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PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

1st August'2023 : Restoring Health of the Elderlies

Team Saarthi of Rotary Surat Riverside distributed medicines to the senior citizens at Bharti Maiya Old Age Home on 1 August 2023, benefitting 71 of the inhabitants. Essential medicines like antihistamines, anti-hypertension, anti-diabetes and cholesterol reducing medicines were supplied for 3 months for the occupants of the old age home. This project has been made possible under the dynamic leadership of the President Rtn. Ankur Marfatia and the Honorary Secretary Rtn. Kapil Arora, through the dedicated efforts of the Saarthi Team and the generous participation of numerous donors. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of this noble cause, especially to the ones who spared their valuable time to visit the organization and make the elderly people feel wanted.

Together we strive to make a positive impact on the lives of our elders.



16th August'2023 : Solaced Hearts, Gleaming Faces: HUMF II

The second HUMF project of RSR by the Saarthi team was held in Panjava Sheri Aanganwadi at Majuragate on 16 August 2023 which was attended by a couple of dedicated RSRians. 27 children were served apple juice, snacks and fruits on the campus to add nutritional values in their life and also bring some joy to their faces. It did solace the hearts of the RSRians seeing the gleaming faces of the children.

Kudos to the sponsors and the members who spared their valuable time!





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22nd August'2023 : Bonding by Tying Rakhi at the Juvenile Home

The tradition of spending some valuable time with the juveniles is an initiative taken by our club where the Interactors from Lourdes Convent tie *rakhi* to the inmates at the Juvenile Home situated at Parle Point. This year 10 Interactors and 12 RSRians visited the boys on 22nd August to wish them good luck and to live a blessed life on the auspicious occasion of *Raksha Bandhan*. They were served with sweets and snacks and interesting games were played to keep them engaged and connected to the visitors. The presence of the Judge _____ made the event more meaningful and worthy.

Hope the connections made by tying *rakhi* bless these souls and enable them to overcome their inhibitions and choose a path of righteousness!



25th August'2023 : Project Asmita: Arousing Consciousness

The Asmita Project which was initiated in the month of February this year enabled many young girls to know the importance of maintaining hemoglobin levels and hygiene for the monthly cycles. This year too, to keep at pace with the commencement made towards the young girls, a few dedicated RSRians visited Segwachama village on 25 August to distribute sanitary pads and also organize a free check-up of hemoglobin levels of the menstruating girls.

Sanitary pads for 20 girls of the Primary School were distributed with the support of their teacher Ann Apla Vaidya. The distribution ensured that these girls could use the pads for a year. Sanitary pads for 240 girls of the High School, at Sewachama, were also handed over to the school authorities for further distribution. PP Dr. Prashant Kariya and his spouse, Rtn Vaishali Kariya, along with his team carried out the hemoglobin tests of the girls of higher grades and free medicines to increase their hemoglobin level were provided.

This project focused on the well-being and health of the young females. The generous donation of this project was made by President Rtn Ankur Marfatia. Kudos to all involved in this project!



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27th August'2023 : Anand Gram: Spread Happiness

Almost 200 inhabitants of Vasva Village, Hazira could avail a free eye check-up camp organized by Rotary Surat Riverside in association with Rotary Eye Institute, Navsari on 27 August, under the Anand Gram project. Rtn Nirupa Patel along with the President, Secretary and other club members aided the villagers to get their eyes checked and get diagnosed with any power related issues that they have or get detected for Cataract. There was a free distribution of spectacles for the villagers as well.

HUMF for about 30 students of the Vasva School was also organized parallelly to share joy by distributing snacks and juices. PP Dr. Prshant Kariya also organized a free Pediatric Health Check-up Camp of these children. Free medicines were also distributed for health benefits of the young children. 25 compassionate Rotarians were a part of this benevolent project who were privileged to enjoy a sumptuous lunch prepared by the Mahila Udyog of the village.



FELLOWSHIP

5th August'2023 to 6th August'2023 : With Friends @ Irayos amidst Greenery

Fun, frolic, friends!!!

If you never had FRIENDS...You never lived LIFE.

It was a fellowship to remember forever on a special day, Friendship Day. The first fellowship of Rotary Year 2023-24 was held at Irayos amidst lush green landscape and bouts of showers on 5 & 6 August 2023. The day began with fellowship time in the pool with the rain God generously pouring and enabling the group to be euphoric. The sumptuous lunch justified the cravings after a lengthy dip in the pool. The group went on a trekking amidst the lush green fields and devoured the greenery around. The evening party was themed 'Barbie & Ken' which saw the RSRians in various shades of pink. Music, fun, snacks, dance filled the air at Irayos with exuberance. The picnickers left the spot after breakfast and promised to create more such memories with renewed vigour.





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ROTARIANS OF THE MONTH

Gram Chair is not an easy portfolio to maintain as it takes lot of efforts to identify a village and take care of the well being of it. This year we have two such dedicated Rotarians who has taken responsibility of this prestigious post and have been contributing in the best possible way to make the Anand Gram project a success. Rtn. Amita Desai and Rtn. Nirupa Patel jointly have set their feet on this project.

Rtn. Amita Desai with her amiable nature has always been instrumental about her contributions to the service projects of RSR. Year after year she has been more into giving to society. It is under her able guidance that the new cycle of HUMF has begun for the RY 2023-24. Her dedication to the club and to the society at large is highly commendable.

Rtn. Nirupa Patel who has just completed her tenure as the Honorary Secretary of RSR continues with her exuberance as one of the most active members of the club. It is under her leadership that we have begun the Anand Gram project at Vasva, Hazira. Her proactive contributions and her never dying spirit keep us all on our toes to extend service to the community.



Rtn. Nirupa Patel

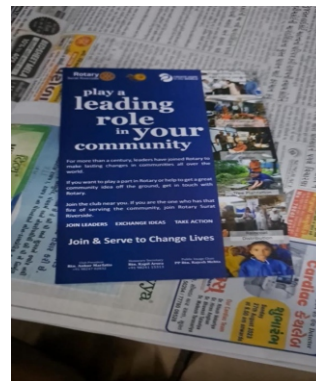


Rtn. Amita Desai

PUBLIC IMAGE

Promote The Four Way Test

We have circulated more than 2500 news paper inserts in select localities. The leaflets have an introduction of Rotary as an organisation and Rotary Surat Riverside In particular with the list and photographs of various activities which we do. The FOUR WAY TEST has also been mentioned on one side of the leaflet to showcase the basic tenets of Rotary. A second round of Newspaper inserts will follow soon to cover more locations in Surat.





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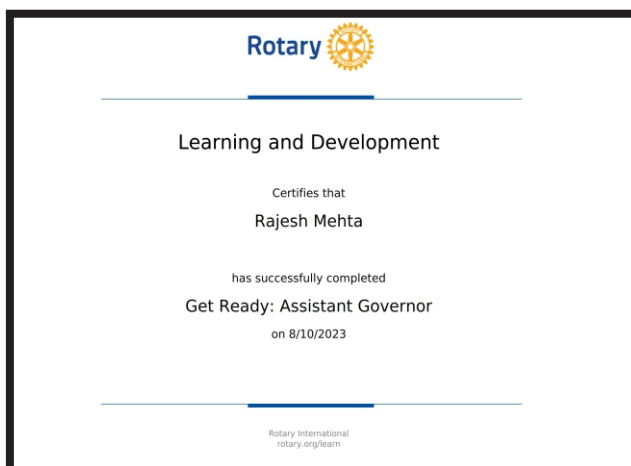
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MOTIVATIONAL STORY

A graduate from IIT Kanpur (1975 batch), Arvind Kumar Gupta took a year's study leave from TELCO (in 1978) to work with the grassroots village science teaching programme for children in the tribal district of Hoshangabad, Madhya Pradesh called Hoshangabad Science Teaching Programme. While there, he developed many useful low-cost teaching/science teaching aids using locally available materials. The possibilities of using ordinary things for doing science and recycling modern junk into joyous products appealed immensely to children. Arvind Gupta's first book, Matchstick Models and other Science Experiments, was translated into 12 Indian languages by various Popular Science groups and sold more than half a million copies. Gupta has conducted workshops in over 2000 schools and has won many national and international awards. As a student in the 1970s in Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, Gupta became a socialist in belief but eschewed action-less discourse; he stated that instead he "placed more faith in small positive action than empty rhetoric." Gupta began his social service by teaching the children of the mess staff who had no opportunities for formal education. Gandhian in outlook, Arvind Gupta participated in the Hoshangabad Science Teaching Programme (HSTP) in Madhya Pradesh in 1978. While he was there he developed his idea of creating simple toys and educational experiments using locally available materials as well as items usually thrown as trash. These simple toys, he found, fascinated children and Gupta went on to make these as the hallmark of his movement of popularising science. His first book, "Matchstick Models and other Science Experiments" was reprinted in 12 languages. Gupta's website holds instructions, including short video clips on YouTube, in a number of languages, for making hundreds of improvised toys, which he makes available freely without copyright restrictions. Gupta draws inspiration from a number of people, including Gautama Buddha, George Washington Carver and his mother. His popular TED Talk: Turning Trash into Toys for learning gives an insight into his work and philosophy. His talk was among the 10 best TED talks compiled by Sir Ken Robinson and Sugata Mitra's 5 favorite education talks.

ROTARY NEWS

We are on Cloud Nine



Heartiest congratulations to **PP Rajesh Mehta** on successfully completing the Get Ready: Assistant Governor programme! We are eager to see you as the AG very soon.



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ROTARY INFO

Chesley Reynolds Perry, a Spanish-American War veteran and former Chicago Public Library employee, served as Rotary's first secretary and is known as "the builder of Rotary International."

Chesley R. Perry:
Rotary's first general
secretary



While Rotary's president changes every year, only 12 people have served as general secretary, a role that's equivalent to a chief executive — and at 32 years, Perry served the longest.

In August 1910, the newly formed National Association of Rotary Clubs (now Rotary International) unanimously selected Perry for the role then known as secretary. He accepted the part-time position at \$100 per month, with an agreement that the amount of time he'd devote would remain unspecified. By 1912, the job had evolved into a full-time executive role, and Perry's pay was increased.

Perry's own office on LaSalle Street in Chicago, Illinois, USA, served as the first headquarters of the association. By 1911, Rotary had established an office in the First National Bank Building at the intersection of Dearborn and Monroe in Chicago.

Perry concurrently served as editor and business manager of The Rotarian from 1911 to 1928, and he opened Rotary's first international office, in Zurich, Switzerland, in February 1925. He oversaw the expansion of Rotary as it grew during his tenure from 16 clubs in the United States to more than 5,000 worldwide. His title was officially changed to general secretary in 1941-42, his final year in office.

If I can in truth be called the architect, Ches can with equal truth be called the builder of Rotary International.— Rotary founder Paul P. Harris, "My Road to Rotary" (1948) Perry had announced his plans to retire in 1940, but agreed to remain in his post while the organization trained his successor, Philip C. Lovejoy. A number of clubs sought to nominate Perry for RI president in 1942-43, but he declined, saying, "I am gratefully conscious of the high compliment thereby being paid to me."

After retiring, Perry remained a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago, which he'd joined in 1908. But he wasn't done being a leader, and served as club president in 1944-45. In 1954, Rotary offered him the title "secretary emeritus" to honor his years of service, but he again declined, preferring the role of ordinary Rotarian.

Perry died on 21 February 1960 at the age of 87.



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"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The Essence of Teachers' Day: A Tribute to Educators"

Teachers' Day is a special occasion celebrated worldwide to honor the invaluable contributions of educators. The story behind this celebration is often tied to remarkable teachers and their impact.

In India, Teachers' Day is observed on September 5th, coinciding with the birthday of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a renowned philosopher, scholar, and India's second President. The celebration's roots trace back to 1962 when Dr. Radhakrishnan's former students suggested celebrating his birthday. Instead, he proposed honoring all teachers, recognizing their pivotal role in shaping society.



Rtn. Kishan Desai

This humble suggestion led to the annual celebration of Teachers' Day in India and has inspired similar celebrations globally. On this day, students express gratitude to their teachers through various activities, acknowledging the profound influence educators have on their lives.

Teachers' Day serves as a reminder of the essential role teachers play in imparting knowledge, nurturing talents, and molding character. It is a day to celebrate and thank educators for their unwavering dedication to the noble cause of education, shaping the future, one student at a time.

As we mark Teachers' Day, let us remember the story of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and the countless educators worldwide, recognizing their transformative impact on individuals and society.

- By Rtn. Kishan Desai





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BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

Birthday

4 th September	Ann. Alpa Vaidya
8 th September	Annet. Abhinav Viradiya
9 th September	Rtn. Jatin Vaidya
9 th September	Ann. Pinky Jariwala
10 th September	PP. Rtn. Bankim Vashi
10 th September	Ann. Purvi Dalal
11 th September	Ann. Tejal Shukla
17 th September	Ann. Ami Adhiya's



Birthday

18 th September	Ann. Avani Zanzarukia
20 th September	Annet. Parish Dalal
20 th September	Annet. Vivaan Singh
20 th September	Annet. Aariyan Singh
24 th September	PP Rtn. Dr. Ajay Bhardwaj
24 th September	Rtn. Kapil Arora
25 th September	Rtn. Rajan Talwar
26 th September	Spouse. Sanat Desai

UPCOMING EVENT OF THE SEPTEMBER MONTH

Nation
Builder
Award

Fellowship
Meet

Fund-raising
Movie

Parenting
seminar on
23/09 at Vanita
Vishram school
by PP Rtn. Dr.
Prashant
Kariya

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