Rotary Club of Baroda Metro METRODIGEST District 3060

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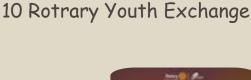
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Stephanie A Urchick President 2024-25

"If we are to truly change the world with *The Magic of Rotary*, it's up to all of us to foster a sense of belonging in our clubs. But every club should take its own path to get there, and the Action Plan can help you find your way. What does that look like?

Take for instance the Rotary Club of Beveren-Waas in Belgium. It was chartered in 1974 but has evolved with the times, developing both a strategic plan and a membership plan. To find new members, the club analyzes the city's professions to help focus its search, and all new members are quickly assigned tasks and roles.

The club also mixes up meeting times, alternating between evening and afternoon sessions, making them accessible for all members.

Sometimes, circumstances force clubs to make changes. But as people of action, we know that behind every obstacle is an opportunity.

The Rotary Club of Holyoke in Massachusetts was forced from its meeting place because of rising costs after the COVID-19 pandemic, but members took this setback and turned it into a strength. The club started meeting in a library community room that was available for no charge and catering lunch from a nearby deli. Lunch costs \$10 per person but it's optional, so no one has to spend money to attend a meeting. What a great way to work toward being "fair to all concerned."

Since making this change, the Holyoke club has gained 13 members. I suspect part of its membership growth is due to the club's sense of inclusivity — the first step toward belonging.

If you ask members what they expect from the club experience, you might find that your club doesn't meet expectations. Think of this as an opportunity to reshape your club in exciting ways, as alternative club models are making a positive impact.

For example, a Rotary Fellowship called Beers Rotarians Enjoy Worldwide, or BREW, has worked closely with the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Rotary Action Group for the past eight years to assist with clean water projects. In that time, BREW has funneled 25 percent of its dues to those initiatives.

BREW is one of many examples of members pursuing belonging to improve the world.

I can't stress enough the importance of belonging. Clubs become simply irresistible when all members feel that they are exactly where they need to be. To me, belonging is the spark that ignites *The Magic of Rotary*.

As you receive feedback from club members and the community you serve, I urge you to pursue that spark. The Action Plan can help you find the path to success, and if you light your way with the spirit of belonging, that path will lead to a bright future for your club, your community, and the world. Message From DG Rtn. Tushar Shah

Dear fellow Rotarians,

Warm Rotary Greetings!



I am delighted to offer my warmest congratulations to your club on publishing your newsletter! This is a significant achievement and an important tool for inter-club communication, as well with our partners, showcasing your club's projects, achievements, and stories.

Your engaging and purposeful meetings are the heart of the Rotary experience, and I am thrilled to see your club thriving.

Your contributions to the Rotary Foundation are truly making a difference, and I appreciate your commitment to our shared goals your year on year contributions to Foundation helps our foundation to get more stronger and I am sure this year would be no exception.

I am also impressed by your club's efforts towards eradicating illiteracy, a vital aspect of our Rotary mission. Your dedication to education and literacy is inspiring, and I look forward to seeing the impact of your project of work book.

I hope to see a strong representation from your club at our upcoming Conference, It will be a fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow Rotarians, share ideas, and be inspired by our collective achievements.

Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and commitment to Growing Rotary.

I look forward to your club joining us to welcome RIPE Mario and celebrating our shared successes.

Yours in Rotary

From the Desk of Club President Rtn. Kina Shah



"Dear Fellow Rotarians

As we step into the new month of July, I am filled with excitement and enthusiasm to share our club's endeavors with you. Our collective efforts have been truly remarkable, and I am proud to highlight some of our key achievements.

Warm Welcome to Our New Members!

We are thrilled to have you on board and look forward to your valuable contributions.

Project Updates:

- Upliftment of Village: Our dedicated team has worked tirelessly to bring about positive change in rural areas.
- Anganwadi: Our support has improved the lives of numerous children and families.

Area of Focus:

As we move forward, let us continue to prioritize our efforts in these crucial areas:

- Water and Sanitation
- Education
- Health and Wellness
- Community Development

Let us continue to work together, driven by our passion for service and our commitment to making a meaningful impact.

Thank you for your dedication, and let us keep shining a light on our values and principles.

Best regards Rtn.Kina Shah



Message From PRID Dr Manoj Desai Advisor

"Dear Family of RBM,

Hope you all are safe & healthy after the Nature's fury. We continued praying as we are away by thousands of miles. We certainly missed Installation function due to our trip. I remembered you all while attending OPERATIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING at Rotary Head Quarters while discussing new projects. I did send you photo in our group.

Friends, BEAUTY OF ROTARY IS IN CLASSIFICATION PRINCIPLE & YEARLY CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP.

New wave of enthusiasm takes over every July & creates new mile stones. Both Sharmishtha & I wish all the very best to President Kina & her team.

Rotary is changing but still world is changing faster than us. Fortunately, RBM is doing very well our meaningful mega projects. My compliments to the new rotarians for their interest in projects & promise to commit to the cause of Humanity.

Being the only Charter member of Our club & having witnessed lon..g journey of nearly 4 decades, I am ecstatic. The best lesson I have learnt is THERE IS NO DEARTH OF MONEY FOR PEOPLE WITH INTEGRITY DOING GOOD PROJECTS.

Friends, all of us are travelling for Business or Vacation. Let us develop a habit of visiting Rotary clubs in those places, make new friends & enjoy WORLD WITHOUT BORDERS ! Let us realise our potential by doing IMPOSSIBLE -POSSIBLE & ADD ONE MORE MEMORABLE YEAR in our ROTARY'S NEVER ENDING JOYRNEY!

With best wishes,

Dr Manoj

INSTALLATION CEREMONY

Installation ceremony of new team for Rotary Club of Baroda Metro was carried out on 28th June'24 @ 7.30 PM at Fairfield Marriot. DG Rtn. Tushar Shah and First Lady Nehal Shah graced the occassion as Chief Guest. Installation of Club President alongwith 20 Board members wss carried out.





At this occassion PDG Rtn Ashish Ajmera and PP Rtn. Ranu Ajmera, DRR. Rohit Ajmera, RPIC Rtn. Pinky Patel were present. President and invitees of other Rotary Clubs also graced the occassion.

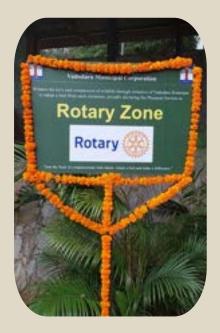
DG. Rtn. Tushar Shah emphasized on increasing and sustaining memberships. He also stressed upon involvement of new members in the clubs projects.

RBM President for 2024-25 Rtn. Kina Shah threw light on planned projects and activities for the year. She expressed confidence that together we can and we will spread Magic of Rotary.



BIRD ADOPTION

All Rotary Clubs of Vadodara together have adopted birds in the zoo of Sayajibaug for their upkeep and care by the authorities.





On 11th July a formal function was carried out at the Zoo where Dy. Municipal Commissioner of Vadodara Mrs Bhavana Zala.

RPIC Pinky Patel for Zone 4 was the Guest of Honour on the occassion. Rotarians of various clubs and other invitees graced the occassion.



Chai Pe Charcha was organised at VariTea on 25th July - members discussed various topics related to Club projects

Interact Club Induction

On 12th July'24 Interact Club at New Era High School was inducted. The Induction was conducted by Rotary Club of Baroda Metro President Rtn. Kina Shah.





Dr Geetika Patel Trustee of the School Graced the occasion. The dignitaries appreciated the efforts of the school. Teachers of the School and members of RBM were present on the occassion.



Charvi Jogani - President Nidhish Sharma - President Vanshika Antil - Elect President Nlyati Parmar - Secretary Adit Jani - Director

Pradhyuman Tiwari - Director Bhumi Bhati - Director Moksh Shah - SGT AT Arms Kritika Kale - Director Kiaan Thoria - Treasurer 9

Rotary Youth Service

Rotary Youth Exchange as a catalysts for peace and social justice in their local communities and throughout the world, long after their exchanges end. This program is possible because of the dedication, leadership and passion of ten of thousands of volunteers - Rotary Members and Non Members alike - who make this unique program so successful.

Integration and Impact:

In 2019, a landmark decision integrated Rotaract fully into Rotary's structure, recognizing its pivotal role in Rotary's future. This move underscores Rotary's commitment to nurturing youth leadership and service-mindedness from Interact through Rotaract and into Rotary itself. By engaging youth early and empowering them with skills and values aligned with Rotary's humanitarian principles, Rotary continues to build a legacy of responsible global citizenship and community leadership.

As India's former President, Dr Abdul Kalam, envisioned, the true wealth of a nation lies in its empowered youth. Rotary's youth programs stand as a testament to this belief, equipping young people world wide with the knowledge, skills and ethical foundation needed to realize their potential and contribute meaningfully to the society.

Through Interact, Rotaract and RYLA, Rotary not only prepares young leaders but also fosters a culture of service, integrity and global understanding - a legacy that ensures brighter future for generations to come.

JADDI BUTTI DIWAS

Our country is known for its many medicinal and herbal plants and has rich tradition of herbal medicines. They also have great contribution in discovery of modern drugs. Our club celebrated Jadi Butti Diwas on 7th August'24.







The initiative was in association with Patanjali Yoga Samiti. Large number of medicinal plants like Tulsi, Giloy, Adhusi, Ashwagandha, Amla, Neem, Aloe Vera etc were distributed amongst people of Baroda. The event was conducted at Jhansi Rani Circle and was very well received by large number of residents who wished to have such herbal / medicinal plants.



The Jadi Butti Diwas had its inspiration from IPP Jayesh Jiandani

Intercity Forum

Intercity Forum - a 2 days event was organised on 10-11 August'24 by Rotary Club of Jamnagar at Rajwadu - The Village Hotel

Chief Guest of the 2 day event was RRFC Dr N Subramnian.





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"Purpose of the Day" was by DG Tushar Shah DGE Rtn. Amardeep Singh Bunet brought home the importance of service project as a tool to Public Image by an enlightening topic Impactful Service Project – Tool to Public Image.



Our Clubs Prestigious project – Work Book Distribution was introduced and fellow Rotarians were encouraged to adopt the workbooks for the schools of their region.

Number of Important sessions were conducted on various areas like: Importance of Uniformity, Building a Strong Public Image, Present Scenario of Dist 3060, Global Grant Updates, Importance of Giving & CSR. RPIC Pinky Patel emphasized upon better and better ways of narrating Rotary's positive stories. Strong emphasize was given on Engagement and Retention of Members as key to growth and not just increase members. Members were also introduced to New Club Models, Types of Clubs, Rotary Alumni.

Workbook Distribution Project

The distribution of Work book on Letters & Numbers in Gujarati developed and printed by our club under the leadership of Rtn Shalini Bhalla was the project of our club untill last year. However on 1st July'24 it has been declared as District Project



Our Club conducted the's Workbook Distribution program during the month and the beneficiaries were the children of Balvadi's. Our members whole heartedly carried out the work book distribution.







Our members had the first hand opportunity of witnessing the joy, enthusiasm amongst the children who were receiving the workbooks. The members got the feed back from school teachers and principals that the work books are awaited by children and their teachers both as they are very very helpful in learn with fun activities



Beneficiary Schools: Nos: 99 Beneficiary Children : Nos 5000





Workbook program supported by INoxCVA - Mr Nehal Joshi HR Manager, Ms Nirali Barot Sr. HR, Ms Kresha Thakkar (Media & Communication)

Quiz 1. who said

Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves

Independence Day Antakshari



Antakshari on the theme "Independence Day" was celebrated on 14th August'24. The event was conducted by our Club member Rtn. Dhiraj Sharma. The Antakshari was on a very unique format as against the traditional way.





Five Teams and five Rounds. As a token of gratitude for their participation the teams were presented with saplings



The day was also quite exciting as we inducted our new member Vikrant

Mithani





The Independence Day Antakshari inspiration from Rtn. Bharat Sharma

Quiz 2 We believe that exemplifying & embracing D. E. I. should be part of everything we do at Rotary. - Expand DEI

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBERATION



As part of Independence Day Celeberation our club undertook flag hoisting ceremony at Mahatma Gandhi Sarva Vidhyalaya Kundhela. A CSR Project by our member Rtn. Nilesh Patel.

Boys & Girl Students of the school, village people, Trustees of the school, Teachers, Principal and our club members graced the ceremony.

The National Flag was hoisted by our D G Tushar Shah followed by Rashtriya Geet by students of the school and National Anthem by all present.



To encourage the participation and to develop the leadership skills amongst Girl students, the entire event was led by Girl Students of the school.











As a token of appreciation by our club, students were presented with gifts. Tree plantation was also undertaken at the school.

KNOW YOUR ROTARY



Session on "Know your Rotary" was organised on 21st August. The session was conducted by Rtn. Dr Agam Srivastava and PDG. Rtn. Pinky Patel

Introduction of the Speakers was by Club President Rtn. Kina Shah





It provided great insight on the functioning of Rotary including the historical perspective



The session was on an interactive format quite informative and engaging for all the present Rotarians



At the end of the session was the Q & A. The Speaker Rotarians addressed all the queries from the participants.



4 Way test was by Rtn. Sachin Shroff and Vote of Thanks by Rtn Ashwin Lakhani

The Rotary Foundation Giving of the Club



We appeal all the members to contribute INR 2100 only to Rotary Foundation for the betterment of the society

With every project, we are changing the world for the better

Celeberations

We well come and celebrate addition of new members into our Club Family

Ashwin Lakhani



Sachin Shroff



Vikrant Mithani



Azaz Lokhandwala



Fatema Lokhandwala



Happy Berthday

Ashwin Lakhani - 1st July Shanitlal Kava - 17th July Rangesh Shah - 21st July Darshansinh Solanki - 23rd July Rajeev Maniar - 26th July Sujata Gupta - 30th July

> Dr Agam Srivastava - 3rd August Swati Jain & Jitendra Jain - 4th August Meet Patel - 11th August Dr Sharmishtha Desai - 18th August Ishan Agrawal - 26th August



Jayesh Jiandani & Dipti Jiandani - 15th July Naresh Asnani & Jaya Asnani - 23rd August

We Thank Rtn. Ashwin Lakhani for this Bulletin

We also thank Rtn. Maneesha Shukul 18