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✦ VOCATIONAL AWARDS MEETING - 25.02.2025 ✦ (A Report by Ann. Twisha Jhala)

The meeting of RCBJ'S pet project of giving Vocational Awards to felicitate deserving candidates in diverse fields of public service like Police, Health, Security, Fire Brigade etc. was very well attended by all members.

The meeting called to order by **Hon. Sec. Hemang Vahia** began with appropriate, melodious prayer by **First Lady Ann. Usha Fifadra** followed by **Pres. Elect Mitesh Vadhia** reminding us of the 4 way test.

The whole meeting was very well organized and conducted in a crisp, smooth manner with good attendance of the press to cover the event thanks to the behind the scenes hard work and dedication of **Event Chair PP. Rtn. Dilip Shah**, **Event Co-Chair PP. Rtn. Jagdish Thakkar** and ofcourse **Pres. Rtn. Umed Fifadra** and silent, dedicated **Hon. Sec. Hemang Vahia**. Special thanks to Guest of honor **Shri Mayankbhai Brahmhatt**, **Hon. Secretary, VTET** with whose help **Shri Narsimha Komar - IPS, Commissioner of Police** agreed to be chief guest to give away the awards.

PP. Rtn. Jagdish Thakkar introduced the chief guest of the evening **Shri Narasimha Komar, IPS Officer and Commissioner of Police, Vadodara city** who has many medals under his belt . He has served Gujarat in various capacities like State Police Nodal Officer during the Lok Sabha Elections, 2024 as well as in CBI.

He was florally welcomed by **Pres. Rtn.Umedbhai, PDG. PP. Rtn. Jatin Bhatt, PP. Rtn. Dilipbhai Shah, and PP. Rtn. Jagdishbhai Thakkar.**

This year 12 awardees were selected for their exceptional dedication towards their duties. A special thanks to late **Shri PP. Rtn. Purushottam Bagriji** for providing permanent fund for this project.

✦ *From the desk of* ✦ *Yours truly* (Rtn. PP Dilip Shah)

Rotary's focus on Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention

February marks Rotary's focus on Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention, a cornerstone of our global mission. With conflict affecting communities worldwide, Rotary members work diligently to promote peace through education, dialogue, and grassroots initiatives. The main highlights taken by Rotary to foster understanding, resolve disputes, and create a more harmonious world are as under:

Peace Fellowships & Scholarships : Rotary's Peace Fellowship program provides advanced education and leadership training to individuals committed for resolving conflict.

Community Mediation & Dialogue Initiatives : Rotary clubs engage in local and international projects that facilitate discussions among conflicting parties, creating safe spaces for dialogue and understanding. These initiatives help to address issues ranging from interethnic tensions to disputes over resources.

Youth Empowerment & Education : Investing in youth is crucial for long-term Peace. Programs like Rotary Youth Exchange and Rotaract cultivate cultural understanding, while educational initiatives provide young people with the tools to advocate for peaceful solutions.

Humanitarian Aid & Post-Conflict Reconstruction : Conflict often leaves devastation in its wake. Rotary clubs worldwide support rebuilding efforts through infrastructure development, healthcare access, and economic empowerment projects for providing stability to affected communities.

Partnerships for Peace : Rotary collaborates with organizations like the United Nations and the Institute for Economics and Peace to develop sustainable strategies for conflict resolution. By working together, these partnerships amplify efforts to promote global harmony.

Rotary's commitment to peacebuilding is evident in its diverse initiatives that address the root causes of conflict. By fostering dialogue, empowering youth, and supporting communities in crisis, Rotary plays a vital role in creating a more peaceful world.

The 12 awardees who received their awards from **Shri Komar** for their exceptional dedication were:

1. Anitaben Patel (Staff nurse, SSG)
2. Daminiben Rana (Aayaben, SSG)
3. Sejalben Chauhan (Aayamasi, Neonatal, ICU, GMERS)
4. Usha Makwana (Security Personnel, GMERS)
5. Jayendrakumar Patel (Education, Achari Primary School)
6. Thakorbbhai Raya (Swachhata Worker, VMSS)
7. Rameshbhai Solanki (Swachhata Worker, VMSS)
8. TilakSingh Rathod (Fire Station, Dandia Bazar)
9. Gulam Hussain Rathod (Fire Station, Dandia Bazar)
10. Bhagirathsinh Wala (Police Sub Inspector, Zone -3)
11. Rekhaben Girishbhai (Head Constable, SHE Team)
12. Pradipbhai Chotelal (Traffic Brigade)

A small momento of appreciation was presented to **Shri Komar** by Pres.**Rtn. Umedbhai and Ann Ushaben**, followed by photo sessions of all awardees with chief guest and RCBJ office bearers.

Secretarial announcements by **Hon Sec. Hemangbhai** were followed by vote of thanks by **PP. Rtn. Jagdishbhai**.

✦ SECRETARIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS - HON.SEC. Rtn.PP HEMANG VAHIA ✦ (Vocational Service Awards on Tuesday 25th February, 2025)

- On Sunday 23rd February '25, an excellent programme was organized jointly by 7 Rotary Clubs of Baroda including our Club the Rotary Club of Baroda Jawaharnagar at Kamatibaug. As you are all aware, 23rd February 1905 was the day when Rotary was formed and we have hence completed 120 years of existence. 23rd February is also designated as the World Understanding and Peace Day. **President Rtn.Umed Fifadra, Rtn.PP Chandresh Makhija, Rtn.Ashok Sarda & Rtn.Vivek Duggal** attended the the Inter-Club Zumba event which was part of the celebrations.
- The Strategic Plan for the Rotary Club of Baroda Jawaharnagar has been meticulously prepared for the 1st time by **Rtn.PP Bhupendra Juneja**. This is a requirement from the District and also helps our club tremendously in the forward planning & overall efficient functioning of our Club. A Big Thanks and Heartiest Congratulations Bhuppie.
- RI District 3060 is in the process of issuing ID Cards for all the members. For this all the members need to fill an online form which has been sent on our Official RCBJ Business Group. Request to our members to fill the form and submit the same online from your mobile.

✦ Birthday Greetings ✦

3rd Mar. : Ann Mamta Shah
4th Mar. : Rtn.Kirit Dholakia
5th Mar. : Ann Dr.Nalini Bhanot
9th Mar. : Rtn.PP Dr.Vivek Patel



✦ Anniversary Greetings ✦

25th Feb. : Rtn.Dr.Pinkal & Sanjana Shah
3rd Mar. : Rtn.Kamlesh & Jaimini Shah



✦ FORTHCOMING MEETINGS ✦

- On Tuesday 11th March 2025, we shall have a “Ramayan Housie in Naya Avtar” to be conducted by **Rtn.PP Rajeev Bhargava**. It will be a contributory game. The Venue will be here at Hotel Grand Mercure Surya Palace.

✦ SPEECH BY PRESIDENT RTN. PP UMED FIFADRA ✦

Good evening!

Respected, Commissioner of **Police Vadodara, IPS Narsimha Tomar Sir, Shri Mayankbhai Bhatt, Hon Sec VTET, Distinguished Guests , Awardees , Fellow Rotarians and Anns,**

As we do every year, today we have gathered to celebrate the outstanding contribution of individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to vocational service. we are grateful to our Late **Rtn. Mr Purshotam Bagriji**, who has donated funds to honor more Awardees.

I thank our CP **IPS Tomar sir** who agreed to become the Chief guest at this function. Commissioner sir, Vocational service is at heart of Rotary Mission. The Awardees we honor today have demonstrated exceptional commitment to Vocational Service. They have shown that their work is not just a job, but a calling to serve others. They have inspired us with their dedication , their passion , and their selflessness.

Lot of hard work has been done by The Program Chair **Rtn. PP Dilip Shah**, Co-Chair **PP Jagdishbhai Thakar , PE Mitesh Vadhia** and **Sec. Rtn PP Hemnag Vahia** to finalise Awardees. Further details on the selection of Awardees and Program will be shared by program **Chairman Dilipbhai Shah and Co-Chair Jagdishbhai.**

I will not take more of your time and let **Dilipbhai and Jagdishbhai** takeover.

Thank you

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AWARDEES



Bhagirathsinh G Wada (PSI)

Pradipbhai Chhotelal (Traffic Brigade)

Rekhaben Girishbhai (She Team)



Gulam Hussian Rathod (Fire Brigade)

Tilaksingh Rathod (Fire Brigade)

Patel Anitaben (SSG)



Rana Daminiben (SSG)

Patel Jayendrakumar (Achai)

Rameshbhai Udheysinh (VMC)



Thakorbhai hirabhai (VMC)

Sejalben (GMERS)

Usha Makwana (GMERS)

INFORMAL MEETING WITH CLUB MEMBERS



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✦ ROTARY BOSCH PROGRAMME AT DON BOSCO SCHOOL KAWANT BY RTN. KIRIT DHOLAKIYA ✦



✦ Scratch Your Brain ✦

Q.1. PLE:05 :: NQW :?

Q.2 Guess Indian Brand Names from Pictures



Ans for Edn. 14 - Qn.1 = 1458, Qn. 2 = 118

Ans for Edn. 15- Qn.1 = 73 & 48, Qn. 2 = 34

✦ The Wise Farmer ✦

In a small village, a farmer planted a tree in his yard, hoping for shade and fruit. His neighbors laughed at him, claiming he would never see it grow.

Years later, the tree flourished, providing shade and bountiful fruit for generations. The farmer smiled, knowing that patience and perseverance yield the sweetest rewards.

Moral: Good things take time, and patience often leads to great outcomes.

✦ Rotary information ✦

Contributed by Rtn. Vivek Patel

*Optimism is a happiness magnet.
If you stay positive, good things &
good people will be drawn to you."*