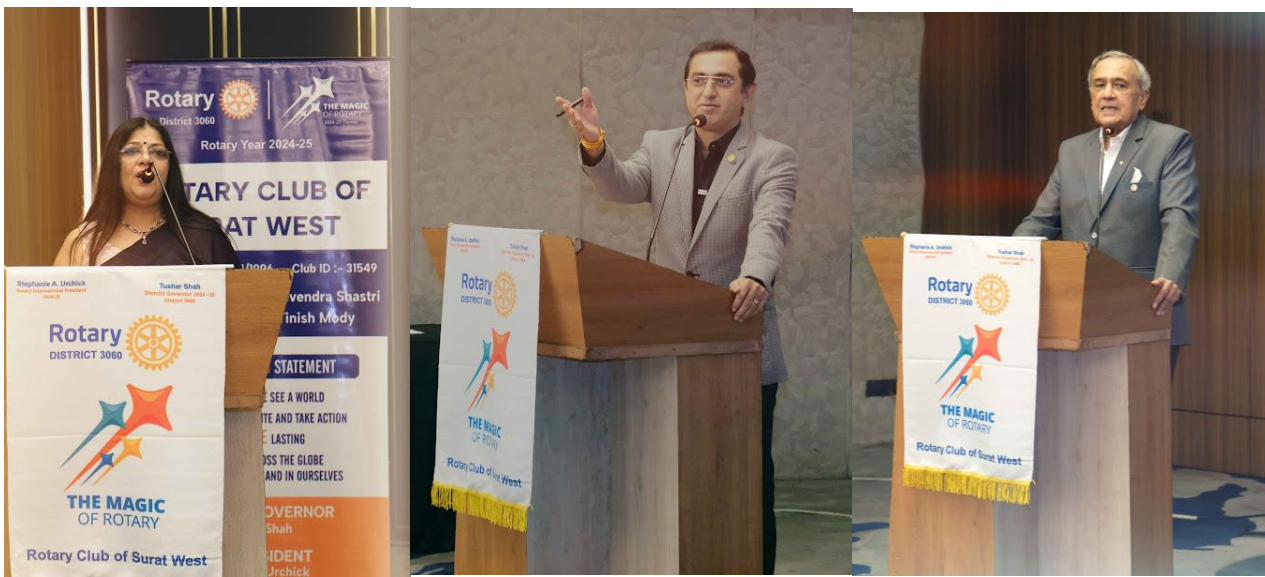
President PDG Devendra Shastri made a surprise announcement that PP. Setu Gandhi for his outstanding efforts in Club Service gets the "Avenues of service award". There was a thunderous round of applause, as DG Tushar handed the award for PP Setu Gandhi's dedication, passion, and tireless work to improve the internal life of our club, enhance member engagement, and promote a positive, active, and productive environment that made the club to thrive. He also announced the target of TRF contribution of **US\$ 13000**. DG launched the **photo contest of which PP Vivek Goel** is Project Chair.

PP. Vivek Goel made the birthday & anniversary greetings. And Hon sec. PP Tinish made the necessary announcements. **PE. Dr. Parag Shah** proposed a hearty vote of thanks.

PP. Shilpa Shah served with distinction as master of ceremony.

Ann Nipa Sitwala and Ann Madhavi Mevcha took care of the registration counter.

District Governor Tushar Shah and First lady Nehal Shah won the hearts of Rotary Surat West family with their friendly disposition and encouraging words with useful guidance. A day to remember for a long time to come.







Rotary club of Surat West Launches
Photo Contest- Theme “Portraits of Festival”

Rotary
Surat West (Dist 3060)



THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

PHOTO CONTEST 2024

THEME
PORTRAITS OF FESTIVAL

Submission Deadline: 30th Jan' 25

Submit your entries on :
rotaryphotocontest2024@gmail.com

1st
Position
₹ 20,000. ★

2nd
Position
₹ 15,000. ★

3rd
Position
₹ 10,000. ★

Rotary Club of Surat West

ROTARY YEAR 2024-25

Nominations received for Board of Directors the Rotary Year 2025-26
The following nominations have been received & **found in order**.
By Scrutiny Officer Rtn. **IPP. Sonal Shah**.

Sr. No.	For the office of	Name of Proposer	Name of Candidate
1	Director	PP Rtn. Ashit Kothari	PP Rtn. Tinish R Mody
2	Director	PP Rtn. Shilpa V. Shah	PP Rtn. Banim Sitwala
3	Director	Rtn. Shikha Samaiya	PP Rtn. Shilpa V. Shah
4	Director	PP Rtn. CA H R Mody	PP Rtn. Paresh Vaidya
5	Director	PP Rtn. Paresh Vaidya	PP Rtn. Krunal Mehta
6	Treasurer	PP Rtn. Bankim Sitwala	PP Rtn. Hitendra R Mody
7	Vice-President	PP Rtn. Krunal Mehta	Rtn. Sanjay Jalan
8	Jt. Secretary	Rtn. Anirudh Garg	Rtn. Gaurang Goel
9	Hon. Secretary	Rtn. Vijay Shah	Rtn. Anirudh Garg

Note: Rtn. Dr. Parag Shah and Rtn. Dr. Vijay Shah have already been elected as our Club President for the **Rotary Year 2025-26 and 2026-27** respectively.

Vocational Awards



Vocational Awards

Suggestions are invited from fellow Rotarians for vocational awards to be presented in January 2025 being VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH.

Our club plans to present awards to one institution and 2 individuals.

Institutions and individuals should have demonstrated above average excellence in their field. Rotarians and Spouses of our club are NOT eligible for the award.

Please submit nominations with Profile of proposed institution/ individuals to Program Coordinator PP Krunal Mehta(M) 99097 33993 by 15th December,2024.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With heart and mind



To adapt, as laid out in Rotary's Action Plan, we must occasionally step out of our comfort zone and try something new. Here are two examples of clubs that adapted — one with heart and one through critical thinking and strategy.

The Rotary Club of Chandigarh Mid Town, India, led with heart earlier this year. To engage members and grow membership, club president Nitin Kapur personally called every former member of the club and invited them to a gathering billed as an alumni meet.

Eight former members attended, and the results were stupendous. The visitors had a chance to connect once more — not only with current members but with the sense of camaraderie and belonging that membership gave them. By the end of the evening, the club welcomed six of the former members back into the Rotary family.

Kapur showed courage when he reached out to the alumni. Not only did he adapt and try something new but he had the strength of character to show the club's alumni how much they still meant to the family of Rotary. That bravery paid off.

People want to feel needed and appreciated. People want to feel that they belong. And they might never feel that way if we don't have the courage to tell them.

Meanwhile, the Rotary Club of Seoul-Hansoo, Korea, has been experimenting with different club models to great effect. Over the past four years, Seoul-Hansoo has created and maintained four satellite clubs — a service club, an interest-based club for musicians, a cause-based club that mentors professionals, and a club for college students.

These satellite clubs are part of a five-year plan the Seoul-Hansoo club implemented to increase membership through innovation.

What's the secret to founding and maintaining so many satellite clubs? Membership between Seoul-Hansoo and its satellite clubs is fluid and synergistic. Many members of the satellite clubs attend the sponsor club's meetings. And many of the sponsor club's members participate in the satellite clubs.

Additionally, the focus of each satellite club is no accident. Each one appeals to different interests of people in the sponsor club and in the community, attracting existing and potential members. This is an excellent strategy to both retain and attract members because it offers flexibility. If someone is interested in joining but they can't make it to the sponsor club's meetings, they have plenty of options to choose from.

These are just two examples of how we can adapt with our hearts and minds. Every club is different, so I encourage you to reach out to members of your club and of the community around you. Ask them about the club experience and what you can do to improve.

Talk to people and you might find ways that you can adapt and spark *The Magic of Rotary* in your club.

Stephanie A Urchick
President, Rotary International

Sweater Distribution at Bachpan Day Care Center

Today Our club distributed Sweaters to children of Bachpan Day Care Center, GIDC Sachin where our club is collaborating with Steam House and other organizations for the wellbeing of children whose parents are working in industries. Thanks to Rtn. PP. Ashit Kothari for co-ordinating the distribution. Great to see Happy faces of children!!



A tribute to the letter "T"

The tongue's terrible tendency to tell tall tales totally tarnishes traditional trans communication theories. The tempestuous tirades traceable to the tongue testify to the traumatic tactics of this tiny tab of tissue. Thousands that take the time to think, try to tame the tumultuous torrent of the too talkative tongue. Temporarily, the tide turns. Towering tempers turn to tenderness. Then, tragically, the trend tapers. The tongue trips, teeters, then takes a tumble; the temptation to trifling twaddle triumphs. Take time to tabulate this timeless truth: to train the tongue takes the tremendous talent of trust. Theology teaches that trust thrives through toil. Therefore, throttle the testy tongue! Terminate the trivial topics that tinge the tenor of talk! Trim the trashy, tasteless terms that transgress traditions of truth! Trounce the trite themes that toady to thoughtless tattling! Theoretically, the tantalizing target of a true, tactful, temperate tongue torments and teases those that tackle the task. To tell the truth, thrilling triumph throngs the tracks of the tough, tenacious thwarter of tawdry talk !!

By Sashi Tharoor

I came across a quote that said:

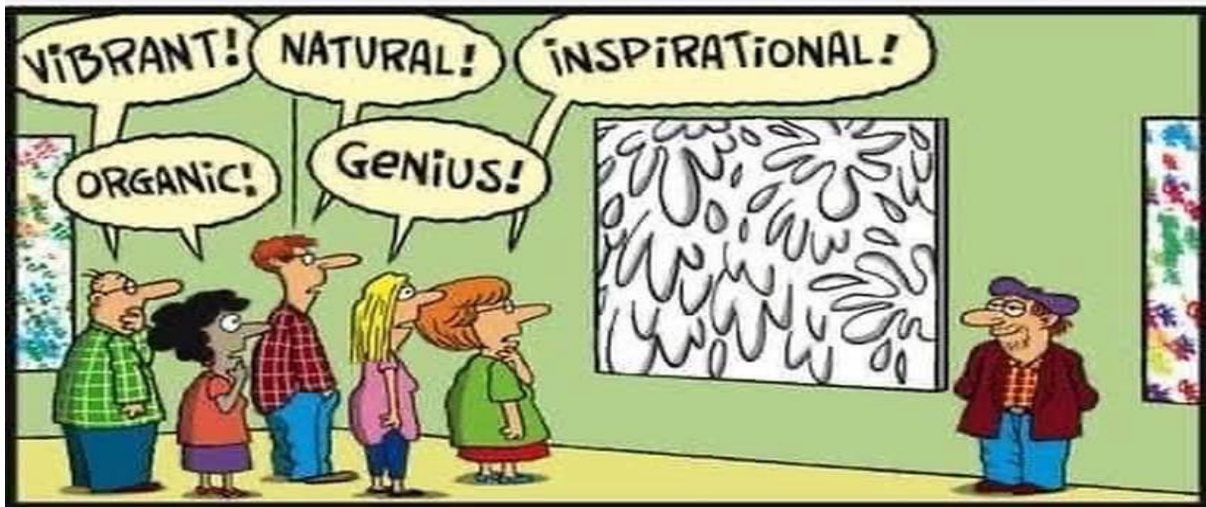
"You'll always be brave in someone's mind and coward in another's, strong to one and fragile to another, good to one and terrible to another.

You will be seen as annoying to one and comforting to another. Some will feel anxious around you and some will find peace in your company. Some will see you as "too much" while others will see you as a gift.

The world will look at you from their subjective point of view. The world is never going to agree on a definition of who you are.

So you might as well live the way that feels true to your heart."

Humour



Rotary Wisdom

Rotary Club of Pasig North

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All organization that is wholly selfish cannot last long. If we, as a Rotary club, expect to survive and grow, we must do some things to justify our existence. We must perform a civic service.

Donald Carter, 1906

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FRIENDSHIP WAS THE FOUNDATION ROCK ON WHICH ROTARY WAS BUILT AND TOLERANCE IS THE ELEMENT WHICH HOLDS IT TOGETHER."

Club of Manila Sta. Ana

PAUL HARRIS – 1948