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MEETINGS

MEETING 07

Programme	CHARTER DAY CELEBRATION
Date	AUGUST 26, SATURDAY
Time	8:00 PM
Menu	DINNER
Venue	D.P.DOSHI ROTARY GREATER AUDITORIUM
Invitee	RTNS., ANNS. & ANNETS

BIRTHDAYS

16th August	Rtn. Dr.Hitesh Sapovadia	9825328595
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30th August	Ann. Meena Mukesh Panchasara	9924986299

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

18th August	Rtn. Kishor Amlani 9825830369	Ann. Meera Amlani 9825873369
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UPCOMING MEETING

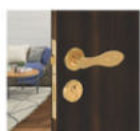
Charter Day Celebration

August 26, 2023 - Saturday

Club number 24912 of Rotary District 3060, Rotary Club of Rajkot Greater was Chartered on **August 26th, 1987** by our Chartered Members Rtn. Pankaj Raiyani, Rtn Praful Gohil, Late Rtn. Rajen Modi, Rtn. Ashok Thaker, Rtn. Rajesh Somaiya, Rtn. Vinod Amlani, Rtn. Viren Kothari, Rtn. Kirit Rajvir and Rtn. Mahendra Kakkad.



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Started with only 27 members we have now grown to a close knit family of 150+ members from various vocations with the main goal of 'service to humanity'. This day is of great importance for all members of the Greater Family. On the 37th Charter Day, **Rtn. Mehul Nathwani, Rtn. Aashish Joshi and Rtn. Jaydev Shah** have planned a surprise for all of you, which will surely bring a smile on your faces and make you all happy. So let's get together this Saturday to witness the grand birthday celebration of our Club.

MEETING REVIEW

હાસ્ય નું બુલ ડોઝર : Milan Trivedi

August 3, 2023 - Thursday

કહેવાય છે દુનિયા માં એકમાત્ર જડીબુટ્ટી એવી છે જે મનુષ્ય ને માનસિક સ્વાસ્થ્ય દ્વારા હમેશા યુવાન રાખે છે અને તે જડીબુટ્ટી નું નામ છે - હાસ્ય. તા. ૦૩/૦૮/૨૦૨૩, ગુરુવાર નાં રોજ રોટરી ગ્રેટર ભવન ખાતે પ્રખ્યાત હાસ્ય કલાકાર શ્રી મિલન ત્રિવેદી દ્વારા "હાસ્ય નું બુલડોઝર" નામ નો કાર્યક્રમ આપવા માં આવ્યો. આ કાર્યક્રમ માં રોટરી ગ્રેટર નાં પરિવારજનો એ બહોળી સંખ્યા માં હાજરી આપી. શ્રી મિલનભાઈ ત્રિવેદી ને આપણા સુધી લઈ આવવા બદલ - રો. રવિ છોટાઈ અને રો. જયદેવ શાહ નો ખુબ ખુબ આભાર..

મિલનભાઈ ત્રિવેદી એ એમની આગવી શૈલી માં રજુઆતો અને રમુજી વાતો દ્વારા લોકો નું દિલ જીતી લીધું. અમુક રજુઆતો માં તેમણે હાસ્ય ની વાતો ને મિમિક્રી સાથે સાંકળી ને તેમની કલા નો બખૂબી પરિચય આપ્યો. તેમની રમુજ અને રજુઆતો એટલી સરસ હતી કે મીટીંગ નાં અંત સુધી દરેક શ્રોતા ને એમણે જકડી રાખ્યા. ખરેખર આ કાર્યક્રમ એટલો સુંદર રહ્યો કે આ કાર્યક્રમ ને "હાસ્ય નું બુલડોઝર" ને બદલે "હાસ્ય ની સુનામી" કહીએ તો પણ અતિશયોક્તિ નહીં લાગે.

....Rtn. Apoorva Modi



International Youth Exchange Presentation - Information

July 27, 2023 - Thursday

The very exciting International Exchange Program Presentation started with Rotary Prayer by Rtn. Dr. Miral Patel and The Four Way Test by Rtn. Dr. Darshit Mapara.

- **Annet Krisha Rajesh Parsana** and Viva Nimit Kamdar who were part of the short term Rotary International Youth Exchange (IYE) with Rotary Club of Passofundo, Brazil started with their presentation. They beautifully described their experiences and learning during the 45 days of stay in a foreign country.



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Both the girls believed that being exchange students helped them unlock their true potential in developing lifelong leadership skills, learning about new language and culture, building lasting friendships with young people from around the world. Both these girls are global citizen in true sense.

- The second half of the meeting was conducted by **Rtn. Nilesch Sheth**.
- **Rtn. Dr. Yogesh Mehta** gave detailed information on IYE short term and long term programs
- **Rtn. Dr. Darshan Lakhani** spoke about New Generations Service Exchange (NGSE)
- **Rtn. Mihir Modi** provided information and shared his experience about Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE)
- **Annet Kunal Sheth** shared his experience about Summer Exchange Program
- All of the above mentioned members appealed to all the members of RCRG to be a part of these Exchange Programs.
- The meeting ended with National Anthem.

Independence Day Celebration

August 15, 2023 - Tuesday

It was a matter of great honour for RCRG that on the 77th Independence Day Retired Army Officers, **Havaldar Jagat Sinh Jadeja, Havaldar Ashvinbhai Mahemadavadiya, Lance Dafedar Amarshibhai Halpara, Petty Officers Mansukh Naseet, Bhavesh Hirpara, Kaushik Pipalva and Manan Bhatt** were present for the Flag Hoisting Ceremony at Rotary Bhavan.

After the Flag Hoisting Ceremony, the program was continued in the Rotary Bhavan Auditorium where President Rtn. Nilesch Bhojani gave the welcome speech. This was followed by giving mementoes to all the officers.

Rtn. Ravi Ganatra introduced Petty Officer Manan Bhatt, who then took over the stage to tell everyone about the unsung hero of **Pulwama Attack**, Soldier Tilakraj Shanu. He spoke about his bravery and martyrdom which left everyone grief struck and proud at the same time.

A cultural program was then presented by the Annets of RCRG, which was organised by **Ann Grishma Nathwani, Ann Ashini Modi** and **Annet Misri Nathwani**.

Dr. Nidhi Bandhish Jhala did a wonderful job as the MOC of the event.

The beautiful morning ended with Vote of Thanks by Hon. Secretary Rtn. Jaydev Shah.



Project Swasthya - Medical Camps at Factories

Medical Camps were organised at

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Date	July 27, Friday	
Owner	Rtn. Bhavin Sabhaya	Rtn. Dipen Patel
Beneficiaries'	77	68

A Medical Team from the Mobile Health Unit of Government of Gujarat visited the above organizations and conducted free medical examinations of its employees, did lab works and distributed medicines as needed.



Book Talk

July 31st, 2023 - Monday

BEFORE THE COFFEE GETS COLD



Time travel and cafe culture yeild a lovely sentiment brew in a translation of Japanese author **Toshikazu Kavaaguchi's** popular play-turned novel - Before the coffee gets cold.

The speaker of this book-talk **Mr. Harsh Thaker**, in his simple yet effective tone took the audience in their respective past by his mesmerizing narration of the book. He made the audience feel very relatable even if they have not experienced similar circumstances as the characters of the novel. As a movie has also been produced from this novel, Harsh pointed out very minutely the difference and similarity between the two.

The book is divided in four parts and each story has its own emotional twist. The story is set in a cafe which allows its guests to travel in the past to visit any person they wish to have conversation with. Here, time travel is just a plot device and not a science fiction. It's much closer to '**magical realism**'.

The important takeaway message that this book conveys is about **accepting your past** and make the **best of the future** while taking present as it comes without any change in it. The narratives are very nicely put together to produce a tale of love, hope, loss and fear that is sure to shake your emotional state.

Harsh finishes his talk by asking the audience a question that if you could go back in time, would you go and what would you say and whom would you like to meet? It was a very thought-provoking question. In short, it was very gentle, reflective, and gripping book talk.

-Ann. Neha Sheth



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રોટરી નો છાંયડો

August 1, 2023 - Tuesday

DG Rtn. Nihir Dave's birthday is on 1st August and RCRG decided to honour him by starting his signature project "રોટરી નો છાંયડો" in one of the main markets of Rajkot. The problems faced by street vendors and hawkers in months of Monsoon and Summers is severe. "રોટરી નો છાંયડો" provides shade to these hardworking people in the form of Umbrellas. RCRG distributed around 5 Umbrellas on the first day of the project. The smiles on the face of all the beneficiaries was a huge reward for us.

Although this project seems very simple, but if you look at its effect, the amount of this umbrella, which is available in the market for approximately **1000/- to 1500/-** rupees, can be used by a poor person to meet the needs of his home. Apart from this, it also helps the public image of RCRG.



Project Swasthya - CPR Training @ Shubham School

August 4, 2023 - Friday

Total Beneficiaries' - 160 Girls & 190 Boys



Project Shakti : Hemoglobin Checkup & Cancer Awareness Camp @ Virnagar

August 5, 2023 - Saturday

300 Girls



Project Anand & Shakti : Jeevan Shala @ Ambardi

August 5, 2023 - Saturday



A total of 3 different Projects were conducted at Jeevan Shala in Ambardi under the guidance of **PP Rtn. Nilesh Sheth.**

- A total of 500 Books were given to Jeevan Shala school Library to upgrade and develop the existing library.
- A total of **5 Chess and Carrom Tournaments** were organised for the boys and girls of Jeevan Shala where the winners were given Medal, Cash Prize and Certificate. Participation Certificates were also given to all the Participants.
- With support from **Kundariya Foundation**, haemoglobin check-up was conducted for 50 girls of Jeevan Shala. Those with low haemoglobin were also given free iron tablets. In addition, a seminar on Cervical Cancer Awareness was also conducted.



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Project Anand: Story Telling

August 9, 2023 - Wednesday

A brand-new Project was launched by RCRG at Sri Sri Academy at Munjka under Project Anand, **"Education via Story Telling"**. Government Primary School Principal **Mr. Rajakbhai Unadpotra** narrated various moral stories to more than 200 students from Primary Sections. These moral stories are not only entertaining but also provides a rich and varied source of learning important life lessons, healthy behaviors, and language opportunities.



Project Shakti: HUMF

August 9, 2023 - Wednesday

RCRG distributed Wholesome Food Kits to 25 needy Pregnant Ladies at Primary Health Centre **Sarapdad**. Women are the backbone of our society! And we all know that women are capable of doing something that men cannot, **"Giving Birth to a New Life"**. The kits provided under HUMF will help to fight the prevailing malnutrition in Expecting Mothers, thus bringing Smiles to their faces, because A Healthy Mother means a Healthy Child!

Project Samruddhi : Our World at 2025 by Dr Deepak Vohra

August 11 & 12, 2023 - Friday & Saturday

This year Rotary Club Of Rajkot Greater once again conducted Expert Talk **"Our World at 2025"** by well-known Indian Diplomat and Ambassador **Dr. Deepak Vohra** at different institutes in Rajkot city.

Dr. Deepak Vohra is currently the special advisor to Indian prime minister Narendra Modi. In all the sessions, the audience was held on to the edge of their seats as Dr Vohra shared scintillating stories from his international experiences. He spoke about the strength of a nation and its Young Population in detail. He alerted the young people about striking the right balance between literacy and common sense, aggression, and procrastination, between past, present and future.

Dr. Deepak Vohra fluently handled the questions from the audience with ease in the end. He captivated the audience with his humour, storytelling abilities and by his rich experience of having travelled to different places. He rose to a deafening applaud from his audience at the end of every session.



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- RCRG heartily congratulates parents **Rtn. Mihir Modi** and **Ann Devangi Modi** on the birth of baby girl. May her angelic presence bring enormous joy and happiness in your lives.
- RCRG feels happy to inform that **Annet Priyansh Tratiya**, son of **Rtn. Chandresh Tratiya** and **Ann Mayuri Tratiya** is going to **University of Illinois USA** for his **M. Tech**. We wish him All the Best for his future.
- RCRG feels happy to inform that **Annet Parixit Kalawadia**, son of **PP Rtn. Paresh Kalawadia** and **Rtn. Seema Kalawadia** is going to **Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburg, USA** for his **Masters in Architecture**. We wish him All the Best for his future.



**Rtn. Nandan
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4. It's time to add a cup of butter milk mixed with above mentioned masalas
5. Cook for 10 mins on a med flame, then add Ratlami sev and stir for 1 min now garnish it with spring onion leaves and coriander leaves and serve hot.

Enjoy this Kathiyawadi Sabji with Bhakhri, Rotlo or Paratha.

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250gm spring onions (fine chopped)	1/2 tsp Rai
1 packet Ratlami sev (Balaji preferable)	1/2 cumin seeds
1 big spoon fine chopped green garlic	1/4 asafoetida
1+1/2 tbsp coriander and cumin powder	A pinch turmeric powder
1 tsp garam masala	1 tbsp red chilly powder
Salt as per taste	4 tbsp oil
1 cup buttermilk mixed with 1tsp red chilly powder, 1tsp coriander powder, a pinch of garam masala	

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