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Report for the weekly meeting dated 18.09.2020.

Meeting was called to order by President Dr. Ajay Mahajan.

Prayer was recited by Annet Sachi Rushkin Damani in her melodious voice in chorus with Rupal Damani.

The Four Way Test was recited by Rtn. Sandeep Nanavati.

President welcomed all and gave a brief report of activities done in the previous week.

A celebration video of Charter Day Cake cutting was shared.

PDG Rtn Himanshubhai Thacker shared old memories about RC Surat and a brief view of the projects executed by the Club.

New members Rtn. Jay Mistry, Rtn. Raju Desai, Rtn. Ketan Mali & Rtn. Dharmendra Varnamia gave their brief introduction.

Shradhha Shah energized the members by showing some simple dance steps making the mood vibrant. The members heartily participated in the dance.

PP Rtn. Kamal Gandhi briefed the members about a Photography Contest by the Club. He also introduced Mr. Nevil Zaveri the judge of the contest.

An acclaimed photographer and teacher of photography Mr. Nevil Zaveri explained the criteria considered to arrive at the 3 winning images and two more images worth to be noted.

The result of the Photography competition was announced by PDG Rtn Hiteshbhai Jariwala in his style by describing the images with poetic attributes. The images and award certificates of the winning entries were displayed on the screen.

A token of appreciation and gratitude was extended to Mr. Nevil Zaveri for his services as judge to the competition.

The next entertainment session was presented by Devang Rawal alias Devlo. He in his typical Surti style kept the members involved and engrossed through the presentation creating numerous moments of laughter with his humorous jokes.

INCOMING PROGRAMMES

Incoming Programs

02 Oct 2020 – Weekly Meeting

Talk Show – Medical Series

Nirja Parekh



27th Sep – R. Partner Jignasha Ketan Patel

1st Oct – Rtn. Mukesh Bothra

2nd Oct – R. Partner Rima Bhavin Sukani



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Secretarial announcements were made by Hon. Secretary Tejas Gandhi. Rtn Bhavaniben Mehta announced Birthday and Anniversary Greetings. Vote of thanks was proposed by PE Bhishmaben Jariwala. Meeting was adjourned by President Dr. Ajay Mahajan. The Banquet Committee took a lot of pains to deliver the box of Goodies to all the members. Banquet committee of Alpesh Shetranjiwala, Abbas Motiwala & Indravadanbhai Shetranjiwala thanks a lot.



Rotary Club of Surat Photography Competition:

The environment is one of the most discussed issues worldwide. The impact of global warming on the change in rainfall patterns affects life on the planet. Rain is one element of nature which brings with it lots of joy and happiness. To capture these feelings on camera is aptly expressed in the words of Keats "A thing of Beauty is a Joy for Ever." Rotary Club of Surat in its effort to encourage this medium of spreading joy, organized a Photography Competition with "Monsoon" theme. The competition was launched on World Photography Day August 19th 2020 last date of submission being 15th September. Each participant could share a maximum of 2 Photographs on email. The total participants of the competition were 58 and the number of entries received were 92.

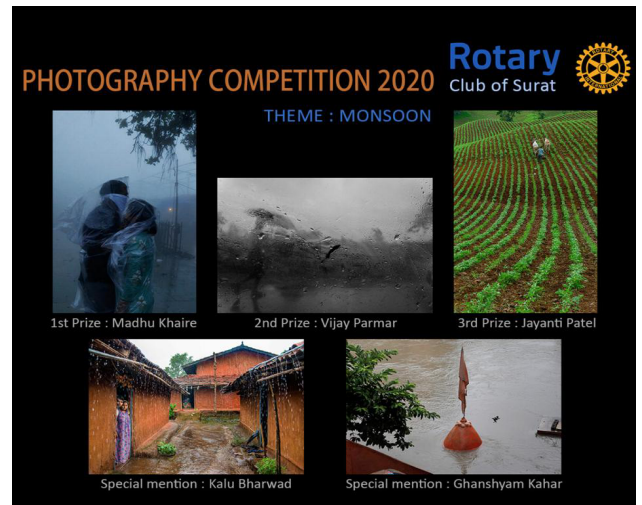
A veteran photographer and a dedicated photography teacher Mr. Nevil Zaveri was entrusted the responsibility of judging the entries received. Nevil sir with due consideration of the various aspects of a good photograph helped us in arriving at the winner entries which are as follows:

WINNING ENTRIES:

- 1) The 1st Winning Entry - Madhu Khaire - Prize 2500.00
- 2) The 2nd Winning Entry - Vijay Parmar - Prize 1500.00
- 3) The 3rd Winning - Jayantilal Patel - Prize 1000.00

SPECIAL MENTION:

- 1) Kalu Bharwad
- 2) Ghanshyam Kahar



Invocations at Club Meetings:

In many Rotary clubs, particularly in Judeo-Christian nations, it is customary to open weekly meetings with an appropriate invocation or blessing. Usually such invocations are offered without reference to specific religious denominations or faiths. Rotary policy recognizes that throughout the world Rotarians represent many religious beliefs, ideas and creeds. The religious beliefs of each member are fully respected, and nothing in Rotary is intended to prevent each individual from being faithful to such convictions.

At international assemblies and conventions, it is traditional for a silent invocation to be given. In respect for all religious beliefs and in the spirit of tolerance for a wide variety of personal faiths, all persons are invited to seek divine guidance and peace "each in his own way." It is an inspiring experience to join with thousands of Rotarians in an international "silent prayer" or act of personal devotion. Usually all Rotary International board and committee meetings begin with a few moments of silent meditation. In this period of silence, Rotary demonstrates respect for the beliefs of all members who represent the religions of the world.

Since each Rotary club is autonomous, the practice of presenting a prayer or invocation at club meetings is left entirely to the traditions and customs of the individual club, with the understanding that these meeting rituals always be conducted in a manner which will respect the religious convictions and faiths of all members and visitors.

Source: Rotary Library.



RI President's Message - October 2020

During a recent Zoom meeting with Rotarians and Rotaractors, I looked at the smiling faces on my screen and realized how much our organization has changed in a short period. It is clear that there is no going back to the "old normal" in Rotary — and I see that as an exciting opportunity!

Innovation and change are happening at so many levels as we rethink and remake Rotary. Rotary's new flexibility is blending with digital culture to drive change in ways that many of us have never seen before. We can learn a lot from Rotarians like Rebecca Fry — who, at age 31, already has 15 years of Rotary experience.

I see Rotary as a phenomenal platform to change the world. I believe I can have the greatest influence by empowering others to create the change they wish to see in the world. I've gained leadership insights through my experiences in RYLA and Rotaract, and now, as charter president of the Rotary Social Impact Network, a new e-club.

Engaging Rotary program alumni is key in forming new clubs. Our club is proof that Rotaractors and other alumni want to join Rotary — but sometimes they can't find the Rotary club that's right for them. Our club has 31 members, all between the ages of 23 and 41, and almost all of them are alumni of Rotary programs.

We need to be able to integrate and align Rotary with the other personal and professional goals we're pursuing. In chartering this club, we set out to design a personalized model of Rotary that is focused on added value for our members. We have also sought to leverage connections — through Rotary Fellowships, Rotary Action Groups, and other international partnerships — in order to elevate our members' experiences beyond the club.

Our club meets and manages most of its projects online, using Microsoft Teams to engage 24/7 in topics that interest our members. This also means our club is not geographically bound to any one location: Although many of us are in Australia, we also have members in Germany, Italy, Mexico, Tanzania, and the United States.

Also key for our club is measuring the impact of our projects. For Plastic Free July this year, we created an awareness campaign promoting ways that individuals could reduce their use of plastics, and we reached more than 6,000 people. It's a project with a tangible impact that anyone can take part in wherever they are. I'm proud that, through our club, we are bringing people together for a new type of Rotary experience. I am excited for our future.

All Rotary clubs have the opportunity to be innovative clubs, just like Bec's club. Let's trust those clubs, learn from them, and lend them our support. Change in Rotary happens at the grassroots level, as clubs lead the charge, defining what this new Rotary can be.

Change is constant, and we have more work to do in many areas. It is important that we celebrate the contributions of people of all backgrounds and promote people from underrepresented groups so that they have greater opportunities to participate as members and leaders in Rotary.

The tools to make Rotary more inclusive, more relevant, and more fun for everyone are at our fingertips. Let's use them now, and we will see how Rotary Opens Opportunities for ourselves and for those yet to discover us.

Holger Knaack

President 2020-21

Rotaract Report

Project Date: 31st July to 5th August

Name of Project: Bonne Fraternite

Project Avenue: International Service (Joint Project with Rotaract Club of Lala Lajpatrai College, RID3141)

Brief Description About Project: The motive of this project to fellowship with different clubs across India and celebrate International friendship week together with different virtual activities to know each other and clubs. Participant member Rtr. Akshit Thakkar, Rtr. Foram Jariwala and Rtr. Devangi Dodiya

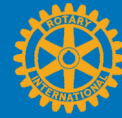
Project Date: 2nd August 2020 (04:00 PM)

Name of Project: SERENITY -Inner Peace Workshop (Art of Living Workshop)

Project Avenue: International Service

No. of Beneficiary: Fellowship with other clubs

Brief Description About Project: Team RotaFacts and Art of Living in collaboration with 3 NGOs - 11 Clubs - 7 Districts fold this workshop for about one and half hour. A workshop handled by Mr Anil Gupta, Senior Faculty at The Art of Living and shared to gain insights of how to maintain peace with ourself amidst this pandemic. Rtr. Devangi Dodiya and Rtr. Akshit Thakkar took part. After Successful workshop, our club received collaboration certificate as well as we've received certificate participant certificate.



Project Date: 12th August 2020 (06:00 PM)

Name of Project: International Youth Day

Project Avenue: International Service Project Chair- Rtr. Urav Mehta Co Chair- Rtr. Maulin Mehta

No. of Beneficiary: About the impact youth has made / is making currently around the world. - Around 22 participants for this session.

Brief Description About Project: We Rotaract club of Surat community had organized a zoom session on International youth day on

12/08/2020 session was held by Mansi Mehta (TedX Speaker | Founder of kishori foundation | Social Activist | Writer). It was all about encouraging youth for betterment of social well-being . Their was 35 participants including Rotaract and Non Rotaract members. During meeting Mansi talked about generation X and about her NGO (Kishori foundation). Who she managed to held children in need.

I would like to like to thank to our club members

We successfully completed our event.

Project HUMF

Monday 21st September celebrated as “Mamta Day”, Club in its monthly program of providing healthy supplements to pregnant women of the under-privileged section distribute 14 packets of Jaggery, Dry coconut and mixed chiki to 14 women residing in the vicinity of Pal Anganwadi in EWS SMC Quarters. The kits were sponsored by Rtn. Kundan & Rtn. Daxa Shah.

Community Service – Vatsalyapuram – 19 Sep 2020

A weekly service project of the club of providing healthy meals to children of Vatsalyapuram was sponsored by Rtn. Bhisma Jariwala on Saturday 19th September

Community Service – Pal Anganwadi – 19 Sep 2020

A weekly service project of the club of providing healthy meals to 45 children of Pal Anganwadi was sponsored by Rtn. Manish & Shivani Kapadia on Saturday 19th September

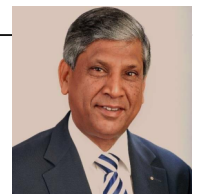


Sad Demise

Corona virus COVID 19 has taken the life of a leader of Rotary District 3080.

PRID Rtn. YP Das succumbed to the infection. He passed away at Delhi in Max Hospital early this morning.

A great leader, committed and true Rotarian.



“Truth is the highest virtue but higher still is truthful living”
-Guru Nanak