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NEW ROTARY YEAR

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Dear friends**

Rotary Greetings!!

I am delighted and honored to be given the opportunity to lead one of the oldest clubS in the district for the Rotary year 2020- 2021.

This is a time in the Rotary year for looking forward. We have made our plans, now it is time to begin to achieve them.

As Rotarians we change lives and we make a difference in our Communities and Globally.

Rotary International President Holger Knaack's theme for 2020-21, Rotary Opens Opportunities, asks Rotarians to create opportunities that strengthen their leadership, help put service ideas into action, and improve the lives of those in need.

Once again, from the bottom of the heart,

I wish we shall have a memorable and satisfying coming Rotary Year.

Best Regards,

**Rtn. Dr. Ajay Mahajan [President 20-21]**

## INCOMING PROGRAMMES

**10 JUL 2020 Club Meeting:**

A talk on Rotary Information by PP Abbas Motiwala – Online @ 8 PM

**11 JUL 2020 MSP:**

Tree Plantation at Sachin GIDC



2nd July

R. Partner Sadhna Topiwala

## Installation Ceremony



**Club Office:** Dr.Sarosh Bhacca Memorial Rotary Hall, Jivan Bharti School Annexe, Timaliyawad, Surat-395001. Gujarat, India.

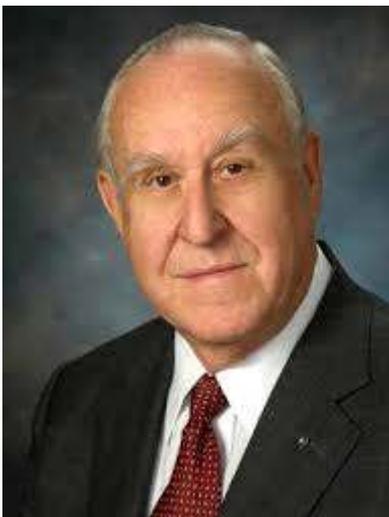
E-Mail : [rotaryclubofsurat@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryclubofsurat@gmail.com). Web : [www.rotaryclubofsurat.org](http://www.rotaryclubofsurat.org). Time : Friday 7:30 PM



1. Meeting was called to order by the retiring President Rtn Nikhil Madrasi.
2. Prayer was offered by the children of Vatsalyapuram orphanage vide a video clip.
3. The Four Way Test to express the basic tenets of Rotary was recited by Dr. Viral Choksi.
4. The welcome address was done by President Rtn Nikhil Madrasi. He listed out in brief the activities during his term and in particular the efforts of members in distribution of food packets and kits thanking all for supporting him during the term.
5. The Annual Report for the year 2019- 20 was presented by the Hon. Secretary Sandeep Nanavati.
6. MOC Rtn. Nehalben took note of the presence of District Officers and PDG 's attending the meeting.
7. The introduction of the Chief Guest and Installing Officer DG Rtn. Prasant Jani was presented by AG & PP Rtn Chirag Gandhi.
8. Introduction of the incoming President Rt. Dr. Ajay Mahajan was presented by PP Rtn. Kamal Gandhi.
9. The Installing Officer DG Prasant Jani invited retiring President Rtn Nikhil Madrasi & Incoming President for the exchange of collars. A video clip was played of the exchange of collars in the presence of AG Bina Parikh.
10. Oath was given by DG Prasant Jani and recited by incoming President. DG Prasant Jani declared Rtn Dr. Ajay Mahan as President of Rotary Club of Surat for the year 2020-21.
11. President Dr. Ajay Mahajan introduced his team of Office Bearers, Board Members and Sargent for the year 2020-21.
12. DG Prasant Jani invited AG Bina Parikh for installing the new team on his behalf. A recorded videoclip of the same was presented.
13. President Dr. Ajay Mahajan presented his acceptance speech and shared his vision for the year with a philosophical approach to the activities that would be pursued during the term.
14. A resolution to appreciate and thank the out-going President Rtn Nikhil Madrasi was presented by Rotary Partner Manjari Desai. A video clip was of the handing over of the certificate was played.
15. Rotary Partner Neha Lotwala introduced the Guest Speaker Dr. Trupti Patel.
16. Guest speaker Dr. Trupti Patel in her lucid style delivered her presentation on how to be and remain happy.
17. DG Governor expressed his good wishes and the projects that he desires to fulfill during the term.
18. Declaring of 2 PHF was handed over to Club PHF Chair PP Nimish Mehta.
19. Two new RCC was declared by the RCC Chair PP Chirag Gandhi.
20. Hon. Secretary Tejas Gandhi shared the incoming events.
21. Vote of thanks was done by PE Bhishma Jariwala.
22. The meeting was adjourned by the President.

– Rtn Tejas Gandhi [Hon. Secretary 20-21]

## RI News



### PRIP John F. Germ will be the TRF Trustee Chair for 2021-22

A Rotarian since 1976, PRIP John Germ is a member of Rotary Club of Chattanooga, Tennessee, USA

Germ joined Rotary in 1976 and has served RI as president in 2016-17, vice president, director, Foundation trustee and vice chair, aide to the Foundation trustee chair, chair of Rotary's \$200 Million Challenge, RI Board Executive Committee member, chair of numerous committees, area coordinator, and RI training leader. In 2013, the White House recognized him as a Champion of Change.

Germ has received Rotary's Service Above Self Award and the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service and Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award. He and his wife, Judy, are Foundation Benefactors and members of the Arch Klumph Society.

They have four children and six grandchildren.



## RI President



**Holger Knaack**  
President 2020-21  
Rotary Club of Herzogtum  
Lauenburg-Mölln  
Germany

Knaack is the CEO of Knaack KG, a real estate company. He was previously a partner and general manager of Knaack Enterprises, a 125-year-old family business.

He is a founding member of the Civic Foundation of the City of Ratzeburg and served as president of the Golf-Club Gut Grambek. Knaack is also the founder and chair of the Karl Adam Foundation.

A Rotary member since 1992, Knaack has served Rotary as treasurer, director, moderator, member and chair of several committees, representative for the Council on Legislation, zone coordinator, training leader, and district governor.

He is an endowment/major gifts adviser and was co-chair of the Host Organization Committee for the 2019 Rotary International Convention in Hamburg.

Knaack and his wife, Susanne, are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation and members of the Bequest Society.

## RI President's Message-July 2020

This does not seem like a time for great optimism, but it has to be. Long before Rotary was founded, the world dealt with great crises that tested humankind's ability to progress and endure. In the age of Rotary, the world has faced many more catastrophes; however, we have survived, and every step of the way, Rotary has helped the world heal.

Every great challenge is an opportunity for renewal and growth. I revealed the theme of Rotary Opens Opportunities at the International Assembly in San Diego just as the COVID-19 crisis was beginning, but these are words that I have believed for many years.

Rotary is not just a club that you join; it is an invitation to endless opportunities. We believe in creating opportunities for others and for ourselves. We believe that our acts of service, large and small, generate opportunities for people who need our help, and that Rotary opens opportunities for us to live a richer, more meaningful life, with friends around the world, based on our core values.

Governments and institutions are gaining a greater appreciation for the types of public health partnerships that are critical to our work. People stuck at home, eager for greater connections and

hungry to help their communities, are now embracing the values we have promoted since our beginning.

All of this is positive news, but just because there are greater opportunities than ever for Rotary to thrive does not guarantee that we will succeed. The world is changing rapidly — and was doing so even before this crisis. People were starting to move away from regular lunch meetings and toward online gatherings. Friendships were being cultivated and revived in social media relationships even before most of our meetings moved to Zoom and Skype. Younger generations have a strong desire to serve — but have questioned whether they could play a meaningful role in organizations like Rotary or whether they might make a bigger impact forming different types of connections. Now is the time to put everything on the table, test new approaches, and prepare Rotary for the future.

The COVID-19 crisis has forced all of us to adapt. This is good, and our new Action Plan specifically calls on us to improve our ability to adapt. But adaptation is not enough. We need to change, and change dramatically, if we are to face the challenges of this new age and provide the Rotary the world so desperately needs.



## Community Service – Vatsalyapuram



Healthy Meals served to 30 children at Vatsalyapuram Orphanage sponsored by IPP Nikhil Madrasi accompanied by Rtn Rupal Damani.

## Supporting the Environment becomes a new area of focus



The Rotary Foundation Trustees and Rotary International Board of Directors have both unanimously approved adding a new area of focus: supporting the environment.

More than \$18 million in Foundation global grant funding has been allocated to environment-related projects over the past five years. Creating a distinct area of focus to support the environment will give Rotary members even more ways to bring about positive change in the world and increase our impact.

RI President Mark Maloney says that during his travels around the world as a Rotary senior leader he encountered many Rotary members and Rotaractors who advocated for the environment to be an area of focus.

“I believe strongly that our Rotary Foundation programs now have a valuable added dimension to our efforts,” says, Maloney.

Foundation Trustee Chair Gary C.K. Huang says that with the global population reaching near eight billion, protecting the environment is increasingly important.

“It is time for us to use our collective resources to invest in a smart and efficient way to protecting our environment,” says Huang. “We are qualified to take this initiative because we are a global group of problem solvers with diversified talents.”

In 1990-91, RI President Paulo V.C. Costa made the environment one of his primary causes, creating the Preserve Planet Earth subcommittee, which looked at ways clubs and members could conduct environmental initiatives.

“We have finally caught up to Costa [his vision],” says Past RI President Ian H.S. Riseley, chair of the Environmental Issues task force, which championed the new area of focus.

“As a lifelong environmentalist, I’m delighted that our great organization has recognized that the environment is a worthy and appropriate destination for our project activity,” says Riseley. “This is an exciting moment in Rotary history.”

Supporting the environment becomes Rotary’s seventh area of focus, which are categories of service activities supported by global grants. It joins peacebuilding and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and community economic development.

Grant applications for projects will be accepted beginning on 1 July 2021. Gifts and commitments from Rotarians and others will be sought to provide global grant support for the new area of focus.

**ROTARY CHANGES US AND THOSE WE SERVE, I BELIEVE WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD ONE LIFE AT A TIME.**

**– Paul Harris**