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✦ When we met last - Monday 23 Sep 2024 ✦

(A Report by Ann. PP Aditi Vahia & Ann Twisha Jhala)

The joint club meeting with 23 members from RC Bombay North began with members of the 2 Clubs interacting over a sumptuous kathiawadi dinner.

The tone was set with **Ann. Aditi Vahia's** sweet invocation to the gods in Rotary's endeavours after **Hon. Sec. Hemang Vahia** had called the meeting to order.

Meeting was inaugurated by lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries of both the clubs. After **Rtn. Kamlesh Shah** had reminded us of the four way test **President Umedbhai** set the tone for the rest of the evening with his formal welcome to the visiting Club. He thanked them for their patience and was happy that such a successful joint gathering served as a reminder of what collective action and working as a unified force could achieve. He emphasized on how thousands of tribal people are getting trained and painfully employed with such a joint venture and how such opportunities for shared ideas and collaboration could be beneficial to such projects. **President Dr. Dharam Popat** of RC Bombay North followed with his address where he mentioned how his visit along with 24 members of his Club to Muni Seva Ashram was like an oasis in the desert and was happy that VTC Phase II had been inaugurated with a contribution of Rs. 1.3 crores.

Our President with all other Past Presidents of RCBJ then welcomed all the members of visiting Club Bombay North along with other dignitaries from Muni Seva Ashram. This was followed by an exchange of flags by the two Presidents as per Rotary protocol and exchange of Bulletins by **B.E. Dilip Shah** and **Pres. Dr. Popat. PP Jagdishbhai Thakkar** received his Certificate of Appreciation as he was unable to attend the Ashram visit of morning. Afterward, the Principal of RCBJ honored the Principal of RCBN and other dignitaries with flower petals.

Dr. Pradeep Shroff then took the members through the amazing and inspiring story of growth and change that Muni Sewa Ashram has gone through since it's inception by **Anubhen Thakkar**. It is a mind boggling story of what perseverance and dedication can achieve. What started as teaching a few kids is now spread over 1000 acres with one of the best Cancer hospitals and multiple education centres, organic farms, home for senior citizens et al.

Hemandrabhai then gave an overview of the global grant project and emphasized how well the partnership between the 2 Clubs and the Ashram has worked so that out of the 25 grants done by RC Bombay North, 3 grants worth Rs. 3 crores, 40 lakhs have been dedicated to the Ashram. He thanked his global grant team for their effective and transparent communication that made it possible. **Rtn Kiritbhai Dholakia** then took everyone through the VTC programme and selection of machines. Hemantbhai Patel then explained through his audio visual projection of what Bosch India CSR is planning to do in future and how they will take the programme further with their 4 step programme through satellite centres. He acknowledged the contribution of RCBJ and looked forward to further assistance for his satellite centres.

Last but not the least **PP Chandresh Makhija** through his audio visual presentation walked us through the role of RCBJ in Project I and Project II and talked about the machinery provided by RCBJ for VTC I and VTC II like EV vehicles, tractors, drilling machines etc. This was followed by secretarial announcements by Hon. Sec. of RC Bombay North **Rtn. Bhavna Shah** and **Hon. Sec. of RCBJ Rtn Hemangbhai.** and vote of thanks by **Rtn. Kachwala.** It was all in all a very informative and interesting joint meeting.

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

Advancing Literacy: Rotary's Commitment to a Brighter Future

Literacy is a cornerstone of personal and community development, opening doors to education, employment, and a better quality of life. Recognizing this, Rotary International has made advancing literacy a key component of its service mission. As Rotarians, we have the power to transform lives by promoting literacy and supporting educational initiatives worldwide.

Rotary clubs around the world are actively involved in literacy projects that aim to break the cycle of illiteracy and poverty. These initiatives range from providing books and educational materials to establishing libraries and supporting adult education programs. By collaborating with local communities and leveraging our global network, we can tailor our efforts to meet specific needs and achieve sustainable results. Key Literacy Projects and Initiatives are :

- **Book Drives and Donations:** Collecting and distributing books to schools, libraries, and community centers to ensure access to reading materials.
- **Mentorship and Tutoring Programs:** Rotarians volunteer to mentor and tutor students, providing personalized support to improve reading and writing skills.
- **Adult Literacy Classes:** Supporting programs that help adults gain essential literacy skills to enhance their employment prospects and quality of life.
- **Library Development:** Establishing and maintaining libraries in underserved areas, providing access to books, technology, and educational programs.

Scholarships and Grants: Offering financial support to students pursuing higher education, removing barriers and encouraging academic achievement. Literacy is a powerful tool for change, and Rotary's commitment to advancing literacy is making a tangible impact around the world. By continuing to support and expand our literacy initiatives, we can help build a more educated, equitable, and prosperous future for all. Together, we are Rotary, and together, we can make a difference.





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

(Joint Meeting of RC of Baroda Jawaharnagar & RC of Bombay North | (Monday – 23.09.2024)

1. On Thursday 19th September '24, **President Umed Fifadra, PDG Jatin Bhatt, PP Harivadan Patel, PP Chandresh Makhija, PP Anita Jandial & Hon.Sec.PP Hemang Vahia** distributed School Bags to over 90 Students of the Homi Bhabha Primary School, Makarpura. Heartiest Congratulations.
2. The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the RC of Baroda Jawaharnagar took place on Friday 20th September, 2024 at Polo Club. Many points were discussed and deliberated upon.
3. **RIPE Mario Cesar Martins De Camargo & His wife Denise De Camargo** members of the Rotary Club of Santo André, São Paulo, Brazil, will be visiting our District on Thursday 26th September '24. The meeting is at Surat and the time is 7 pm. **President Umed Fifadra, Rtn.PP Chandresh Makhija & Hon.Sec.Hemang Vahia** have registered for this programme. Those interested may please contact me.
4. We have received applications for the Long Term IYE Exchange Programme for the Rotary Year 2024-25 from Two Children viz.
(a) Divit Punit Patel (Grandson of Rtn.PP Harivadan Patel)
(b) Khushi Sachin Joshi
 Their duly completed applications have been sent to the District for onwards processing. RCBJ wishes both the Children the Very Best of Luck for the District Level Interviews.
5. **Rtn.PP Chandresh & Hemal Makhija** appeared & cleared with flying colours the RFE District Level Interviews on Sunday 15th September '24. Now the confirmation of their host families in the International District which is allotted to them is now awaited. Heartiest Congratulations.
6. The Semi Finals & Finals of the District Antakshari will take place here at Baroda on Sunday 13th October '24.
7. Please register for the forthcoming 55th District Conference scheduled at Jodhpur on 20-21-22 December '24.

✦ Birthday Greetings ✦

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| 21st Sept | : | Rtn. PP Dilip Shah |
| 24th Sept | : | PP Parimal Shah Ann Hiral Majmudar |
| 26th Sept | : | Rtn.Vijay Matai |
| 28th Sept | : | Rtn.PP Harivadan Patel |
| 02nd Oct. | : | Ann Shubrangana Goel |
| 04th Oct. | : | Rtn.Rajubhai Shah |
| 05th Oct. | : | Ann Renu Matai |
| 08th Oct. | : | Rtn:Ashok Sarda Ann Uma Verma : Ann Bhumita Shah |
| 10th Oct. | : | Ann Twisha Jhala |

✦ Anniversary Greetings ✦

No Wedding Anniversaries for this period.



✦ Visit of Rotarians to VT and Muni Seva Ashram on 23 September 2024 for the formal function ✦ to handover the documents of equipments against Rotary International Grant - Phase 2

(Pictures by Dr. Jayant Shashtri)

Vocational Training Centre of Muni Seva Ashram at Maganpura

Formal Function to Handover Documents of Ownership and To recognize donors and supporters for the second global grant meet with RCBN & Rotary Club of Charlotte US

- Welcome and RCBN activities
- Short Video of MSA
- Rotary Global grants for VTC programs - Hemant Patel
- Global grant for phase 2 of VTC - PP Hemendra Shah RCBJ
- Hand over ownership documents to Dr. Vikram Patel by RCBN
- Acceptance speech - Dr Vikram Patel
- Certificate of recognition to donors and supporters.
- Guest of honor's expressions, Dr Ila Shah - Rotary Club of Charlotte US
- Chief guest's words of wisdom - IPDG Nihar Dave (Dist. 3060)
- RCBJ activities and vote of thanks - Rtn. PP Umed Fifadra

Members Present

Pres. Umed Fifadra | PDG Jatin Bhatt | Secretary Hemang Vahia | PP Chandresh Makhija | IPP Hiren Shah
Rtn. Kirit Dholakia | PP Manoj Adalja | PE Mitesh Vadhia | Rtn. Abhijeet Benarji | PP Dilip Shah

Our club members who were honoured for their contributions :

1. PP Umed Fifadra
2. PDG Jatin Bhatt for his efforts to get 5.5 lakh from Baroda earth quick trust.
3. PP Dilip Shah for his contribution of 5.5 lakh for the project.
4. PP. Kirit Dholakia for his efforts in finalising equipment for the VTC for project 1 and 2
5. PP. Jagdish Thakkar for managing funds for RCBJ team



| Muni Seva Ashram, Gandhinagar Subhadraben Jayantilal Nagarsingh Shah Vocational Training Centre | | |
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| EQUIPMENT FOR PHASE II DONATED BY Rotary Club of Bombay North (RCBN), District 3141 Under The Rotary Foundation, Global Grant No. 345966 | | |
| USD 141,719 Rs. 1,18,17,640 with the support of the following donors. | | |
| DONOR | IN US\$ | EQUIVALENT IN RS. |
| Dr. Ila Shah (Member of Rotary Club of Charlotte Hall, USA) | 21,000 | 17,43,000 |
| Dr. Sonal Rajendra Agarwal | 17,362 | 14,41,080 |
| Executors Nimesh Kenia & Roshni Daruwalla To the estate of late Freya Kalkhushru Parakh | 15,000 | 12,45,000 |
| Dilip Shah (Member of Rotary Club of Baroda Jawaharnagar) | 6,627 | 5,50,000 |
| Gauram Gandhi | 8,681 | 7,20,540 |
| PDG Vijay Jatan | 8,681 | 7,20,540 |
| Anonymus Donor (C/O Pradip Shroff) | 7,875 | 6,53,625 |
| Dr. Satya Agarwala | 4,341 | 3,60,270 |
| Nick Israni | 3,744 | 3,10,787 |
| Ajeet Arenja | 1,046 | 86,812 |
| Hemendra Shah | 868 | 72,054 |
| Nafisa Kachwalla | 868 | 72,054 |
| Upendra Kulkarni | 868 | 72,054 |
| Naval Saraf | 523 | 43,406 |
| Mahendra Thacker | 434 | 36,027 |
| Shabbir Shakeer | 434 | 36,027 |
| Zain Quetwala | 434 | 36,027 |
| Ashok Doshi | 217 | 18,013 |
| Pradip Shroff | 24 | 2,012 |
| Rotary Club of Jawaharnagar Charitable Trust | 6,627 | 5,50,000 |
| Rotary International District 3141 - DDF | 11,331 | 9,40,444 |
| Rotary International District 3060 - DDF | 6,500 | 5,39,500 |
| Rotary International District 7620 - DDF | 5,000 | 4,15,000 |
| The Rotary Foundation - World Fund | 13,233 | 11,53,368 |
| Total | 1,41,719 | 1,18,17,640 |

✦ School Bags Distribution at Homi Bhabha Primary School, Makarpura on Thursday 19.09.24 ✦

Pres. Umed Fifadra, PDG Jatin Bhatt, PP Haribhai Patel, Sec. Hemang Vahia, PP Anita Jandial, PP Chandresh Makhija Rtn. PP Pravin Gupta



✦ Glimpses of the BOD Meeting - 20th Sep 2024 ✦



+ Scratch Your Brain +

Q.1. I can generate fear and some say I come out of your ears. I'm quiet as a mouse but not welcomed in the house. What am I ?

Q.2. One tooth to fight, As all Norse know, One tooth to bite, He's the forest's foe. What is He ?



A Special prize for those who give correct answer on first come first serve basis.

+ The Ripple of Kindness +

Once, in a peaceful forest, a young deer found a wounded bird. Instead of continuing on his way, the deer stopped to help. He gently nudged the bird under a tree and brought it water. Days passed, and the bird slowly recovered. Grateful, the bird sang beautiful songs that lifted the spirits of the entire forest. When the deer faced danger from hunters, the bird gathered other animals to warn him, saving his life. From then on, the deer learned that kindness always returns, often when you least expect it.

Moral: Acts of kindness create ripples that come back in unexpected ways.

+ Rotary informaon +

Contributed by Rtn. Vivek Patel

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Come September, come new emerging brightness!

Brightness of great thoughts & ideas that shall help us approach whom we serve with renewed energy and verve!

Our DG Tushar Shah has asked us to create Magic through two Monthly Service Projects, namely

LITERACY - ADULT EDUCATION & PROMOTING READING

In Adult Education, I would advise you to:

1. Identify a locality with significant number of uneducated or very less educated Adults where you can plan evening classes on a regular pattern.
2. Persons around us like house maids, gardeners, drivers, office peons too can be included if they fall in this category.
3. Teach Reading, Writing & Counting with an identified syllabus Primer.
4. You may also consider Skill development for such grown-up that could help them in sustainable livelihood.
5. You may also encourage your Rotaract and Interact Club members to join your force.

You must promote Reading as this is a diminishing habit.

You may consider the following ideas:

1. As a Rotary Club you may create/dedicate a community Reading Space with a good collection of books and magazines where people of all ages should be encouraged to take advantage of.
2. As a Parent please create a conducive atmosphere at home for your children to read on a daily basis.
3. You must involve in creative discussion among the family members and friends, both young & old, that could happen only out of a well-read mind.
4. Organize visit to a local library for school children.

I request you all leaders to make the best out of both our Monthly Service Projects.

All the Best!

Regards,

PP Manisha Thakore

Chairperson Monthly Service Projects

ROTARY'S PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG LEADERS

RYLA

RYLA is a leadership development program for young people who want to learn new skills, build their confidence, and have fun.

INTERACT

Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills and learn about the world through service projects and activities.

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

Rotary Youth Exchange participants learn a new language, discover another culture, and truly become global citizens.

Learn more at rotary.org/youth-programs

Rotary **55TH** DISTRICT CONFERENCE
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3060

JODHPUR ATTENTION TRAIN TRAVELERS

20-21-22 DEC 2024

Train Ticket bookings for Jodhpur opens on **To JODHPUR** Wednesday 21st August 2024 (Members traveling on 19/12/2024 to Jodhpur)

FROM JODHPUR Saturday 24th August 2024 (Members returning on 22/12/2024 from Jodhpur)

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