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**CIRCULAR 16**

**Meeting 20**

Programme : Close Business Meeting (Zoom App)  
Date : 3rd December, Thursday, 2020.  
Time : 9:00 PM.  
Invitee : Rotarians, Anns and Annets

*Birthday Wishes*

18-Nov	Ann. Rita P. Raiyani	99254 66311	26-Nov	Rtn. Virendra Kothari	98250 72706
24-Nov	Rtn. Rajendra Sonvani	97275 60999	26-Nov	Ann. Sonal R. Mehta	98798 36126
24-Nov	Ann. Kreena S. Adani	98259 29296	26-Nov	Ann. Parul B. Mehta	87358 27423
26-Nov	Rtn. Dr. Ketan Bavishi	93741 01269	27-Nov	Rtn. Amit Gandhi	98250 74326

*Wedding Anniversary*

			<b>RTN.</b>	<b>ANN.</b>
17-Nov	Dipak & Minaxi Gajjar		98250 79464	98250 78464
21-Nov	Nandan & Ishita Pobaru		97378 88881	97379 88881
23-Nov	Sanjay & Ushma Mehta		97277 44920	93276 91511
24-Nov	Dr. Darshit & Dr. Avni Mapara		94086 78714	99133 02919
25-Nov	Siddharth & Kreena Adani		98252 29296	98259 29296
25-Nov	Narendra & Rekha Patel		94272 13329	94272 13339
26-Nov	Nilesh & Neha Sheth		99251 10404	99096 10404
27-Nov	Dr. Chetan & Dr. Rupali Mehta		98250 77472	98253 35296
27-Nov	Rajiv & Divya Zaveri		98253 75749	90990 96449
27-Nov	Parul & Maulick Sheth		88661 18886	92280 55555
29-Nov	Dinesh & Dhara Lakhani		90990 55333	94280 11386
30-Nov	Priya & Jigar Adhiya		99241 00805	97140 34008
30-Nov	Kirit & Alka Sheth		98240 42930	94277 27737

**Tribute to a true friend of Rajkot Greater**

*Rtn. Vijay Dalal (1939-2020)*

*PP Rotary Club of Bergen Highlands (Ramsey)*

It is with tremendous sadness and heavy hearts that we inform you of the passing of beloved Vijay N. Dalal. Vijay left us peacefully on November 11, 2020 in his home surrounded by his family. He had recently been diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia. He was 81.

He had a happy life of 54 years with Asha, son Yash, daughter



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P.P. RTN. DARSHAN LAKHANI

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### DISTRICT CONF.

P.P. RTN. YASH RATHOD

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RTN. VIMLESH SHAH

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RTN. RAVI GANATRA

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RTN. DR. ANIL SAVALIYA

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RTN. KUNAL ASHOK MEHTA

### WELLNESS & WOMAN

DR. AMI MEHTA

Shraddha, daughter-in-law Amrita, son-in-law Ravi, and the lights of his life, his 4 grandchildren, Yamini, Sujan, Radha, Pranav and his sister Smita.

Philanthropy was his passion. Vijaybhai often talked about how his grandfather and father instilled in him the belief that he should do whatever he could to help the less fortunate. He joined the Rotary Club and took part in a myriad of charitable endeavors, serving as his local chapter's President in 1980s. But his heart was also with India and he wanted to provide aid to his homeland. In 1982, Vijay and Asha, along with a group of enthusiastic friends, founded 'The Share and Care Foundation'. He nurtured this charitable organization, allowed it to blossom, and gave it wings. He spearheaded so many initiatives in the field of education, medicine, disaster relief, and family support to help those who were less fortunate. He and Asha worked closely with other organizations in India, primarily to provide education and uplift individuals. There are too many other projects to list and thousands of people have been helped. His donations extended beyond monetary ones, as he empowered people with skills and opportunities to provide for themselves. He never had any expectations, and his only wish was that they, in turn, pay it forward by helping others in their own communities and beyond.

Rotary Club of Rajkot Greater had special friendship with Vijaybhai. It started in 2012 for a Computer Center project at Sister Nivedita IQE center, Rajkot through Rotary Matching grant project. Rtn. Sarju Patel and Rtn. Amit Raja first met him at Sister Nivedita School. After completing this project, he helped consistently to gift 10 dialysis machines to kidney hospital worth 100,000 USD, then 1,50,000 USD Cancer treatment Brachytherapy machine, then 2,00,000 USD CT Scan Machine, then 1,55,000 USD Operation theater equipment project which is right now in implementation mode.

All above projects could not have been possible without his help. He visited our projects 2-3 times in last several years. He was very impressed with team, its efforts, enthusiasm, selection of projects and fair equal contribution.

Vijaybhai was truly an honorable man – he will be missed by us but his blessings will always be with us.

Let me share on 21st November few of us along with President and Secretary attended virtual celebration of Vijaybhai's life. His message for life was

“Be happy and make others happy“.

At last

Those we love don't go away,  
they walk beside us every day.

Unseen, unheard, but always near,  
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- Rtn. Sarju Patel and Rtn. Amit Raja



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**Assistant Governor- Saurashtra**  
Rtn. Ashwin Lodhiya

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**Chairman- District(3060)**  
Rtn. Bhavesh Vegda

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**Coordinator- Saurashtra**  
Rtn. Darshan Lakhani

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**Regional Trainer- Saurashtra**  
Rtn. Dipak Kothari

### Health- Preventive & Curative

**Coordinator- Saurashtra**  
Rtn. Dr. Sanjeev Nandani

### Polio Plus

**Chairman- District(3060)**  
Rtn. Dr. Yogesh Mehta

### Rotary India Website

**Coordinator- Saurashtra**  
Rtn. Manish Patel

### District Grant

**Coordinator- Saurashtra**  
Rtn. Sarju Patel

### Rotary Means Business

**Coordinator- Saurashtra**  
Rtn. Yash Rathod

### Club Extension

**Coordinator- Saurashtra**  
Rtn. Mihir Modi

### Avoidable Blindness

**Chairman - District(3060)**  
Rtn. Dr. Ketan Bavishi

## Meeting Review

Sneh Milan on 26th November on Zoom App: The **family** is the test of freedom; because the **family** is the only thing that the free man makes for himself and by himself.” – Gilbert K.

Smiles were seen on Thursday evening where RCRG family met on Zoom app after a long time. At RCRG you have it all: Fun, Fellowship, Laughter and love for all. Annets, Anns and Rotarians relished the new normal way, may it be new way of greeting each other in unique way.



## Project reviews:

Rotary Club of Rajkot Greater and Kundaria Cancer Prevention Foundation, Division of Rajkot Cancer Society had arranged a Vaccination Camp at Shri D.P Doshi Rotary Greater Auditorium on 26th November 2020. Total 33 girls were vaccinated, 23 girls were vaccinated for the 1st doze and 10 girls were vaccinated for 2nd doze by Dr. Krupali Bhalara and team.



**Special thanks to Dr. Ameenben Mehta for guidance.**

## Did you know?

Newsletter was first published in year 1987-88 in tenure of Ex. Rtn. Akbar Bharmal.



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### Club News:

RCRG crosses 100 mark. President Rtn. Mehul Nathvani and Secretary Rtn. Nilesh Bhojani along with Board Members are very grateful for all the support rendered by each one of you in the last 4 months with a hope of continuing support in coming months too.

### Happy News:

Ann. Nivetha Amlani has become a mother to twins on 10th November. RCRG prays for her and Hrishit and the whole family for their wellbeing.

### Annet's corner:

A Way of Travel: Inspiration can take many shapes and forms, and on my travels, I found myself not just inspired but also broadening my mind to other ways of living. I measure life's worth by the songs I sang facing mountains, the unhurried conversations with strangers, the stories I heard, the people I admired and homes I discovered in strange places. Travelling makes you learn more about the world than our newspapers will accommodate and I believe that the more I learn about the Universe outside me, the more I immerse myself in the universe inside me. As I grew up and as I travelled more, I could not cherish the things meant for tourists like luxurious hotels, sunset points and must see guidebook lists no more excite me. I seek local encounters and stories. Last year when I decided to book a home stay while I was planning A road trip to Coorg with my siblings, I realized that with alternative income opportunities, the local families were warming up to the idea of opening up their homes and unique way of life to mindful travellers. I will never forget the hospitality of our host family, who served us homemade local delicacies in breakfast with familiar smile and great conversation along with coffee which was planted in their backyard. Slowly this is helping me to grasp and promote a way of travel that is meaningful, more immersed in local life and mindful of my impact on the ecology. This way of travel is known as "Sustainable travelling". This way of travelling made me realize that there are families across the country, who gave up well-paying jobs and invested their lives in refurbishing abandoned heritage and culture of their locality. I met one of such inspiring personality during my trip to Goa, Dr.Subodh Kerkar, A medical practitioner turned an artist, activist & director of museum of Goa. He gives platform to local artists, he runs an NGO and he is great artist himself and is exhibited widely across the nation as well as abroad. When I met him at the museum, he was excited about the fact that I belong to the city where Gandhiji did his schooling. I am still in touch with Subodh uncle through social media. These kinds of connections in several corners of the world based on meaningful interactions are really precious. I do not know what the future holds, but I have feeling that I will continue to challenge the conventional definition of travelling and I would keep intersecting my path with the paths of those who inspire me to see life differently.



- Annet Niyati Jaydev Shah

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