

November'24 -December'24 Charter Date : 17th July 1986 Club No. 23843



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Community Service Director

Rtn Sujata Gupta

Membership Director

Rtn Bharat Sharma/Rtn Vidhi Agrawal

Youth Service Director

Rtn RO Shah / Rtn Lalit Agrawal

Public Image Chair

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TRF Chair

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Fun Facts About Rotary

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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 Polio Pulse 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?

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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.

Courtesy: Rtn Kina Shah

The “Thar” Summit:

*A Grand Celebration of Service and Leadership:
Rotary District 3060 – Jodhpur Conference*

The Rotary District 3060 conference concluded with remarkable success in Jodhpur, bringing together 1200 representatives from clubs across Central Gujarat, South Gujarat, part of Saurashtra and Maharashtra.



Under the dynamic leadership of District Governor Rotarian Tushar Shah and First Lady Nehalben Shah, the event was graced by former District Governor Mehulbhai Rathod (Ahmedabad), representing the Rotary International President.

Esteemed dignitaries, including former International President Rtn. Kalyan Banerjee (Vapi) and former International Director Rtn. Dr. Manoj Desai (Baroda), joined an impressive roster of leaders: Rtn. Nihir Dave (Anand), Rtn. Shrikant Indani (Dondaicha), Rtn. Santosh Pradhan (Surat), and many more from across the region. The presence of international guest Lady Rotarian Dale from Mexico added a global touch to the event.

Inaugural Highlights:



The conference commenced with an inspiring keynote on “Mythology” by Chief Guest Devdutt Pattanaik. Cultural performances by Nadyog Gurukul artists, flutist Tejas, and tabla maestro Mitaliji left the audience mesmerized.

Adventurer Ajit Bajaj captivated attendees with thrilling tales of his expeditions, while former International President Rtn. Kalyan Banerjee’s reflections on life were deeply moving.

Rotarians who tirelessly contributed to humanitarian causes were honored for their exceptional service.

Engaging Sessions:

The second day featured Lieutenant Colonel K.J.S. Dhillon and Rtn. Dr. Manoj Desai leading thought-provoking discussions on ethics and conscience.

Sudhanshu Mani, the visionary behind the Vande Bharat train, delivered a compelling virtual talk on "Leadership and Innovation."



A highlight of the day was Kerala Governor Arif Mohammad Khan's eloquent discourse on "Life Values," followed by a spectacular cultural performance by renowned artist Sanmukha Priya.

Closing with Inspiration:

On the final day, dietitian Jinal Shah provided valuable insights on "Ideal Lifestyle" and healthy eating habits, while iconic comedian Rakesh Bedi delivered a humorous yet profound talk on "Our Roots."

Experts, including former International Director Rtn.Kamal Sanghvi, shared light on Rotary's seven guiding principles and their transformative impact on society.

The conference was a seamless success, thanks to the dedicated efforts of Conference Chairman Rtn.Ketan Patel (Vapi), Co-Chairpersons Rtn.Mrs. Ranuben Ajmera (Dhulia) and Rtn.Chirag Gandhi (Surat), Secretary Rtn.Pankaj Shah (Vadodara), and their stellar team. Special mention goes to Rotary Club of Surat Tapi President Rtn.Nidhi Pachigar and District Secretary Rtn.Rupal Damani for their invaluable contributions.

This unforgettable gathering celebrated Rotary's commitment to service, innovation, and community.



ASSOCIATION WITH DCF



On 28th December'24 our Club had the visit to the different ongoing and completed projects in Dabhoi and surrounding areas. The visits were led by our club member Rtn. Rangesh Shah (DCF) with Shivani Upadhyay and Santosh Surve from Deepak foundation.

- Project: Strengthening of Basic Education in 35 Anganwadi in Dabhoi Taluka.
 - Dabhoi Community Foundation (DCF), USA is working in the education field from 2020 in Dabhoi Taluka.
 - DCF was looking for a partner to implement projects in the field of education. DCF contacted various NGO in Gujarat & Maharashtra.
 - After having a detailed discussion with the RBM, DCF decided to work with RBM in 2022.
 - DCF & RBM was to focus in the field of education & based on NEP2020, requirement is to strengthen basic education in the age groups of 3 - 5 years to prepare children for school readiness.
 - RBM & DCF had a series of discussions & site visits to current projects of Deepak Foundation, who are actively implementing the same projects in 67 Anganwadi in Nandesari; it was decided to work with Deepak Foundation to roll out the project in Dabhoi Taluka.
 - Looking at the financial commitment from DCF, RBM had decided to apply for GG & chosen International Partnering club as RC of Balaju, Nepal.
 - GG for the project was applied in the 2nd quarter of 22-23 & Approval received on 30th June 2023.
 - Project implementation started after monsoon i.e. October 2023.

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- DCF had contributed US\$ 58,000 as a directed gift & Rotary DDF & world fund together had contributed US\$ 27,000. Later on DCF had contributed almost US\$ 14,000 directly to Deepak Foundation for additional work to be implemend under this project. (you can write total project cost in Rs without giving bifurcations.)
- Team from Deepak foundation, Rotary & DCF had short listed 35 Anganwadi to be undertaken for implementation of the project.
- Project involved civil minor maintenance, waterproofing in the roof & walls, Color from inside & outside, educational paining & hangout as per NEP guideline, providing dedicated facilitator to each Anganwadi to train Government Anganwadi worker, constant monitoring of implementing process by the team of Deepak Foundation withdaily visit, monthly monitoring & reporting the status / improvement data due to facility development.

RBM team are regularly visiting the project sites with a team from DCF & Deepak Foundation. A team from the International Partnering club of RC Baluju also visited the project site to see the progress.



The visits gave members an opportunity to visualize the works being undertaken for the development & upliftment of the society especially women and children

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◦ Water & Sanitation Project:

- Trust in the name of Baroda Rotary Humanitarian Foundation (BRHF) was established by 5 Rotary clubs of Vadodara in 2011. These 5 clubs jointly collected funds for disaster management. Now BRHF is planning to close this trust. Vadodara now has almost 11 clubs.
- Thus Trustees of BRHF floated a scheme for these 5 clubs. The clubs which bring Rs. 10 lacs from the external donors for implementing the project in one of the focus areas of Rotary than BRHF will also contribute Rs.10 lacs as a match.
- Thus Proposal was shared again with DCF, who agreed to contribute Rs. 10 lacs to provide clean drinking water, wash station & water storage tanks based on the need of the specific school. We have selected 22 schools after carrying out the inspection in 30 schools.
- DCF had contributed Rs. 12 lacs & BRHF had contributed Rs. 10 lacs.
- RBM team involved in selection of vendors as per Rotary guideline & impenetted the projects.
- Total benefietry of the students under this project are 7,500



Courtesy: Sumul Patel

CHAI PE CHARCHA



Our Club had Chai Pe Charcha on 14th November'24 and 26th December'24 to discuss various agenda points including the club activities and progress as well as suggestions from the members.



BOD

BOD November'24
Hosted by Rtn. Kamal Dabhi



BOD December'24

Hosted by
Rtn. Lalit Agrawal & Rtn. Vidhi Agrawal

Flag Exchange

Flag exchange with our NGSC Student
Rotary Club of Vespasiano - Brazil &
Rotary Club of Baroda Metro



School Visit

*Our NGSC student
visited schools*



*Workbook Distribution at
school by our NGSC student*



Club Meeting 16th December'24

Guest Dr. Sunita Sharma,
Dean Faculty of Management.
The M S University of
Vadodara



Dr Sharma shared the details of “Unnat Bharat Abhiyan” a government project concentrating on the development of Rural Areas on the aspects of Cleanliness, Sanitation, Woment Empowerment, Artisan Empowerment and Youth Empowerment.

She explained how HEI, NGO, Private people can co-ordinate in this project. There are 38 participant institutions in 190 villages if Gujarat. Government funding is available if any NGO wants to implement the project

*Presenting
Memento to our
Guest Speaker*



*Vote of Thanks
by Rt. Kamal Dalal*



KNOW YOUR ROTARY MEMBER

- Ashwin Lakhani: Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical), PGDM(Energy)

Big picture leader and dedicated and qualified professional with over 32 years of strong experience of working with AVEVA, L&T & MGVCL in the fields of Power-Operations, IT Services, Sales & Business Development with pan India responsibility, Consulting assignments with Power distribution companies in the international market. Acumen in business management, strategic initiatives for business re-modelling & offerings, GTM strategy for the industry specific offerings.

TechnoBuild Engineers (for interior & furniture hardware, modular kitchens, all types of home appliances from leading brands) & Neelwin HR Consulting LLP are his present initiatives in Technical as well as HR fields.

Family:

- Dr Nisha Lakhani – MBBS: working with GMERS Medical College & Civil Hospital
- Daughters:
 - Dr Simran Lakhani – M.S. (OBGY) –Gold Medallist – working as Gynaecologist with BAPS Hospital – Atladra – Vadodara
 - Vidhie Lakhani – B. Des. Industrial Design – Founder & Principal Designer of Vi2.5 Atelier Interior, Furniture & Product Design, Design Consultancy, Exhibition & Set Design, Event Decor, Graphic Design, Art works, Photography, Creative & Art Direction

Celebrations

Happy Birthday

Bharat Sharma - 1st November
Vikrant Methani - 13th November
Ketan Solanki - 12th December
Dr Manoj Desai - 16th December
Tejas Patel - 19th December
Vidhi Agrawal - 21st December
Late Atul Shroff - 23rd December
Sweta Parekh - 27th December



Anniversary

Rajesh O Shah - 25th November
Kina R Shah - 25th November
Dr Purnil Shah - 6th December
Shardul Shah - 7th December
Dr Manoj Desai - 14th December
Dr Sharmistha Desai - 14th December
Kamal Dalal - 14th December
Makarand Bhatt - 31st December