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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 09th April

Program: Presentation by Inbound Rotary Youth Exchange student and Rtn. PP. Shilpa Shah



Participants:

Alexandre Meyer, RI District 1680, France

Rtn. PP. Shilpa Shah

Venue: Crazy Bite Restaurant Banquet Hall

Time: 8.00 Pm.

Program Coordinator: Rtn. PN. Dr. Vijay Shah

***Rotarians and Spouses are welcome.**

***Meeting preceded by DINNER.**

*** Club will felicitate all Rotarians and Spouses whose birthday/Wedding Anniversary falls in**
APRIL.

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

Rtn. Dr. Shikha- Asim Samaiya -April 12

Birthday Greetings

April 05: Rtn. Nilesch Shah

April 11: Ann Rakhi Setu Gandhi

April 20: Rtn. PP. Geeta Modi

April 21: Ann Sejal Parag Shah

Forthcoming Programs

*Wednesday, 16th April : Online Meeting on Mental Health

*Wednesday, 23rd April : Meeting of Club Board of Directors

*Wednesday, 30th April.....: **30th CHARTER DAY CELEBRATION.** Venue: The Amore
Chief Guest: District Governor Rtn. Tushar Shah

*Saturday, 3rd May :Global investor Conference at Avadh Utopia.

*Wednesday, 14th May : Movie Fellowship

*Wednesday, 21st May : Meeting of Club Board of Directors

* Wednesday, 28th May : Box Cricket Fellowship

*Wednesday, 04 June :Jt.meeting of Club Board of Directors

*Wednesday, 11th June : Ladies Night

*Wednesday, 25th June :Fellowship Dhamaka

ROTARY WISDOM

Service is the
very purpose
of life. It is
the rent we
pay for living
on the planet.

MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN

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Rotary has taught me that service is the true basis of all honest business, of all creative work, of all free government, of al orderly society, and of all true religion.

RUSSELL F. GREINER

Rotary  District 6990

A season of renewal



As the chill of winter gives way to the warmth of spring, we have an opportunity to rejuvenate our commitments to each other and to the communities we serve.

A shining example is the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland in Ontario, whose members support a programme providing hot meals to people facing homelessness and food insecurity. On any given evening, the Soup Shack run by Feed Windsor-Essex serves up to 130 people, offering nourishment and a sense of community and care.

Club member and past district governor Aruna Koushik got the club involved after seeing a news segment about the Soup Shack.

Koushik collaborated with club members to quickly approve the purchase of a stove, pots and pans for its new permanent space. Soon after, club members met with the Soup Shack team, toured the new location, and presented a cheque for 3,000 Canadian dollars (about \$2,000) to support its efforts. They also committed to volunteering their time to prepare and serve meals once the facility is operational.

This exemplifies how Rotary members can come together to address community needs, foster engagement, and make a tangible impact. By identifying opportunities for service and mobilising resources, we not only support those in need but also strengthen our bonds with each other and with the communities we serve.

As we embrace the renewal that spring offers, let's take inspiration from the Windsor-Roseland

club. Consider these ways to reinvigorate engagement within your club:

- ❖ **Identify emerging needs:** Stay attuned to the evolving challenges in your communities. Engage with local organisations to understand where your club's support can make the most difference.
- ❖ **Mobilise resources quickly:** When opportunities arise, act swiftly. Leverage the skills and networks within your club to gather resources, from financial contributions to equipment to volunteer time.
- ❖ **Foster collaboration:** Encourage members to take initiative and collaborate on projects. Empowering individuals to lead and contribute their unique talents enhance engagement and drive success.
- ❖ **Commit to ongoing involvement:** Beyond initial contributions, pledge continued support. Regular service keeps members connected and reinforces the club's commitment to sustained impact.

By embracing these approaches, we can harness the energy of spring to renew our dedication to service and engagement. Let's seize this season as an opportunity to revitalise our efforts, strengthen our connections, and continue making a positive difference in the world.

This is *The Magic of Rotary* — transforming lives, inspiring hope, and creating lasting change for the communities we serve.

Stephanie A Urchick
President, Rotary International

"Rotary No Chhayo"- March 31



Our club identified deserving street side vendors who are working without any shelter. Rtn.PP **Ashit Kothari** and President PDG **Devendra Shastri** distributed 20 umbrellas which will give shelter to beneficiaries from scorching summer and monsoon. This is a District project namely "Rotary No Chhayo". Rtn. PP. **Tinish** and **Ann Hem Mody** also identified beneficiaries and gave away Rotary Umbrellas.

Membership Summary of Rotary Districts in South Asia

Membership Summary

Source: RI South Asia Office

As on March 1, 2025

RI District	Rotary Clubs	No of Rotarians	Women Rotarians (%)	Rotaract Clubs	Rotaract Members	Interact Clubs	RCC
2981	140	5,986	5.50	56	106	34	255
2982	91	4,058	5.91	30	438	97	188
3000	148	6,203	11.59	86	1,132	243	218
3011	136	5,324	30.99	72	1,863	234	41
3012	158	3,931	24.55	54	623	108	61
3020	82	4,570	8.07	40	557	119	351
3030	103	5,543	16.22	61	953	506	399
3040	102	2,357	14.76	35	758	63	216
3053	75	3,141	17.73	23	327	40	131
3055	83	3,408	12.12	47	677	58	394
3056	84	3,746	25.15	21	187	107	201
3060	100	5,134	15.60	52	1,859	79	154
3070	116	3,099	15.49	35	280	73	64
3080	110	4,385	13.43	59	1,965	212	127
3090	134	2,605	6.26	23	353	359	174
3100	115	2,204	10.57	17	112	41	151
3110	137	3,736	11.86	20	188	103	114
3120	90	3,790	15.78	34	474	43	58
3131	135	5,427	35.58	122	2,593	302	232
3132	99	3,837	14.73	31	365	167	227
3141	123	6,590	28.65	120	3,491	218	247
3142	115	4,004	22.78	56	1,643	138	99
3150	105	4,035	12.86	84	1,677	125	130
3160	78	2,463	8.93	25	82	95	82
3170	143	6,624	15.02	89	1,059	203	184
3181	88	3,743	10.93	40	446	131	122
3182	86	3,711	11.02	46	234	113	105
3191	90	3,337	19.84	74	1,790	192	36
3192	80	3,349	22.22	61	1,623	163	40
3201	170	6,640	10.00	112	1,973	116	98
3203	100	5,208	7.43	46	732	157	39
3204	83	2,794	9.74	24	235	22	18
3211	162	5,244	9.02	12	141	33	135
3212	120	4,662	10.79	89	607	215	153
3231	94	3,618	7.16	31	383	97	419
3233	88	3,308	18.26	58	1,676	55	63
3234	79	3,194	24.23	63	1,544	89	42
3240	100	3,513	17.02	42	745	70	249
3250	114	4,395	23.50	36	506	75	192
3261	100	3,420	24.42	18	112	37	46
3262	118	3,888	16.15	83	790	652	294
3291	144	3,771	27.53			94	774
India Total	4,618	173,995		2,127	37,299	6,078	7,323
3220 Srilanka	72	2,093	16.67	85	3,675	141	78
3271 Pakistan	108	1,469	20.83	103	418	275	28
0063 (3272) Pakistan	76	1,152	19.70	48	283	23	49
0064 (3281) Bangladesh	246	5,249	17.36	185	1,001	120	211
0065 (3282) Bangladesh	139	2,853	8.62	167	1,099	25	48
3292 Nepal	158	5,556	19.11	178	5,315	126	141
S Asia Total	5,417	192,367	15.66	2,893	49,090	6,788	7,878

District wise Contribution to The Rotary Foundation

(in US Dollars)

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 February, 2025

District Number	Annual Fund	PolioPlus Fund	Endowment Fund	Other Funds	Total Contribution
2981	49,979	13,443	0	38	63,460
2982	37,528	12,021	10,421	66,817	126,786
3000	39,725	2,992	1,000	295,336	339,053
3011	63,809	6,262	35,361	954,366	1,059,798
3012	9,973	151	1,500	932,559	944,183
3020	96,824	28,314	86,977	77,570	289,685
3030	40,974	4,983	14,563	101,666	162,186
3040	4,037	237	0	28,598	32,872
3053	47,993	300	0	0	48,293
3055	40,685	4,121	2,071	61,065	107,943
3056	19,041	2,056	60	133	21,290
3060	155,088	6,388	3,499	181,089	346,064
3070	22,692	1,572	0	0	24,264
3080	18,492	7,964	17,384	9,561	53,401
3090	15,851	109	18,942	0	34,902
3100	29,005	4,440	0	34,765	68,210
3110	16,562	1,019	3,129	237,365	258,076
3120	55,262	1,211	8,337	55,898	120,708
3131	481,520	20,486	129,920	843,969	1,475,895
3132	48,515	2,565	23,339	43,476	117,895
3141	397,998	33,429	137,000	2,322,162	2,890,589
3142	391,335	56,472	50,060	402,878	900,744
3150	121,640	27,344	142,486	746,489	1,037,959
3160	19,270	3,246	1,000	5,787	29,302
3170	44,559	21,647	2,000	215,213	283,419
3181	96,097	16,491	50	0	112,638
3182	84,699	3,601	12	22,881	111,193
3191	65,008	4,378	158	133,396	202,941
3192	114,475	5,317	23,500	133,670	276,962
3201	74,686	30,816	30,681	613,056	749,238
3203	47,965	12,789	16,034	67,175	143,963
3204	33,072	13,425	47,001	11,770	105,267
3211	25,639	3,401	0	11,212	40,252
3212	285,875	19,289	85,000	118,034	508,199
3231	15,978	7,069	66,592	43,132	132,771
3233	22,100	19,318	2,571	372,233	416,221
3234	112,373	30,079	70,746	875,563	1,088,762
3240	183,266	29,483	50,000	14,370	277,120
3250	142,611	5,331	6,300	146,506	300,747
3261	3,632	268	8,335	10,878	23,113
3262	73,780	2,247	1,307	8,700	86,035
3291	119,535	12,628	168,500	146,568	447,232
3220 Sri Lanka	60,557	4,326	4,052	23,820	92,755
3271 Pakistan	9,750	40,036	0	10,500	60,286
63 (former 3272)*	2,578	1,962	0	0	4,539
64 (former 3281)*	6,259	2,916	1,000	1,050	11,225
65 (former 3282)*	922	1,071	0	0	1,994
3292	79,434	24,121	90,026	120,097	313,679

* Undistricted

TOP 10 COUNTRIES IN MEMBERSHIP

Sl No	Country Name	No of Rotarians	Club Count	No of Districts	Clubs / Dist	Rtns / Dist
1	US	273149	7230	153	47	1785
2	India	176280	4677	42	111	4197
3	Japan	84175	2204	34	65	2476
4	Korea	67394	1675	19	88	3547
5	Germany	58106	1141	15	76	3874
6	Brazil	49849	2309	21	110	2374
7	Italy	38578	948	14	68	2756
8	Taiwan	36125	988	14	71	2580
9	Philippines	29119	980	10	98	2912
10	France	27276	1090	18	61	1515

Bereavement

Rtn. Anirudh Garg's grandfather left for heavenly abode on 26th March. He lived a full life of 100 years. "Spark" joins Rotary Surat West family in conveying our heartfelt condolences to Rtn. Anirudh, Ann Yukti and Garg family. May the departed soul rest in eternal peace. **Om Shanti.**

Rotary Photo Contest 2024



Rotary
Surat West (Dist 3060)



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PHOTO CONTEST 2024

Our Jury Team



Tania Chatterjee
(Kolkata, India)



Arun Saha
(Pune, India)



Saurabh Desai
(Surat, India)



Santosh Kale
(Kolhapur, India)



Joydeep Mukherjee
(Kolkata, India)



PP RTN. VIVEK GOEL
(PROJECT CHAIR)



PDG RTN DEVENDRA SHASHTRI
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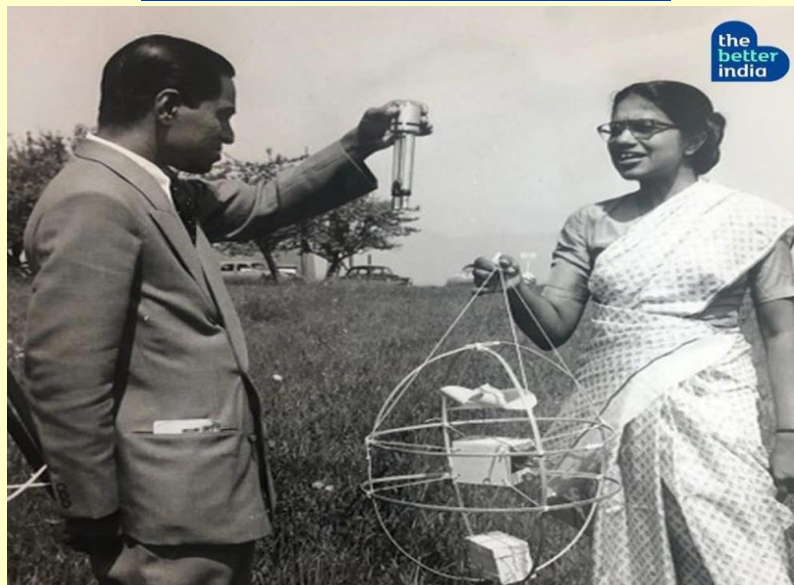




Our club sponsored Rotary Photo contest has received tremendous response. We **have received 171 entries form all over India with 800 plus pictures which is times more than last year contest.** Now we are reviewing entries and wish to come out with final results before the end of April 2025.

Kudos to the untiring efforts of Project Co-ordinator Rtn. PP. Vivek Goel for his tremendous efforts to conceive this idea and promote the contest online. **He also got sponsorship of Rs. 50,000 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes.**

Anna Mani – The Scientist



Did you know that India's ability to predict the weather with precision owes a lot to one incredible woman?

Meet Anna Mani—the scientist who made it possible for India to build its own weather instruments.

At a time when women in science were rare, she shattered barriers & helped shape India's meteorology.

Born in 1918 in Travancore (now Kerala), Anna grew up in a family where girls were expected to marry young. But she had other plans. By the age of eight, she had read almost every book in her local library. Her love for science led her to Presidency College, Madras, & later, to work under Nobel laureate C. V. Raman.

By 1945, she had published five research papers on spectroscopy.

That same year, she travelled to London to study physics at Imperial College but shifted to meteorological instrumentation—unaware it would define her legacy.

Returning to India in 1948, she joined the Meteorological Department in Pune, working with limited resources but never compromising on quality. Her motto? "Find a better way to do it!"

From working with C.V. Raman to leading India's meteorological advancements, her impact was groundbreaking: -

- *Standardised drawings for nearly 100 weather instruments.
- *Set up a network of solar radiation measuring stations.
- *Pioneered research in atmospheric ozone & instrument standardisation.
- *Helped establish meteorological facilities at ISRO's Thumba rocket launch site.

She passed away in 2001, but her contributions live on. Every time we check the weather forecast or talk about renewable energy; we're unknowingly celebrating her legacy.



Dedicated to all Connoisseurs of Puns!

How does an attorney sleep? First he lies on one side, then he lies on the other side.

I have a few jokes about unemployed people, but none of them work.

How do you make holy water? You take some water and boil the hell out of it.

Will glass coffins be a success? Remains to be seen!

Two windmills are standing in a wind farm. One asks, "What is your favorite kind of music?" The other says, "I am a big metal fan!"

Heard about the new restaurant called Karma? There is no menu, you get what you deserve!

I went to buy some camouflage trousers yesterday but couldn't find any.

What do you call a bee that can't quite make up its mind? A maybe

I tried to sue the airline for losing my luggage. I lost my case.

If and when everything is coming your way, you are in the wrong lane.

She had a photographic memory but never developed it.

Is it ignorance or apathy that is destroying the world today? I don't know and don't really care!

I wasn't originally going to get a brain transplant, but then i changed my mind.

Which country's capital has the fastest-growing population? Ireland of course. it's Dublin every day.

My ex-wife still misses me, but her aim is starting to improve.

The guy who invented the door knocker got a No-bell prize.

I saw an advertisement for burial plots, and I thought: "That's the last thing I need!"

Need an ark? I Noah guy.

I used to be indecisive; Now I am not so sure.

Sleeping comes so naturally to me that I can do it with my eyes closed.

What did the grape say when it got stepped on? Nothing. But it let out a little w(h)ine.

What do you call a very articulate dinosaur with a good vocabulary? A Thesaurus!
