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✦ When we met last Tuesday 12th Nov-2024 ✦

First Lady **Usha Fifadra** invoked the blessing of Lord Almighty for all the members of the Rotary Club of Baroda Jawaharnagar & their families. **Rtn. Manish Shah** reminded us of the Rotary's 4-Way Test a benchmark for living better and ethical lives.

President Umed Fifadra gave his opening remarks and set the meeting in motion.

Rtn. IPP Hiren Shah in his address, went down the memory lane recounting various Rotarians who had helped him in his year as President. He dwelt upon projects done, Foundation Contribution (**PDG Jatin Bhatt and Rtn. PP Dilip Shah** – both becoming Major Donors, **IPP Hiren Shah** contributing USD 500 and **Rtn. PP Chandresh Makhija** contributing USD 100) given and a glimpse of the year that went by. He remembered Late **Rtn. PP Keshav Mitra** who was the Hon. Treasurer last year and who would have been presenting the accounts in his place had he not departed too early in life. He gave details of various heads in the accounts presented and answered question put up by members. The Accounts of the Rotary Club of Baroda Jawaharnagar for the RY 2023-24 were then passed unanimously by the General Body – Proposed by **Rtn. PP Dr. Sanjay Pandit** and Seconded by **Rtn. PP Jagdish Thakkar**.

Rtn. PP Jagdish Thakkar then spoke elaborately about the Rotary Club of Jawaharnagar Charitable Trust Accounts and the Trust in General taking everyone down the memory lane bringing everyone upto date about the position of the Trust as on the current date. His fluency about various facts and figures without referring to any papers was amazing. He urged Rotarians to contribute to the Trust generously. The Accounts of the Rotary Club of Jawaharnagar Charitable Trust were then passed unanimously by the General Body – Proposed by **PP Manoj Adalja** and Seconded by **Rtn. Ashwin Majmundar**.

Pres. Umed Fifadra then opened the discussion regarding the BOSCH Rotary Bridge Program to be implemented at the Nalanda School, Ghoghamba by our Club. He and **Rtn. Kirit Dholakia** gave an in-depth understanding to the General Body the various intricacies involved, how the implementation of the Program is extremely beneficial to the tribal children in getting trained and assured jobs. Various inputs were given by **Rtn. PP Dr. Sanjay Pandit, Rtn. PP Manoj Adalja, Rtn. PP Chandresh Makhija, Rtn. Kamlesh M. Shah, Rtn. PP Ashutosh Jhala & Ann Twisha Jhala**.

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

Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation, established in 1917, is the philanthropic arm of Rotary International and globally it stands one of the largest humanitarian organizations. With a commitment to promote Peace, Health, and prosperity, it supports various projects addressing critical global challenges. Through a network of Rotary clubs in 200 countries, the foundation focuses on six core areas: promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, supporting maternal and child health, enhancing education, and growing local economies.

One of the Foundation's hallmark initiatives is its fight against polio. Launched in 1985, the PolioPlus program has mobilized millions of Rotarians, healthcare professionals, and volunteers worldwide, resulting in the near-eradication of the disease. Through strategic partnerships with organizations such as the World Health Organization and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Rotary Foundation has provided crucial funding and support, immunizing over 2.5 billion children against the disease and raising awareness about the importance of vaccinations.

Beyond health initiatives, the Rotary Foundation also prioritizes education and literacy. Programs like the Rotary Peace Fellowship offer opportunities for individuals from various backgrounds to gain advanced degrees in peace studies and conflict resolution. Additionally, the Foundation supports projects that enhance educational access and quality, from providing scholarships to building schools and training teachers, thereby empowering future generations with knowledge and skills.

In recognition of its impactful work, the Rotary Foundation has received numerous accolades and maintains a strong reputation for transparency and accountability in its operations.

After a lot of discussions and deliberations, the General Body decided unanimously that the implementation of the BOSCH Rotary Bridge Program at Nalanda School, Ghoghamba would now be a Permanent Program of our Club and generous contributions were requested from the RCBJ Rotarians. It was also decided that the Interest from the Deposits of Rotary Club of Baroda Jawaharnagar and the Deposits of the Rotary Club of Jawaharnagar Charitable Trust would be used to partly finance this Permanent Project of RCBJ. Approximately an amount of Rs.35,000 would be needed per month for paying the salaries of the teachers of the Nalanda School, Ghoghamba and each module would span over a period of 2 months. **Rtn.Kirit Dholakia** has already set the ball rolling by contributing the initial contribution of Rs.35,000 last month i.e. for the month of September, 2024. Each batch consists of 25-30 participants. The Next contribution is now due (payable after Diwali) in November 2024. The New Permanent Project of RCBJ was welcomed by all members with a thunderous applause. Kudos to **President Umed Fifadra** for initiating this Noble Project.

A Committee was formed for a period of 3 years comprising of **Rtn.Kirit Dholakia** (Co-ordinator), **Rtn.PP Manoj Adalja**, **Rtn.PP Dilip Shah**, **Rtn.Chandresh Makhija & Rtn.PP Anita Jandial** for the continuity and smooth functioning of this Project. **Pres.Umed Fifadra and Hon.Sec.PP Hemang Vahia** will be Ex Officio members of this committee. Interested Rotarians and Anns are most welcome to join this Project.

A Resolution was also passed by the General Body authorizing **Pres.Umed Fifadra** to cast the vote on behalf of RCBJ in the forthcoming Election for the District Governor Nominee 2027-28 at Bharuch on Sunday 15th December, 2024.

Tambola Master **Rtn.PP Jagdish Thakkar** (in his New Avatar) duly assisted by **Ann Dr.Aditi Vahia and Ann Bhumi Shah** then took over and an excellent round of Tambola ensued. The stylish Tambola Master conducted the Tambola flawlessly and the winners were :

1st Full House : **Rtn.Rajesh C. Shah**

2nd Full House : **Rtn.PP Hemant Desai**

3rd Full House : **Ann Usha Fifadra and Rtn.Manish Shah (Joint Winners)**

The Prize for the Lucky Lady of the evening was bagged by **Ann Sushma Patwa** and the Prize for the Early Bird went to **Rtn.PP Hemant Desai**. Also distributed, were the Prizes for the correct answers given by Rotarians and Anns which appear in each Vishwachakra issue.

A Hearty Vote of thanks was proposed by **Rtn.PP Hemant Desai** and after the National Anthem sung in chorus, the Milestone Meeting concluded.

✦ Birthday Greetings ✦

15th Nov : **Rtn.PP Krishnavatar Gupta**

20th Nov : **Rtn.PP Urmil Shah**

23rd Nov : **Ann Sushila Patel**



✦ Anniversary Greetings ✦

14th Nov : **Rtn.PP Jagdish & Meena Thakkar**

15th Nov : **Rtn.Vijay & Renu Matai**

21st Nov : **Rtn.Kirit & Jayshri Dholakia**

24th Nov : **Rtn.Rajesh & Mamta Shah**



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

(Closed Business Meeting – Diwali Get together – Tambola by Rtn.PP Jagdish Thakkar) (Tuesday – 12.11.2024)

- The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Baroda Jawaharnagar was held at 6pm on Thursday 7th November, 2024 at Polo Club.
- Interviews for IYE Long Term, Short Term Youth exchange programme and New Generation Service Exchange Programme will be held on Sunday 17th November 2024 at Baroda. Details of Host Club and Venue will be shared with you in the near future.
- Please note that all students have to be accompanied by Parents (at least presence of one parent is compulsory) and host club representative (President, Hon.Secretary, Club Youth Exchange Officer – atleast one club representative is compulsory).
- Please note that parents of students who are taking the interview cannot double as club representative. Clubs which don't meet this criteria will not be eligible to participate in the district 3060 youth exchange programme.
- **Rtn.President Arpit Bharal** of Rotary Club of Baroda Cosmopolitan – who is organizing the 4th Annual Cricket Event has sent the following message. Over the past three years, this event has become a cherished tradition, fostering fellowship and friendly competition amongst our fellow Rotary Clubs. The tentative schedule will be from 30th November '24 to 1st December '24 or from 7th December '24 to 8th December '24. The expenses will be approximately Rupees 10,000 to 15,000 (This depends on Number of teams participating) plus Dinner charges Rs.500 per member (Minimum 10 members).
- To ensure we can make the necessary arrangements, such as booking the ground and organizing other logistics, we kindly request you to confirm your club's participation. Your prompt response will greatly assist us in planning a successful event.
- We look forward to your club joining us for a day of cricket, camaraderie and fun. Thank you for your support and cooperation.
- The Voting for Electing the District Governor 2027-28 will be held at Bharuch on Sunday 15th December, 2024 between 11am to 5pm. The Candidates vying for the said position are **Rtn.Ashish Patwari** of RC Dhule Cross Road and **Rtn.Pankaj Naik** of RC of Gandevi. **President Umed Fifadra** will be casting the vote at Bharuch on behalf of our Club.
- Please register for the forthcoming 55th District Conference scheduled at Jodhpur on 20-21-22 December '24.

✦ FORTHCOMING MEETINGS ✦

Our Next Meeting will be a Speaker Meeting. Details will be shared on our WhatsApp Business Group.

✦ GLIMPS OF LAST MEETING CONDUCTED ON 12.11.2024 ✦



✦ GLIMPS OF THE LAST BOARD MEETING - 7th NOV 2024 ✦

- **Pres.Umed Fifadra** gave his Opening Remarks at the beginning of the Meeting.
- The MOM of the Meeting of the BOD held on 20.09.2024 were passed unanimously.
- The Accounts of the Rotary Club of Baroda Jawaharnagar for the FY 2023-24 were discussed extensively by the Board of Directors. Various aspects of the Accounts were discussed and certain recommendations were given regarding changes to be made in the Accounts of FY 2023-24. Thereafter, the Accounts of RCBJ for the FY 2023-24 were passed unanimously.
- The Accounts of the Rotary Club of Jawaharnagar Charitable Trust for the FY 2023-24 were discussed by the Board of Directors. After due deliberations, the Accounts of the Rotary Club of Jawaharnagar Charitable Trust for the FY 2023-24 were passed unanimously.
- The Board of Directors discussed the need of a Permanent Project for our Club. The Bosch Rotary Bridge Programme Project at the Nalanda School at Village Gogamba was discussed for this purpose with whom our Club has been associated since some time. Their need is the payment of Salary for their School Teachers.
- **Rtn.Kirit Dholakia** has already initiated this and has paid One Month's Salary for their Teachers an amount of Rs. 35,000=00. RCBJ could continue this project if we can raise this fund. After due discussions, it was decided to discuss this point further in the General Body Meeting scheduled on Tuesday 12th November, 2024.
- The Meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.



✦ LONG SERVICE AWARD ✦



✦ Scratch Your Brain ✦

Q.1) Given below 7 set of letters. Find the odd set. Give your reply with full explanation.

BFM
EIP
HLS
KSW
MQX
VZG

Q.2) H : 26 :: M : ?

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



✦ The Broken Pot ✦

A farmer, nearing the end of his life, called his sons and told them he had buried a treasure in the fields.

After he passed away, his sons eagerly dug through the entire field, searching for gold. Although they found nothing, the effort turned the soil, resulting in a huge harvest.

Moral : Hard work is the real treasure; it brings rewards in unexpected ways.

✦ Rotary informaon ✦

Contributed by Rtn. Vivek Patel

The Thar Summit
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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3060

MEET OUR GUEST

AJEET BAJAJ
An Adventurer & Explorer

Padma Shri Ajeet Bajaj is the first Indian to ski to the North Pole and complete the polar trilogy, which entails skiing to the North Pole, South Pole, and across the Greenland ice cap. Ajeet and his daughter Deeya were the first Indian father-daughter team to climb Mt. Everest.

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Let's us meet and explore by listening adventurous and explorer Padma Shri Ajeet Bajaj, first Indian to ski to the North Pole and complete the polar trilogy (I.e.) skiing to the North Pole, South Pole and across the Greenland icecap as well as first Indian father to climb Mt. Everest with daughter.

He completed the Explorer's Grand Slam as well as Seven Summits with his daughter Deeya.

He won various award which includes a bronze medal in the national games for kayaking, a silver and two bronze medals in international rafting competitions in Switzerland and Siberia, Russia..

@55th District Conference "The Thar Summit "

“Friendship was the foundation rock on which Rotary was built and tolerance is the element which holds it together.”