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MEETINGS

MEETING 02

Programme	CLOSE BUSINESS MEETING
Date	JULY 13, 2023 THURSDAY
Time	8:00 PM
Menu	DINNER
Venue	D.P.DOSHI ROTARY GREATER AUDITORIUM
Invitee	ROTARIANS AND ANNS.

BIRTHDAYS

1st July	Rtn. Vasant Ramani	9825230521
4th July	Rtn. Dinkar Desai	9879595424
4th July	Ann. Rajvi Priyank Bharad	9979503655
5th July	Rtn. Bhavik Shah	9879510062
5th July	Ann. Pinkal Vijesh Jadvani	9723890869
6th July	Rtn. Amit Mehta	9825076392
6th July	Rtn. Chandresh Tratiya	9227612384
6th July	Rtn. Madhuri Kotecha	7043335551
7th July	Rtn. Ashwin Unadkat	9824212721
7th July	Rtn. Gaurang Patel	9825804011
9th July	Ann. Komal Dipen Patel	9879315222
14th July	Ann. Jigna Prashant Parsana	9879222887

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

1st July	Rtn. Sahadevsinh Vaghela 9825078926	Ann. Sadhna Vaghela 9825078927
2nd July	Rtn. Dharmesh Kotecha 9909019900	Ann. Sakshi Kotecha 9909019900
5th July	Rtn. Mehul Nathvani 9426918628	Ann. Vidhi Nathvani 9427724836
5th July	Rtn. Vipul Kotak 9909612225	Ann. Kinjal Kotak 9879018883
09th July	Rtn. Sudhir Vithlani 9824249358	Ann. Anjana Vithlani 9723592027
10th July	Rtn. Ashok Vaishnav 9825079938	Ann. Bhavna Vaishnav 9879579938
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13 July

Close Business
Meeting

20 July

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27 July

Assistant Governor
Visit

UPCOMING MEETING

Close Business Meeting
July 13, 2023 - Thursday

The Rotary new year has begun and it's time for some serious Business! The **first Close Business Meeting** of Rotary year 2023-24 is scheduled to take place on **Thursday, 13th July**. An evening dedicated to the **Exchange of Ideas, President Rtn. Nilesh Bhojani, Hon. Secretary Rtn. Jaydev Shah** and **Team Saarthi** will share their plans and discuss their **vision** and **ideas** for the coming year with the **Greater Pariwar** to make lasting changes. In return the members are welcome to share their **valuable suggestions** and **feedback** with the team.

PROJECT REVIEW

Project Aanand - Funworld visit

The year 2023-24 kickstarted under the banner of **Project Aanand** on **Sunday, 2nd July**, with the help of **Humanitarian Taksh Mishra** and **PP Rtn. Ashwin Lodhiya**. **134 underprivileged kids** were taken for a recreational morning to **Fun World**. Nothing can beat the feeling of seeing the brightest smiles on the faces of these deprived little kids. **DG Rtn. Nihir Dave & First Lady Rtn. Vaishali Dave** spent their precious time with these little ones. Many Rotarians, Anns and Annets were also present. Special thanks to **Shri Shri Academy** for providing the transportation facility.



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WELCOME NOTES

जय हिंद! First, I want to thank God for giving me this opportunity to become the **37th President** of one of the **most vibrant clubs of Rotary District 3060**. It's a proud moment for me that the Greater team has shown their trust in me.

Swami Vivekanand said,

"Take up an idea, devote yourself, struggle in patience, and the sun will rise."

I believe that when you think of doing something, decide that you are going to work towards it with all you have. Immerse yourself and get through the tough times with patience, because good things do not come easy. Be honest in your efforts and believe that the sun will shine on you. I will try my best with **sincerity** and **honesty** in taking **Rotary Club of Rajkot Greater to greater heights** with the help of **Team Saarthi** and all **fellow club members**.

As we all know Rotary is a **global network of 1.4 million** neighbours, friends, leaders, problem solvers who see a world where people unite and take action **to create lasting change** not just across the globe, but also in our communities and in ourselves with the mission **to provide service to others, promote integrity, world understanding, goodwill and peace** through our fellowship of businesses, professionals and community leaders.

For the theme of year 2023-2024 **Rotary International President Rtn. Gordon R. McNally** has called for members to capture the world's attention and lead the way towards possibilities far beyond our current expectations. He said, **"The goal is to restore hope – to help the world heal from destructive conflicts and, in turn, to help us achieve lasting change for ourselves."**

"CREATE HOPE IN THE WORLD". So as **Team Saarthi-RCRG** we must work on all seven-focus area of Rotary. We are happy to introduce:

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Project
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Project
SHANTI

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Conflict
Prevention

Project
AMRUT

Water
and
sanitation

I want to thank all the **Past Presidents** and all the **members of the RCRG family** for the confidence you all are entrusting upon me by giving me the responsibility of being the President of Rotary Club of Rajkot Greater District 3060. Lastly, I would like to say that **I am always available 24x7**, just one phone call away from any RCRG member who wish to share their ideas of service projects or meetings. **I am looking forward to working for you and with you all.**



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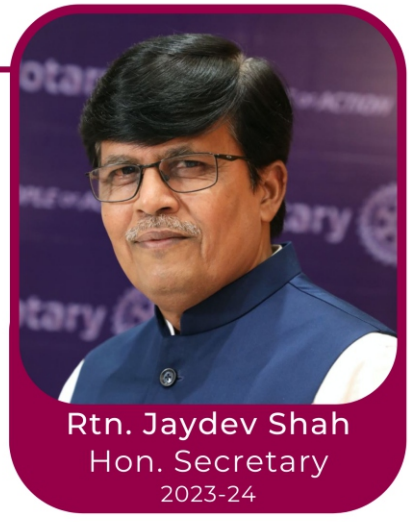


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ડીસ્ટ્રીક્ટ ૩૦૬૦ ની વાઈબ્રન્ટ અને પ્રેસ્ટીજીયસ એવી રોટરી કલબ ઓફ રાજકોટ ગ્રેટર માટે રોટરી વર્ષ ૨૦૨૩-૨૪ દરમિયાન સેક્રેટરી તરીકે સેવા આપવાનો મને મોકો મળ્યો એ માટે હું મારી જાતને ધન્ય ગણું છું.

સૌ પ્રથમ તો મારા માં વિશ્વાસ મુકી મને અતિ મહત્વની જવાબદારી માટે લાયક ગણવા બદલ હું પ્રેસિડેન્ટ રોટેરીયન નિલેશ ભોજાણી નો અંતઃકરણપૂર્વક આભાર માનું છું. વર્ષ દરમિયાન કલબ સેક્રેટરી તરીકે રોટરી કલબ ઓફ રાજકોટ ગ્રેટર ને સરળતાથી અને અસરકારક રીતે ચલાવવા માટે હું શ્રેષ્ઠ પ્રયત્નો કરીશ. રોટરી કલબ ઓફ રાજકોટ ગ્રેટર ના ભવ્ય ભુતકાળનો જે અમને વારસો મળ્યો છે તેનું આદર પૂર્વક જાતન કરી ઉજ્જવળ ભવિષ્ય માટે આવશ્યક ઉત્તમ આયોજન કરવામાં પ્રેસિડેન્ટ સાથે રહી તેમના સૂચનો અને સ્વપ્નોને સાકાર કરવા નિષ્ઠાપૂર્વક પ્રયાસ કરીશ.



Rtn. Jaydev Shah
Hon. Secretary
2023-24

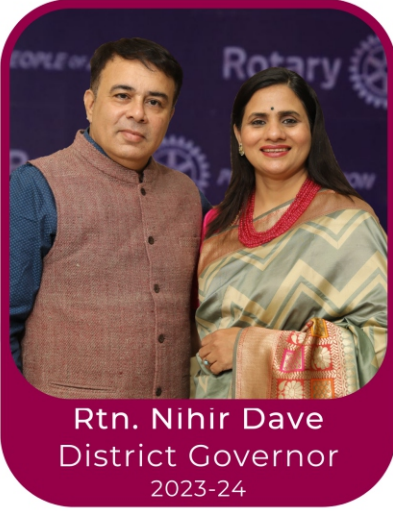
રોટરી સેવાનું બીજું નામ છે, સમાજ ના છેવાડાના માનવી ની સુખાકારી માટે રોટરી કલબ ઓફ રાજકોટ ગ્રેટર હંમેશા પ્રયત્નશીલ રહી છે. વર્ષ દરમિયાન, આરોગ્ય, શિક્ષણ, પર્યાવરણ, મહિલા અને બાળ વિકાસ , રોજગાર સહિત ના રોટરી ના તમામ ફોકસ એરિયામાં પુરી શક્તિ લગાવી દરિદ્ર નારાયણ ની સેવા કરવામાં કોઈ કસર નહીં રાખીએ.

ડીસ્ટ્રીક્ટ ૩૦૬૦ સાથે સુયોગ્ય સંકલનથી વર્ષ દરમિયાન ડીસ્ટ્રીક્ટ સર્વિસ પ્રોજેક્ટસ તથા પ્રેસિડેન્ટ, રોટરી ગ્રેટર ના ડ્રીમ પ્રોજેક્ટસ ને ટીમ સારથી ના બોર્ડ મેમ્બર્સ અને રોટરી કલબ ઓફ રાજકોટ ગ્રેટર ના તમામ મેમ્બર્સ ના સાથ સહકારથી સાકાર કરી લોકહિતાર્થે ઉપયોગી સાબિત થાય તેવા પ્રયત્નો કરીશ.

રોટરી ઈન્ટરનેશનલ પ્રેસિડેન્ટ ગોર્ડન આર. મેકઈનલીએ શાંતિ અને માનસિક સુખાકારી માટે કામ કરીને વિશ્વમાં આશા પેદા કરવા માટે રોટરીને હાકલ કરી છે ત્યારે ટીમ સારથી, આપણે ભલે સુર્ય ન બની શકીએ પણ દીવો બનીને આસપાસ નું અંધારુ મીટાવી આશા અને આસ્થા નો અજવાસ ફેલાવીએ.

"સૂર્યનું દૂબલું અણી પર છે; ચંદ્ર રાખે રજા, ટણી પર છે...
ચાલ ફાનસ સજાવ ઘર ભીતર; કેમ ઝળહળવું, આપણી પર છે."

જય રોટરી.



Rtn. Nihir Dave
District Governor
2023-24

Know our

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

District Governor 3060 Rtn. Nihirbabu (Nihir) Balvantray Dave grew up in a joint family in **Anand**. He was encouraged to take leadership with utmost commitment and ethics early on. He is a **second generation Rotarian**. The lessons learned while growing up in a joint family have profoundly shaped his character and value system.

He graduated from **Birla Vishwakarma Mahavidhyalaya** earning a **BE in Civil Engineering** in 1993. He was elected as an executive committee member for all the years in college and had always taken charge of important events on campus.



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After completing his **Masters in Valuation** in 2002, he became recognised as a **Chartered Engineer and Government Registered Valuer**. His career and life have been defined by the work ethics instilled in him as a child along with a passion to serve the community, connect people and envision a better tomorrow for all. His firm **Nihir Dave and Associated (NDA)** has branches in Ahmedabad, Nadiad, Vadodra and Surat with its Head Office in Anand. His clientele is spread across the country. He also appears as an expert witness in Judicial Courts.

He was inducted as a **member of Rotary Club of Anand Round Town** in June 1996 which is one of the most vibrant clubs in District 3060. Since then he has been an **active and committed Rotarian**. DG 3060 Rtn. Nihir Dave has served as **District Service Project Chair** for District 3060. His wife, the **First Lady of District 3060 Rtn. Vaishali Dave** is a **Past President of Inner Wheel Club of Anand Round Town** and was awarded one of the **top 5 spouses in Rotary** in 2015-16. DG 3060 Rtn. Nihir Dave and First Lady of District 3060 Rtn. Vaishali Dave are both **PHF** and **Major Donors Level 1**. Their son **Shubham Dave** is an enthusiastic **Rotaractor** and is currently the **Vice President of Rotaract Club of Anand Round Town**. Shubham has participated in long term IYE Programme to Germany in 2017-18. Their daughter **Vaibhavi Dave** is also a **Rotaractor** and a **practicing Architect** in Anand.

DG 3060 Rtn. Nihir Dave is dedicated to the idea of **Service Above Self**. He is driven by the idea that service brings people together no matter their background. He believes in the **power of Rotary Family** and the colossal impact it can have on the society.

NOTES of GRATITUDE

Reminiscing my installation night, I ended my speech with the words: **'Entertainment, Entertainment, Entertainment'** ! And what a miraculous year we've had, I must say.

I am proud to have been given the opportunity to serve as your **President** for the last year. This has been a rewarding and interesting experience. Over the years I have been involved with, and on the board of many community groups, but nowhere have I met better people than the members of this club.

I want to thank :

- Our **board members** for their commitment to the club, the donated time, and for all their hard work to ensure we had a successful year.
- Our **committees and committee chairs** for doing the actual work of the club
- Our **club members** for rising to the occasion when called upon. Your ongoing support of club initiatives is incredible.
- Our **District Governor Rtn. Shrikant Indani** for his guidance, positive attitude and encouragement.



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1. Some of you thought of my count down as “**I can’t wait to get it over with**”. I considered it as my goal, my finish line, and the point at which I have to hand on the baton to the new leadership.
2. We executed **4 Permanent projects** this year, which itself is the biggest achievement in the history of RCRG. We have inducted **11 new members** this year. We are happy to announce the permanent projects DEEPOTSAV, PANKH & HUMF which reached great numbers. Every Rotarian & Ann contributed to the best of their ability to make these projects a grand success
3. Everything happened because of the members of the RCRG. You all regularly step forward and volunteered to contribute in many ways. Thank you for demonstrating what it means to put **Service Above Self**, to **Imagine Rotary** and **Change lives**.
4. To **Rtn. Nilesh Bhojani** and his incoming board: I wish you well in the year ahead. You have a lot of work to do with teamwork of all the Board Members. . Fortunately, you have a strong and talented workforce and have the full support of the club.
5. I wouldn’t be here today without the support of my family, the love of my life my wife **Monika** for putting up with me for **12 years**, especially for the last **3 years** where every day there was a Rotary story to tell.

In closing I **thank you all** for giving me the opportunity to serve as your **President**. My main personal goal in this role was for us all to have fun together while supporting the things that matter to members. I think we came pretty close.

Rotary has always been very near to my heart as my Father **Late PP Rtn. Rajen Modi** was a charter member of RCRG and thus I have witnessed the Club attain Greater heights since I was an Annet. My journey as a **second generation Rotarian** started off in Rotary Year **2015-16**. I have been serving as a Board Member since **2017-18**. But the Year **2022-23** has been extra Special Rotary Year for me as **President Rtn. Kunal Ashok Mehta** put his trust in me and gave me a chance to serve as **Hon. Secretary of RCRG**. I got a chance to touch so many avenues and lives since then.

This journey wouldn't have been a memorable one without the support and teamwork of all the **Board Members**.

The President's call for **One Board Member - One Month** for the projects was exceptionally carried out by all the Board Members. I thank everyone from the various committees and their **Chairpersons** for extending the help and guidance whenever required.

I am heartily grateful to all the **Rotarians, Anns and Annets** for the love, support and warmth they have showered for all the meetings and projects carried out through out the year. I will surely miss all the plannings and meetings that **Kunal, Monika, Ashini** and I had frequently. The fun will be missed thoroughly. Special mention to **Ashini** for her continuous support and balancing the role of a home maker and a Rotarian.

All in all, last year has been a great learning experience and will always be cherished as a **Super Special, Super Successful, Super Satisfactory** Year in my heart!!!



Rtn. Apoorva Modi
Outgoing Hon.
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It only seems like yesterday when **Rtn. Kunal Ashok Mehta** and **Rtn. Apoorva Modi** were trying to convince me to take up the **Editorial responsibility** of **The Greater Times** for 2022-23. And I am glad you both didn't take no for an answer, because otherwise I would have missed out on an amazing opportunity. So, thank you for that.

The last year taught me a lot of important life skills like responsibility, time management, creativity, and patience. It also helped boost my self-confidence and improve my communication skills. To all those who made sure I never run out of creative pieces to include in the Newsletter, Thank you so much. I am also thankful to all those who couldn't because you made me a better thinker and a better writer. I will forever be grateful to all the members of the **Rotary Family** for a year full of excitement and learning.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank **Ann Monika Mehta, Rtn. Ashini Modi, Rtn. Jaydev Shah** and **Rtn. Ravi Chhotai** for their constant support throughout the year, you all made everything seem like a piece of cake. Lastly, I feel so excited and happy to be handing over the Editorial baton to my husband **Rtn. Priyank Bharad**. Good luck for a fantastic year ahead, you can always count on me.



Ann. Rajvi Bharad
Club Bulletin Editor
2022-23

From the EDITOR'S DESK



Rtn. Priyank Bharad
Club Bulletin Editor
2023-24

It gives me immense pleasure and pride to present myself as the **Editor of The Greater Times** this year. Most of you know that I have been a part of Rotary Club of Rajkot Greater for as long as I can remember, thanks to my father **PP Rtn. Jatin Bharad**. I have seen the Club as **an Annet**, as **a Rotarian**, as **a Board Member** and now as **an Editor**. And the **Greater Family** has always encouraged and motivated me to do better for the club and the society as a whole.

Having seen Rotary Newsletters in my house since 1995-96, I for one know that RCRG has a legacy of having amazing and dedicated Editors every year. Taking inspiration from their Editorial journeys, this year The Greater Times will have the regular as well as some new sections to keep you all informed and entertained. **Club News, Project Information, District News** and **RI News** will be communicated on a regular basis through the newsletters.

There will be an exclusive space under the name **"Freshly Brewed"** for our members to show their creativity. As a Technical Person I wish to share my knowledge of the technical world with the section **"Tech Simplified"**. To understand Rotary better, we are also coming up with a fun section named **"Our Rotary"**. And last but not the least we have a special section dedicated to our members who are die hard foodies, **"Namak Swad Anusar"**.

I hope to make this year memorable for me as well as all of you, and seek your support at all times. I will also make it a point to consider any ideas or opinions that come my way. I want to thank **Rtn. Nilesh Bhojani** and **Rtn. Jaydev Shah** to consider me capable of this responsibility. And lastly I would like to thank the Editor of previous year and my wife **Ann Rajvi Bharad** for pushing my limits.