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✦ MAJOR DONORS TO ROTARY CLUB OF ✦ JAWAHARNAGAR TRUST

1. **President Umed Fifadra** handed over his Donation Cheque for an amount of Rs.5,00,000=00 (Rupees Five Lakhs) drawn in favour of Rotary Club of Jawaharnagar Charitable Trust to Trustee **Rtn.PP Jagdish Thakkar** in the Meeting on 26.11.2024 for Projects. **Heartiest Congratulations and Many Thanks !!!**

2. **Rtn Kiritbhai Dholkia** has donated Rs.35000/- to RCJ Trust for the Rotary Bosch Program being conducted at Nalanda Vidhyalay - (Village Ghoghamba Dist Panchmahal). **Heartiest Congratulations and Many Thanks !!!**

✦ When we met last Tuesday 26th Nov-2024 ✦

(A Report by Ann Dr. Aditi Vahia)

The Club Meeting of 26th November 2024 was a Speaker Meeting. After dinner, Sgt.At.Arms **Rtn Dipak Patel** called the meeting to order and **Ann Sushma Patwa** offered a Prayer. **Rtn PP Dr. Jayant Sastry** after escorting the Guest Speaker to the dais, recited and prescribed the (2-0-2) 4 Way Test of the things we think, say or do.

We welcomed a new member in our RCBJ fold, **Dr. Pinkal Shah** and his better half **Mrs. Sanjana Shah**. Proposed by **Rtn Dr. Abhijit Chaterjee**, **Dr. Pinkal Shah**, a dentist by profession also serves as a Hospital Administrator at Sumandeep Hospital was officially inducted by our own Senior member and **PP Rtn Jagdish Thakkar**.

The main agenda of the meeting began with **Ann Neeta Dhar** offering a floral welcome to the Guest Speaker. **PP Rtn Jagdish Thakkar** then went on to introduce **Professor Bharat Mehta**, a PhD in Gujarati Literature and serving The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda at Department of Gujarati in the capacity of a Professor since more than two and a half decades. Professor Mehta along with his MA, M.Phil and PhD, has also completed his UGC NET exams and was a Junior Research Fellowship. A jewel in the crown of The M S University of Baroda, **Professor Bharat Mehta** has carried on the rich legacy left by legends like **Dr. Suresh Joshi**, **Dr. Suresh Dalal**, **Dr. Sitanshu Yashaschandra** who all were literary giants with his innumerable recognitions and awards, not to mention his contributions by way of research publications, books, edited books and so on.

Professor Mehta's topic of the day was "બોલિવૂડ ફિલ્મ્સ - ગુજરાતી સાહિત્ય ના સથવારે". Quite a few Bollywood Blockbusters have their origin in Gujarati Literature & our Learned Speaker revealed the Truth - so far unknown to many.

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

Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation (TRF), the charitable arm of Rotary International, is dedicated for advancing global goodwill, understanding, and peace through impactful projects and initiatives. Its activities align with Rotary's mission and focus on addressing pressing global and local challenges.

In short, we Rotarians are people of action. Together, we can build stronger, more prosperous communities. Together, we can create a world where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

The Foundation offers a variety of grant programs to fund projects that align with Rotary's mission and focus areas. These grants are designed to support initiatives that bring sustainable, measurable, and impactful change at both local and global levels.

TRF is a global leader in the fight to eradicate Polio through its flagship initiative, PolioPlus. Launched in 1985, PolioPlus aims to eliminate polio worldwide by providing vaccines, health services, and community education. The Foundation has played a pivotal role in the fight against Polio, achieving remarkable milestones in collaboration with global partners. The key achievement includes: Reduced global polio cases by over 99% since 1988, certified Africa polio-free in 2020 and Continues to target the last two polio-endemic countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

TRF stands as a powerful example of how collective action can address global challenges. Through its flagship efforts, the Foundation has improved lives worldwide by promoting peace, fighting diseases, supporting education, providing clean water, and advancing environmental sustainability. With its focus on sustainability, collaboration, and measurable impact, TRF continues to transform contributions into long-lasting change. By uniting Rotarians and partners, it fosters goodwill and creates opportunities for communities to thrive, embodying Rotary's mission of "Service Above Self."

After acknowledging and appreciating the selfless services rendered to the society at large by Rotary, the Professor engaged (both literally and practically) the learned audience of RCBJ.

He revealed the true stories behind the great Bollywood classics like 'What's Your Raashi?' (tracing it back to 'Kimball Ravenswood by Madhu Rai & 'Mr. Yogi' the TV series), Mirch Masala (Original 'Abhu Makrani' by Chunilal Madia), OMG ('Kanji Viruddh Kanji' played by Paresh Rawal) and many more. In the process, he made us realise how well the roles of both literature and media which is to entertain and educate are effectively performed by both at one go. All in all, the meeting turned out to be an invaluable amalgamation of બુદ્ધિજીવી અને બૌદ્ધિક people on a single platform.

Professor Bharat Mehta was accompanied by his better half **Dr. Nivya Patel** who is a scholar in her own right, serving as Head, Department of Gujarati in Anklaav Arts and Commerce College. A winner of Gold Medals six times during her graduation and Post Graduation, she is also an avid researcher.

On behalf of RCBJ, **PDG Jatin Bhatt** offered a token of appreciation to the Guest Speaker.

After Secretarial Announcements by **Hon. Sec. Rtn PP Hemang Vahia** and announcements by **PP Chandresh Makhija** (covered separately in this bulletin), Early Bird Prize (**Rtn Ashwin Majmudar**) and Lucky Lady Prizes (First Lady **Ann Usha Fifadra**, **Ann Hemal Makhija & Ann Falguni Shah**) were announced.

In the end the hall reverberated with our National Anthem sung in chorus by the RCBJ family.

+ Birthday Greetings +

28th Nov : Rtn.PP Bharat Shah
Rtn.Kamlesh Shah
3rd Dec : Ann Sadhna Chokshi
5th Dec : Ann Minal Shah
6th Dec : PDC Nisha Bhargava
Rtn.PP Manoj Adalja
Rtn.Nimesh Mahuvakar
8th Dec : Rtn.Amul Jikar



+ Anniversary Greetings +

26th Nov : Rtn.Joy & Simi Mukherjee
1st Dec : Rtn.Vinay & Vandana Parikh
3rd Dec : Rtn.Ajay & Sushma Patwa
4th Dec : Rtn.Urmil & Minal Shah
9th Dec : Rtn.PP Vivek & Dhara Patel



+ SECRETARIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS + HON.SEC. Rtn.PP HEMANG VAHIA

(Speaker Meeting – Prof.Bharat Mehta to Speak on Bollywood Films – Gujarati Sahitya na Sathvare) (Tuesday – 26.11.2024)

- Rotary Clubs of Baroda Inter Cricket Tournament (Full Day) is on Sunday 1st December, '24 at the Lush Green Ground of the Khanpur Cricket Academy with Tennis Ball. Members are requested to attend to cheer our RCBJ's Team. Additional Details of the tournament will be shared on RCBJ Business Group.
- The Interviews for IYE Long Term, Short Term Youth exchange programme and New Generation Service Exchange Programme were held on Sunday 17th November 2024 at the Billbong School at Baroda. **PDG Jatin Bhatt, PP Haribhai Patel & IYE Co-ordinator Rtn.PP Vivek Patel** attended the function.
- President **Rtn.Umed Fifadra & Rtn.PP Chandresh Makhija** have contributed an amount of US \$ 100 & US 350 to The Rotary Foundation respectively.
- Please register for the forthcoming 55th District Conference scheduled at Jodhpur on 20-21-22 December 2024. Last Few Days are remaining for the Rs.12,000=00 per person slab. On & After 1st December 2024, the registration charges will be Rs.15,000=00 per person.
- The Early Bird Prize went to : **Rtn.Ashwin Majmudar**
Lucky Ladies of the Evening Prizes went to : **Ann Usha Fifadra**
Ann Hemal Makhija
Ann Falguni Shah
- **Rtn.PP Jagdish Thakkar** inducted New Member **Rtn. Dr.Pinkal Shah** and **Ann Sanjana Shah** to RCBJ. He has been proposed by **Rtn.Dr.Abhijeet Chaterjee**. Heartiest Congratulation and Welcome to RCBJ.

✦ GLIMPS OF LAST MEETING CONDUCTED ON 26.11.2024 ✦



✦ Visit to Nalanda Vidhyalaya Ghogamba before Final Exams of First Batch Bosh ✦ Bridge Programme - 25 Students are Taking Exam

Great efforts by Rtn. Kirit Dholakia, Rtn. PP Manoj Adalja and Rtn. PP Chandresh Makhija



✦ Scratch Your Brain ✦

Q1 . Complete the words so that the two letters that end the first word start the second word and the two letters that end the second word start the third word, etc. The two letters that end the sixth word also start the first word, to complete the circle.

-- PI --
 -- TT --
 -- NG --
 -- IR --
 -- IG --
 -- NU --



Q.2. Either bought or sold, Built without hand and more valuable than gold ...Name What it is?

✦ The Broken Pot ✦

An old painter named Arya lived in a village. People admired his work, yet he rarely sold his paintings, living humbly. When he passed away, villagers discovered a locked room in his house filled with paintings. Each piece depicted moments of kindness he had seen—a child helping an elderly woman, a farmer sharing food with the poor, a teacher guiding a struggling student.

Arya had painted these to remind himself that beauty wasn't in fame or wealth but in everyday kindness. The villagers displayed the paintings in a community hall, and it inspired them to act with more compassion.

Moral : The true masterpiece of life is created through acts of kindness and compassion.

✦ Rotary information ✦ Contributed by Rtn. Chandresh Makhija

Important Facts About Rotary

- 1. First Meeting:** Rotary's first meeting took place on February 23, 1905, in Chicago, initiated by Paul Harris and three friends.
- 2. Why "Rotary"?:** The name comes from the practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.
- 3. First Service Project:** Rotary's first community service was installing public toilets in Chicago, emphasizing public welfare.
- 4. The Rotary Wheel:** The iconic logo is a gear wheel, representing work and movement, officially adopted in 1924.
- 5. Polio Eradication:** Since 1985, Rotary's PolioPlus program has contributed over \$2 billion to nearly eradicate polio worldwide.
- 6. Women in Rotary:** Women were officially welcomed into Rotary in 1989 and now hold significant leadership roles globally.
- 7. Global Reach:** Rotary operates in more than 200 countries, with over 46,000 clubs uniting members worldwide.
- 8. Paul Harris Fellow:** This recognition honors individuals who donate \$1,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation or have that amount contributed in their name.
- 9. The Four-Way Test:** A set of ethical guidelines created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor, asking: **Is it the truth?** Is it fair to all concerned?* Will it build goodwill and better friendships?* Will it be beneficial to all concerned?
- 10. Rotary in Space:** Astronaut and Rotarian Frank Borman carried the Four-Way Test on the Apollo 8 mission.
- 11. Youth Programs:** Rotary sponsors initiatives like Rotary Youth Exchange and Rotaract, fostering global understanding and leadership in young people.
- 12. Peace Advocacy:** Rotary's Peace Fellowship Program trains global leaders to resolve conflicts and promote peace, with many alumni working in the UN and other global institutions.
- 13. Rotary Flag Travels:** The Rotary flag has been displayed on Mount Everest and at the North and South Poles, symbolizing its global impact.
- 14. Business Connections:** Originally a networking group, Rotary still champions the motto: "Rotary means business."
- 15. Guinness World Record:** Rotary achieved a world record in 2012 for the largest smiley face formation, promoting the End Polio Now campaign.
- 16. Language Diversity:** Rotary conducts meetings in various languages, reflecting its global membership and inclusivity.

RI DISTRICT 3060 celebrates month of November as Rotary Foundation (TRF) Month.

Every Rotarian across the world (almost 200 countries) joined hands to be a part of Rotary International to be a part of movement elevating the life of underprivileged through its seven thrust focus areas

- Disease prevention & Treatment
- Basic Education & Literacy through various skill development programmes.
- Maternal & Child health care.
- Economic & community development .
- Protecting & rejuvenation of Environment
- Water, Sanitation &
- Peace & Conflict Resolution.

We humbly urge you to be part of this movement by donating through TRF.

RFE (Rotary Friendship Exchange):

We are glad to announce that Rotarians from Taiwan, Brazil, Mexico, South Africa etc., are likely to visit our District during our Dist Conference and we will be happy to welcome them in our club & homes to enjoy to share the nuances & flavour of our culture, cuisine & heritage.

Thanks & Regards,

Chandresh Makhija
 CEO & Mg Partner,
 VE PMC (Project Management Consultancy)
 MUMBAI, VADODARA, SURAT



*"Alone we can do so little
 Together we can do so much"*