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SERVICE MONTH**



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President's Message

Dear Rotarians,

It is truly inspiring to witness the dedication and enthusiasm of our members. Whether it was providing essential resources to those in need, promoting awareness on important social issues, or fostering a spirit of inclusivity through various events, every project showcased the heart and soul of Rotary.

Our work is not just about donations or events—it's about the impact we create. It's about the smiles we bring, the hope we instill, and the change we drive. Each small step we take contributes to a larger purpose, making a difference in ways we may not always see but can certainly feel.

As we move forward, let's continue this journey with the same passion and determination. Together, we can achieve even greater milestones and make a lasting impact in our community.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication. Let's keep serving, inspiring, and growing—because Rotary means action.



Rtn. Hitesh Mali
President
Rotary Club of Baroda
Sayajinagari

Editor's Note

Dear fellow Rotarians,

As we begin February 2025, it's a great opportunity to reflect on the impact we've made through our service projects. Our commitment to community support, empowerment, and education continues to guide us as we create positive change.

Through every initiative, big or small, we are living the values of Rotary—spreading kindness, offering help where needed, and fostering unity. The dedication and passion shown by our members in serving others truly make a difference.

Let's keep the momentum going as we move forward, making even more meaningful contributions to those around us. Together, we're making the world a better place.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best Regards,
Ann. Charmi Shah
Bulletin Editor
Rotary Club of Baroda Sayajinagari

RCBS PROJECTS

HUMF

1st January 2025

RCBS successfully executed its permanent project, HUMF, today at GMERS Hospital, Maternity Ward.

This time, along with nutritious health foods like khajoor and channa, sanitary napkins and panties were also donated to support needy mothers.

Additionally, preloved bottoms were distributed to those in need.

RCBS extends heartfelt gratitude to Rtn. Chirayu Kothari, Rtn. Sanyogita Pradhan, and Rtn. Seema Thakkur for their generous sponsorship of health foods, sanitary napkins, and panties, respectively.

A special appreciation to Rtn. Krupa and her guest, Miss My from Singapore, Ann Mona Mankand, Ann Manjoo, Rtn. Minal, and Rtn. Seema for their valuable contribution in the distribution process.



RCBS PROJECTS

SWEATERS DISTRIBUTION

6th January 2025

RCBS proudly donated 100 additional sweaters to the students of Maa Saraswati Prathmik Shala, ensuring warmth and comfort during the winter season.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our well-wishers for their generous contributions and unwavering support in making this initiative a success.



RCBS PROJECTS

REFERENCE BOOK DONATION

7th January 2025

RCBS proudly donated 50 college-level study and reference books to Zankar Pustakalay, providing students in need with access to quality study materials. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Rtn. Jatin and Aarti Shah for their efforts in sourcing these valuable books.



RCBS PROJECTS

SWAMAN STORE

13th January 2025

Under the leadership of Ann Purvi Shah, Rotary Club of Baroda Sayajinagari organized its annual Swaman Store, where preloved clothes in good condition were sold at nominal rates (₹10-20) to support needy families in bastis.

This year, the Swaman Store at Indiranagar Bhayali was a resounding success!

The funds generated from the sale will be used to donate notebooks to students in remote villages, contributing to their education.

RCBS extends heartfelt gratitude to all volunteers and contributors who helped in collecting and segregating clothes for this meaningful project.

The initiative also received excellent PR coverage, as a local channel featured the event, further amplifying its impact.



RCBS PROJECTS

DONATION OF PRINTER

14th January 2025

Understanding the need for a printer to assist with daily administration and unit tests, RCBS donated a scan-copy color printer to Fatepura School for their daily operations.

We sincerely thank Rtn. Kamal and Pinky Agarwal for their generous contribution, ensuring smoother academic and administrative processes for the school.



RCBS PROJECTS

MENSTRUAL HEALTH AND HYGIENE AWARENESS PROGRAM

Under the project "Let's Talk Periods", Rotary Club of Baroda Sayajinagari, in association with P&G, is actively working to raise awareness about menstrual health and hygiene.

As part of this initiative, an informative short film is screened for young girls, followed by an interactive Q&A session to address their concerns. Additionally, free sanitary napkin samples are distributed, along with a detailed guide on their proper usage and disposal. Sessions were conducted at the following schools:

- **Pandit Dindayal upadhyay hindi prathmik shala Girls -100**



RCBS PROJECTS

MENSTRUAL HEALTH AND HYGIENE AWARENESS PROGRAM

- Lok manya Tilak prathmik shala Girls -26



- Bhimpura Pratik Shaha Girls -66



RCBS PROJECTS

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

26th January 2025

Republic Day, observed on January 26th, holds great significance as it marks the adoption of the Indian Constitution in 1950. Schools across the country celebrate this day with immense enthusiasm and patriotism.

- **At KR Gayatri Prathmik Shala**

The celebration commenced with a flag-hoisting ceremony, followed by the singing of the national anthem. PP Rtn. Minal Shah was invited as the Chief Guest for the event and had the honor of presiding over the prize distribution ceremony.

Students showcased their patriotism through a variety of cultural programs, including Patriotic songs, Dance performances, Speeches by students and teachers, highlighting the significance of Republic Day and the values enshrined in the Indian Constitution.

The event concluded with a prize distribution ceremony, recognizing students for their achievements in various competitions held throughout the year.

A day filled with pride, joy, and a deep sense of national spirit, inspiring young minds to uphold the ideals of our great nation!



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REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

26th January 2025

- At Sonar Kui



RCBS PROJECTS

WORKBOOK DISTRIBUTION

29th January 2025

As part of District 3060's initiative in association with BRHF, comprehensive workbooks have been developed to enhance language and numerical skills for Balvatika students. In support of this initiative, Rotary Club of Baroda Sayajinagari purchased 200 sets of these books for distribution to needy schools.

Today, 30 sets of writing books on Varna Parichay and Sankhya Lekhan were distributed to Balvatika students, aiming to strengthen their writing skills and foundational learning.

Through this initiative, RCBS continues to empower young learners with the right educational tools for a brighter future!



RCBS HAPPENINGS...

8th January 2025

UNDHIYU POK PARTY

The delicious Undhiyu Pok was simply divine—every bite was bursting with rich flavors, making it an absolute delight! We truly appreciate the effort that went into preparing such a fantastic spread. The games were an absolute highlight of the evening!

A heartfelt THANK YOU to P.P. Rtn. Shreyansh Mehta & Ann. Tejal Mehta for hosting wonderful games.



RCBS HAPPENINGS...

26th January 2025

ROTARY CLUB OF BARODA COSMOPOLITAN

A heartfelt congratulations to Rtn. Nishant Ramani for being the joint winner in the Golf Tournament under the Rotary category, organized by RCBC on 26th January!

This remarkable achievement is truly inspiring and a proud moment for all of us. Keep up the Josh High



RCBS HAPPENINGS...

26th January 2025

PICNIC TO WILDERNESS HOME STAY FARM

The Rotary Club of Baroda Sayajinagari organized a fun-filled picnic to Wilderness Home Stay Farm, a perfect getaway nestled in the heart of nature. The day was filled with laughter, bonding, and relaxation, as members enjoyed a beautiful nature walk through the lush surroundings.



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Stephanie A. Urchick

President, Rotary International 2024-2025



There's nothing more powerful for engaging and retaining members than a club that's vibrant, welcoming, and - yes - fun. Think back to what drew you to Rotary.

I always walk into meetings at my home club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, with a smile on my face. A few years ago, someone arrived late. Instead of scolding the person, we cheered. Since then, we've made it a tradition to applaud all members when they arrive for meetings. It's tough not to smile with a greeting like that.

There's nothing more powerful for engaging and retaining members than a club that's vibrant, welcoming, and — yes — fun. Think back to what drew you to Rotary. Chances are, it wasn't just the service projects or professional networking. It was the people — the friendships, the shared laughter, and the joy of working toward a common purpose. That's what keeps us coming back.

If you're looking for that sense of joy in your meetings, don't be afraid to ask yourself and your fellow members some tough questions. If you were a prospective member, would you join your current club? It's a powerful question but don't stop there. Do members of your club feel that they belong? Are your meetings fun? If not, what can you do about it together? At your next meeting or event, try something new to bring out a few extra smiles. It's the simple things that create lasting bonds and make clubs simply irresistible.

Here's one example of a club moving in the right direction. The Rotary Club of Fukushima, Japan, has been combining environmental responsibility with community fun since 2021. In Japan, people have made picking up trash into a sport known as SpoGomi, and every year the club hosts a game. This year, more than 400 participants cheered each other on while they came together to improve their community.

This event is an excellent example of how Rotary clubs can have fun, make a difference, and raise awareness for broader global challenges all at the same time. And the inclusive, family-friendly format allows people of all ages to participate.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

When we enjoy what we do, that energy becomes contagious. It's what attracts new members and keeps our clubs strong and engaged. It helps people feel that they belong.

Retention and culture go hand in hand. The healthier our club culture, the more likely members are to stay. Rotary magazine is an outstanding resource for inspiration on how to enhance our club culture and deepen member engagement. I encourage you to explore the stories and

strategies in these pages, drawing from other clubs' successes to find ideas that work for you.

Together, we can create a more engaged, enjoyable, and inclusive Rotary that every member can feel proud to be part of. Let's continue with renewed commitment and enthusiasm, living The Magic of Rotary.

Stephanie A. Urchick

Rotary International President, 2024-2025



Rotary celebrates skill development, fostering career growth, and empowering communities through vocational excellence.

OUR PARTNERS IN SERVICE

INTERACT CLUB OF BARODA SAYAJINAGRI

11th January 2025

“ICBS Celebrates Uttarayan with Joy and Giving”

As part of their permanent project, this year ICBS celebrated Uttarayan by spreading joy and happiness among underprivileged children. They distributed kites and manja (threads) to 45 kids from Swami Vivekanand School, Karelibag. Each child received 1 manja and 5 kites, ensuring they had everything needed to enjoy the festival of kites to the fullest.

This initiative not only brightened the day for these kids but also allowed them to experience the joy of Uttarayan, creating cherished memories.

A wonderful gesture that truly embodies the spirit of giving!



OUR PARTNERS IN SERVICE

INTERACT CLUB OF BILLABONG HIGH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

5th January 2025

On Sunday, January 5, 2024, the Billabong High International School's Interact Club, in collaboration with Mahavir International, organized the 8th Annual Sports Day for 900 underprivileged children from Mobile Pathshala in Vadodara. This incredible event aimed to promote sportsmanship, inclusivity, and the values of teamwork and unity, while providing the children with a memorable and joyful experience.

The day was filled with excitement, featuring thrilling races, including high-energy sprints, hurdles, and fun sack races, all of which had everyone cheering. The grand finale—a lively teachers' race—brought smiles and laughter, leaving everyone in high spirits.

Children proudly received medals and prizes, celebrating not only their victories but also the joy of participation. With the enthusiastic support of volunteers and sponsors, the event was a tremendous success, spreading joy, positivity, and community spirit throughout.

A day full of fun, unity, and heartfelt moments for these children!



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INTERACT CLUB OF BILLABONG HIGH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

9th January 2025
“Spread the Warmth Drive”

On the crisp evening of January 9th, 2025, the Billabong High International School's (BHIS) Interact Club organized the "Spread the Warmth Drive", an initiative aimed at bringing comfort and care to the underprivileged across Vadodara.

Starting promptly at 8:30 PM, the students set out in six teams, each comprising 4 to 5 Interactors, with guidance from a teacher or parent for safety and coordination. The teams covered various key locations around the city, including Makarpura, Railway Station, Lalbaug, Pratapnagar, Maneja, and Manisha Chokdi.

Armed with 15 blankets per group, the teams distributed a total of 100 blankets to those in need. The heartfelt gratitude and joy expressed by the recipients left a lasting impact on the students, creating an atmosphere of warmth beyond just the physical blankets.

In just over an hour, the drive not only provided physical warmth but also brought hope and humanity to the lives it touched. The "Spread the Warmth Drive" truly exemplified the core values of the Interact Club —service, empathy, and responsibility.

This event was a powerful reminder of the true essence of community and kindness. The students were motivated and inspired, learning the importance of contributing positively to society. A heartfelt thank you to the parents for their unwavering support and active participation, which was key to the success of this meaningful initiative.



OUR PARTNERS IN SERVICE

ROTARY CLUB OF VADODARA SAYAJINAGRI

The Rotaract Club of Vadodara Sayajinagari (RCVS) had the privilege of attending Rotasia 2025, organized by District 3060 at Silvassa from the 9th to the 12th of January. This spectacular event brought together Rotaractors from across the district, fostering camaraderie, learning, and cultural exchange.

The four-day event featured a series of engaging sessions, including leadership lessons from Major General Neeraj Bali (Retd.), insightful panel discussions, and presentations by key district leaders. Cultural highlights included mesmerizing dance performances, interlude music sessions, and a fashion-themed Mr. & Miss Rotasia competition. The evenings were vibrant with dinner and entertainment, featuring performances by the multilingual fusion band, Savaari.

RCVS participated actively in all the activities, celebrating the ethos of Rotaract and networking with fellow Rotaractors. Rotasia 2025 was an enriching experience that left everyone inspired and motivated to take Rotaract's mission forward



SPECIAL DAYS

Of Rchs

Birthdays

- 08/02/25- Rtn. Hitesh Mali
- 15/02/25- Ann. Minal Aggarwal
- 21/02/25- Rtn. Sanjay Shah
- 28/02/25- Rtn. Jay Shah

Anniversaries

- 03/02/25- Rtn. Neeta & Kalpesh Shah
- 04/02/25- Rtn. Nishant & Rtn. Sneha Ramani
- 05/02/25- Rtn. Kokila & Pantul Kothari
- 07/02/25- Rtn. Amit & Ann. Anu Shrivastav
- 11/02/25- Rtn. Vaishali & Rtn. Kalpesh Shah
- 13/02/25- Rtn. Kamal & Ann. Minal Aggarwal
- 14/02/25- Rtn. Deval & Ann. Hema Shastri
- 20/02/25- Rtn. Shamit & Ann. Mamta Patel
- 22/02/25- Rtn. Sanjay & Ann. Pranjal Shah



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