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NEXT MEETING

- * Wednesday, 13th November

Online Meeting

Speaker: Rtn. PE. Dr. Parag Shah

**Topic: My Experience as Rotary Foundation
Cadre Technical Advisor**

Time: 8.30 Pm

- **Online Zoom link** will be shared in our club's whatsapp group.

PLEASE BLOCK THIS DATE
MUST ATTEND MEETING BY
ROTARIANS AND SPOUSES.

- **MONDAY, 02ND DECEMBER**
- **PROGRAM; OFFICIAL VISIT OF**
DISTRICT GOVERNOR
RTN. TUSHAR SHAH
- **VENUE ; THE AMORE**
- **TIME; 08.00PM**

Birthday Greetings

November 03: **Ann Archana Vishal Khator**
November 14: **Ann Trpti Rajesh Nandwani**
November 17: **Rtn. Rajeev Bansal**
November 19: **Rtn. PE. Dr. Parag Shah**

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

November 19:
Rtn. Anurag and Ann Meeta Kapoor

Forthcoming Programs

- **Wednesday, 20th November : AG's Visit cum Club Assembly**
- **Sunday, 24th November : 1st Eye Cataract Surgery Camp at Vandsa.**
- **Wednesday, 27th November : Meeting of Club Board of Directors**
- **Monday, December 02 : Official Visit of District Governor
Rtn. Tushar Shah**
- **Monday, 16th December : Meeting of Club Board of Directors**
- **Wednesday, 18th December: Annual (Election) Meeting**

A solid Foundation

One of Rotary's greatest strengths is the ability of our members to come together to create lasting change, and The Rotary Foundation helps us transform dreams of change into reality.

From eradicating polio to building peace, much of the work we do around the world would not be possible without our continued support of our Foundation.

The cause of peace is especially important to me, and one of the most effective ways we build peace is our Rotary Peace Fellowship — a product of The Rotary Foundation. The programme helps current and aspiring peace and development professionals around the world learn how to prevent and how to end conflict.

Thanks to a \$15.5 million gift from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation, we can continue supporting peacebuilders in more regions with the next Rotary Peace Centre at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul.

Opening yet another peace centre is a monumental achievement that we will celebrate at the 2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference in Istanbul.

The three-day conference February 20–22 will highlight the many ways our family of Rotary advocates for peace. Keynote speakers, panel discussions and breakout sessions will allow us to share ideas about building peace and foster meaningful



conversations about promoting peace everywhere.

Registration for the Presidential Peace Conference is open. I hope to see you there, but if you can't make it, our Foundation offers so many ways to change the world for the better. November is Rotary Foundation Month, a great time to get to know your Foundation better and pursue causes that appeal to you.

Global grants support large international activities with sustainable, measurable outcomes in Rotary's areas of focus. By working together to respond to pressing community needs, clubs and districts strengthen their global partnerships.

District grants fund small-scale, short-term activities that address needs in your community and in communities abroad. Each district chooses which activities it will fund with these grants.

Our Foundation can even help you support our wonderful youth programmes, including Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and Interact.

Your gifts to our Foundation also make Programs of Scale possible. These are long-term projects that seek to solve otherwise intractable problems.

To ensure these good works continue beyond our lifetimes, it is up to us to reach our ambitious Rotary Endowment goal of \$2.025 billion by June 30, 2025.

The *Magic of Rotary* does not appear out of nowhere. We create the magic with every new member inducted, every project completed, and every dollar donated to our Foundation.

Please join me in supporting The Rotary Foundation, and together, we will change the world for the better.

Stephanie A Urchick

President, Rotary International

Donate to

The Rotary Foundation at rotary.org/donate.

Register for the 2025 Rotary

Presidential Peace Conference at rotary.org/istanbul25.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Last meeting – Friday, October 25, 2024

Diwali Celebrations

Diwali, the Festival of Lights, was celebrated with great pomp and grandeur at the Rotary Club of Surat West. With record attendance, Rotarians and Anns were dressed in traditional attire. The atmosphere was filled with joy, camaraderie, and festive spirit.

The hall was beautifully decorated with flowers and diyas by Ann. **First lady Nilimaben Shastri, Ann. Nipa Sitwala, Ann. Hem Mody and IPP. Sonal Shah.** After the sumptuous dinner and fellowship, the meeting started in all earnest, by **welcome speech by President PDG Devendrabhai Shastri**, who said that we have gathered here to celebrate the festival of lights and also strengthen the bonds of friendship and that define our club.

PP. Ashit Kothari made the birthday and anniversary greetings. **Hon. Sec. PP Tinish Mody** announced that the club received a generous **donation of Rs. 2 Lakhs from PP Rajnikant Bhai Marfatia** for our signature service project " Eye cataract Surgery Camp" at vansda. Our club could not have thought of a better Diwali Gift than this handsome donation for a noble cause.

Mr. Vishal Budhia of Steam-house India, made a donation of Rs. 8000 per month for the teacher fees for one year at Bachpaan day care centre.

After which, **the program was started by programme coordinator Ann Sukruti Vaidya, who was very ably helped by PP. Paresh Vaidya.** We were treated to a **mesmerizing dance performance by First lady Nilimaben Shastri** showcasing the elegance and grace of Bharatanatyam. Her rendition of the Durga Stotram; captivated the audience and added a divine essence to the evening.

The **lovely dance performance by PP Paresh Vaidya and Ann. Sukruti Vaidya** captivated the audience. The seamless transitions and coordinated movements highlighted their chemistry as a dancing duo.

Anns Mausam Jalan, Sneha Agrawal and Aradhna Pitaliya performed a dance cantered on the themes of joy, light, and togetherness, embodying the essence of Diwali. The dancers beautifully interpreted the spirit of the festival through their movements and expressions.

Rotarians President PDG Devendrabhai Shastri, PP Setu Gandhi, PP Paresh Vaidya, PP Vivek Goel, PN. Vijay Shah, Milind Thakre, Rtn.Rakesh Mandlewala, Ann. Sukruti Vaidya sang a mix of popular Bollywood tracks on karaoke that resonated with the audience. Their harmonies and vocal dynamics added depth to each song, captivating listeners and creating a memorable experience.

After the songs, PP Paresh Vaidya sang popular garba songs and all joined in the garba dance. The vibrant beats and lively movements resonated with the spirit of Diwali. PN. Vijay Shah proposed a hearty vote of thanks.

SPARK wishes Ann. Ritu Goel a speedy and complete recovery from the injury that she received. We look forward to seeing your bright smile and energetic spirit back with us soon.

RCSW family thanks PP Tinish Mody and PP. Ashit Kothari for their untiring efforts in making the event a grand success.





World Polio Day- October 24

Our club members shared the article on "Rotary and Polio" to 2500+ Non-Rotarians.



Rotary and polio

Polio

Poliomyelitis, or polio, is a paralyzing and potentially fatal disease that still threatens children in some parts of the world. Poliovirus invades the nervous system and can cause total paralysis in hours. It can strike people of any age but mainly affects children under five. Polio can be prevented by vaccines, but it is not curable. Unlike most diseases, polio can be eradicated.

PolioPlus

For more than 30 years, Rotary and our partners have driven the effort to eradicate polio worldwide. Our PolioPlus program was the first initiative to tackle global polio eradication by vaccinating children on a massive scale. As a core partner in the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#), Rotary focuses on advocacy, fundraising, volunteer recruitment, and awareness-building.

Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.2 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort.

Polio Today

When Rotary and its partners formed the GPEI in 1988, there were 350,000 cases of polio in 125 countries every year. **Today, we have reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent, and just two countries continue to report cases of wild poliovirus: Afghanistan and Pakistan.** Because of the efforts of Rotary and its partners, nearly 19.4 million people who would otherwise have been paralyzed are walking, and more than 1.5 million people are alive who would otherwise have died.

Challenges

Rotary and our partners have made tremendous progress against polio, but eliminating all cases is going to take even more progress and perseverance. Afghanistan and Pakistan face unique challenges, including political insecurity, highly mobile populations, difficult terrain, and, in some instances, vaccine refusal and misinformation. With sufficient resources, the commitment of national governments, and that improve access to remote areas, we are optimistic that we can eliminate polio.

Ensuring Success

Rotary has committed to raising \$50 million per year for polio eradication. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has pledged to match that 2-to-1, for a total commitment of \$150 million each year. These funds provide much-needed operational support, medical workers, laboratory equipment, and educational materials. Governments, corporations, and private donors all play a crucial role in funding.

Rotary in Action

More than 1 million Rotary members have donated their time and money to eradicate polio, and every year, hundreds of members work with health workers to vaccinate children in countries affected by polio. Rotary members work with UNICEF and other partners to prepare and distribute informational materials for people in areas that are isolated by conflict, geography, or poverty. They also mobilize to recruit fellow volunteers, assist in transporting the vaccine, and provide other logistical support.

Celebrity Support

Rotary has a growing list of public figures and celebrities who support our fight against polio, including **Bill Gates**, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; actress **Archie Panjabi**; **Nobel Peace Prize laureate Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu**; action-movie star **Jackie Chan**; golf legend Jack Nicklaus; conservationist Jane Goodall; **Grammy Award winners A.R. Rahman**, and peace advocate Queen Noor of Jordan. These ambassadors help Rotary educate the public about the disease and the fight to end polio for good.

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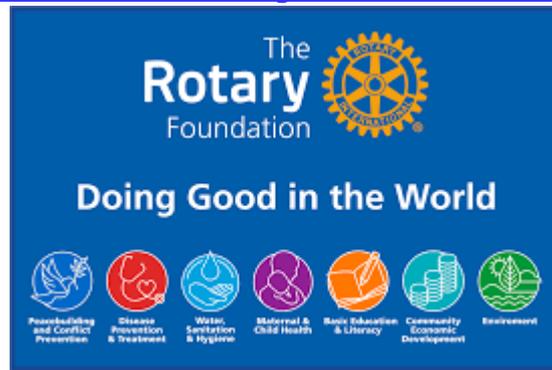
Rtn. PP. Rajani Marfatia Rotary club of Udhana

Donates Rs. 2 Lakhs to our club for Eye Cataract Surgery camps



On 23rd October, a team comprising of **President PDG Devendra Shastri, Hon. Secretary Rtn. PP. Tinish Mody, Jt. Secretary Rtn. PP. Ashit Kothari and Rtn. PP. Setu Gandhi met Rtn. PP. Rajnikant Marfatia at his home.** He graciously handed over cheque of Rs. 2 Lakhs for our club's signature project "Eye Cataract Surgery Camp".

November is Rotary Foundation Month



The Rotary Foundation is recognized as one of the most effective and well-managed charitable organizations in the world, **with 12 consecutive four-star ratings from Charity Navigator and an A-plus rating from CharityWatch.**

The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world.

Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, **the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects.**

With your help, we can make lives better in your community and around the world.

Our mission

The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

What impact can one donation have?

- For as little as Rs.50, a child can be protected from polio.
- Rs.4000/-can provide clean water to help fight waterborne illness.
- Rs. 40,000/- can launch an antibullying campaign and create a safe environment for children.

How Can you make Contribution to The Rotary Foundation

- Arch Klumph Society Member: **US \$ 2,50,000/-**
- Major Donor : When your cumulative gift donations reach **US\$ 10,000/-**
- Paul Harris Fellow: When your cumulative contribution reach **US\$ 1000/-**
- Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member: Contribution of **US\$ 100/- each year**
- EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year): Contribution of **US\$ 25/- every year.**

Rtn. PE. Dr. Parag Shah Visits Rotary club of Delhi North CIMBS As Rotary Foundation Cadre Technical Advisor



PE Rtn. Dr. Parag Shah visited Delhi on 20 th to 23 rd October, as the TRF Cadre of Technical Advisor, for the assignment of 'Interim Monitor Evaluation of Rotary Foundation Global Grants Project' for the project 'To provide a deep Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (dTMS) machine'.

He visited the 'Rotary Delhi North CIMBS Centre for Mental Health' an advanced Neuromodulation Centre, established in the year 2023, as the Global Grants Project of Rotary Club of Delhi North (District 3012); which is currently providing the benefit of latest treatment of dTMS to persons with mental disorders. The purpose of his site visit evaluation was to assist TRF Trustees in evaluating use of grant funds and to provide assistance and advice to Rotarians who are planning and implementing this project.

During his visit, he conducted project site evaluation, assessed the operations; maintenance of medical equipment, supervised treatments offered to patients, interviewed beneficiaries of this project, held meetings with various stake holders like the host sponsor, international sponsor & cooperating organization, along with attending the club meeting, board meeting and a feedback meeting with the host club.

He is looking forward to share his experiences and insights from this activity at the forthcoming club speaker meet to be held on 13 th November 2024.

History of The Rotary Foundation

In 1917, RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed that an endowment be set up "for the purpose of doing good in the world." In 1928, when the endowment fund had grown to more than US\$5,000, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International.

Five Trustees, including Klumph, were appointed to "hold, invest, manage, and administer all of its property . . . as a single trust, for the furtherance of the purposes of RI."

Two years later, the Foundation made its first grant of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The organization, created by Rotarian Edgar F. "Daddy" Allen, later grew into the Easter Seals.

The Great Depression and World War II both impeded the Foundation's growth, but the need for lasting world peace generated great postwar interest in its development. **After Rotary's founder, Paul P. Harris, died in 1947, contributions began pouring into Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation.**



ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

MONTH	DESIGNATION
JULY	 Maternal and Child Health
AUGUST	Membership & New Club Development
SEPTEMBER	 Basic Education and Literacy
OCTOBER	 Community Economic Development
NOVEMBER	Rotary Foundation
DECEMBER	 Disease Prevention and Treatment
JANUARY	Vocational Service
FEBRUARY	 Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention
MARCH	 Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene
APRIL	 Environmental
MAY	Youth Service
JUNE	Rotary Fellowships

Happy White Days
March 2024

Rotary 

Rotary Wisdom



EVERY GREAT DREAM BEGINS WITH A DREAMER. ALWAYS REMEMBER, YOU HAVE WITHIN YOU THE STRENGTH, THE PATIENCE, AND THE **P A S S I O N** TO REACH FOR THE STARS TO CHANGE THE WORLD.

HARRIET TUBMAN

“Everything we do opens another opportunity for someone, somewhere”

HOLGER KNAACK

@rotarianyamburell

Rotary   Rotary Opens Opportunities

Humour

Humour in Uniform

What time is it?

On some air bases the Air Force is on one side of the field and civilian aircraft use the other side of the field, with the control tower in the middle. One day the tower received a call from an aircraft asking, "What time is it?"

The tower responded, "Who is calling?"

The aircraft replied, "What difference does it make?"

The tower replied, "It makes a lot of difference... If it is a commercial flight, it is 3 o'clock. If it is an Air Force plane, it is 1500 hours. If it is a Navy aircraft, it is 6 bells. If it is a Coast Guard aircraft, the big hand is on the 12 and the little hand is on the 3.

If it is an Army Air Arm aircraft, it's Friday afternoon and 120 minutes to 'Happy Hour.'

“Spark”

