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"Through Rotary Youth Service, young people are empowered to develop leadership skills, embrace compassion, act with courage, stay committed to service, and use creativity to shape a brighter, more peaceful world."

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Don't Forget To Be Awesome

Stay Passionate. Stay Connected. Stay Awesome.

In Rotary, your passions find a home. Fellowship groups turn shared interests into real friendships and global connections. Explore, engage, and above all—don't forget to be awesome.

Stephanie A. Urchick

President, Rotary International 2024-2025



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I remember the exact moment when I realized the power of Rotary's youth programs. It was a Saturday morning in Australia during my year as a RYE student. I stood among a group of young leaders at a RYLA event. The organizers challenged us to stand on a large tarp spread across the floor and, without stepping off, find a way to fold it in half.

At first, the task seemed simple. But as we moved, strategized, and adjusted, the reality set in — it required teamwork, agility, and constant communication.

Rotaractors and Rotarians guided us, but no one dictated how to succeed. The decisions were ours to make. And then something remarkable happened. Without being instructed, we collectively decided that no one would be left behind as our space on the tarp shrank. One of our teammates was a person who uses a wheelchair, giving us an opportunity to adapt, ensuring that he was fully part of the experience. We shifted, lifted the tarp, and reconfigured our positions, using our time to think, plan, and act as a team. In the end, we successfully completed the challenge together.

As we celebrated our success, one participant said, "Society works the same way — challenges will come, but instead of leaving people behind, we must find ways to include everyone." It was such a profound thought for someone so young, yet it perfectly captured the essence of our experience.

Interact empowers young people to create service projects with real and lasting impact. Youth Exchange



builds global citizens who return home with broader perspectives and stronger leadership skills. RYLA develops young leaders equipped to inspire and mobilize others. All of this is The Magic of Rotary, emerging through the actions of youth. These programs are the heart of Rotary's ability to grow and adapt in a changing world.

But the success of these programs depends on more than young leaders — it requires Rotary members who believe in their potential. I encourage you to sponsor an Interact club, host an exchange student, and support a RYLA participant. Your involvement does more than

sustain these programs; it multiplies their impact and ensures that young leaders are not just beneficiaries of Rotary but active contributors.

To those already supporting youth programs, thank you. Your mentorship and commitment make all the difference. And to those considering getting involved, now is the time! Because youth leadership isn't just Rotary's future, it's Rotary's present.

Vitor Joventino

Stephanie A. Urchick

Rotary International President, 2024-2025



Rotary is where passion turns into connection. Whether you're into travel, tech, or tasting new foods, there's a fellowship for you. It's more than a hobby—it's a chance to belong, grow, and have a blast. So jump in, shine bright, and keep being your awesome self.

Tushar Shah

District Governor



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Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As we approach the end of this remarkable Rotary year, it fills me with immense pride and gratitude to reflect on the collective impact we have made. It has been a year of unwavering dedication, impactful service, and true fellowship, all driven by the spirit of "Service Above Self."

Our commitment to The Rotary Foundation continues to be a cornerstone of our efforts. Your generous contributions to the Annual Programs Fund (APF) have empowered countless humanitarian projects worldwide, addressing critical needs in disease prevention, water and sanitation, education, and economic development. Every dollar contributed to the APF is a testament to our shared vision of a better world.

And speaking of a better world, let us never forget our unwavering dedication to Polio Eradication. The fight against polio is a testament to Rotary's enduring power and perseverance. We are closer than ever to a polio-free world, and it is your continuous support, both financial and through advocacy, that brings us closer to this historic achievement. Let's make sure we push across the finish line!

Furthermore, your foresight in contributing to the Endowment Fund is truly commendable. This fund ensures the long-term sustainability of the Foundation's vital work, securing Rotary's ability to serve communities for generations to come. It is an investment in the future of Rotary and the future of humanity.

Beyond our financial contributions, the true strength of Rotary lies in our members. This year, we have placed significant focus on retention, recognizing that experienced Rotarians are the backbone of our clubs. I encourage each of you to continue nurturing existing members, ensuring their engagement, and providing avenues for their continued

growth and involvement. Let us foster a vibrant and welcoming environment where every Rotarian feels valued and inspired.

Our clubs have truly embodied the spirit of doing projects which are needed by the community. From local initiatives addressing literacy and health to larger-scale endeavours, providing clean water and empowering livelihoods, your ability to identify and respond to the unique needs of our communities has been exemplary. This hands-on approach, rooted in community need assessments, is what makes Rotary service so meaningful and effective.

This month we are pleased to celebrate the achievements of our young turks, Interact and Rotaract. Interact conference gave platform to our kids to display their innovation and their compassion towards humanity. We are thankful to Parul University for providing excellent venue and all other support for this event.

Rotaract is complimenting well with Rotary and in the conference we could see the humanitarian projects carried out. Rotaractors from various Districts attended the

conference, strengthening fellowship across Rotaract India. Kudos to DRR Rohit for a well curated conference.

As the Rotary year draws to a close, I invite all Rotarians to join us in a grand celebration of our achievements on 29th June, at Rajkot. This will be a wonderful opportunity to connect, celebrate our successes, and reaffirm our commitment to Rotary's ideals. Details for the event will be shared by your club leadership soon.

Finally, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation for the exceptional work done by each and every Rotarian this year. Your dedication, your passion, your countless hours of service, and your unwavering commitment to making a difference have truly inspired me. You are the heart and soul of Rotary, and it is an honour to serve alongside you.

Let us carry this momentum forward into the new Rotary year, continuing to "Create Hope in the World" and demonstrating the power of Rotary to transform lives.

Yours in Rotary,

Tushar V. Shah
District Governor



Passion brings us together, purpose keeps us strong. With Rotary, you're right where you belong.

Mark Daniel Maloney

Trustee Chair 2024-25



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In Rotary, we always rise to meet the moment. No challenge is too great. In 1988, when we partnered with the World Health Organization to form the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, an estimated 350,000 polio cases occurred annually across 125 countries. Since then, the GPEI - which also includes UNICEF, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Gates Foundation, and GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance — has worked tirelessly with governments worldwide. Together, we have reduced wild polio virus cases by 99.9 percent.

The journey has not been without challenges. Today in Afghanistan, vaccinators are prohibited from conducting house-to-house immunization campaigns, while in Pakistan, conflict, terrorism, and migration hinder access to children in certain regions.

Earlier this year, the United States announced its intention to withdraw from the WHO, froze USAID funding, and restricted interactions with the CDC. These developments present obstacles for our polio eradication efforts and other Rotary global partnerships and programs.

Yet we rise to meet the moment, just as we have done before. We did so in India when we faced spikes in cases before the country was declared free of wild poliovirus in 2014. In Nigeria, we also encountered obstacles, but in 2020, WHO certified the country — and by extension, all 47 countries in the WHO Africa region — wild polio-free..

We are meeting the moment once again in 2025. Know that Rotary is working behind the scenes, collaborating with governments, international agencies, and partners to address challenges, manage disruptions, and explore alternative funding. As a nonpolitical organization, we remain focused on operational solutions while serving communities and protecting public health.

My wife, Gay, and I have witnessed firsthand the urgent need of the moment in India, Nigeria, and Pakistan, where we administered vaccines to children. Looking into their eyes, I saw the future we are fighting for — and the responsibility we carry to finish the job.

The winds of change may shift, but with your help, Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio will stand strong until our mission is complete.

Mark Daniel Maloney

Trustee Chair 2024-25

Fellowship in Rotary is the glue that binds members together through shared experiences, values, and camaraderie. It transforms service into lasting friendships and turns every meeting into a meaningful connection. At its core, fellowship is where Rotary truly comes alive.



Mona Sitwala

Explore Rotary Fellowship

Well, before we even realised it, it's June already! The penultimate month of the Rotary year, a period of transition as the present team winds up its affairs and the incoming team prepares for a new beginning. The transfer of power, club data, projects, accounts, is an important aspect of Rotary and should be done in true Rotary spirit.

June sees a lull, a winding down, in routine proceedings and projects. Thus Rotary has very aptly focused this month on the most vital pillar of Rotary – fellowship. The world may know us on account of our community services but Rotary has flourished as an entity only because of the rich fellowship, networking and global friendships that it has to offer.

Our club and district projects generate public image and bring in new members. But the vibrancy and appeal of clubs comes from the fellowship enjoyed by members. The regular club meeting is the outlet we all crave from our mundane daily routines. To meet friends, bond over food and conversation, enjoy the program and again linger for gossip is just what we need from time to time. Making club fellowship strong, interesting and regular is the key to stable clubs.

June is also a nice time to explore the diverse world of Rotary fellowships. Rotary Fellowships are international groups of individuals who unite around a common interest, vocation, or activity with the purpose to network and further friendship. These groups are a fun way of connecting with people sharing your passions and hobbies. There are several fellowship groups in existence, covering a vast range of interesting topics, worth exploring. It's a good idea to join one and connect with new people and pursue your passions.

Rotary has a lot to offer beyond the routine of projects and club meetings. It is for us to explore further and discover new facets. Most of us, whether new members or old, stay away from rotary.org, a site which displays the whole dimension of our organisation. Clubs and districts need to devote more time for sessions and orientations which would open up this site to all members.

Rotarians should see, explore and experience the whole wide spectrum of Rotary. Its various initiative and programs are what makes it different from other similar social organisations.

Discover Rotary! Uncover the Magic of Rotary!



Rotary Fellowships are international groups that share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience.



In a momentous milestone for RID 3060, the Rotary Club of Rajkot Elite was officially chartered on May 19, 2025. This newly inaugurated club stands out as the first club to be chartered in the district during the Rotary year 24-25, marking a unique addition to the Rotary family.

With a strong foundation of 30 vibrant charter members, RC Rajkot Elite begins its journey with a spirited commitment to Rotary ideals and community service. The club has the distinction of being the sixth Rotary club in the city of Rajkot, further strengthening the city's already dynamic Rotary presence.

The club was proudly sponsored by Rotary Club of Rajkot, which extended its wholehearted support and mentorship throughout the formation process, under the able leadership of New Club Advisor PP Ketan Joshi.

The charter installation ceremony was officiated by Installing Officer District Governor Tushar Shah and First Lady Nehal Shah, and was attended by Guest of Honour

DRFC Prashant Jani and DGN Nilesh Shah, PDG Deepak Agrawal, Membership Co-Chair Jignesh Amrutia, District Officers, Presidents and Secretaries of sister clubs of Rajkot as well as other dignitaries. Their presence underscored the occasion's significance and lent collective support to the newly inducted club.

On the occasion of charter installation, Charter President Vimal Pankhania and Charter Secretary Dr. Milan Solanki declared themselves as members of Paul Harris Society (PHS) by donating \$ 1,000/- each.

Rotary Club of Rajkot Elite now embarks on its path of service and leadership with clarity of purpose and institutional backing. Its formation is a reminder that thoughtful, value driven expansion continues to be at the heart of Rotary's vision. Dignitaries and members alike extend their best wishes to the members of Rotary Club of Rajkot Elite for a purposeful and enduring Rotary journey.



Rotary Club of Navsari Established a Rotary Circle

Rotary Club of Navsari proudly established a Rotary Circle in the heart of Navsari city to improve traffic management and enhance urban infrastructure, while 11 RCC benches were installed along the Dudhiya Lake walkway to provide public seating and promote recreational activities. These initiatives exemplify club's commitment to community service and improving public amenities in Navsari.



Rotary Club of Sarigam Distributed school benches

Rotary Club of Sarigam recently distributed 120 school benches across three different schools to support students' learning environments. The benches were provided to KDB High School Sarigam, Gowan Wadi Primary School Sarigam, and Navinagari Primary School Angam. This initiative aims to enhance students' comfort and promote a better educational experience in these communities.



Rotary Club of Daman Organized an Educational event- Career Fair

The Rotary Club of Daman organized an Educational event- Career Fair 2025 from 26th April to 28th April 2025. Organizing this event aimed to give students and parents a glimpse of the different career options available in various fields. More than 30 reputed Universities, Colleges, and Institutes participated in this career fair, and more than 1500 students got exposure to different career options.

Rotary Club of Bharuch Femina organized the "Open Bharuch Antakshri Competition

Bharuch witnessed a groundbreaking event on Friday, May 9, as the Rotary Club Bharuch Femina successfully organized the "Open Bharuch Antakshri Competition" at the MIPRYC Rotary Hall. This marked a first for the city, with the competition uniquely led by female team captains, showcasing exceptional women's leadership. 48 teams participated, each with three members and was entirely managed by women, proving to be a successful endeavour. The immense support from the audience further contributed to the event's triumph, making it a memorable and pioneering initiative for Bharuch.



Rotary Club Amreli Gir hosted a highly successful Mega Blood Donation Camp

The Rotary Club of Amreli Gir recently hosted a highly successful Mega Blood Donation Camp on May 16th. Organized in collaboration with government departments and other NGOs, this vital initiative was specifically aimed at addressing the current blood shortage for both the Indian defence forces and citizens. The camp saw an impressive collection of 678 units of blood, making a significant contribution to the blood banks. This collaborative effort also played a crucial role in strengthening the Rotary Club's public relations within the community and with governmental bodies.



Rotary Club of Bhavnagar Royal A new Rotary Bosch Bridge Programme Centre

On May 7, 2025, the Rotary Club of Bhavnagar Royal hosted a successful Road Safety Seminar. Traffic Trainer Dr. Ajaysinh Jadeja highlighted safety facts, while Police Inspector Shri K. S. Patel stressed self-discipline and explained the "Good Samaritan Scheme." The highly interactive event saw 42 Rotarians and Rotaractors participate, with President Harikrishna Parekh thanking the speakers.



Rotary Club of Baroda Cosmopolitan Bundle of care project

The Rotary Club of Baroda Cosmopolitan successfully held its "Bundle of Care" Diaper Bag Distribution Drive on April 27th at Parul Sevashram, where 30 diaper bags were given to new mothers at Parul Hospital. District Governor Tushar Shah graced the event, and a club member educated beneficiaries about Rotary's mission and the bags importance.

Rotary Club of Nandnagari Organized the "Let's Talk to Books" program

Under the India Literacy Mission, the Rotary Club of Nandnagari organized the "Let's Talk to Books" program, aimed at fostering a love for reading among children. Recognizing the increasing misuse of social media and mobile phones, the initiative sought to reconnect children with books. As part of the program, all participating students received the guidance book Gulshane Atfal. Maulvi Javed Patel provided valuable guidance to the children. The event saw the presence of Principal, Headmaster, President Syed Israr, teachers, and a large number of enthusiastic students.



Rotary Club of Udhna Inaugurated a 5KVA Solar Power Plant

On May 2, 2025, the Rotary Club of Udhna inaugurated a 5KVA Solar Power Plant at Sunrise Special School for Mentally Challenged Children. This ₹2.5 lac project will significantly reduce the school's operational costs, made possible by a generous contribution from a key supporter and the dedicated efforts of club members. The initiative reflects Rotary's commitment to "Service Above Self" and creating



Rotary Club of Wadhwan Metro "Bird Help" community service project

The Rotary Club of Wadhwan Metro partnered with Interact Wadhwan Metro Little Steps School for a joint "Bird Help" community service project. This initiative distributed 600 clay water bowls (kunda), 300 birdhouses, 300 ant feeders (kidiyaru), and 300 packets of grain (chaan) to the public, benefiting 600 individuals. This project aimed to support local bird and small animal populations.



Rotary Club of Rajkot Midtown Conducted personal interviews with all parents

Rotary Club of Rajkot Midtown undertook a crucial initiative for the upcoming academic session at Manjul Play House and Nursery, a facility co-managed with the T.B. Mehta Trust that serves underprivileged children. Faced with 160 applications for only 51 available spots, the club diligently conducted personal interviews with all parents. This thorough process ensured that the 51 most deserving students were identified and selected based on their needs and merit, upholding the project's focus on basic education and literacy.

Rotary Club Rajkot Organized a "YOGA SESSION"

The Rotary Club of Rajkot successfully organized a "YOGA SESSION" on May 12th at Naari Sanrakshan Gruh, Yagnik Road, Rajkot. Chaired by Ann Geetha Gaglani, this wellness initiative aimed to promote physical and mental well-being for women and girls.



Rotary Club of Surat Inaugurated the Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Centre

The Rotary Club of Surat officially inaugurated the Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Centre at the New Sheth P.T. Multispeciality Hospital in Adajan, Surat. This significant Global Grant Project (#2574796) was made possible through the collaborative efforts of RC Emory Druid Hills (USA), The Rotary Foundation, RID 3060, RC Singapore, Madanben Babubhai Jariwala, and Bhavaniben Narendrakumar Mehta, underscoring Rotary's commitment to enhancing healthcare access. The event saw the presence of Rotary members, hospital representatives, medical professionals, and donors, all celebrating the launch of this vital new service for the community..

HAPPENINGS AT THE COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION - PDG DR ASHOK KAPADIA



I am thankful to District 3060 for giving me an opportunity to represent our District at the recently held Council on Legislation. It is held every three years and is called the "Parliament of Rotary".

After I was elected, I attended two full day orientation at Rotary Institute Bangalore (2023) and Cochin (2024). To qualify, an online test is taken by RI in which 80% marks have to be secured. Questions regarding various COL procedures and definitions are asked. From India 4 elected representatives could not attend COL on account of family reasons, and since the alternate candidate didn't attend the mandatory orientation and various other requirements, they could not replace them at the last minute.

About 480 Rotary members from around the world, each representing a single Rotary district, gathered at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago, Illinois, USA, for the 2025 Council on Legislation. They voted on 78 proposals to change Rotary International's constitutional document.

"This Council represents the heart of Rotary's democratic process and the best of our international spirit," said RIP Stephanie Urchick at the opening session. "The gathering is one of Rotary's most powerful expressions of multiculturalism. Here, voices from every corner of the globe come together – not to compete, but to collaborate."

The COL, which meets every three years, is Rotary's version of a congress. Representatives selected by their

districts gather to consider proposals designed to move Rotary forward and adapt to the changing times.

Important enactment that were adopted are:

- Representatives approved a measure to decrease the number of members needed to charter a new Rotary club from 20 to 15.
- The Council defeated a pair of measures to set an age limit for Rotaractors. Opponents cited the low number of current Rotaractors over the age of 40, arguing that limits were unnecessary and such restrictions could force members out of Rotary.
- They rejected limiting the number of honorary members a club can have to 5% of the club's active membership. Opponents noted that many clubs use honorary membership to stay in contact with former members, many of them longtime Rotarians with valuable expertise to offer. This Enactment was proposed by an Indian District.
- After 45 minutes of debate, the Council approved an increase in the RI membership dues of US\$3.50 in the first year and US\$3.75 in the following two years. Supporters said the increase is needed to meet rising costs and continue providing essential resources and services to clubs. The increase in dues is below the inflation rate, indicating that RI is working to cut costs and manage revenues responsibly. Opponents felt that dues increases may

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hurt membership and wanted more transparency from RI about what cost-cutting has been done. The motion was presented by our own RID Raju Subramanian and it passed with a thumping majority of 351/135 votes

- Representatives also approved a measure allowing the Board to test additional new governance models in districts beyond those approved by the Council three years ago. A governance pilot is currently being tested in districts in New Zealand, and Australia, with some modest success in membership growth. Supporters noted that the system in which governors oversee districts dates back to the early days of Rotary. They argue that trying new governance models can help Rotary adapt to future needs and train and develop new leaders.
- In another measure, representatives agreed to allow the Board to consider factors such as culture and language, not just the number of Rotarians, in deciding zone boundaries. This may adversely affect Indian Rotary in getting more zone on the basis of our strength.
- Representatives voted to require that the five-year

financial forecast presented at the beginning of each Council include updates on specific process improvements and cost-reduction measures taken by RI. Several representatives wanted RI to provide more details about cost reductions to justify any increase in dues.

- In a similar measure, the Council approved commissioning a regular professional analysis of processes and cost structures in RI's administration. They declined to require, however, that Rotary's annual report include an itemized list of every expense over US\$1 million.
- After considerable debate, the Council voted to make holding a district conference optional.
- The enactment to change the names of Training programs - President Elect training Seminar will now be President Elect Learning Seminar (PELS) and District Training Assemble will now be Club Leadership Learning Seminar (CLLS)

All Rotarians wish to visit the RI headquarter at Evanston and shake hand with the statue of Paul Harris. I opted the visit and had the photo opportunity with RIP Stephanie Urchick, RIPE Mario and TRF Trustee chair Mark Maloney

I also got an opportunity to participate in the debate, and there was good networking opportunity during breakfast, meals and coffee breaks. I made lot of new friends and renewed old friendships.

On the first day all Indian representatives and leaders RID's Raju and Anirudh, RIDE's K P Nagesh and MMM and Chief Sergt. at Arms PDG Jawahar Vadlamani had dinner together at a Indian restaurant and enjoyed the fellowship. It was a matter of pride for us that PDG Jawahar was Chief Sgt. at arms. All our leaders were very cooperative and supportive. Indian representatives participated actively in the debate.

Once again I thank all Rotarians and leaders of District 3060 for giving me "once in a lifetime" opportunity, at least from our part of the world, off course 20% of the representative had 2nd or 3rd opportunity to represent their District.

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A HEARTWARMING STORY – “A RAY OF HOPE”

Sanjay and Nehal were born in a humble, underprivileged family of Bhavnagar. Their parents, living in the backyard of Rotary Service Center are taking care of the Centre since last 45 years. As they struggled to make ends meet the idea of education was a distant dream. Life was a daily battle for survival and the future seemed uncertain. But destiny had something brighter in store.

Both Sanjay and Nehal were enrolled in “A Ray of Hope” – Child Educare Centre, a transformative initiative by **Rotary Club of Bhavnagar**. From the very beginning, the centre became more than just a school — it was a sanctuary. Here, they received not only quality education but also nutritious meals, proper healthcare and most importantly, hope.

The dedicated team at the Centre including Rotary Anns noticed the spark in both children and supported them relentlessly. Through primary and secondary school, Sanjay and Nehal blossomed. Tutors, mentors and volunteers from RC Bhavnagar stood by them at every step - academically, emotionally and financially.

Despite numerous challenges, both siblings completed their 12th standard with excellent results. But the journey didn't stop there. With continuous guidance, preparation support and financial help from the Club

and Rotarian members, Sanjay cleared Bachelor of Engineering in Production and later cleared the competitive exams, securing a government job in the bank as Asst. Manager. Nehal cleared B.Com., PGDCA and joined the state electricity board department as clerk drawing a handsome monthly salary of Rs.65,000/- and Rs.40,000/- respectively.

Today, Sanjay and Nehal are proud, independent and contributing citizens — a true testament to how the undaunted efforts of Rotary Club of Bhavnagar transformed two lives and in doing so, lit the way for many others to follow. They are no longer just the children of an under privileged family but are the living proof of what compassion, support and opportunity can achieve.

“A Ray of Hope” project of “RC Bhavnagar” continues to polish such rough pebbles and turn them into real polished diamonds since the last 26 years. There are numbers of children who have sparkled in this Centre and turned out to be good citizens and uplifted their families.

Thus, RC Bhavnagar rightly advocates - “Real Happiness is in Helping Others”.



**"ANANTA" -
THE INTERACT CONFERENCE, RID 3060**



RYE participants accepting their Conference kits



We are very happy to share with you the happenings during the successfully concluded Interact Conference of RID 3060 – "Ananta" - held at Parul University, Vadodara, on 27th April.



DIR Diivyaang Desai welcoming DG Tushar Shah



Welcoming First Lady Rtn. Nehal Shah



Participants enjoying a hearty breakfast



Welcoming DGN Nilesh Shah



Welcoming PDG Pinky Patel

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Welcome dance performed by Interactors of Billabong High International School



Rtn. Dr. Dipesh Shah imparting leadership lessons through activities like treasure hunt



Lunch time, happy times



Fellowship through treasure hunt with a twist. Interactors were expected to communicate with the others present at the conference



DG Tushar Shah inspiring Interactors with his vision and words



Project Presentations



Bollywood Dance performed by Interactors of IC Umbergaon

**"ANANTA" -
THE INTERACT CONFERENCE, RID 3060**



Interact Guiding Star Award to outstanding mentors and supporters of Interact – Rtn. Sakkinna Bharmal



Introduction of DIR Elect Varcashwa Amin from Interact Club of Baroda Sayajinagari



"Best of the Best" District Project Award Interact Club of Baroda Sayajinagari



Mentorship Awards for teachers mentoring school based Interact Clubs



PDRR Rtn. Chintan Shah

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Felicitation of the Conference Management Team



"Best of the Best" Interact Club Award Interact Club of Billabong High International School



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Memories made for ever !

EMPOWERING THE ARCHITECTS OF THE FUTURE GENERATION

A teacher is the true treasure of any society and by empowering teachers, the future of an entire nation can be shaped. With this vision, for the first time in Bhavnagar city, **RC Bhavnagar Vibrant organized 'Teacher Empowerment seminar' at Meghani Auditorium for over 150 teachers from the city's oldest and most reputed schools — Gharshala and Dakshinamurti institutions.**

In this seminar, renowned educationists from Bhavnagar - Shri Nalin Pandit, Shri Nirav Dave, Shri Paresh Trivedi, and Dr. Jalpa Trivedi provided valuable insights on various important topics for the teachers.

The program commenced with lighting of the lamp by the distinguished guests, followed by a welcome address by President Dr. Kashmira Kothari. She emphasized that today is a "flow of science and knowledge" and stated, "Education is the foundation of life," adding that any major change in the world begins with education. She expressed her hope that today's knowledge session would mark a beautiful beginning towards change and prove to be inspiring and impactful for all participants.

In the first session, Shri Nirav Dave spoke about his personal educational journey in detail, sharing his struggles and experiences from difficult times to the heights of his successful career, which served as great inspiration for the teachers. Following him, Dr. Jalpa

Trivedi presented a session on "Educator's Mental Well-being" through a Power Point presentation. She highlighted the importance of a teacher's mental health for society and provided essential information on how to maintain it effectively.

The second session began with Shri Paresh Trivedi's talk on "Qualities of an Ideal Teacher." Staying true to his unique style, he delivered a very crisp and light-hearted yet impactful lecture, which the teachers enjoyed thoroughly.

Finally, Shri Nalin Pandit spoke about four harmful elements in education — education, examination, awards, and competition — and stressed the need for teachers to stay away from these. He also discussed what society expects from an ideal teacher and fondly remembered Bhavnagar's great educationists such as Shri Harbhai Trivedi (founder of Gharshala), Shri Nanabhai, Shri Gijubhai Badheka, and Shri Manubhai Pancholi (Darshak) of Lokbharti.

The entire event was smoothly anchored by Secretary Ami Shah. Project Chair Dipal Virani delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all the dignitaries and teachers present. Distinguished guests like AG Viral Valiya, Rtn. Dr. Dharendra Muni, Rtn. Dr. Rajesh Kothari, Dilip Vyas, Rtn. Prajna Thakkar, and Rtn. Vishakha Tamboli graced the event and extended their encouragement and support.



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**CREATING ENDOWMENT in REMEMBRANCE OF
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BY
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  **INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF
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Congratulations to Rotary IFMR India!
Proud to be one of the participants in this incredible journey across Kyrgyzstan.

It was an unforgettable ride filled with adventure, friendship, and the true spirit of brotherhood. Kudos to everyone for successfully completing this amazing expedition.

Thank you all for the great company and memories that will last a lifetime.
Ride safe. Ride proud.

DS PP Chirag Gandhi
(who was part of the expedition)

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- District Umbrella** - Rs. 300/-
- Novel by Lt Gen. KJS Dhillon** - Rs. 1000/-

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THE ROTARY FOUNDATION FUND RAISING

ROTARACT 3060 MAKING WAVES

Dear Rotarians and Rotaractors,

As we embrace the month of May — the final stretch of this incredible Rotaract year — I find myself reflecting with pride and immense gratitude on the journey we've shared. This year has been a celebration of service, leadership, and the power of young people united in purpose.

Throughout the year, we have seen the heartbeat of District 3060 pulsate with energy, innovation, and inclusivity. Two standout moments define the essence of our collective effort:

In February, we had the honour of hosting the Multi-District Ride, where 35 passionate Rotaractors from 10 districts across India journeyed through our region. What began as a ride became a ripple — of friendship, cross-district collaboration, and cultural exchange. It reminded us that borders fade when hearts align in service.

Soon after, we witnessed the resounding success of our 55th Rotaract District Conference – THE CONNECTION.

With a vibrant emphasis on fellowship, meaningful club presentations, and shared celebrations, this conference truly lived up to its name. It was more than a gathering — it was a reunion of purpose-driven individuals who believe in the strength of unity.

As May is also Youth Service Month, it is fitting to celebrate not just what we did, but how we did it — together, with spirit, and with soul. Our clubs have proven that when passion meets action, impact is inevitable.

To the Rotarians who stood by us as mentors and enablers — thank you for believing in the potential of youth. And to every Rotaractor in District 3060 — thank you for giving this year its heart.

Let's finish strong and ensure that the legacy we leave becomes the foundation for the years ahead.

With love, pride, and in service,

Rohit Ashish Ajmera

District Rotaract Representative, RID 3060



ROTARACT 3060 MAKING WAVES



EMPOWERING RURAL EDUCATION : A TRANSFORMATIVE INITIATIVE BY RC BARODA

Rotary Club of Baroda, in association with Tufropes Private Limited, carried out a remarkable donation drive dedicated to uplifting the educational infrastructure of rural schools in Vadodara district. This thoughtful initiative extended vital resources to Asoj Prathmik School and Panchdevla Primary School, positively impacting the academic experience of over 450 students.

At Asoj Prathmik School, the Rotary team focused on the basic but essential need for proper school attire. A total of 352 students were provided with one set of school uniform including track pants, shoes, and socks. These items not only ensure comfort and dignity for the children but also foster a sense of equality and belonging among students.

The contributions to Panchdevla Primary School were centered around enhancing digital access and improving infrastructure. The club donated study chairs for 96 students, four computers with tables and chairs, and three smart TVs, aiming to encourage digital learning and make classroom experiences more interactive. Additionally, the school received a much-needed RO plant to provide clean drinking water for all students and staff.

Taking a step further in addressing critical infrastructure gaps, the Rotary Club also announced the construction of one new classroom and two toilet blocks, significantly boosting the learning environment and sanitation standards at the school.

During the visit, President Krunal Joshi addressed the gathering and reiterated the club's commitment to strengthening rural education. He stated, "Education is the foundation of a brighter future. Our aim is to support these students with essential resources that can transform their school experience and motivate them to pursue their dreams."

The response from school authorities, students, and the local community was overwhelmingly positive. Heartfelt gratitude was extended to RC Baroda for its unwavering dedication to community service and for being a catalyst for change. This initiative stands as a shining example of how Rotary can play a pivotal role in shaping the future of rural India through targeted, compassionate, and sustainable actions.

With such efforts, the Rotary Club of Baroda continues to live up to its motto, "Service Above Self," and pledges to carry forward the momentum with similar impactful projects in the future.



EMPOWERING RURAL EDUCATION : A TRANSFORMATIVE INITIATIVE BY RC BARODA



Rotary Fellowships are international groups of individuals who globally unite around a common interest, vocation, or recreational activity with the primary purpose to network and further friendship. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience.

Goals of Fellowships

1. Help participants to make lasting friendships outside their own club, district or country
2. Advance Rotary's public image and identity
3. Serve as an incentive for joining Rotary and for maintaining active membership

Fellowships function independently of RI by establishing their own rules, dues requirements and administrative structure. Fellowships are open to Rotarians, their family members and the participants and alumni of all Rotary and RI Foundation programs. Every year, fellowships are encouraged to submit a report of activities to Rotary International.

Rotary Fellowships began informally in 1928 when Rotarians with a shared interest in the language Esperanto joined together. In 1947, a group of Rotarian boating enthusiasts began flying the Rotary flag from their masts. The yachting fellowship of Rotarians now boasts the longest continuous existence. The scope of Rotary Fellowships has greatly changed over the years, but today their purpose is still to unite the Rotary family in friendship and provide venues for enjoying their favourite recreational or professional activities. Many Fellowships have online meetings.

There are Rotary fellowship groups for a range of hobbies and passions. Like Artificial Intelligence, Astrology, Author, Beard and Moustache, Bird Watching, Camping, Chess, Coffee Lovers, Corporate Social Responsibility, Cricket, Doll Lovers, Draughts (Checkers), Editors and Publishers, Educators, Ethics, Fashion, Fine Arts, Flying, Golf, Graphic Designers, Hiking, Home Exchange, IT Professionals, Marathon Running, Military Veterans, Past District Governors, Public Speakers, Rotary Means Business, Rowing, Table Tennis, Tea Lovers, Urban Gardening, Wildlife Conservation, Yoga, Young Rotarians and many many more.

Learn more about a few of the fellowships through informational sessions, then continue the conversation at booths in the House of Friendship at the Rotary International Convention. Use Rotary's presence on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn to promote or explore a fellowship.



**Rotary is a fellowship of 1.2 million folks
from around the entire world !**

Rotary Fellowships consist of people who share a common interest in recreational activities, hobbies, professions, or cultural identity. These groups help expand skills, foster vocational development, and enhance the Rotary experience by exploring interests while developing connections around the world.



WHAT ARE ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS?

OVERVIEW

- Organized internationally by at least 25 individuals from five countries with the purpose to further friendship and build community around a shared passion and interest.
- Help participants make lasting friendships outside their own club, district, or country.
- Welcome any interested individual, regardless of Rotary affiliation.
- Provide fun and diverse ways of participating in Rotary International.

ORGANIZATION

- Affiliated with Rotary International but establish their own administrative structures and plan and oversee their activities and events.
- Offer platforms for in-person and virtual networking by illustrating Rotary's inclusivity of many vocations, interests, cultures, and identities.
- Maintain a global presence and offer engaging, meaningful events and activities to fellowship members.

JOIN A FELLOWSHIP!

Visit rotary.org/fellowships to see a full list of current Fellowships and build your community.

Email us for more information at rotaryfellowships@rotary.org



PROJECT E3 – EMPATHY / ENERGIZE / EMPOWER

RC Baroda Metro (RBM) is successfully working in tandem from 2008 with the Shroff Foundation Trust (SFT) on the prestigious Project E3. Their association started with the implementation of two matching grant projects providing 8 dialysis machines in Vadodara, 2 dialysis machines and one Neonatal Unit at Chotaudaipur.

RBM discussed the vision statement of Rotary and decided to improve lives of the tribal people who were forced to work in cities as daily wagers, as rainfall in their area was insufficient. Also, the land inclination created soil erosion. They could not take more than one crop. Club and SFT decided that water harvesting and conservation, along with groundwater recharging and levelling of land for proper farming was much needed. Club consulted experts and took permission from District Collector for the project to stop unnecessary migration.

Such mega projects are challenging due to need for

large funds and onsite implementation. However, team RBM and SFT under leadership of PRID Dr. Manoj Desai, made it happen. A series of discussion with District Collector and experts resulted in a sanction for 9 villages in tribal areas of Chotaudipur District. After seeing successful impact at first village – Katarwant, PRID Dr. Manoj Desai then visited USA and addressed the Leuva Patidar Samaj (SLPS) at Dallas, and many Rotary Clubs for international sponsorship. SLPS agreed to be the prime donor for the E3 projects.

Project was carried out in three phases :

Phase I - Village Katarwant ;

Phase II - Villages Sanada and Chiliyawant;

Phase III - Villages Timla and Vagalwada

GG E3 - phase I (Katarwant) initiated in 2014 took 2 years to complete and the final results were amazing.



The goal of land levelling, constructing of deep well, check dams, nala plugs etc. and increased irrigation land with ground water recharging was achieved. Villagers started taking three high value crops. The impact was as desired - strengthen their economic conditions and migration was stopped in Katarwant. For GG 1411135, international partner clubs were RC Asiya & Clubs of Kobe, Japan.

District Collector then approached RBM team to undertake similar work in villages Sanada and Chilyawant. E3 Phase II was initiated in 18-19, but due to Corona it commenced in 21-22 and completed in 23-24. District Collector and Government officials highly appreciated the effort. For GG 1988647, international partner club was RC Tainan Phoenix, Taiwan.

Neighboring villages then made request for two more villages - Timla & Vaghalwada. E3 phase III GG2347956, International partner, RC Jackson-Breakfast, USA, was initiated in 22-23 and to be completed in 24-25.

Aim of RBM was to see lasting change due to ground water recharging to a level that villagers are able to take 3 high value crops to strengthen economic

conditions and agricultural practices. More area is available for irrigation due to land levelling, which in turn improved income. Most important is the smiles on their faces - A true public image of Rotary.

Two villages constructed after Gujarat 2001 earthquake and the long term impact in 5 villages under Project E3 is lauded by the Government. We leave you with a thought – aren't these temples of humanity created by Rotarians the true magic of Rotary? RBMaites are proud of their work.

Achievements :

- Water table raised by almost 3 feet in entire area.
- Farmer shifted from low value crop like maize to high value crop of soybeans, paddy and now planning for rice.
- Farmers earning gone up by 2.5 times, which reduces the migration.
- Farmer and family started focusing on child development & education.
- Farmers themselves started working on water storage schemes to prevent runoff of water to strengthen their farming in all the seasons.



PROJECT E3 –
EMPATHY / ENERGIZE / EMPOWER





Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I wish to share my sincere gratitude towards Rtn. Manoj Kothari for his unwavering support during a recent medical emergency. I have been hospitalized and in the ICU since 2nd May 2025 due to a sudden illness. In the urgency of the situation, I was unable to initiate or process my health insurance policy through Rtn. Manoj Kothari in time, nor was I able to complete the necessary formalities for a cashless claim.

When the hospital attempted to initiate the cashless request, it was initially denied due to the delay in intimation. However, Rtn. Manoj Kothari, true to the Rotary spirit, took personal initiative and within just two hours, managed to get the claim approved directly from the senior-most authorities at Niva Bupa.

Here are the actual messages received during the process:

“Dear HITESH JARIWALA, Your cashless request ID is 1144738 received at 13:46 & it will be processed by 14:16 – Niva Bupa”

“Dear HITESH JARIWALA, Your cashless request ID 1144738 has not been approved. Details shared on your registered email ID. For any query & assistance, please visit Insta Assist at <https://nbhi.info/NIVBUP/p/REr5But> – Niva Bupa”

“Dear HITESH JARIWALA, Your cashless request ID 1144738 has been approved for Rs.460000 – Niva Bupa”

This timely and compassionate intervention saved my family and me from tremendous stress during a critical time.

Rtn. Manoj Kothari from RC DNH has once again exemplified the true values of Rotary – Service Above Self. I am proud to acknowledge him as a devoted Rotarian who stands by others in their hour of need.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Rtn. Hitesh Jariwala

Past District Governor, District 3060

HAPPY CHILD IN HAPPY SCHOOL- SPREADING SMILES THROUGH EDUCATION

Rotary Club of Bharuch, have always believed that small efforts can lead to changes, and when it comes to children and education, every step counts.

With this thought they proudly launched an initiative close to their hearts – “HAPPY CHILD IN HAPPY SCHOOL” with a simple aim to make school a little happier place and more comfortable for kids from underprivileged backgrounds.

It all started on installation day in July and this noteworthy project was flagged off in the gracious presence of DG Tushar Shah and first lady Nehal Shah. What started as a vision soon turned into action, but it wasn't an overnight task - size wise organising and stitching of uniforms (2 pair to each child) , procurement of shoes by individual sizes, socks (2 pairs each), school bags, ensuring quality and consistency, managing the logistics to reach right children in the right way, it took time, patience and lot of behind - the - scenes efforts of the entire team.

For many this was their very first school uniform, proper shoes and study bag to carry their dreams. Members felt proud to see 2132 smiling faces across 26 Nagar Palika schools of Bharuch - a big impact in itself. Kit received by each child carried two uniforms to bring a sense of unity and promote confidence and equality, shoes and socks selected by size for maximum comfort and a schoolbag - a study companion for their learning journey.

Behind the scenes, it was a huge team effort and Rtn Dushyant Patel was instrumental in sourcing premium fabric for uniform from Reid and Taylor - Krihaan TexChem Pvt Ltd, which gave the kids the quality touch that was aspired for. RC Bharuch is also grateful to the companies and donors who extended their helping hand through CSR contributions. This impactful project was executed with an estimated cost of 50 to 60 lakhs and dreams turned into reality through support of members, CSR partners and well wishers.

This wasn't just about distributing items, it was about dignity, encouragement, ensuring that no child is left behind due to lack of resources and letting every child feel that someone cares. The spark in the eyes of 2132 children and excitement in their smiles made every ounce of effort worth it and was our biggest reward.

Club is not done yet as their motto is every child go to school happily and they mean it. Project will be stepped up further by providing 6000 notebooks under District notebook project to these students, helping them stay equipped for the academic year ahead.

As RC Bharuch continues on its journey, they remain committed to - touching lives, uplifting communities and spreading joy because at Rotary, we serve not just with our hands but with our hearts.

Rotary Club of Bharuch - Growing together Giving together.



*“I opened two gifts this morning. They were my eyes”.
The eyes are the most profound gift given to us by
nature and life would be very difficult without them,
as 80% of what we perceive around us comes through
our sense of sight.*

Rotary Club of Surat Roundtown has always undertaken projects related to eyesight over its 53 years of service, the most outstanding being its association with the Divyajyoti Trust. PP Vijay Kania came into contact with the Trust serving “Adivasi” community in and around Mandvi, and this started a long association between two service oriented entities. In 2012-13 the first Global Grant project was done, followed by four more GG, where in equipments for base hospital / satellite centers were given and two OT's made. All the equipment are well utilized and duly reported in the annual report of the trust.

Divyajyoti Trust was established in 2010 by two committed social workers, builder Bharat Shah and ophthalmologist Dr Uday Gajiwala, with an aim to serve the tribal population. Dr. Gajiwala, who had previously worked for 20 years at Sewa Rural, Jagadia, says “Mandvi is a small underdeveloped town near Surat with a population of approx. 40,000 and not well connected. There was no eye care provider in the area and thus Tejas Eye Hospital was established here”.

“The project started with a 40 bed eye hospital treating all eye diseases, including corneal transplant. Looking at the increasing workload over the years, a new building with a 220 bed facility and 10 OT has been constructed recently and is ready for operation. The total cost of this 21 lac sq foot construction is approximately 60 crore. Yet another building hosts a residential Optometric College where free optometry education to adivasi students is provided. Today, it is one of the best equipped hospitals of Gujarat, providing tertiary eye care including full time glaucoma, retina, pediatric ophthalmology and cornea services. Oculoplasty and Neuro Ophthalmology services are also available”.

Around 15,000 surgeries are conducted every year. To serve the community at their door steps, diagnostic camps in remote areas are regularly organized thrice a week. Patients are transported to the camp, operated and then transported back home. After a month they are given a check up with spectacles. Additionally trust runs 10 vision centers at Umarpada, Sagbara, Dediypada, Maliba, Ankleshwar, Uchchhal, Khapar, Kim, Kosamba and Bardoli as well as 3 satellite centers at Netrang, Zankhvav and Vyara. All have telemedicine facility and patients get consultation online from ophthalmologist from Mandvi itself.



FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT – TEJAS EYE HOSPITAL, MANDVI

Dr. Uday Gajiwala says “RC Surat Roundtown has been a great support to Divyajyoti Trust since the beginning. Since 2012 five GG have been carried out which have provided the hospital with major equipments, up gradation and making of OT's. Annual performance in 2024 was - 125000 OPD visits; 14000 surgeries; Cataract work - 85% free ; 50+ students trained on the campus”.

Achievements :

From 2011 till date 15,00,000 + OPD patients were seen; 1,46,000+ eye surgeries performed; 1800+ corneal transplants conducted; 180+ ophthalmologists trained; 290+ paramedics trained and 450+ blind individuals were rehabilitated. Around 80% operations are done free of cost and heavily subsidized for others. Trust also runs various training programs for para medical workers – one year certificate course for vision technician and four year bachelor degree course in Optometry. Over and above, Community Based Rehabilitation of blind people is also done which is rarely done by other hospitals and there is a hostel for blind children also.

Awards :

Xova – international award for innovative experiment

of doing door to door fundus photography of 60000 individuals; Emerson Cup award from IGBC for platinum rated green building in eye care sector; Lotus award from vision 2020; Dr. Jordan Kassalow Vision spring award from vision 2020 and many more.

Collaboration with RC Surat Roundtown

- Matching grant project for cornea clinic equipments – 12-13 (70980 USD)
- Global Grant project for upgradation of base hospital/ satellite centres – 18-19 (80020 USD)
- Global grant project for upgradation of seven vision centres – 20-21 (60100 USD)
- Global grant project for one OT at Amalsadi campus– 22-23 (75300 USD)
- Global grant project for one OT at Amalsadi campus– 23-24 (69200 USD)
- Total : 3,65,600 USD

RC Surat Roundtown is committed to supporting the venture in the future also.



**FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT –
TEJAS EYE HOSPITAL, MANDVI**



**Restoring Vision, Empowering Lives:
Rotary Roundtown's Enduring Partnership**

Rotary Club of Bhavnagar Royal celebrated its Charter Day with a day long agenda of social service and fellowship, in true Rotary spirit. On the 20th of April, club marked the occasion of its birth anniversary with a series of meaningful social service projects and a vibrant family fellowship evening. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of DG Tushar Shah and First Lady Nehal Shah, who spent the entire day with the club, encouraging members and overseeing the impactful initiatives.

Various programs were carried out to mark the momentous occasion. It started with a comprehensive medical camp which registered over 490 patients. A team of 16 doctors from various specialties provided free consultations and treatments. A Blood Donation Camp was undertaken in which a total of 33 units of blood were collected, contributing to the district's health mission.

To support education the club adopted a financially needy girl student pursuing 11th and 12th Science. This support includes not only her school fees but also academic expenses such as books, transportation, and

other essentials. A special nutritious lunch was hosted for 60 girls of "Tapiba Vikas Gruh" and 50 boys of "Nand Kuvarba Balashram", bringing smiles to 110 children.

A free typhoid vaccination camp was conducted in which 23 beneficiaries received typhoid vaccines free of cost. As part of the club's ongoing project, ration kits containing essential food items were distributed to 31 underprivileged women. This project named "Sudamani Joli" provides monthly rations to needy people.

The day concluded with a grand "Royal Box Cricket Tournament" along with joyous family fellowship which ended with a gala dinner. Over 68 members and more than 200 family members gathered for a day of sportsmanship and togetherness. DG Tushar Shah and First Lady Nehal Shah not only attended but also actively participated in the cricket matches, enhancing the enthusiasm and spirit of the day.

The celebration ended on a sweet note with a cake-cutting ceremony and trophy distribution, symbolizing unity, service, and fellowship.



A DAY OF SERVICE – RC BHAVNAGAR ROYAL



THE ROTARY BUSINESS CONCLAVE AT DAMAN

The Rotary Business Conclave was jointly hosted by the Rotary Club Of Daman and Rotary Club Of Valsad Rangers on 25th May, 2025 at Praveg Beach Resort, Daman.

The objective of the business conclave was to bring Rotarian businessmen and professionals from different clubs of District 3060 on a common platform to exchange ideas and explore opportunities. 52 delegates attended this event.

The full-day event was spread out into interactive sessions, enriching interactions and loads of fellowship among businessmen and professionals who had come from different Rotary Clubs of District 3060. The delegates were from Rotary Clubs of Jamnagar, Rajkot, Bhavnagar, Surat, Vadodra, Vapi, Valsad, Daman, Umbergaon etc.

Rtn. Hiral Joshi from Rotary Club of Daman and Rtn. Dipesh Shah from Rotary Club of Valsad Rangers were the project chairs.

This is just the first step in a series of such Business Conclaves that are planned to be organized across our district 3060.



“Rotary in Calgary is thrilled to provide a 'white hat' welcome to all Rotary members visiting from around the world for this year's International Convention, which will provide an outstanding combination of inspiration, entertainment, and fellowship for our participants,” said Rotary Host Organizing Committee Co-Chair, Mark Starratt. “I'm excited to bring the convention back to Calgary to highlight the positive and lasting change we bring globally and locally.”

Thousands are set to gather in Calgary for the RI Convention, one of the 'Blue Sky City's' most multicultural events to date. From June 21 to 25, more than 15,000 Rotary members from 120 countries will be welcomed to Canada's third most diverse city for the second time since Calgary hosted the event in 1996.

“Rotary conventions are about bringing people together to create meaningful connections and to inspire each other to help create a healthier and more peaceful world,” said RIP Stephanie Urchick. “We are delighted to be hosting the convention this year in Calgary, whose 'Blue Sky City' brand is a symbol of belonging and unity under the same sky – something that resonates with our global network of volunteers, and our common values rooted in service. I'm excited to reconnect with so many friends from across the globe in Calgary to celebrate in the joy we bring through our work, and to learn how we can continue to help people and communities thrive in the future.”

As the largest event yet to be held at the newly expanded BMO Centre, the convention is expected to account for more than 30,000 hotel room nights, inject

\$81 million CAD to the local economy, and drive significant business for Calgary's hotels, restaurants, retailers, and tourism attractions.

Held in a different city each year, RI Conventions serve as a hub for members and participants to connect and learn from each other and a range of experts on how to take action to address issues in their communities. They're encouraged to promote health, peace, and prosperity in communities across the globe.

Often described by attendees as a “mini United Nations”, the convention will transform the BMO Centre and Scotiabank Saddledome at Stampede Park into an energized hub and cultural mosaic as the global network of volunteers gain inspiration from more than 100 humanitarian projects on exhibit and from world class speakers.

“Rotary has long been an integral part of Calgary's culture, and we are truly honoured to welcome more than 15,000 members back to our city. Since hosting the convention over two decades ago, Calgary has grown and evolved in remarkable ways,” said Mayor Jyoti Gondek. “Now one of Canada's most diverse cities, with 240 ethnic communities and 165 languages, Rotary members from more than 120 countries will feel at home in our big city with small town appeal.”

Organized by RI in conjunction with local Rotary members, the event presents an opportunity to showcase Calgary's growing tech and creative sectors, diverse cultural representation and the gateway to the majestic Canadian Rockies. The Convention Chair for the 2025 Rotary International Convention in Calgary is Bryn Styles.



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DISTRICT AWARDS FOR JUNE

June Theme Award: Best club working towards Youth Services:

Criteria :

- No of Joint meeting with Rotaract
- No of Project with Rotaract
- No of Joint meeting with Interact
- No of Project with Interact
- How many of the Club's Rotarians were involved with Rotaract for Service project?
- How many of the Club's Rotarians were involved with Interact in Service project?

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS TO OUR ROTARY 3060 FAMILY



RC Baroda
Rtn Dhruval Patel



RC Baroda
Rtn Ayan Merchant



RC Baroda
Rtn Manan Gosalia



TRF gift for 2024-25



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"Doing Good In The World" is the motto of The Rotary Foundation.

DG Tushar Shah has launched the The Rotary Foundation Gift for the year 2024-25 - a useful Nonstick Cookware set of 2 pieces. The product is very useful for your home and also for the gifting purposes. Clubs are requested to order them and take advantage of this scheme.

Rotary Fellowships are international groups that share a common passion

Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world

- explore a hobby or profession
- enhance your Rotary experience



Promoting Rotary Fellowship program

Rotary Fellowships are groups of Rotary members, spouses, and Rotaractors who share a common interest in recreational activities, sports, hobbies, or professions.

They are international groups that share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience. Membership in a fellowship is open to any interested individual.

Self-defence Camp

A self-defense camp is a short-term, intensive training program designed to teach individuals how to protect themselves from physical harm or potential threats. These camps cover a range of skills, including physical techniques, situational awareness, and psychological preparation. They are often organized for women, students, or members of the public to enhance their personal safety and confidence.



MONTHLY SERVICE PROJECTS FOR MAY



Rotary theme for June

June is designated as Rotary Fellowships Month. This theme focuses on recognizing the importance of international fellowship and goodwill among Rotarians with shared interests, promoting participation in Rotary Fellowships, and increasing understanding of these groups. Rotary Fellowships are international groups that share a common passion, offering a way to make friends, explore hobbies or professions, and enhance the Rotary experience.

JUNE 2025

Rotary Fellowships Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>World Milk Day</i>	2	3	4	5 <i>World Environment Day</i>	6	7 <i>Bakri Eid</i>
8	9	10	11	12 <i>World Day Against Child Labour</i>	13	14 <i>World Blood Donor Day</i>
15 <i>Father's Day</i>	16	17	18	19 <i>World Sickle Cell Awareness Day</i>	20	21 <i>International Yoga Day</i>
22	23 <i>International Olympic Day</i>	24	25	26 <i>International Day Against Drug Abuse</i>	27 <i>Rath Yatra / World Diabetes Day</i>	28
29 DISTRICT "AWARDS"	30					
		Notes: <i>4th : International Day of Innocent Children Victims of AGRESSION</i> <i>7th : World Food Safety Day</i> <i>23rd : International Widow's Day</i>				



**"Friendship was the foundation rock on which
Rotary was built." – Paul Harris**

June marks Rotary Fellowship Month, a celebration of the unique bonds that unite Rotarians across the globe. Rooted in friendship and shared purpose, Rotary Fellowships offer opportunities for members to connect through common interests, hobbies, and vocations beyond club meetings. As Paul Harris wisely noted, the spirit of Rotary began with friendship — and it continues to thrive because of it.



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