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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 30th April



Welcome



Wednesday, 30th April, 2025

Chief Guest: District Governor Rtn. Tushar Shah

PDG. Devendra Shastri
President

PP. Bankim Sitwala
Program Co-Ordinator

PP. Tinish Mody
Hon. Secretary

Dress Code: Men- **Modi Jacket
Women: **Indian Attire****

Time: 07.30Pm- 08.15 Pm- **DINNER
08.20 Pm onwards- **Program****

Venue: Ora Hall, 1st Floor, The Amore

• ROTARIANS AND SPOUSES ARE MOST WELCOME

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

Rtn. Rahul- Chaitali Mandhyan.....: May **04**

Rtn. Rajesh- Tripti Nadwani.....: May **09**

Rtn. Mayank- Ritu Deorah..... : May **11**

Birthday Greetings

Ann Kajal Vijay Nihalani:May **01**

Nipa Bankim Sitwala.....: May **02**

Rtn. Amit Desai.....: May **03**

Rtn. PP. Tinish Mody.....: **May 03**

Forthcoming Programs

***Saturday, 3rd May**

:Global investor Conference at Avadh Utopia.



**All Rotarians and Spouses are invited. Registration free but mandatory.
Details in our club's official whatsapp group.**

***Sunday, 11th May : Movie Fellowship**

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

*** Wednesday, 28th May : Box Cricket Fellowship**

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

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

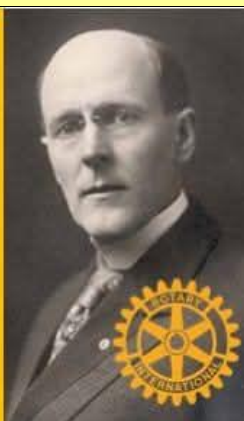
***Monday, 16th June : Notebook Distribution Project**

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

Rotary Wisdom

*Rotary changes us
and those we serve.
I believe we can change the
world one life at a time.*

Paul Harris



**“Rotary is a fellowship of noblemen;
not a hereditary nobility but a
nobility that must be earned and
re-earned....Nobility is measured by
its obligations, not by its rights and
privileges...service above self.”**

— Rotary in the March of Mankind, THE ROTARIAN, July 1951.
1951-52 Frank E. Spain (Insurance - law), Rotary Club of Birmingham,
Alabama, USA. Rotary vision: 'That every club meeting be a forum of ideas;
for men of ideas make history.'

#RotaryQuotes 002

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**Rotary Club of
Surat West**

R.I. District 3060 Zone 4-B

Historical Highlights of the formation of our club in 1996.

- * **On 14th March, 1996**, Rtn. Dr. B C Naidu, Past President of Rotary club of Udhna was appointed as **Governor's Special representative(GSR) to explore the possibility to start One more Rotary club in Surat.**
- * **On Sunday, march 17 1996** morning at 10.00AM, **First Interest meeting** was held at Jeevan Bharati school in which 22 prospective members attended the meeting. The purpose of launching new club and important information on Rotary was shared. Mr. S. Prasad (GM-ONGC Hazira) invited all prospective members to have next interest meeting in ONGC Guest House.
- * On **Friday, 22nd March evening**, **2nd interest meeting** was held on the lawns of ONGC guest house in which 28 Prospective members with their spouses were present. A slide show on 'Welcome to Rotary' was shown. There was discussion about possible venues for club meeting, time etc. was discussed. It was decided to meet every Wednesday at 08.30 Pm .All meetings will be high tea. **The name of the club "Rotary club of Surat West" was unanimously agreed by all.** Rotary club of Surat came forward to sponsor New club. In this meeting President of Surat club Rtn. Nanak Nazar and PDG. Rajnikant Thackar was present. The meeting was preceded by Grand 4 course Dinner on the lawns of ONGC Guest house.
- * The next meeting was held in hotel Check-mat on **Wednesday, March 27** in which **Club constitution and Bylaws were adopted.** All prospective members were asked to give cheques of Rs. 1500/- each.
- * **On Wednesday, April 03 1996**, **The Organization Meeting** of the club was held at Kapadia Health club.32 prospective members gave their cheques. It was decided to close the list of Charter members in the next meeting on April 10.
- * In the meeting on **April 10, 1996**, the **meeting elected Board of Directors of the club** to serve for the year 1995-96 and closed the list of **Charter members with 38 members** and send Charter application to DG for sending it to RI, USA for approval. **Thus the Provisional Club, Rotary club of Surat West was BORN.** It was decided to hold next meeting as Installation Meeting.
- * **The Installation meeting** was held on **Wednesday, 17th April** at Kapadia health club (regular venue for club meeting) in which DG. Himanshu Thackar installed Rtn. Gyanendra Pandey (DGM-ONGC) as President and his Team for the year 1995-96.Dignitaries present in this meeting was: DGN.Hemant Desai, PDG. Rajnikant Thackar, PDG.Bharat Solanki, District secretary Kulbandhu Sharma and President of Sponsor club Rtn. Nanak Nazar.
- *The **First speaker meeting** was held on **Wednesday, 24th April**. Eminent Consultant Physician Dr.Hemant Parikh was Guest speaker.
- * In the meeting on **1st May, 1996**, PDG. Devendra Shastri announced that **our club has been admitted to the membership of Rotary International on 30 April, 1996.**
- ***The Charter Presentation Ceremony** of Rotary club of Surat West was held on **Monday, June 03 1996** at a gala meeting held at Imperial Hall, **Hotel Holiday Inn** at 08.00Pm. **The Chief Guest was RI Director (now Past RI President) Kalyan Banerjee** who came with his wife Ann Binotaji. The Hall was full with nearly **150 persons** including Rotary District dignitaries, leaders of corporate world of Surat who were all seated in specially designated seats for each invitee in the meeting.
- Founder President Gyanendra Pandey accepted club Charter from DG Himanshu Thackar. RID Kalyan Banerjee** greeted every Rotarian with their spouse with Rotary literature and flowers. The audience was treated to truly **inspirational speech** by RID Kalyan Banerjee. **Rotary Dignitaries Included** DGNs Hemant Desai, DGN Dr. Manoj Desai and PDGs. Vaikunthbhai Shastri, Rajanibhai Thackar, Dr. Sam Bhacca, Devendra Shastri, Bharat Solanki, Chandrakant Desai (Bulsar), Navzar Wadia (Porbandar), Pradeep Gohil (Bhavnagar), Vishnu Patel (Vapi) and **District officers and club presidents from 17 Rotary clubs**



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R.I. District 3060 Zone 4-B

SALUTE TO LEADERS OF OUR CLUB

Sr. No	Rotary Year	PRESIDENT
01	1995-96	Gyanendra Pandey
02	1996-97	Dr. Praful Doshi
03	1997-98	Dr. Jigish Shah
04	1998-99	Arun Jani
05	1999-2000	Geeta Modi
06	2000-01	Pankaj Marfatia
07	2001-02	Hitendra Mody
08	2002-03	Yogesh Pandya
09	2003-04	Late Dr. Yogesh Desai
10	2004-05	Mazhar Doctor
11	2005-06	Sunil Shah
12	2006-07	Jayendra Parikh
13	2007-08	Late Pankaj Shah
14	2008-09	Tarun Sethi
15	2009-10	Bankim Sitwala
16	2010-11	Shilpa Shah
17	2011-12	Amit Gajjar
18	2012-13	Setu Gandhi
19	2013-14	Ashit Kothari
20	2014-15	Bhavesh Shah
21	2015-16	Tinish Mody
22	2016-17	Snehal Pachchigar
23	2017-18	Dilip Gulwani
24	2018-19	Vivek Goel
25	2019-20	Krunal Mehta
26	2020-21	Dr. Paresh Vaidya
27	2021-22	Mitesh Bhagat
28	2022-23	Tanmay Agrawal
29	2023-24	Sonal Shah

List of Charter Members who are still on the Roll of our club

1. Rtn. PP. Geeta Modi
2. Rtn. PP. Hitendra Mody
3. Rtn. PDG. Devendra Shastri

Notebooks Project

Rotary
District 3060



“ अध्यापन ”



Notebook distribution to the underprivileged students to support Rotary International's Literacy Drive
“Empowerment Through Education”

Best Quality Notebook.
Size B5(18x24 CM.)
140 Page.
54 GSM Paper



Our club has raised funds for **6000 Notebooks** from our own Rotarians amounting **Rs. 84,000/-**. These Notebooks will be distributed in a Municipal school in Pandesara GIDC where our club in past distributed sweaters. **Rtn. Gaurang Goel is the Project manager for this project.**

Salute to all Rotarians who willingly donated money for this worthy project.

Rotary Photo Contest

Glimpse of Entries received for our club sponsored Photo Contest 2024-25. Total 457 pictures received from 171 participants. Final result will be announced by the end of April 2025. Kudos to project manager Rtn. PP. Vivek Goel!!



Highlights of Club Board Meeting held on Wednesday, 23rd April



The 10 th board of directors meeting was hosted by PP. Bankim Sitwala and PP. Setu Gandhi at Trezero restaurant.

The following points were discussed and passed by the board.

***President PDG Devendra Shastri** welcomed everyone and the minutes of the last board meeting held on 19 th March,2025 was read by Hon. Sec. PP. Tinish Mody and passed.

***Financial status was discussed** and an additional fee of Rs.5000 to be collected from members who had not paid till date.

***Flag design** of the club was discussed and Hon. Jt sec. PP Ashit Kothari was assigned the responsibility.

***PP. Bankim Sitwala, program co-ordinator**, informed the board about the preparations for **30 th charter night celebrations on April 30, 2025** to be held at Ora Hall, Amore.

***Report of membership committee chair, PP Setu Gandhi** was discussed and the board unanimously approved the **new member proposals of Seema Rajesh Bansal and re-joining member Tasnim Mazhar Doctor.**

***Tentative programs and projects for the months of May and June 2025 were discussed, including** service project of notebook distribution, movie fellowship, box cricket fellowship, ladies night, excursion trip, etc.

***President PDG Devendra Shastri discussed the club's contribution to The Rotary Foundation and EREY.**

The next board meeting was to be held on May 21, 2025.

The meeting concluded with Hon. Jt. Sec. Ashit Kothari extending a hearty vote of thanks to the warm and gracious hosts, PP Bankim Sitwala and PP. Setu Gandhi for their hospitality and for making the event a memorable one.

The Board meeting was attended by President PDG Devendra Shastri, PN. Dr. Vijay Shah, Hon. Sec PP. Tinish Mody, Hon. Jt. Sec. PP Ashit Kothari, PP. Geeta Modi, PP. Hitendra Mody, PP. BankimSitwala, PP.Setu Gandhi, PP. Krunal Mehta,Rtn. Sanjay Jalan, Sergeant-at-arms Rtn. Anirudh Garg and Sergeant-at-arms Rtn. Vijay Mevcha.

Gibraltar Airport



A plane crossing an avenue like it's a car! This happens at Gibraltar Airport, where its runway cuts through Winston Churchill Avenue, creating one of the most striking intersections on the planet. Every time a plane takes off or lands, ground traffic comes to a halt, as if it were a railroad crossing, but much more spectacular.

With a runway only 1.5 kilometers long, this airport not only stands out for its functionality, but also for the incredible view of the imposing Gibraltar Peñon that surrounds it. This ingenious solution demonstrates how a small space can become an example of urban adaptation and efficiency, leaving locals and tourists alike speechless.

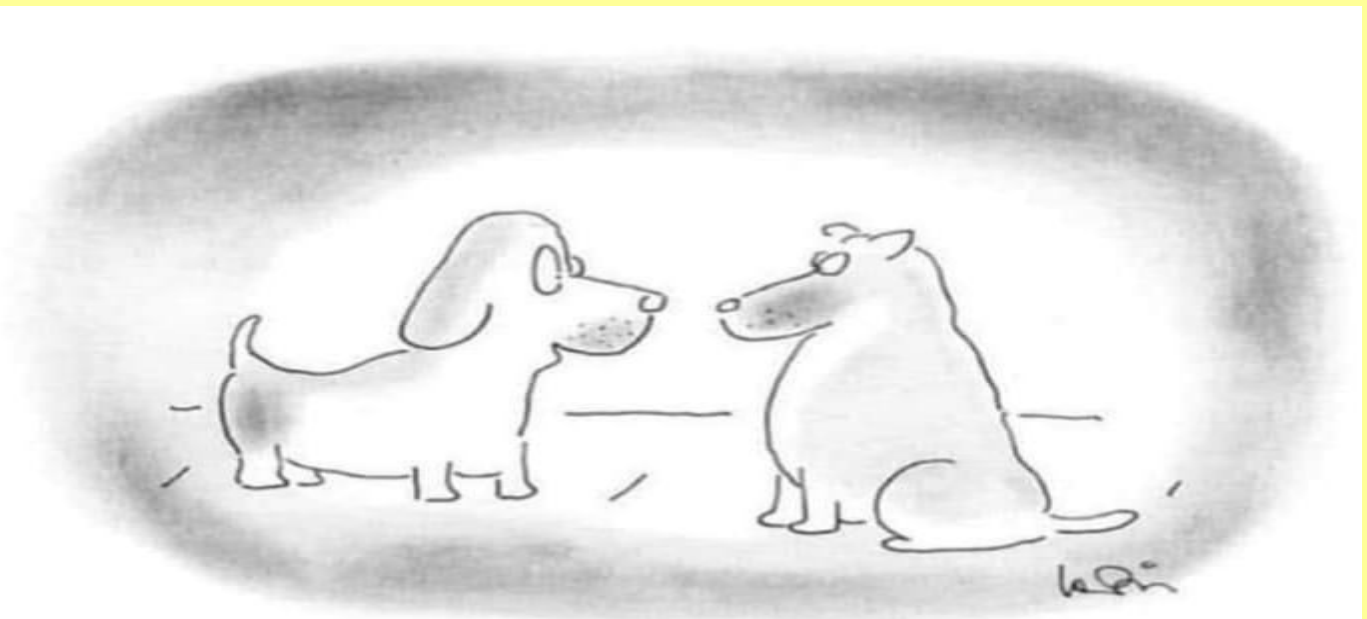
The airport is located on the isthmus that connects Gibraltar with the rest of the Iberian Peninsula.

The History Channel programme *Most Extreme Airports* ranked the airport the fifth most extreme airport in the world. It is exposed to strong cross winds around the 'rock' and across the Bay of Gibraltar, making landings in winter particularly challenging.

HUMOUR



Mom, when I was in your belly, it was pizzas, ice cream, cookies, chocolates! So now why are you giving me broccoli soup without salt?



"I just heard some interesting news. The world is going to the dogs."