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CLUB PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Rotarians, Readers and Friends,

As we step into November, the Rotary theme of "Service Above Self" continues to guide us in making meaningful contributions to our community. This month, we celebrated the joy of togetherness during our Diwali meeting, which reminded us of the importance of spreading light and happiness.



November has also been a time to focus on service. From hosting district-level interviews for exchange programs to preparing for upcoming projects, we have shown that collaboration and commitment can create lasting impact. Special thanks to everyone who contributed their time and efforts to make these events successful.

Looking ahead, I encourage each of you to actively participate in our ongoing initiatives, especially our newly launched Cyber Security Awareness Program, which is poised to reach over 10,000 students. Together, we are making strides in empowering the next generation with knowledge and skills for a safer digital future.

Let us continue to be the beacon of hope and progress for our community. Wishing you all a month filled with positivity and purpose!

Yours in Rotary,

Krunal Joshi



ROTARY ACTION GROUP INITIATIVES.

“Moving the Action Plan Forward”

The 2023-24 Rotary year brought us a number of firsts. India celebrated its first decade of being polio-free. We opened our first Rotary Peace Center in the Middle East. And the first ever Rotaract-sponsored global grants were awarded. These accomplishments are just examples of our collective efforts to increase our impact, expand our reach, provide a memorable membership experience, and adapt to a changing world.

— John Hewko, Rotary International General Secretary and CEO

MAKE NEW FRIENDS

Friendships are often cited as a primary reason members stay in Rotary. Rotary Fellowships are great ways to engage with people who share your passions and interests beyond your club.

This year, members gained even more ways to connect with one another when we expanded our list of more than 100 global fellowships. Here are the new ones:

- Cybersecurity Rotary Fellowship
- Rotary Fellowship of Educators
- Rotary Fellowship of Horse Racing
- Rotary Fellowship of Mental Wellness Counsellors
- Rotary Fellowship of Metaverse
- Rotary Fellowship of Past Presidents, Officers, and Friends
- Rotary Fellowship of Real Estate
- Rotary Fellowship of Startup Investors
- Rotary Fellowship of Tea Lovers
- Rotary Fellowship of Vegans
- Weather Enthusiasts Rotary Fellowship

An organization’s ability to adapt is key to its long-term success, which is why Rotary is always looking for ways to improve and evolve.

VIRTUAL CONNECTIVITY

President McNally, inspired by the lessons of the COVID-19 pandemic, encourages districts to incorporate more virtual components into their programs, events, and activities to give more people a chance to experience Rotary. Adding virtual components or fully virtual options to Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotary Friendship



Exchange, and other programs and events has offered participants new ways to experience other cultures, make new friends, and broaden their global awareness. It has also made participation more accessible to people who have time, health, or financial limitations and has bolstered intercultural communication and understanding.

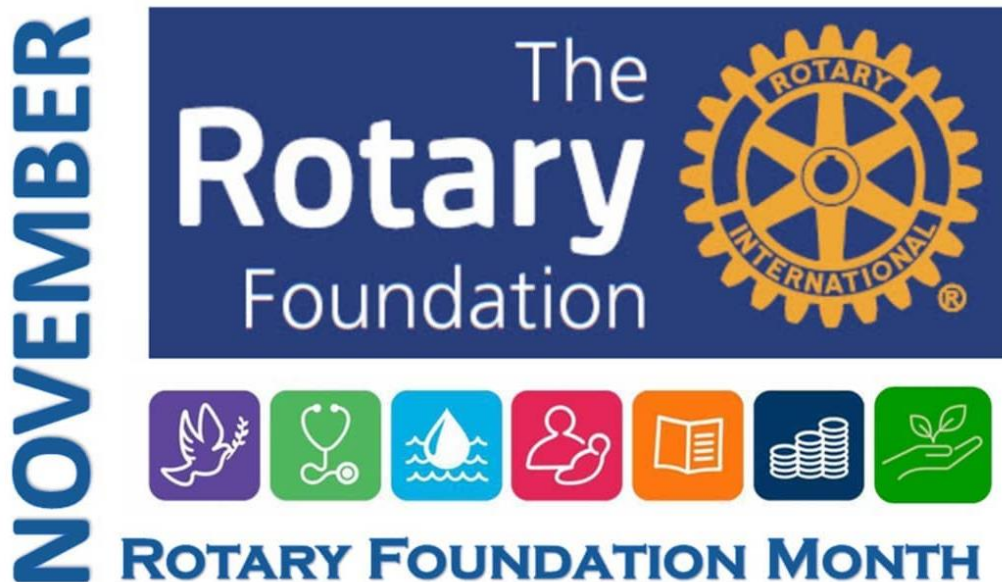
By offering ways to connect virtually, we allow people to tailor their Rotary experience to suit their needs and preferences.

SERVING OUR MEMBERS

At the Secretariat, we're committed to improving and streamlining our processes and our offerings to give you, our members, the time as well as tools and resources you need to serve your clubs and communities. Take our research as an example. We've learned a great deal about our members and their interests over the years, and we use these findings to guide our organization and advance our strategic initiatives. And now, we're making this information available to you.

We also listen to what you need. In preparation for World Polio Day 2023, we used member feedback to improve how we offer materials for promoting polio eradication. These changes resulted in a 150% increase in downloads of those resources compared to the previous year.

We continue to enhance our learning and development offerings for members and provide courses in more than 20 languages. As of April, more than 30,000 first-time users had gone to Rotary's Learning Center this Rotary year, and users have completed 240,000 courses. Approximately 45% of clubs now use the Learning Center regularly, and that number is expected to keep growing.



PROJECTS FOR OCTOBER 2024

1. HOSTING OF LT, ST, AND NGSE INTERVIEWS

The Rotary Club of Baroda proudly hosted the Long-Term (LT), Short-Term (ST), and NGSE interviews for the upcoming year on 17th November 2024. This event featured the participation of 30 students and welcomed over 100 attendees, including parents and club representatives from various clubs across the district.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Mrugank Merchant, Vivek Sarvaiya, Jayesh Bhagat, Kshitij, and Deepak Desai for their invaluable contributions and time.

A special thanks to Billabong International School and their Interact Club for their immense support, which played a vital role in the success of this event.

We take immense pride in being one of the select clubs in the district to host two district events during the RI Year 2024-25.





2. MEDICAL CAMP

With the generous support of Transrail Lighting Limited, the Rotary Club of Baroda successfully organized a General Medical Camp and Eye Check-up Camp at the Hujarat Paga area near Bhutdi Zapa.

The event witnessed an overwhelming response, with over 140 individuals benefiting from the initiative. Free medicines were provided to those in need, and spectacles were distributed to individuals requiring vision correction.

This camp not only addressed immediate health concerns but also emphasized the importance of regular check-ups and health awareness in underserved communities. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Transrail Lighting Limited and all the volunteers who made this impactful event possible.

Together, we continue to uphold the Rotary spirit of "Service Above Self" by bringing essential services to those who need them the most.





3. NUTRITION KIT DISTRIBUTION

As part of our ongoing permanent project, the Rotary Club of Baroda has been distributing nutrition kits to TB patients for over two years. Every month, on the 21st, 100 patients receive these kits, which are designed to support their recovery and improve their overall health.



This initiative has not only made a significant difference in the lives of patients but has also earned recognition from the Government of India, highlighting its impact and importance.



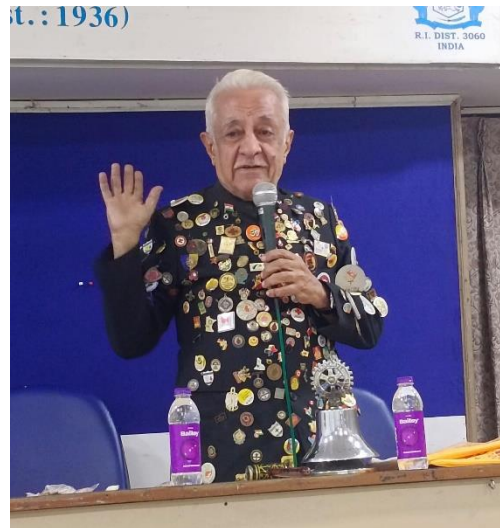
We remain committed to continuing this vital project, reinforcing our dedication to "Service Above Self" and contributing to the fight against tuberculosis in our community.

4. FRIDAY MEETING

It was an honor for the Rotary Club of Baroda to host Rotarian Arun, a remarkable 4th generation Rotarian with an inspiring legacy of service.

Rotarian Arun's family history with Rotary is truly extraordinary:

- His late father was a member of the Rotary Club of Coimbatore in 1950.
- His elder brother has been a Rotary member for 64 years.
- His second brother has 55 years of service, is a Past District Governor (PDG), and a Major Donor (MD).
- Arun himself has been a committed Rotarian for 33 years and is a Past President.
- His nephew (elder brother's son) has been part of Rotary for 12 years.
- His sister's grandson has been in Rotary for 8 years in Dubai.



- The legacy continues with his great-grand-niece joining the Rotaract Club in Ahmedabad, representing the 5th generation of Rotarians in the family.

Adding to his inspiring journey, Rotarian Arun has been a blood donor for over five decades, having donated whole blood an incredible 155 times. His commitment to service extends beyond Rotary, having addressed Rotary Clubs in the USA, UK, Africa, Egypt, and Sri Lanka, sharing his experiences and spreading the Rotary spirit across the globe.

Such dedication and a generational commitment to Rotary are truly inspiring, and we are privileged to celebrate and learn from this remarkable journey.



5. MEDICAL CAMP AT TRANSRAIL LIGHTING LIMITED

The Rotary Club of Baroda organized a successful General Medical and Eye Check-Up Camp at Transrail Lighting Limited, located on Jarod-Savli Road. The camp catered to over 150 patients, providing essential medical care, medicines, and multivitamin supplements.

Our dedicated medical team conducted thorough examinations of the office and technical staff. Additionally, free spectacles were distributed to those in need, ensuring improved vision for many.

The initiative received overwhelming appreciation, with attendees expressing their satisfaction and encouraging the Rotary Club to organize similar camps quarterly.

This project reflects our commitment to community health and wellness, furthering our mission to serve society with impactful initiatives.





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

-Paul Harris, Rotary founder

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