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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 16th April

Rotary District 3060

Mental Health Webinar Series

An Interactive Session on

"Medicines for Depression - What you don't know about them!"

(डिप्रेशन मैं टवाई -कैसे असर करती है ? कैसे लीई जाती हैं ? कब लेनी चाहिए? कब लेना जरूरी नहीं है ? लेने या ना लेने से क्या फायदा या नुकशान हो सकता है और ऐसे अनगिनत सवालों के जवाब के लिए..)

Time: 8.30pm to 9.30pm

Moderator: Ann Sukruti Vaidya

In Conversation with:

AG Rtn Dr Jitendra Nanawala (Consultant Psychiatrist, Surat)

Host club:

Rotary Club of Surat West

- Zoom link will be shared in our club's whatsapp group a day prior to the Online meeting.
- Rotarians, Spouses, Annets and their Guests are most welcome

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

Rtn. Dr. Shikha- Asim Samaiya -April 12

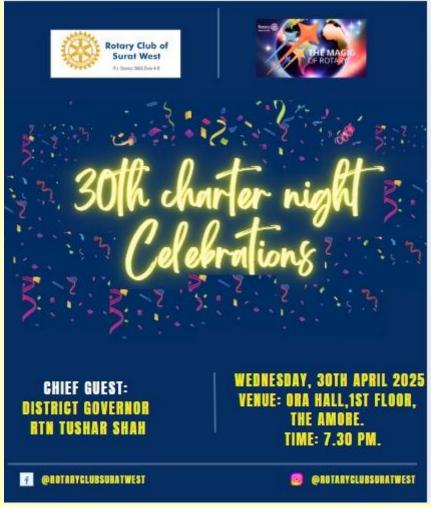
Birthday Greetings

April 11: Ann Rakhi Setu Gandhi April 20: Rtn. PP. Geeta Modi April 21: Ann Sejal Parag Shah

Forthcoming Programs

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

*Wednesday,30th April....: 30th CHARTER NIGHT CELEBRATION



*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

Last meeting - Wednesday, April 09, 2025



Presentations by inbound IYE Alexandre Meyer, outbound IYE Diya Shah, and PP. Rtn. Shilpa Shah

The meeting commenced after a sumptuous meal at the elegant banquet hall of Crazy Bite. The meeting started with **President PDG. Devendra Shastri** welcoming everyone and giving a brief overview of Rotary's International Youth Exchange (IYE) program, which began in 1975.

The program coordinator, PN Dr.Vijay Shah, then invited Inbound IYE student Alexandre Meyer from Rotary district 1680, France, to share his experiences in India. Alexandre, who arrived in Surat on July 26, 2024, expressed his deep appreciation for Indian culture and cuisine. He highlighted his fondness for Indian festivals—especially Garba—and shared stories from

his travels across South and North India. His presentation was both heartfelt and engaging. As a token of friendship and international fellowship, **President PDG Devendra Shastri exchanged the Rotary flag with Alexandre.**

Following this, **Outbound IYE student Diya Parag Shah** took the stage to speak about her upcoming long-term youth exchange **to Dayton**, **Ohio**, **USA**. She spoke eloquently about the selection process, her orientation experience, and her excitement for the journey ahead. Her presentation offered a glimpse into the enthusiasm and readiness she carries as she embarks on this exciting journey.

Next, **PP. Shilpa Shah shared highlights from a recent 22 day trip she led with 10 inbound IYE students** to various destinations across North India, including New Delhi, Agra, Amritsar, Jaipur, Jaisalmer, Manali, etc. The students were particularly captivated by iconic landmarks such as the Red Fort, the Taj Mahal, and the archaeological marvels of India. A standout memory for many was the camel ride in Jaisalmer.

Through her efforts, the students not only saw India's architectural and historical wonders but also experienced its warmth and hospitality. Ann. Nilimaben Shastri presented momentos to Alexandre Meyer, Diya Parag Shah, and PP Shilpa Shah.

The meeting concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks proposed by Rtn. Sanjay Jalan.

A heartfelt appreciation was extended to PN Dr. Vijay Shah, who served with distinction as the Program Coordinator for this special IYE event.

A special word of appreciation goes to **Hon. Sec. PP Tinish Mody**, who efficiently handled all the arrangements for the venue. His attention to detail and seamless coordination ensured that the event was held in a comfortable and welcoming atmosphere. His efforts behind the scenes contributed immensely to the smooth flow and success of the meeting.





The Rotary Pin is a symbol of a Rotarian's commitment to Serve Above Self.

It is a reminder that as a Rotarian, we have an obligation to Serve Humanity and Do Good in the World everywhere and to whomsoever where our Rotary service is needed most. So always wear your Rotary Pins.

It symbolizes the dignity of the office you voluntarily swore to be part of through membership in your Rotary Club which in turn is a a member of the Rotary International Organization



To <u>#EndPolio</u> once and for all, we must make sure we reach every last child with the polio vaccine. This World Immunization Week, help us raise awareness of the importance of vaccines and remind the world that no child should ever suffer from a vaccine-preventable disease.

ROTARY WISDOM



THE PILLARS OF ROTARY

THESE ARE THE FIVE PILLARS: INTEGRITY, SERVICE, LEADERSHIP, DIVERSITY, & FELLOWSHIP. ALL ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT IN ROTARY'S STRUCTURE.











BEING A ROTARIAN

Rotary makes no promises. It simply offers members a challenge to be meaningful.





DID YOU KNOW?

A Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) pin is presented in recognition not only to Rotarians, but to any individual who donates or in whose name a minimum of US \$ 1,000.00 is donated to The Rotary Foundation.

The implication is that a PHF pin is not a Rotary pin and does not single you out as a Rotarian if you wear it on its own.

To be identified and distinguished as a Rotarian who has contributed to the foundation, please wear your PHF pin together with a Rotary pin.









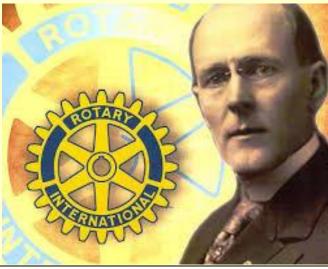
ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

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| JULY | Maternal and Child Health |
| AUGUST | Membership & New Club Development |
| SEPTEMBER | Basic Education and Literacy |
| OCTOBER | Community Economic Development |
| NOVEMBER | Rotary Foundation |
| DECEMBER | Disease Prevention and Treatment |
| JANUARY | Vocational Service |
| FEBRUARY | Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention |
| MARCH | Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene |
| APRIL | Environmental |
| MAY | Youth Service |
| JUNE | Rotary Fellowships |





HISTORY OF ROTARY FOUNDER PAUL HARRIS AND ROTARY



Paul Percy Harris was born on April 19, 1868 in Racine, Wisconsin and at the age of three was moved to Vermont to live with his paternal grandparents. He attended college at Princeton University and became a Lawyer, making his business in Chicago.

After being in Chicago for some time, and felling as though he only was able to make "acquaintances, but not real friends." He began to wonder if others in the big city had the same thoughts, and, if they too were searching for the fellowship of the small towns they left behind.

It all started with an idea that stayed with him for years, as Paul Harris stated in his book "My Road to Rotary" which was published posthumously in 1948 "I did not act upon my impulse at once; months and even years passed. In the life of great movements it is necessary that one man who has faith walk alone for a time. I did walk alone but eventually in February 1905 I called three young business men to meet with me and I laid before them a very simple plan of mutual co-operation and informal friendship such as all of us had once known in our villages. They agreed to my plan."

In 1905 Paul founded Rotary in Chicago for fellowship and mutual helpfulness. At that time, membership was limited to one man from each business or profession, as is still the practice today. The name "Rotary" was chosen for the club's practice of holding each meeting rotating at different member's locations of business.

In 1908, the second Rotary Club was organized in San Francisco, California and a year later club number three was organized. The third club was started in Oakland, California which is where the regular weekly luncheon meetings were started and continue to this day.

The first national convention of the Rotary Clubs of America was held in Chicago, Illinois at the Congress Hotel on South Michigan Avenue on August 15 through 17 in 1910 with 60 members in attendance. In his inaugural convention opening address, Mr. Harris stated "This is going to be a convention in which we will get down to business and endeavor to launch the National Association of Rotary Clubs." This first convention centered on joint resolutions, the club's constitution, and its bylaws.

By 1912 there were 50 clubs and 5,000 members. The members of the Rotary Club continued to steadily grow and flourish until 1930 with 11,000 registered members from 58 countries – breaking all current records up to 1930. However, during the 1932 world-wide depression 27 clubs were terminated and the membership roles were reduced by 2,000.

PELS- SELS 2025-26



PELS & SELS 2025-26 of Rotary District 3060 was organized on 5th-6th April 2025 at Pluz Resort, Silvassa & hosted by Rotary Club of Dhule Crossroads.

On behalf our club, the Learning Seminar was attended by Rtn. PE Dr. Parag Shah & to be first lady Ann Dr. Sejal Shah to prepare themselves for the coming year, as well as Rtn. PP Bhavesh Shah & Rtn. PP Sonal Shah as a part of District training team.

The Program was well organized by Rtn. DGE Amardeep Singh & his District Team, facilitated by DLF Dr. Thakralji & galaxy of learned faculties, setting a perfect example of impactful organization, fellowship & insightful lessons from esteemed speakers for all future club leaders of our district. The program also provided a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow leaders & Rotarians from across our vibrant District 3060, comprising of over 102 clubs, sharing their vision & experiences, while developing new friendships

FIRST INDIAN ASTRONAUT ON THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION



Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla is set to become the first Indian astronaut on the International Space Station, participating in Axiom Mission 4. The 2025 mission, lasting up to 14 days, will involve scientific research, educational outreach, and cultural demonstrations, including yoga in microgravity.

LARGEST & DEEPEST SINKHOLE



The largest and deepest natural sinkhole on the planet is called Xiaozai Tiankang.

It is located in the heart of China, Penji. This fantastic sinkhole is completely natural and reaches a depth of 662 meters and a width of 537 meters.

But the most striking thing is the explosion of life that it contains. What confuses geologists due to the effects of water is Xiaozai Tiankang. In this case, it was formed at the top of a cave, where an underground river, 8.5 kilometers long, flows into a magnificent waterfall. Its enormous size makes it the deepest sinkhole in the world.

It is home to about 1,300 species of plants and wildlife. Among the most fascinating "tenants" of the underground forest is the misty panther, known to the locals since ancient times.

HUMOUR

