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NEXT MEETING

***Wednesday, 07th August**

Time: 8.00 Pm-Dinner. 8.45Pm onwards: Housie Game

Program: HOUSIE GAME

Anchor: Ann Hem Tinish Mody

Venue: The Amore, Near V R Mall.

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

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

August 02: PP. Bankim and Ann Nipa Sitwala

Birthday Greetings

August 03: Ann Pooja Amit Gajjar

August 07: Ann Ritu Mayank Deorah

August 10: PP. Bhavesh Shah

August 11: PP. Bankim Sitwala

Forthcoming Programs

- **Tuesday, 06th August**

Subject:

BREASTFEEDING: MOTHER'S BEST GIFT TO BABY

***Venue :**

U P Nagar Anganwadi
Near Chandanvan Flats
Citilight, Surat.

***Time :** 1 pm to 2 pm.

***Speaker :**

- **Dr VIJAY SHAH** (Senior Consultant Paediatrician) and Medical Director (Nirmal Hospital Private Limited).
- **Wednesday, 07th August: HOUSIE GAME**
- **Wednesday, 14 August** : Meeting of Club Board of Directors (virtual Mode)
- **Thursday, 15th August** : **08.00 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.

Stephanie Urchick (rear right) listens as a member of her club in McMurray, Pennsylvania, speaks at their weekly meeting.



From challenge to opportunity

If we are to truly change the world with *The Magic of Rotary*, it's up to all of us to foster a sense of belonging in our clubs. But every club should take its own path to get there, and the Action Plan can help you find your way. What does that look like?

Take for instance the Rotary Club of Beveren-Waas in Belgium. It was chartered in 1974 but has evolved with the times, developing both a strategic plan and a membership plan. To find new members, the club analyses the city's professions to help focus its search, and all new members are quickly assigned tasks and roles.

The club also mixes up meeting times, alternating between evening and afternoon sessions, making them accessible for all members.

Sometimes, circumstances force clubs to make changes. But as people of action, we know that behind every obstacle is an opportunity.

The Rotary Club of Holyoke in Massachusetts was forced from its meeting place because of rising costs after the Covid pandemic, but members took this setback and turned it into a strength. The club started meeting in a library community room that was available for no charge and catering lunch from a nearby deli. Lunch costs \$10 per person but it's optional, so no one has to spend money to attend a

meeting. What a great way to work toward being "fair to all concerned."

Since making this change, the Holyoke club has gained 13 members. I suspect part of its membership growth is due to the club's sense of inclusivity — the first step toward belonging.

If you ask members what they expect from the club experience, you might find that your club doesn't meet expectations. Think of this as an opportunity to reshape your club in exciting ways, as alternative club models are making a positive impact.

For example, a Rotary Fellowship called Beers Rotarians Enjoy Worldwide, or BREW, has worked closely with the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Rotary Action Group for the past eight years to assist with clean water projects. In that time, BREW has funnelled 25 per cent of its dues to those initiatives.

BREW is one of many examples of members pursuing belonging to improve the world.

I can't stress enough the importance of belonging. Clubs become simply irresistible when all members feel that they are exactly where they need to be. To me, belonging is the spark that ignites *The Magic of Rotary*.

As you receive feedback from club members and the community you serve, I urge you to pursue that spark. The Action Plan can help you find the path to success, and if you light your way with the spirit of belonging, that path will lead to a bright future for your club, your community and the world.

Stephanie A Urchick
President, Rotary International

1St BOARD MEETING - Wednesday, July 17, 2024

The first board meeting of the board of directors was held online on Wednesday, July 17, 2024. The following points were discussed and passed by the board.

President PDG Devendra Shastri welcomed everyone and the meeting started well in time.

*Minutes of the last board meeting were read out and passed.

*Various expenditures like the installation meeting, RI per capita dues, District dues, etc. were discussed and **the Club budget for RY 2024-25 was unanimously passed and adopted**

*Preparations for the AG Tejas Gandhi's visit on July 24, 2024 were discussed and various committee reports were deliberated upon. Everyone was urged to participate in the district Intercity forum at Dhule on July 27-28, 2024.

*Various points were deliberated upon for the induction of Municipal Commissioner of Surat, SMC as the Hon Rotarian on Wednesday, August 7 th

*For the months of August & September, tentative projects were reviewed and thought upon.

*An excursion trip to Devka beach was finalized, on Saturday, August 10 th , 2024 Sunday, August 11 th at Hotel Miramar, at a very reasonable package of Rs.10000 per couple. Thanks to the efforts of Rtn Rakesh Mandlewala and Hon Jt sec. PP Ashit Kothari

*Various points were explored for our club's new flag design. President PDG Devendra Shastri suggested to include images that represent Surat should also be incorporated. Jt.Sec. PP Ashit Kothari was to help in the design of the club's new flag.

President PDG Devendra Shastri thanked everyone for their whole hearted participation and the meeting was adjourned.

Presidential Peace Conference at Turkey



Felicitation of Doctors and Chartered Accountants- July 23



RI District 3060 felicitated distinguished Doctors and Chartered Accountants from 16 Rotary Clubs of South Gujarat.

It was a proud moment when **our own Rtn Dr Vijay Shah and CA Rtn PP Hitendra Mody were felicitated by DG Tushar Shah**. PE Rtn Dr Parag Shah and PP Shilpa Shah were also present. The venue of the meeting was SIECC Hall, Sarthana, Surat. Rotary club of Surat hosted this coveted event. Kudos to Dr Vijay and PP Hitendra. 🍊🍌🍇

Visit of AG Tejas Gandhi and Club Assembly-July 24



1st Club Assembly cum Visit of our **AG Rtn. Tejas Gandhi** was a highly productive meeting with 20 Rotarians present. After delicious Dinner, President Devendra Shastri extended cordial welcome to AG Tejas Gandhi and all Present. **PP. Bhavesh Shah** introduced AG. Thereafter, all responsible officers shared committee reports. AG Tejas Gandhi in his remarks emphasized Rotary's Action plan and urged our club to closely monitor Goals set out in the beginning of the year. PP. Setu Gandhi proposed a hearty vote of Thanks.

Hon. Secretary Tinish prepared all documents for the meeting. **PP Ashit** looked after logistics of the meeting. **Sgt-At-Arms Vijay Mevcha** was very helpful. AG has left with the good impression of Rotary Surat West having enlightened members with excellent team spirit. Cheers to RCSW clan. 🍊🍊🌸🌸

Visit to Modheshwari Hitvardhak Charitable Trust Old Age Home- Sunday, 28th July



Sunday morning, RCSW family drove down to Bhattha village on Surat-Hazira Road and had an experience of a lifetime in spending 90 minutes with residents of Old Age Home who were much excited to have us. Our club members presented one hour entertainment with popular Bollywood songs. The chorus singing started on solemn note with the song "इतनी शक्ति हमें देना, दाता" and ended on an emotional note with the song "कभी अलविदा ना कहना..". At the end of program, **Rtn. Archana Thakare** proposed a hearty vote of thanks.

A BIG THANK YOU

- * To **Rtn. Dr. Shikha Samaiya and PP. Shilpa Shah**, architects of the Visit to Old Age home.
- * The entire logistics and program was compered by **Rtn Dr Shikha**.
- * Gratitude to **PP Setu, PP Dr Paresh and Sukruti, PP Vivek Goel, Ann Dr Mona Shah, Mr. Milind Thakare and Mr. Asim Samaiya** for presenting popular Bollywood songs which won hearts of everyone including residents of old age home.
- * **Our club is grateful to Rtn.PP Hitendra Mody and Rtn.PP Tinish Mody for sponsoring the entire program.**
- * **Gratitude to dear RCSW family for their presence and participation.**
- * Thanks to **PP Vivek Goel** for his services as photographer.

Visit to Modheshwari hitvardhak charitable trust old age home was resounding success. Sunday Morning well spent!! 😊😊

Santamma – 95 year old great lady teacher



Where is she going to ? Hospital?

No, our assumptions are totally wrong. With 2 walking sticks in her hands she reaches the classrooms of Centurian University in Andhra Pradesh by travelling 60 kms daily by bus to teach.

She is Santamma aged 95 years old who teaches Medical Physics, Radiology; Anaesthesia. Under her guidance, 17 students have completed their Doctorates (PhD).

She has translated Bhagwat Gita into English and Telugu languages besides being involved in extensive research works. Her aim is to record her name as the oldest Professor in the Guinness Book of World records. Such a great inspiration to us all.

If you have a strong will and determination, no age can stop you from achieving anything. Let's all be inspired by her to do something different and Great.

Heartiest tributes to this 95 year old Great lady teacher- Santamma.

ROTARY WISDOM

Rotary Club of Pasig North

IMAGINE ROTARY

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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Rotary isn't about making a donation, it's about making a difference!

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WE ARE ROTARIANS

WE BRIDGE CONTINENTS

WE BUILD COMMUNITIES

WE SERVE ABOVE SELF

WE CURE DISEASE

WE BUILD MINDS

WE BUILD PEACE

WE BRING HOPE

WE SAVE LIVES

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Humour

*Man calls the cab office and complains that the cab he ordered to take him to the airport for Delhi bound flight, had not yet arrived.

The receptionist girl who took call said ; Sir, I am very sorry to inform that your cab is still on its way, but you don't worry, the plane is also late;

Man sharply replied : Young lady, that's because I happen to be its pilot !