

## BULLETIN of ROTARY CLUB OF SURAT WEST



Rotary  
District 3060



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**03/2025-26**

### **NEXT MEETING**

**Sunday, 27th July**

**Program:** **Medical Camp & Musical Morning at Old Age Home**

**Venue:** **Shree Modheshwari Hitvardhak charitable trust- Old Age Home, Bhatha, Surat.**

**Time:** **Medical Camp: 8am to 9.30am Musical Morning: 9.30 am to 11 am**



### **Forthcoming Programs**

**August 6:** Meeting of Club Board of Directors on **Zoom platform**

**August 15:** Independence Day Flag Hosting at **Millennium School, Surat**

### **Birthday Greetings**

Rtn. Anant Agrawal.....- **July 19**

Ann Hem Tinish Mody.... -**July 23**

### Rotary

**Francesco Arezzo**

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Dear fellow Rotary leaders,

As we step into a new year of service, let us also look ahead to the many years of Rotary still to come.

Our collective efforts today will shape the future of our organization for generations. It is essential that we focus on establishing new clubs, exploring diverse club models, and extending Rotary's reach into untapped communities. These steps will help Rotary remain relevant, resilient, and impactful—both now and in the future.

A vibrant Rotary is one where every member feels valued and motivated to contribute. This calls for fostering an inclusive environment that welcomes fresh ideas, encourages collaboration, and mirrors the diversity of the communities we aim to serve.

Rotary's success depends on our ability to adapt and grow. Let us push ourselves to go beyond conventional methods, seek out new opportunities for connection and service, and equip Rotary to meet the demands of an ever-changing world. By adopting this approach, we ensure Rotary remains a dynamic and forward-thinking organization that continues to attract People of Action dedicated to creating lasting change.

You have the power to help build a Rotary that is not only resilient in the face of challenges but also ready to flourish for decades to come.

Together, let us champion innovation, nurture growth, and Unite for Good.

Warm regards,

Francesco Arezzo

Rotary International President, 2025-2026



# MESSAGES






# BULLETIN BOARD

**HIGHLIGHTS  
BOD MEETING  
JUNE 25**



## Highlights from the June and "July" 2025 Rotary International Board of Directors Meetings

The 2024–25 RI Board of Directors held a special, virtual meeting on 14 June 2025. On 19 June, the Board met in-person in Calgary, Alberta, Canada in conjunction with the Rotary International convention and reviewed six committee reports and recorded 32 decisions. The 2025–26 RI Board met on 26 June after the RI convention to discuss the year ahead and adopt various operational decisions before taking office, with such decisions being effective only on 1 July.

### Administration

#### The Board

- in a specially called, virtual meeting on 14 June, elected Francesco Arezzo as the 2025-26 Rotary International president, to fill the vacancy upon then-president-elect de Camargo's resignation from the office;
- designated the following sites for the 2025-26 zone nominating committees for RI director:

**Zone 4:** Delhi, India

**Zone 15:** Cologne, Germany

**Zone 6:** Calcutta, India

**Zone 24A:** Amambai, Brazil

**Zone 10A:** Manila, Philippines

**Zone 26:** Phoenix, AZ, United States

**Zone 12:** Changwon, Korea

**Zone 30:** Columbus, OH, United States

and appointed a convener for each committee;

- agreed that representatives for the 2028 Council on Legislation will begin their terms on 1 January 2026 and end on 30 June 2028 and requested district governors to submit their selections to the Secretariat by 31 December 2025.

### Clubs and Districts

#### The Board

- encouraged Rotary members, district, and zone leaders to support young leaders to form regional or international networks of alumni associations or multidistrict information organizations;
- agreed to resume its funding for the continuation of the Zone 8 Regionalization Pilot for another year.

### Meetings

#### The Board

- tentatively selected the following cities to host Rotary International Conventions:
  - Dubai, UAE on 26-30 June 2027;
  - Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, on 5-9 June 2032.

### Finances

#### The Board

- approved a 2025–26 budget of US\$137,903,000 total revenue, \$138,124,000 total expenses, and funding from reserves of \$385,000;
- approved use of \$125,928,000 from unrestricted contributions for the 2025–26 Rotary Foundation programs budget.

## Decisions from the first meeting of the 2025–26 RI Board of Directors

### The Board

- approved director Alain Van de Poel as the 2025–26 Rotary International vice president;
- approved director Patrick Eakes as the 2025–26 Rotary International treasurer;
- agreed that Zones 2, 9, 13A, 17A, 21B, 25B, 28, and 33 shall select committees in 2025–26 to nominate RI directors to serve on the Board beginning 1 July 2028;
- established a steering committee to begin the RI Bylaws-mandated process of reviewing the composition of Rotary's 34 zones, to include recommended criteria, guidelines, and timetable for the process.

## Rotary Wisdom



## Welcome Ana to Rotary Surat West family



**Rotary Youth Exchange Inbound Student Ana Luiza Busanello Veiga** sponsored by Rotary Club de Balneario Camboriu, RI District 4652, **BRAZIL** will arrive in India on 25<sup>th</sup> July. **She will be received by 1<sup>st</sup> Host couple President Rtn. Dr. Parag and Ann Dr. Sejal shah at Mumbai International Airport.**

**She will be studying in Millennium School, Surat in 9th grade, starting 1st August until the end of Academic year 2025-26.**



# Top 30 Countries with Highest Contribution to The Rotary Foundation In 2024-25

**INDIA 🇮🇳 stands in no. 2 position with total contribution of US\$ 38+ Million. Cheers!**

## Rotary TOP 30 GIVING COUNTRIES IN 2024-25

Rank	Country	Rotarians	% of All Rotarians	Clubs	% of All Clubs	Annual Fund	PolioPlus Fund	Other Funds	Endowment Fund	Total Contributions	Annual Fund Per Capita
1	United States	266,699	24%	7,159	20%	\$46,448,340	\$113,513,121	\$11,511,357	\$25,592,040	\$197,062,858	\$174.15
2	India	165,597	15%	4,610	13%	\$9,127,202	\$1,136,459	\$24,022,851	\$3,773,417	\$38,069,929	\$55.12
3	Korea, Republic of	61,072	5%	1,647	5%	\$15,312,082	\$680,860	\$1,160,065	\$2,628,417	\$19,781,424	\$250.72
4	Taiwan	35,117	3%	992	3%	\$8,572,732	\$1,361,766	\$3,175,866	\$4,599,949	\$17,710,313	\$244.12
5	Japan	81,736	7%	2,194	6%	\$11,441,103	\$2,867,199	\$231,531	\$2,401,823	\$16,941,656	\$139.98
6	Canada	18,376	2%	680	2%	\$3,700,445	\$1,272,487	\$920,245	\$2,425,092	\$8,318,269	\$201.37
7	Germany	58,307	5%	1,148	3%	\$4,915,292	\$2,053,779	\$293,250	\$4,121	\$7,266,442	\$84.30
8	Italy	38,285	3%	949	3%	\$3,545,511	\$1,329,162	\$148,409	\$673,913	\$5,694,995	\$92.61
9	Brazil	49,696	4%	2,306	6%	\$4,272,339	\$486,175	\$432,521	\$25,289	\$5,216,324	\$85.62
10	Philippines	26,798	2%	968	3%	\$3,201,505	\$630,545	\$648,645	\$599,964	\$5,078,659	\$119.47
11	Australia	21,316	2%	943	3%	\$2,588,658	\$1,012,951	\$731,362	\$248,556	\$4,561,527	\$121.44
12	UK	31,615	3%	1,491	4%	\$1,914,175	\$1,005,752	\$132,359	\$554,978	\$3,607,264	\$60.55
13	France	26,839	2%	1,082	3%	\$2,233,926	\$982,932	\$123,052	\$18,900	\$3,358,810	\$83.23
14	Mexico	9,580	1%	609	2%	\$1,235,932	\$378,780	\$512,563	\$243,909	\$2,371,184	\$129.01
15	Switzerland	13,240	1%	220	1%	\$965,487	\$387,293	\$191,821	\$66,207	\$1,610,808	\$72.92
16	Uganda	6,911	1%	186	1%	\$958,027	\$240,943	\$168,821	\$104,258	\$1,472,049	\$138.62
17	Nigeria	13,023	1%	516	1%	\$799,341	\$394,544	\$40,493	\$154,608	\$1,388,986	\$61.38
18	Thailand	7,166	1%	343	1%	\$962,966	\$66,101	\$262,469	\$83,200	\$1,374,736	\$134.38
19	Belgium	9,113	1%	272	1%	\$726,825	\$332,616	\$171,623	\$79,303	\$1,310,367	\$79.76
20	Netherlands	14,404	1%	470	1%	\$638,812	\$186,084	\$67,103	\$70,152	\$962,161	\$44.35
21	Austria	8,677	1%	168	0%	\$796,135	\$125,714	\$2,323	\$1,217	\$925,389	\$91.75
22	Hong Kong	2,082	0%	86	0%	\$455,866	\$84,377	\$65,689	\$61,645	\$667,577	\$218.96
23	Malaysia	3,261	0%	138	0%	\$310,819	\$143,438	\$9,525	\$167,232	\$631,014	\$95.31
24	Singapore	810	0%	23	0%	\$244,836	\$46,718	\$44,138	\$295,207	\$630,899	\$302.27
25	Turkey	6,277	1%	249	1%	\$247,465	\$55,770	\$169,972	\$152,236	\$625,443	\$39.42
26	New Zealand	5,430	0%	206	1%	\$371,998	\$96,144	\$9,737	\$128,001	\$605,880	\$68.51
27	Sri Lanka	1,887	0%	69	0%	\$104,110	\$6,207	\$340,901	\$73,722	\$824,940	\$55.17
28	Spain	4,832	0%	249	1%	\$259,515	\$145,218	\$63,920	\$40,923	\$509,576	\$53.71
29	Sweden	13,977	1%	357	1%	\$173,298	\$265,917	\$20,301	\$47,545	\$507,061	\$12.40
30	Nepal	5,315	0%	158	0%	\$146,744	\$36,461	\$176,647	\$91,001	\$450,853	\$27.61
Total 30 Countries		1,007,638	89%	30,800	84%	\$126,669,486	\$131,325,513	\$45,845,589	\$45,406,825	\$349,247,383	\$125.71

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## Top 10 Countries with Highest number of Rotarians in 2024-25

<u>Sr No</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Rotary clubs</u>	<u>Rotarians</u>
<u>1</u>	USA	<u>70399</u>	<u>2,61,415</u>
<u>2</u>	INDIA	<u>4654</u>	<u>1,70,504</u>
<u>3</u>	JAPAN	<u>2173</u>	<u>82,7002</u>
<u>4</u>	KOREA	<u>1617</u>	<u>61,162</u>
<u>5</u>	BRAZIL	<u>2309</u>	<u>51,591</u>
<u>6</u>	GERMANY	<u>1156</u>	<u>58,712</u>
<u>7</u>	TAIWAN	<u>1013</u>	<u>35,662</u>
<u>8</u>	PHILIPPINES	<u>982</u>	<u>26,717</u>
<u>9</u>	AUSTRALIA	<u>937</u>	<u>20,845</u>
<u>10</u>	BANGLADESH	<u>364</u>	<u>7,339</u>
	WORLDWIDE	36,379	11,35,472

## Rotary Peace Center at Symbiosis' Lavale campus in Pune, Maharashtra, India.



**Rotary and Symbiosis International Deemed University** are partnering to establish a Rotary Peace Center at Symbiosis' Lavale campus in **Pune, Maharashtra, India.**

"This collaboration is a call for action to invest in peace, nurture local leadership, and shape resilient communities for generations to come," **said Bharat Pandya, Trustee, The Rotary Foundation.**

Announced at **#Rotary25**, the new center joins a global network of **Rotary Peace Centers** that have trained more than 1,800 peacebuilders since 2002.

Learn more: <https://on.rotary.org/456Dc9x>

### **NEWS MAKERS**

- **PDG Devendra Shastri** was invited to install the new team of President and Board of Directors of Rotary club of Surat Diamond city on July 13.
- **Ann Dr. Purvi Ashit Kothari** was invited by Rotary club of Udhna to serve as panel member in Talk show in their meeting on July 17 under the topic: " **LET'S TALK LIFE**"

## **Famous "Failures" Who Changed the World!**



- ◆ **Thomas Edison** was expelled from school after only four months; his teacher labelled him mentally deficient. He later became one of the greatest inventors in history.
- ◆ **Charles Darwin** was pressured to abandon medicine, with his father saying bitterly: "You care about nothing but your fantasies!" He ultimately revolutionized biology with his theory of evolution.
- ◆ **Walt Disney** fired from a newspaper job for "lacking creativity". He then built an entertainment empire beloved by generations worldwide.
- ◆ **Beethoven's** music teacher called him utterly talentless. He went on to compose some of the world's most timeless masterpieces.
- ◆ **Albert Einstein** didn't speak until age four, and his teacher labelled him as mentally handicapped. He became one of history's greatest scientific minds.
- ◆ **Auguste Rodin's** father declared him an "idiot" after failing the art school entrance exam three times. Rodin is now celebrated as one of the greatest sculptors of all time.
- ◆ **Emperor Ferdinand** famously criticized Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro" as having "too many notes." Today, Mozart's genius is unquestionable.
- ◆ **Dmitri Mendeleev** earned average marks in chemistry, yet he later crafted the Periodic Table, fundamentally transforming science.
- ◆ **Henry Ford**, the legendary creator of Ford automobiles, struggled with basic literacy and declared bankruptcy multiple times before achieving monumental success.
- ◆ When **Marconi** invented the radio and described transmitting words through the air, his friends took him to a psychiatrist, thinking he'd lost his mind. Months later, his invention saved countless lives at sea.

### **Lesson Learned:**

**Never let the judgments of others define your potential. Greatness often starts with setbacks. Keep believing in yourself!**



## Pictorial events that make **NEWS**

### Surat- No. 1 Cleanest City in India



### Sudhanshu Shukla, 1<sup>st</sup> Indian Astronaut to go to International Space Station



### Epstein Files – Talk of the town





## **Teacher To Student's Father**

**आपका बेटा हर बार English में फेल होता है !**

**Father-क्या ? मेरा बेटा और इंग्लिश में फेल ?  
Unpossible !**

Tapori Baba

### **After English Exam**

#### **How Was The Paper ?**

**It Was Easy But Question 5 Confused Me**

**What Was the question?**

**Question 5 Wanted The  
Past Tense Of "Think",**

**I Thought & Thought & Thought  
And End Up With Writing "Thinked"**

