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CLUB PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends,

As we move forward in this Rotary year, I am continually inspired by the collective efforts of our club in making a meaningful difference in our community. This month, I would like to highlight the importance of sustainability in our projects, as we align with Rotary's enduring motto of "Service Above Self."



Sustainable projects are more than just temporary solutions; they are initiatives that provide long-lasting benefits to the community, empowering individuals and fostering independence. Our goal is not merely to provide immediate aid but to create a future where our assistance is no longer needed because people have the tools and resources to thrive on their own.

One example of this is our ongoing commitment to health and wellness initiatives, such as **the TB Project**, which has been providing food nutrition kits to 100 TB patients each month since 2022. By consistently supporting these patients and raising awareness, we contribute to long-term health improvements. This project has been recognized both locally and internationally, proving the power of sustained effort in changing lives.

Another key initiative is the Best of the Waste competition, where young minds turned waste materials into creative innovations project named **Best out of the Waste**. This project not only fostered creativity but also reinforced the values of environmental sustainability, teaching the next generation the importance of preserving our planet.

Our service goes beyond immediate needs; it reflects our dedication to creating a future that will benefit generations to come. Through projects like these, we ensure that the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self," continues to guide us in every decision we make. Let us continue to embrace this ethos in all our efforts, working towards a sustainable, healthy, and empowered future for all.

Together, we can make a lasting impact.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Rtn. Krunal Joshi

EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

This has been a very interesting month. We began with our interaction with teachers who are making a positive impact on society by nurturing young minds and building tomorrow's nation. Our club was recognized by Rotary International, a proud moment indeed, inspiring us to continue working for the betterment of society. This month, our work also touched the lives of the very special children at Mukherjee Badir Vidyalaya, and we hope to continue this good work by further guiding the Interact Club.



I thank you all for your wonderful feedback regarding the Club Bulletin and look forward to receiving your articles, poems, and other contributions for the next edition. Please email me at rcbarticle@gmail.com and cc aishwaryam4ever@gmail.com.

Best Regards,

Dr. Ayswaria Wariar



HISTORY OF THE ROTARY BELL

In 1922, U.S. Rotarians organized an attendance contest; the challenge was that the losing clubs would join in giving the winning club a prize. The Rotary Club of New York City was declared the winner and to them was awarded as a prize a bell from a popular patrol boat, which was placed on wood that came from HMS "Victory", Admiral Nelson's vessel at the battle of Trafalgar.

Since then, the bell used in Rotary meetings started to represent, as on the ships, order, discipline and the time to guide us through the weekly hour and a half meeting. The bell informs us with its sound the beginning of the Rotary meeting, at which time people present should stand, same as at the end, in order to salute the national and Rotary flags. The gavel symbolizes the authority invested in the Rotarian elected to the highest position in Rotary, and through him, reminds those present of his authority. When presidents transmit their positions to their successors at the end of their mandate, they give the bell their last hit turning the gavel over to their successor, symbolizing the transfer of authority.



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



Paul Harris
Rotary founder

PROJECTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

1. NATION BUILDERS AND HINDI DIVAS AWARD

To mark Teachers' Day on September 6th and to commemorate Hindi Divas, our club honored selected teachers for their invaluable contributions as Nation Builders. Dr. Suprava Mishra, a renowned Odissi artist and author of several books on Indian art and culture, spoke eloquently about the significance of Hindi Divas and the mission to promote the widespread use of our national language. Our club's AG Rajesh Shah and the President of the Vadodara City Teachers Association, Kaushik Barot, joined as guests.



The following eleven teachers were felicitated:

- Prareshkumar H. Rajgor - Smt. Kamlaben Bhadhir Vidhyalaya
- Sarika D. Kanhaiya - Shri Girdharbhai D. Patel Bhadhir Madhyamik Vidhyalaya
- Ajaykumar Babrukumar Shaiv - Kelavani Trust Vidyalaya
- Baria Vijaybhai Jamsubhai - Nutan Vidyalaya
- Shyamsinh Indrasinh Maurya - Lal Bahadur Shastri Vidyalaya
- Pujalal Ambalal Prajapati - Adarsh Hindi Vidyalay
- Patel Viratkumar Amrutlal - Shree Gangabai High School
- Keertika Dhingra - Grownicles Academy
- Shri B. L. Vijaywargiya - Government Higher Secondary, Mavli
- Poornima Menon – Principal, Anand Vidya Vihar
- Suprava Mishra – Artistic Director, Aum Arts Academy

The teachers shared the challenges they faced while teaching children from diverse backgrounds, some even with severe physical disabilities. The event was indeed an eye-opener and inspiring for all.







2. MEDICAL CAMP AT MAHARANI GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

On September 13th, a medical camp was organized at Maharani Girls High School. Held in the morning hours, the camp was attended by more than 300 students and visited by our CSR partner from Transrail Lighting Limited. The representative from Transrail appreciated the well-conducted eye check-up, dental, and nutrition camp.

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3. VISIT FROM CSR PARTNER REPRESENTATIVE AT NAVI DHARTI HEALTH CENTER

Our CSR partner, Mr. Umesh from Transrail Lighting Limited, visited Vadodara to review our ongoing projects. On September 13th, he visited the Navi Dharti Health Center and was extremely pleased with the good work being carried out there.



4. A MEMORABLE INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF INTERACT CLUB OF BARODA

On September 20th, the Rotary Club of Baroda organized the installation ceremony of the Interact Club of Baroda. Considering that the students of this club are all speech and hearing impaired and communicate through sign language, it is one of the few of its kind in Asia. This special club is run by the children at Mukh Badhir Vidyalaya in Vadodara. This was the club's second consecutive installation ceremony.

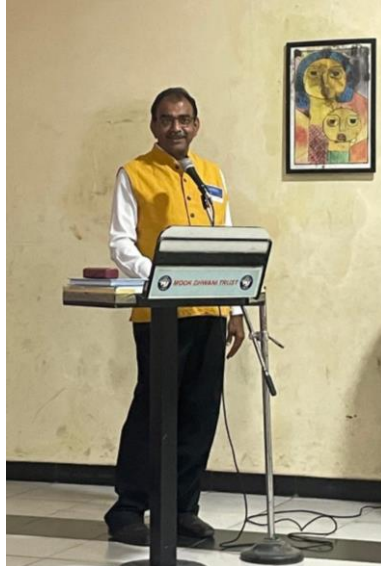


During the ceremony, 10 club officers took their oaths, and 14 new members were inducted. One of the most remarkable moments was when the children recited the Rotary Four-Way Test in sign language. Rotary protocols were also explained to them in sign language, making the event truly inclusive and inspiring. AG Rajesh Shah graced the event as the chief guest.

All Rotarians thoroughly enjoyed spending time with the children, and our IYE inbound student, Owen, shared his own journey with Interact, which resonated deeply with the students.



The trustees and school management expressed their appreciation for the support that the Rotary Club of Baroda continues to provide. We are excited to announce that we are planning several future programs and events aimed at further developing the students' skills through training and guidance.





5. T.B. ERADICATION PROJECT

On September 21st, the Rotary Club of Baroda successfully distributed food nutrition kits to 100 TB patients as part of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness about tuberculosis and promote the health and well-being of affected individuals.

This impactful initiative was supported by the Vadodra Municipal Corporation and has been recognized by the Ministry of Health, Government of India. The Ministry featured the project on its official platforms such as the 'X', further highlighting the importance of community-driven efforts to combat TB.



6. BEST OUT OF WASTE COMPETITION

On September 28th, 2024, the Rotary Club of Baroda successfully organized a “Best out of Waste” competition at Gayatri Vidyalaya. Over 150 enthusiastic students participated in the event, showcasing their creativity and innovation by designing unique prototypes using waste materials. The competition aimed to promote environmental awareness by demonstrating practical ways to reuse and recycle waste.

The students impressed us with their inventive ideas on how to repurpose waste materials effectively. Certificates were awarded to all participants for their efforts, and medals were presented to the winners. This event was part of the club’s ongoing efforts to promote awareness and foster creativity among the youth.











RECOGNITION FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



The Rotary Club of Baroda received recognition from Rotary International for its ongoing TB Project, in which we have been distributing food nutrition kits to 100 TB patients on the 21st of each month since 2022.

Rotary International has recognized our representative, Rtn. Nayan Parikh, for his dedicated efforts in this project. This initiative has also been felicitated by both the Government of India and the Government of Gujarat.

This recognition encourages us all to continue our hard work and commitment to serving the community!



ROTARIANS/SPOUSE/CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Sukanya Wariar Performs Mohiniyattam in Raleigh, North Carolina, U.S.

Sukanya Wariar, daughter of Rtn. Dr. Ayswaria Wariar, is currently pursuing her Master's in User Experience Design at the College of Design, N.C. State University, Raleigh, North Carolina. She recently began her academic journey in the United States, having enrolled in Fall 2024, starting on August 12th. Shortly after, in September, Sukanya was selected to represent Indian culture through classical dance to commemorate the Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations. This event was conducted at the N.C. State University campus auditorium by the Hindu Yuva Organisation. Sukanya performed a traditional 'Ganapathi' in the Mohiniyattam dance style, in Yamuna Kalyani Raagam.



The performance was appreciated by all, with many noting that this was likely the first time such a rare and beautiful art form as Mohiniyattam was presented at the university campus. In addition to pursuing her Master's in MGXD, Sukanya is also working as a Teaching Assistant at the N.C. State University's College of Design.



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