

## BULLETIN of ROTARY CLUB OF SURAT WEST



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### NEXT MEETING

The poster features a vibrant background with large, overlapping circles in blue, yellow, and red. At the top center is the Rotary logo. Below it, the text 'KNOW YOUR ROTARIAN HOUSIE GAME' is prominently displayed, with 'HOUSIE GAME' in large, bold, yellow letters on a dark blue brushstroke background. To the left of the text are three yellow 'HOUSIE' game cards, and to the right are three colorful dice (red, green, and blue). Below the main title, it says 'Rotary Club of Surat West'. The date and time are given as '20<sup>th</sup> August, Wednesday at 8:00 PM', flanked by clock icons. The venue is 'CRAZY BITE Restaurant', preceded by a fork and knife icon. The anchors are listed as 'Ann Hem Mody' and 'Ann Rakhi Gandhi'. At the bottom, there are two illustrations: on the left, two women in blue uniforms holding a plate; on the right, a woman in a blue dress and an older man in a suit sitting at a table with a plate of food.

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KNOW YOUR  
**ROTARIAN**  
**HOUSIE GAME**

Rotary Club of Surat West

⌚ 20<sup>th</sup> August, Wednesday at 8:00 PM ⌚

Venue:  
🍴 **CRAZY BITE** Restaurant

🎤 Anchors:  
Ann Hem Mody  
Ann Rakhi Gandhi

- **Rotarians and Spouses most welcome.**

## Wedding Anniversary Greetings

Rtn. Sandip- Gita Monga.....: **August 23**

## Forthcoming District Events

**\*RYE Inbound Orientation Program**

- 30th & 31st August 2025 at Baroda

## Birthday Greetings

Ann Arpita Varshney... - **August 20**

Rtn. Vijay Nihalani.....- **August 22**

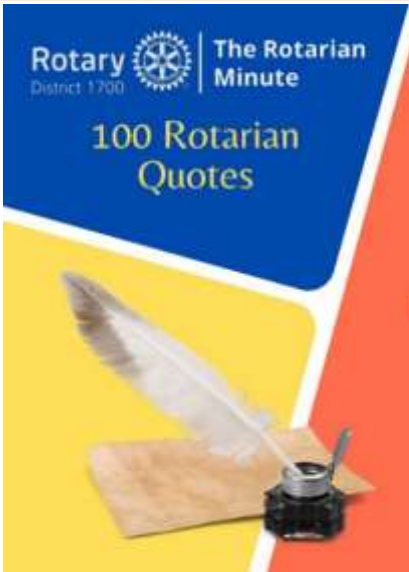
PP Dr. Paresh Vaidya...- **August 26**

PP Sonal Shah.....- **August 27**

## Forthcoming Programs

**\*Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> September:** Workshop on: Terrace Gardening  
By Dr. Paresh and Dr. Keyuri Shah(New City Hospital)

## Rotary Wisdom



Rotary District 1700 | The Rotarian Minute

100 Rotarian Quotes

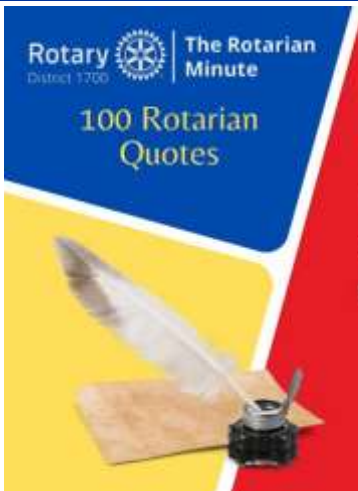
"Rotary is a global family united by a common purpose, working together to make a lasting impact on the world."

Richard KING  
Rotary International's 2001/2002 President

Good Morning!

Generosity:  
The habit of giving freely without expecting anything in return.

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Rotary District 1700 | The Rotarian Minute

100 Rotarian Quotes

"Rotary is a beacon of hope, shining a light on the possibilities of a better world through service and fellowship."

Glenn ESTESS  
Rotary International's 2004/2005 President

THERE'S A SHIP FOR EVERYONE

LEADERSHIP  
FELLOWSHIP  
MEMBERSHIP  
MENTORSHIP  
INTERNSHIP  
FRIENDSHIP

WELCOME ABOARD

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# **DISTRICT 3060 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME**

## **2025-26**



**Fellow Rotarians,**

Pasted below is Email received from R I District 3060 Youth Exchange Program Chair.

**The last date to receive CLUB SPONSORED complete application is 25th August 2025** with complete documents and Demand draft of prescribed amount in the email. **The completed application must be submitted to Club Rotary Youth Exchange Chairman Rtn. PP. Hitendra Mody on or earlier than 25th August, 2025.**

**For further information and clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Rtn. PP. Hitendra Mody <M> 94290 10500**

With Rotary Greetings,

Rtn Dr. Parag Shah  
**President**  
**RC Surat West**

On behalf of the Rotary International District 3060 Youth Exchange Programme, we are inviting applications for youth exchange students for the following programmes.

1. Long-term Youth Exchange (11 months),
2. Short-term Youth Exchange (3-6 weeks) and
3. New Generations Service Exchange (3-6 weeks).

The probable countries with whom we generally exchange for long term programme are Germany, France, USA, Brazil, Mexico, Columbia, Italy, Netherlands, Japan etc.

For Short term programme we generally exchange with France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Brazil, Argentina, Spain, South Africa and Czech Republic etc.

For NGSE programme we generally exchange with Germany, Spain, Italy, France, Africa, Argentina, Brazil and USA etc.

### **IMPORTANT CRITERIA:**

As per the rules of District 3060 and the guidelines given by Rotary International, the important criteria for selection are mentioned below. Each club willing to sponsor a student must meet the given requirements.

1. The selection process must be initiated and maintained with the concurrence and decision of the current President, President Elect and Youth Service Director.
2. Each application must be accompanied by a resolution of the Board of Directors of the club, of the current year. This includes a provision of three host families for the incoming student necessary for LT programme, each of which will host the student for a minimum duration of three months each. The format of the Resolution is attached herewith.

3. If there is more than one application and they meet with the criteria of sponsorship, the Club can sponsor all the candidates for the district interview. However, the club must provide a list of at least three host families for each of the candidates sponsored for District selection.
4. Rotarian and Non-Rotary children are welcome to participate.
5. The sponsored student's parents must be well educated and encouraged to take part in Rotary Foundation activities and encouraged to host the student.
6. The club should undertake in writing to host the inbound student in the same year or subsequent 2 years thereafter.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA FOR STUDENTS**

1. The student should be above average in his/her studies
2. Should have good command over languages—Gujarati, Hindi, English (Most Important)
3. Must be good in extra-curricular activities
4. Must have good general knowledge and must be familiar with affairs of India and the world.
5. Must have good knowledge of Indian culture
6. The student should be broad minded, flexible and should be able to adapt to new customs and habits.
7. The student for the long-term youth exchange programme must be between 15 and 18 years old as on June 2026. The student for the short-term youth exchange programme must be between 15 and 19 years old as on June 2026. For the New Generations Service Exchange, students between the ages 18 to 30 (June 2026) are welcome to apply. New Generations Exchanges will be Short-Term.
8. The student should be physically fit to participate in the programme. Special Exchange programmes are available for physically challenged students. Their selection criteria are different and Rotary International encourages such exchanges.
9. The parents must be able to financially support the student. While home stay and school education are free, typical costs to be paid by the student include selection process cost, travel, local sightseeing tours, 3060 orientation programmes, and other incidental costs.
10. The parents should give unqualified freedom and support to their ward to participate in the programme.

For more details of the Youth Exchange Program, please visit:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/youth-exchanges>

The application form is enclosed with this circular. A Demand Draft of Rs. 5000/- should be drawn in favour of "RI District 306 Trust account IYE" (Please note it is 306 and not 3060), payable at Valsad (Bulsar). **The last date for accepting applications is 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025. District interviews will be held soon thereafter.** The application fees is non- refundable. Candidates will be required to travel with their parents and club representative to the city of the interview as may be notified. Kindly send in your **completed forms along with the demand draft, board resolution and other attachments.** Incomplete applications will be rejected.

If the candidate is selected, they will have to pay participation fees of Rs. 9,000 for short term programme. Rs.17,000 for long term programme. For 1:1 NGSE Programme the charges will be Rs. 9,000 and for group NGSE programme the charges will be Rs. 25,000.



**Our club is 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club in 2024-25**



25 July 2025

The Rotary Club of Surat West

Dear Rotarians:

Congratulations to you, the members of the Rotary Club of Surat West for becoming a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club.

This significant accomplishment demonstrates that every member of your club shares a dedication to The Rotary Foundation's work. Your contributions to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, and approved Foundation grants allow The Rotary Foundation to improve lives in your community and around the world. Your club's support makes it possible for Rotarians to lead projects in our areas of focus, which build international relationships and create a better world.

This banner expresses The Rotary Foundation Trustees' appreciation for your support and your commitment to Doing Good in the World. Recognition for becoming a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club is a one-time award. However, it sets a standard that I hope your club will strive to maintain in the years to come. Congratulations again, and thank you for your leadership on behalf of The Rotary Foundation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Maloney", written in a cursive style.

Mark Daniel Maloney  
Chair, The Rotary Foundation, 2024-25

## New PHFs in 2024-25

### Zone 4

#### District 3060

Name	Rotary ID	Recognition Level	Achieved Date
Amit Arjun Agarwal	11201381	PHF	19-Jun-2025
Rajesh Omprakash Agarwal	11530988	PHF	30-Jun-2025
Rajesh Bansal	12317819	PHF	30-Jun-2025
Mayank Deorah	10935182	PHF	19-Jun-2025
Amit Jitendra Desai	11354782	PHF	19-Jun-2025
Jayprakash Dhanuka	11529157	PHF	19-Jun-2025
Tasnim M Doctor	8523626	PHF	19-Jun-2025
Setu Rajnikant Gandhi	5281001	PHF	19-Jun-2025
Anirudh Garg	10935049	PHF	19-Jun-2025
Vivek Omprakash Goel	8771962	PHF	19-Jun-2025
Mukesh Ashok Jain	10136119	PHF	19-Jun-2025
Sanjay Murarilal Jalan	10730748	PHF	19-Jun-2025
Raghav Khaitan	7034645	PHF	19-Jun-2025
Vishal Khator	8896718	PHF	19-Jun-2025
Rahul Mandhyan	10840775	PHF	19-Jun-2025
Nirav Nilesch Mandlewala	11354786	PHF	19-Jun-2025
Vishal Nilesch Mandlewala	11354793	PHF	19-Jun-2025
Vijay Vinu Bhai Mavecha	11980553	PHF	19-Jun-2025
Anup Madanlal Mittal	11529215	PHF	19-Jun-2025
Sandeep Monga	10793329	PHF	19-Jun-2025
Rajesh Parmanand Nandwani	11803161	PHF	19-Jun-2025
Kajal Vijay Nihalani	12374284	PHF	30-Jun-2025
Kanayalal Tarachand Nihalani	12351866	PHF	25-Jun-2025
ANIL PITALIYA	9742618	PHF	19-Jun-2025
shikha Ashim Samaiya	11803040	PHF	19-Jun-2025
Parag Shah	10629809	PHF	19-Jun-2025
Archana Milind Thakare, Sr.	11999487	PHF	19-Jun-2025

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## 100% PHF Club Banner



## Rotary Foundation statistics -India

### Top Districts from South-Asia in Annual Fund Giving and the corresponding Worldwide

Zone	District	Annual Fund Total	Worldwide Rank in Annual Fund Giving	Rank in South-Asia in Annual Fund Giving
7	3131	\$951,224	11	1
4	3141	\$837,209	18	2
4	3142	\$712,766	34	3
5	3212	\$474,260	68	4
4	3060	\$441,659	81	5

### Few more District Highlights from South-Asia during RY 2024-25:

100% Club Giving Districts	Top Districts in Donor Giving	Top Districts in Annual Fund Per Capita	PHS Champion Districts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zone 4: 3055, 3060, 3141, 3142</li> <li>Zone 5: 2982, 3203, 3204, 3212, 3220</li> <li>Zone 6: 3240, 3250</li> <li>Zone 7: 3020, 3131, 3132, 3150, 3170, 3181, 3192</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zone 4: 3060 (85%)</li> <li>Zone 5: 2981 (96%)</li> <li>Zone 6: 3250 (93%)</li> <li>Zone 7: 3181 (97%)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zone 4: 3142 (\$197)</li> <li>Zone 5: 3212 (\$107)</li> <li>Zone 6: 3240 (\$94)</li> <li>Zone 7: 3131 (\$184)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zone 4: 3011, 3060, 3141</li> <li>Zone 6: 3240, 3250</li> <li>Zone 7: 3150, 3181</li> </ul>

### RY 2024-25 Top 10 TRF Giving Clubs from South-Asia:

Zone	District	Name	2024-25 Total TRF Contribution in US \$	Worldwide Rank in Total Giving
7	3150	Lake District Moinabad, TS, India	\$1,054,190	3
5	3234	Madras, TN, India	\$948,476	4
4	3141	Bombay Pier, MH, India	\$751,163	6
4	3141	Bombay, MH, India	\$679,409	7
4	3012	Delhi Ananta, DL, India	\$534,678	9
7	3131	E-Club of Pune Diamond, MH, India	\$533,239	10
4	3060	Surat Tapi, GJ, India	\$499,974	13
4	3141	Queen's Necklace, MH, India	\$495,534	14
7	3131	Pune Central, MH, India	\$460,527	16
4	3011	Delhi South Central, DL, India	\$440,853	20

**“Spark” Joins Rotary Surat West family in conveying our heartiest Congratulations to DG (2024-25) Tushar Shah, Team TRF District 3060 (5<sup>th</sup> in South Asia) and Rotary club of Surat Tapi.(7<sup>th</sup> in South Asia and 13<sup>th</sup> Worldwide)**



## **79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration at Millennium School- August 15**



**Today, with great pride and patriotic fervour, we celebrated the 79th Independence Day along with Krishna Janmashtami at The Millennium School, Surat.**

The tricolour  soared high as the celebrations seamlessly transitioned into Krishna Janmashtami festivities, where the joy of devotion merged with cultural splendour.

Students enthralled us all with various Patriotic performances, Lasium dance & the Matki Phod event, recreating the playful spirit of Lord Krishna.

**Our heartfelt thanks to Principal madam Ms Monika Khurana for inviting us, all the teachers, staff & students of TMS for their dedication & hard work towards every performance of the day. A special thanks to PP Rtn Amit Gajjar for giving us the opportunity.**

Let the spirit of freedom, unity, and service continue to inspire us in all our endeavours.

**Those who participated in the event were**; President Dr. Parag and First lady Dr. Sejal, Hon. Secretary Anirudh and Yukti Garg, PE Dr. Vijay and PP Shilpa Shah, Ann Dimple Rajesh Agrawal, RYE student Ana and PDG Devendra Shastri.



## Events that make news



## **Sang Koo Yun resigns as 2026-27 Rotary International President**



**Dear Rotary Members,**

As you may recall, last April, President-elect Sang Koo Yun informed us all of his diagnosis of pancreatic cancer and his decision to step back from Rotary responsibilities so he could focus on his treatment. **Today, President-elect Sang Koo notified me in a letter that he has decided to resign as President-elect of Rotary International after extensive consultation with his doctors. In his message, he shared the following sentiments:**

"My doctors have advised that it may not be possible for me to meet the demanding travel and schedule required of our President. As much as I wish to serve in this role, I must honour that advice."

"It has been a tremendous honour and pleasure to be given the opportunity to lead our organization. I will continue to serve however I can, and my love for Rotary and my commitment to our mission remains unshaken."

On behalf of the Rotary International Board and with a heavy heart, I accepted Sang Koo's resignation. While it is a difficult decision, we deeply appreciate Sang Koo's thoughtful consideration and his focus on the best interest of Rotary.

**The Board will convene soon to determine next steps. We will keep you updated on any further developments.**

I want to thank Sang Koo for his tremendous service, leadership and contributions to our organization. Please join me in wishing him a swift recovery and good health in the future.

With warm regards,

**Francesco Arezzo**

**President, Rotary International, 2025-26**

## **DO YOU KNOW!!**



A homeowner's hammer struck a basement wall, revealing a lost world. Hidden beneath was an 18-story underground city built to shelter 20,000 people from war and persecution.

**A man knocked down a wall in his basement in 1963 and discovered an 18-story underground city in Derinkuyu, Turkey, built to shelter 20,000 people.**

What he found was a sprawling labyrinth diving 279 feet into the earth, a world carved from volcanic rock centuries ago.

The city wasn't just a series of caves. It had everything needed for long-term survival: stables for livestock, chapels for worship, a religious school, and even wine and oil presses. Its origins go back to the Phrygians around the 8th century B.C., who likely built the first levels for protection from invading armies.

Centuries later, early Christians fleeing Roman persecution expanded the city significantly. They used its hidden depths as a sanctuary, adding the chapels and living quarters that remain to this day. Massive, rolling stone doors, some weighing over 1,000 pounds, could be sealed from the inside, making it a nearly impenetrable fortress. Intricate ventilation shafts provided fresh air to the deepest levels.

**The city was last used by Cappadocian Greeks, who took refuge there until they were forced to leave in 1923. It then lay forgotten.**

For 40 years, its secrets were sealed in silence, until a single hammer swing reopened a lost chapter history.

**Courtesy: PP Bankim Sitwala**





## Laughter- The Best Medicine



## "Spark" conveys best wishes for

