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✦ SPEAKER MEETING - 11.03.2025 ✦ (Report by Ann Twisha Jhala)

A big thank you to **PP Rtn. Bharat Shah** and **PP Rtn. Jagdish Thakkar** for getting **Mr. Andreas Foerster**, Managing Director of Tata Advanced Systems to talk to us about the prestigious projector Flying Dragon C295 coming up in Vadodara.

After **Sgt-at-arms Rtn. Dipak Patel** had called the meeting to order followed by melodious prayer by **Ann Nita Shah**. **Rtn. PP Rtn Vivek Patel** reminded us of the 4 way test.

After the opening remarks from **Pres. Rtn. Umedbhai**, **Rtn. Vineet Jain** and **First Lady Ushaben** florally welcomed **Mr. Andreas** and **Ann Aditi Vahia** welcomed his wife with a bouquet. While the chief guest escorted by **PP Rtn Bharat Shah** took to the dias he was introduced by **PP. Rtn. Bharatbhai** along with his lovely wife **Leli**.

Mr. Andreas after his Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Berlin and Master's Degree from MIT had a prestigious, successful career with Airbus for 30 years before joining Tata Advanced Systems as MD to lead the implementation of C-295 final assembly line in Vadodara.

Mr. Andreas then took over the floor with his lucid audio visual presentation that took the audience through his interesting 30 years journey with Airbus leading to his joining Tata since 30 months.

Some interesting facts that came to light were that Indigo has bought about 500 planes from Airbus. Airbus and Tata are also collaborating for Military Helicopters Project to be set up in Bangalore. 11.3.93 was also the first commercial flight of A321 that took off from Hamburg, Germany. It was while travelling through Europe for pre- study for A380 that he met his wife in Spain.

It was heartwarming to learn that Tata was much much bigger than Airbus which generates about 70 billion dollars per year. Moreover the ethics in excellence, integrity and safety that Tata doesn't compromise on are at par with anywhere in the world. It was interesting to learn that military activities of Tata whether related to land, air or sea is being generated in Bangalore and Hyderabad and many Aeronautical parts are provided all over the world by Tata.

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

Rotary's focus on Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention

March is an important month for Rotary clubs worldwide as they focus on Projects that provide access to Clean Water, improve Sanitation facilities, and promote Hygiene Education. These initiatives play a crucial role in preventing waterborne diseases and improving public health, particularly in underserved communities.

Rotary has long recognized the vital connection between clean water, sanitation, and overall well-being. Millions of people around the world still struggle with limited or no access to safe drinking water, making them vulnerable to diseases such as cholera, dysentery, and typhoid. Through sustainable solutions like drilling wells, installing water filtration systems, and building sanitation facilities, Rotary clubs work to bridge this gap and create lasting change.

Additionally, Hygiene Education is a key aspect of these efforts. By teaching communities about proper handwashing, waste disposal, and water conservation, Rotary ensures that improvements in water and sanitation infrastructure are maximized and maintained. These programs not only save lives but also empower communities with the knowledge and resources to sustain their health for generations to come.

Rotary's dedication to water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) projects aligns with its broader mission of promoting global health and development. By collaborating with local and international partners, Rotary continues to make a meaningful impact, bringing clean water and improved sanitation to those who need it most.

In conclusion, Rotary's commitment to WASH projects plays a very decisive role in improving the quality of life, particularly in underserved regions. Through strategic partnerships and dedicated efforts, Rotary continues to transform lives by providing access to clean water and improved sanitation, fostering healthier and more sustainable communities worldwide.

For the first time Vadodara has entered on the map of Aeronautics when 40 of the 56 scheduled C295 that can carry upto 50 parachuters will roll out from Vadodara. There is already one C295 standing on the tarmac of Vadodara Airport that has been brought in from Spain.

He highlighted the difficulties where about 300 people consisting of Engineers and Technicians have been brought in from about 27 states and many have been sent for about 18 months to Spain for training. The first flight of C295 is expected from FAL, Vadodara by June 2026.

This was followed by a lively question and answer session where umpteen questions were thrown at him by **Rtn. Dr. Pinkal Shah, PP Rtn. Chandresh Makhija, Rtn. Rajal, Rajeev Jandial, PP. Rtn. Hemang Vahia, PP. Rtn. Bharat Shah and PP. Rtn. Chhabraji.**

Mr. Andreas ended his talk with a 3 minute video showing the inside of the Hangar .

This interesting and informative talk ended with a Memento of Appreciation being presented to **Mr. Andreas** and his wife by **Pres. Rtn. Umedbhai, PP Rtn.Bharatbhai and PP Rtn. Jagdishbhai.**

After the secretarial announcements **by Hon Secretary PP. Rtn. Hemangbhai** lucky lady prize was announced which went to **Guest of Honor Leli.**

Prizes for correct answers to the quizzes went to **Ann. Dhara Patel, Ann. Nita Dhar, Ann. Nita Shah and PP Rtn. Chandreshbhai.**

The meeting ended with quick updates by **PP Rtn. Chandreshbhai** on Rotary Friendship Exchange programme and visit to Kavad on 22.03.2025 **by Rtn. Kiritbhai Dholakia.**

✦ SECRETARIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS - HON.SEC. Rtn.PP HEMANG VAHIA ✦

(Speaker Meeting – Shri Andreas Foerster to Speak on


“How did the Flying Dragon C 295 – shaped at Tata Airbus in Vadodara, The inside out story

by Mr. Andreas Head Final Assembly”) Tuesday – 11.03.2025

- **Hon.Treasurer Rtn.Nandkumar Soni** attended the Regular Meeting of the Rotary Club of Ahmednagar RI District 3132 Maharashtra on 9th February 2025. He exchanged the Club Flag of Rotary Club of Ahmednagar with our **President Rtn.Umed Fifadra.**
- **Rtn.PP Chandresh Makhija** updated the members on the current Rotary Friendship Exchange Teams both Inbound and Outbound for the RY 2024-25 of which he is a part. A detailed report has been printed separately.
- **Rtn.Kirit Dholakia** updated members on a visit to the various Rotary Bosch Training Centres scheduled on 22nd March 2025. A detailed report has been printed separately.

✦ Birthday Greetings ✦

12th Mar. : Rtn.Anshu Mitra
18th Mar. : Ann Sujata Mehta
19th Mar. : Ann Neeta Dhar
22nh Mar. : Rajiv Jandial



✦ Anniversary Greetings ✦

No Wedding Anniversaries for this period.



✦ VISHWACHAKRA QUIZ PRIZES ✦

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| ■ (1) Ann Neeta Dhar | Q-1 | Issue-10 | - |
| (2) Dhara Patel | Q-1 & 2 | Issue-14, 15,16 | 04 Prizes |
| (3) Reeti Duggal | Q-1 & 2 | Issue-14,15 | 03 Prizes |
| (4) Rtn.PP Chandresh Makhija | Q-1 | Issue-14 | |
| (5) Ann Nita Shah | Q-1 | Issue-14 | |
| (6) Rtn.PP Parimal Shah | Q-1 | Issue-14 | |
| (7) Rtn.Ashok Sarda | Q-1 | Issue-14 | |
| (8) Ann Heena Udeshi | Q-2 | Issue-16 | |

✦ FORTHCOMING MEETINGS ✦

- On Tuesday 25th 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.

✦ PUBLIC IMAGE ✦

પોલીસ, આરોગ્ય, સુરક્ષા, ફાયરબ્રિગેડ સહિતના ક્ષેત્રમાં પુરસ્કાર એનાયત કરાયા



રોટરી ક્લબ ઓફ ભરોડા જવાહરનગર દ્વારા 25 ફેબ્રુઆરીએ વ્યવસાયિક પુરસ્કારોનું આયોજન કરાયું હતું. પોલીસ, આરોગ્ય, સુરક્ષા, ફાયરબ્રિગેડ ક્ષેત્રોમાં ઉમેદવારોને વડોદરા શહેરના પોલીસ કમિશનર નરસિંમ્હા કોમરના હસ્તે એવોર્ડ વિતરણ કરવામાં આવ્યા હતા. અધ્યક્ષ દિલીપ શાહ, સહ-અધ્યક્ષ નિવૃત્ત જગદીશ ઠક્કર અને સભ્યો હાજર રહ્યા હતા.

Sandesh - 01.03.2025

રોટરી ક્લબ દ્વારા વોકેશનલ એવોર્ડ વિતરણ સમારોહ યોજાયો



રોટરી ક્લબ ઓફ જવાહરનગર ભરોડા દ્વારા મંગળવારે વોકેશનલ એવોર્ડ વિતરણ સમારોહનું આયોજન કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. પોલીસ, આરોગ્ય, સિક્યુરિટી તથા કાયદેસરના ક્ષેત્રોમાં નોંધપાત્ર સેવાપ્રદાન કરનાર ઉમેદવારોને શહેર પોલીસ કમિશનર નરસિંમ્હા કોમરના હસ્તે અપાયા હતા. આ પ્રસંગે રોટરી ક્લબ ઓફ જવાહરનગરના પ્રેસિડેન્ટ રોહિશ્વર ઉમેદભાઈ ફીકાદરા, સેક્રેટરી રોટેરીયન હેમાંગ વહીયા, પ્રોગ્રામ ચેરમેન રોટેરીયન દીલીપ શાહ તથા જગદીશ ઠક્કર સહીત અન્ય સભ્યો ઉપસ્થિત રહ્યા હતા.

Divya Bhaskar - 04.03.2025

✦ SPEAKER MEETING - 11.03.2025 ✦





Current Rotary Friendship Exchange Teams both Inbound and Outbound for the RY 2024-25 - A Report by RFE Zonal Co-ordinator - Rtn.PP Chandresh Makhija



Experience different Cultures and build International Friendships through Rotary Friendship Exchange

WHAT IS FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE ?

Friendship Exchange is an International Exchange Program for Rotary members and friends that allows participants to take turns hosting one another in their homes and clubs. Participants may travel as individuals, couples, families or groups, may be Rotary members or not.

BENEFITS OF AN EXCHANGE :

- Broaden International understanding
- Explore a Profession or Job in a different context
- Build enduring friendships
- Gain opportunities for active project involvement and support
- Learn about a Region's people, food, languages, customs, and history
- Find partners for grants
- Establish a Foundation for Peace and Service. This can be done virtually or in person in a way that builds Peace

HOW TO CHOOSE A DESTINATION ?

Explore our Exchange Finder Map to view current exchange locations and the districts that serve them. Connect with the district's Rotary Friendship Exchange Chair for help finding Potential International Hosts and planning your Itinerary.

DEFINE YOUR PURPOSE :

Friendship Exchanges are organized around at least one of Three Themes - Culture, Service and Vocation.

FUND YOUR EXCHANGE :

All exchanges are paid for by the Participants or their Districts. Hosts are not expected to assume a significant financial burden. Club or District funds may be available to offset the costs of exchanges that have a vocational emphasis.

SHARE YOUR STORY :

After your Trip, the Team Members will submit a Report to your District as well as Your Club. It's your chance to tell us about your experience, make suggestions, and share what you learned.

The Outbound Teams this year from 3060 are to : TAIWAN, ITALY, MALAYSIA, MEXICO.

The Inbound Teams are from : Mexico Dist 4195 (Joint Dist Hosting by 3060 & Jaipur). Other countries like Peru, Taiwan etc., are yet to send in their requests.

Inauguration Program at Don Bosco School Kawant. Chhota Udaipur centre for Rotary ✦ Bosh Bridge program on Saturday 22nd March 2025 - Report from Project Co-ordinator ✦ Rtn. Kirit Dholakia.

All RCBJ club members have planned an Inauguration Program at Don Bosco School Kawant. Chhota Udaipur centre for **Rotary Bosh Bridge program on Saturday 22nd March 2025.**

Program Details.

1. Departure Vadodara latest by 0900 hrs.
2. Reaching Don Bosco School Kawant by 11.00 hrs.
- 3. Inauguration of Computer Room and Study Room.**
4. Program conclusion by 12.30 to 1300 hrs.
5. Lunch 13.00 hr.
6. Departure back to Vadodara.

It is also requested that we will travel by car pool and the direction will be given before 3 days of visit.

It is requested to all RCBJ members and Anns to come in large numbers and make the Program a Grand Success.

It is also requested to please give your names in response to this message so that further arrangements of Lunch etc.

Co-ordination team: Rtn. PP Manoj Adalaj & Rtn. Chandresh Makhija.

✦ Scratch Your Brain ✦

Q1- A safe has a three-digit lock code. The clues to find the correct code are:

- 1) 567 - One digit is correct and in its right place.
- 6) 643 - One digit is correct but in wrong place.
- 3) 709 - Two digits are correct but in wrong places.
- 4) 542 - Nothing is correct.
- 5) 689 - One digit is correct but in the wrong place.

Q2- What is the correct code?

Q.2. What bet can never be won?

Correct Answers - Newsletter Edn. 16

Question - 1 : 06 Question - 2 : Nirma Super



✦ The Invisible Gift ✦

A young boy named Rohan was jealous of his friend Aryan, who always had the latest gadgets and expensive clothes. One day, Rohan's grandfather gave him an old, tattered book and said, "This is the greatest treasure you will ever own." Disappointed, Rohan tossed it aside.

Years later, while cleaning, he found the book and opened it. Inside were life lessons, stories of wisdom, and strategies for success. He realized that true wealth is not in material things but in knowledge and wisdom.

Moral: True wealth lies in knowledge, not possessions

✦ Rotary information ✦

Success is not about being the best. It's about always getting better. The real challenge is not to compare yourself with others but to keep improving every single day.