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## NEXT MEETING

**\*Wednesday, 21st August**

**Time: 8.00 Pm to 8.40 Pm- DINNER**

**8.45 Pm onwards: MEETING**

**Program: Induction of Smt. Shalini Agrawal,  
Commissioner, Surat Municipal Corporation  
As Honorary Rotarian followed by  
Her Address on Surat in 2047.**

**Venue: The Amore, Opera-1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

- **Rotarians and Spouses are most welcome.**

### Wedding Anniversary Greetings

**August 23:Rtn. Sandeep and Ann  
Gita Monga**

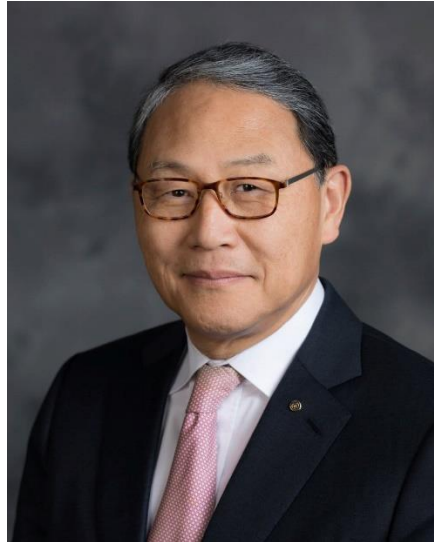
### Birthday Greetings

**August 17: Rtn. Mayank Deorah  
August 20: Ann Arpita Ajay Varshney  
August 22: Rtn.Vijay Nihlani  
August 24: Rtn. Amit Agarwal  
August 26: PP Rtn. Dr. Paresh Vaidya  
August 27: IPP. Rtn. Sonal Shah  
August 27: Mr. Ashim Samaiya  
August 30 :Ann Shweta Aunp Mittal  
August 30 :Rtn. Alok Tulsian**

### Forthcoming Programs

- **Wednesday,14 August :** Meeting of Club Board of Directors (virtual Mode)
- **Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> August :** **08.30 Am-** Independence Day flag Hoisting at  
Millennium School, Dandi Road, Narthan, Surat.
- **Wednesday, 21st August:** Induction of Ms. Shalini Agrawal, Commissioner,  
Surat Municipal Corporation as Hon. Rotarian.

## **Rotary International President for 2026-27 Selected**



**Sang-Koo Yoon**, former director of Rotary International of the Rotary Club of Saehanyang, Seoul, **South Korea**, was selected by a nominating committee on 5 March to be the **2026-27 Rotary International president-designate**. If there are no other challengers, President-nominee Yoon Sang-koo will officially become president-elect on Sept. 15.

Yoon-nominee holds bachelor's and master's degrees in architecture from Syracuse University in New York and an honorary doctorate from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. He is the founder and CEO of Dongseo Corporation, a building materials and engineering company, and the president of Youngan Co., Ltd., which operates real estate and financial investments. He also has a special interest in the preservation of cultural heritage and participates in many civic organizations.

He began his Rotary career in 1987 as a charter member of the Rotary Club of Saehanyang, and has served as a RI director, trustee, committee member and chair, and training leader. For eight years, he served as co-chair of the Make Mongolia Green project by Rotary members in Korea. His RI committee roles include the Board Administration Committee (2013-15, Vice-Chair 2014-15), the International Assembly Committee (Vice-Chair, 2020-21), and the End Pollio. Now Countdown Campaign Committee (Regional Chair, 2023-27). He also served on The Rotary Foundation's Executive Committee (2019-22, chaired by 2020-21) and on the Program Committee (2019-22, chaired by 2020-22).

He received The Rotary Foundation Special Achievement Award in 2021-22. He was awarded the Order of the British Empire (OBE) by Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom and the Order of Friendship and Goodwill by the President of Mongolia. He was also awarded the Presidential Citation of the Republic of Korea and the Prime Minister's Commendation. He was honorably discharged as an engineer in the Republic of Korea Army and is an honorary elder of Andong Presbyterian Church.

Along with his spouse, Eunsun Yang, he is a Rotary Foundation Benefactor, Major Donor, Arch Klumph Society member, Paul Harris Society member, and Bequest Society. They have two children.

## **Maternal and Child health Project- August 6**



Maternal and Child Health is an important focus area of Rotary. **On the occasion of World Breastfeeding Week, Rotary Club of Surat West had arranged a lecture to spread awareness about the importance of Breastfeeding. The Speaker, PN Rtn Dr Vijay Shah (Senior Paediatric Consultant ) conducted an interactive session with the attendees at Anganwadi Centre.** The Anganwadi workers welcomed our Rotarians with flowers . President PDG Rtn Devendrabhai Shastri ,spoke about Rotary in action , shared his thoughts and also fondly remembered his own mother ,who gave him the gift of good health.

PE Rtn Dr Parag Shah ,introduced the Speaker, PN Rtn Dr Vijay Shah and invited him to present his talk. Dr Vijay Shah made the whole lecture very interesting ,engaging the attendees ,in a very participative manner , and involved them in active conversation and also invited questions and suggestions for future such work .

Our Club also presented mementoes to Swati Pandya ( Anganwadi Officer ) and to Raksha Parmar ( Ex Deputy Project Officer ,UCD). President PDG Rtn Dsvendrsbhai Shastri also gave a gift to the participant who came forward to share her response and learning Sejal Parag Shah presented the Vote of thanks.

President PDG Rtn Devendrabhai Shastri , Hon Secretary PP Rtn Tinish Mody, PE Rtn Dr Parag Shah,PN Rtn Dr Vijay Shah, PP Rtn Hitendra Mody,PP Rtn Setu Gandhi,PP Rtn Shilpa Shah ( Project Chair), Rtn Archana Thakare and Dr Sejal Parag Shah extended their full support and cooperation.

## **Last Meeting- August 7...Fellowship Meeting-HOUSIE GAME**



In a packed Opera Hall of The Amore, the meeting started well in time. **President PDG Devendra Shastri welcomed everyone** and gave a brief update of the service projects that took place, encouraging members to actively participate in them.

After the birthday and anniversary greetings, President PDG Devendra Shastri gave **brief outline of fireside meetings wherein a senior Rotarian hosts two Rotarians and their spouses for an evening meeting at his/her home**. The purpose of holding such fellowship meet is to create bonding amidst the newer Rotarians with the club and to create a sense of belonging. **President Devendra Shastri and PP Hitendra Mody came forward to host the fireside meeting on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 5.30 to 7 pm.**

Then the host of the evening **Ann. Hem Mody** took over and explained the rules of the Housie Game (a game with a twist). Multiple rounds of housie were played with enthusiastic participation from all. The game created a lively atmosphere, with laughter and friendly competition filling the hall. Winners were announced after each round.

**Ann Hem Mody was ably helped by Ann Kinjal Mehta and Hon. Sec Tinish Mody.**

The meeting was adjourned after **Ann. Ritu Goel** proposed a hearty vote of thanks.

## अधेड़ उम्र का पुरुष

दौड़ रहा है  
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एक दिन हांफ कर गिर जाएगा  
अधेड़ उम्र का पुरुष

बच गया तो हृदय में अनेक स्टंट डल जाएंगे  
अन्यथा विदा हो जाएगा गिर जाने के बाद  
विदा हुआ तो मुक्त हो जाएगा  
बच गया तो फिर दौड़ेगा  
अधेड़ उम्र का पुरुष

रोको उसे  
पूछो  
क्यों दौड़ रहे हो  
कहाँ जाना है?  
वह रुकेगा नहीं  
दौड़ते पांव के उसके निशान  
जमीन पर रोज लिखते हैं उसकी व्यथा-कथा  
जमीन रोज पढ़ती है उसका दौड़ना  
हांफना-रुकना-सुस्ताना फिर दौड़ना

जमीन पर  
लिखी इबारतें बताती हैं

उसके दौड़ने में एक हताशा है  
असुरक्षा है  
कि असुरक्षा में से निकाल लाना चाहता है अपनो को,  
उसके दौड़ने में कर्तव्य-बोध है  
अनुशासन है  
जिम्मेदारी है  
प्रेम है  
वात्सल्य है

वह स्थगित करता है प्रेम  
कि चक्रव्यूह तोड़ ले एकबार

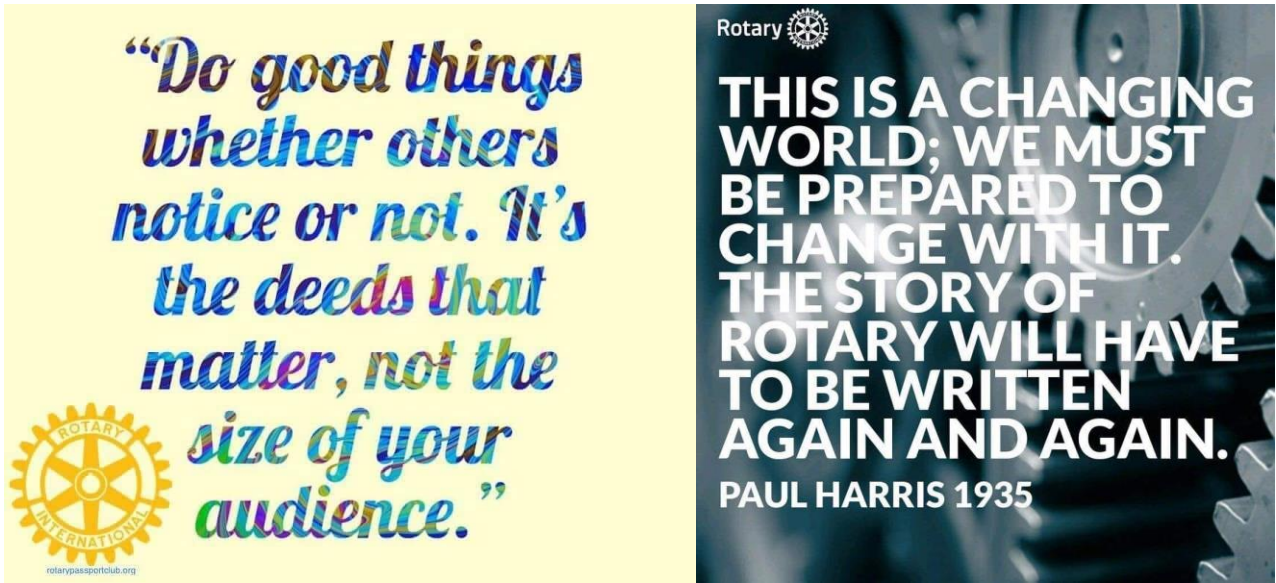
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चक्रव्यूह में छटपटाता  
इस धरा का सबसे दयनीय जीव है  
उसका दौड़ना किसी परिमाण में नहीं नापा गया  
उसका हांफना कभी गिना-सुना नहीं गया  
उसके सुस्ताने और फिर दौड़ पड़ने के बीच की बेचैनी कभी महसूस नहीं की गई

घर, समाज और मुल्क जिसके कंधे पर खड़ा है

वह अपने झुकते कन्धे देखता है  
चेहरे की मंद होती कांति को नजरअंदाज करता है  
बालों में रंग चुपडता है  
जिम्मेदारी ओढ़ता है  
और दौड़ना शुरू कर देता है

अधेड़ उम्र का पुरूष  
अपने चक्रव्यूह के भीतर  
इतना दौड़ा है  
जितना पृथ्वी दौड़ी होगी  
सूर्य के गिर्द  
दौड़ का हासिल होता कुछ  
कि जीवन के मौसम बदल जाते काश!  
अधेड़ उम्र का पुरूष लेकिन  
तपिश ढोता रहा  
निरंतर दौड़ता रहा। (Contributed by Rtn. Vijay Mevcha)

## **ROTARY WISDOM**



*“Do good things  
whether others  
notice or not. It’s  
the deeds that  
matter, not the  
size of your  
audience.”*

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**THIS IS A CHANGING  
WORLD; WE MUST  
BE PREPARED TO  
CHANGE WITH IT.  
THE STORY OF  
ROTARY WILL HAVE  
TO BE WRITTEN  
AGAIN AND AGAIN.  
PAUL HARRIS 1935**

Whatever Rotary may mean to us  
to the world it will be known  
by the results it achieves.

- Paul Harris

# 1<sup>st</sup> Fireside Get-to-Gather Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> August

Host: Nilima and President Devendra Shastri

Partcipants: PP. Mitesh and Kavita Bhagat, Rtn.Dr. Shikha and Ashim Samaiya, Rtn.Archana and Milind Thakare



## Humour

