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NEXT PROJECT

Saturday, 17th May

Project: Vocational Visit to STEAMHOUSE Industry



Centralized Steam and Other Gas Solutions for Industries

Time: 3.00 Pm to 4.30Pm

Venue:Plot No. 81088, Road No. 2, GIDC, Sachin.

***Rotarians and Spouses are Invited.**

Project Co-ordinator: PP Ashit Kothari

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

Rtn Dr Parag Shah & Ann Dr Sejal Shah: May 19

Birthday Greetings

Ann Tanvi Anant Agrawal : May 16

PP Rtn Mitesh Bhagat.....: May 19

Rtn Vijay Mevcha: May 23

Ann Sarita Alok Tulsiyan.....: May 26

Ann Mausam Jalan.....: May 27

Mr. Milind Thakare.....: May 26

Ann Dr Mona Nilesh Shah.: May 28

Ann Aditi Mukesh Jain.....: May 31

Forthcoming Programs

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

*** Wednesday, 28th May : Box Cricket Fellowship(Past Presidents'team Vs Rest of the club)**

***Wednesday, 04 June : Ladies Night**

***Wednesday, 11th June : Jt.meeting of Club Board of Directors(24-25&25-26)**

***Monday, 16th June : Notebook Distribution Project**

***Wednesday, 25th June :Fellowship Dhamaka**

Rotary Wisdom

ROTARY'S PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG LEADERS



RYLA is a leadership development program for young people who want to learn new skills, build their confidence, and have fun.



Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills and learn about the world through service projects and activities.



Rotary Youth Exchange participants learn a new language, discover another culture, and truly become global citizens.

Learn more at
rotary.org/youth-programs

Rotary 

"The world needs our leadership today more than ever. Truly, Rotary Connects the World."

Mark Maloney



7th Global Investors Conference- May 3



Global Investors conference hosted by Mehta Wealth(Rtn PP **Krunal Mehta**) was a great success with **300+ delegates** attending the conference. **Shri C R Patil, Union minister of Jalshakti** was the Chief Guest of the event.

Learned speakers shared their expertise in various fields of Financial services. **Indeed, a well-planned, informative and well attended event. Many Rotarians and Spouses attended this crowning event.**

Kudos to Krunal and Kinjal Mehta .

MOVIE FELLOWSHIP- Sunday, May 11



It was amazing to see **nearly 50 RCSW clan** enjoying the movie **Raid 2** and fellowship **at INOX Multiplex theatre, V R Mall**.

Our heartfelt thanks to project coordinators PP Tinish Mody and Rtn Gaurang Goel for their painstaking efforts.

The movie was superb and so was **Snacks combo pack with Coke**.

All in all, a morning well spent. Cheers!!

Catching a Dream – 22 YEARS AROUND THE WORLD



The Zapp family—Herman, Candelaria, —embarked on an extraordinary journey in 2000, setting out from Argentina in a **1928 Graham-Paige automobile**.

What began as a six-month backpacking trip to Alaska evolved into a **22-year global adventure that spanned five continents and over 225,000 miles (362,000 km)**.

Throughout their travels, **they visited 102 countries and welcomed four children into the world** in various countries: Tehue in Argentina, Paloma in Canada, Wallaby in Australia, and Pampa in the United States. The **family's vehicle, affectionately named "Macondo Cambalache," was a vintage car** that they customized to accommodate their growing family. They added an extra row of seats, a rooftop tent, and a small kitchen at the back. Despite its age, the car proved to be reliable, requiring only eight sets of tires over the course of the journey and minimal engine work.

During their travels, the Zapps faced various challenges, including navigating the Amazon River in a makeshift raft and dealing with health issues like malaria. However, they also experienced profound moments of connection with people around the world, often staying with local families and immersing themselves in diverse cultures. **They estimate having spent around 4,000 nights in the homes of strangers who became friends.**

In March 2022, the Zapp family returned to Buenos Aires, completing their remarkable journey. Reflecting on their adventure, Herman noted, "What will come now? Thousands of changes, thousands of options," expressing a sense of fulfillment and anticipation for the future. Candelaria shared that the most significant discovery of their travels was the kindness and generosity of people they met along the way.

Their story has inspired many and was documented in their **book *Catching a Dream***, which has sold approximately 100,000 copies and remains a testament to their adventurous spirit and the universal desire to connect with others.

Membership figures as of 01 May 2025 **

Country	Rotary Clubs	Rotarians	Rotaract Clubs	Rotaractors
Bangladesh	388	8,210	352	2,115
Bhutan	1	34	0	0
India	4,649	175,824	2,177	38,471
Maldives	1	43	0	0
Nepal	160	5,664	179	5,365
Pakistan	184	2,650	154	785
Sri Lanka	71	2,064	86	3,730
Total	5,454	194,489	2,948	50,466
Worldwide	36,613	1,169,204	9,412	134,304

** These are system generated figures as on date.

2024-25 Top 5 districts in Total Giving from South Asia - Interim April

In Total TRF Contribution			
Zone	District	Total Contribution in US \$	Worldwide Rank
4	3141	\$4,011,447	2
7	3131	\$2,184,110	4
4	3011	\$1,786,189	8
7	3150	\$1,332,390	20
5	3234	\$1,285,575	22
In Annual Fund Contribution			
Zone	District	Total Contribution in US \$	Worldwide Rank
7	3131	\$586,278	30
4	3141	\$507,014	39
4	3142	\$492,404	41
5	3212	\$303,086	97
6	3240	\$200,470	166

Letter to members from RI President nominee SangKoo Yun



Dear Rotary friends:

As the Rotary International President for 2026-27, I have been working closely with other Rotary members and staff to plan and prepare for the important work ahead after my confirmation last September. It has been a tremendous honor and pleasure to be given the opportunity to serve our organization.

However, I have been facing some personal health challenges. Recently, I was diagnosed with pancreatic adenocarcinoma or pancreatic cancer, which has put a temporary pause on my work. The good news is that I am receiving excellent care at one of Korea's top hospitals. My treatment is already progressing smoothly and my medical team is optimistic about the path forward. Based on their recommendation, I will need to take a step back from Rotary leadership responsibilities over the next six months.

I have been sharing updates with Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick and the Board of Directors. They have unanimously supported my decision, and I want to use this opportunity to thank President Stephanie and RI directors for their understanding and unwavering support. **I am determined to return once the treatment is complete and continue to serve our organization, meeting the challenges ahead in Rotary.**

My wife EunSun and I want to express our gratitude for all the care and encouragement. I have been deeply moved by the support of family and friends.

With warm regards,

SangKoo Yun
President, Rotary International, 2026-27

HUMOUR

