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Rotary Fellowships Month

Report of Weekly Meeting dated 24-07-2020 – Zoom Meeting

Award Ceremony 2019-20 (Zoom Meeting)

1. President Rtn. Dr. Ajay Mahajan called the meeting to order
2. Four-way-Test was recited by Rtn. Rahee Homkar
3. Know Your Member Series - Rtn. Daksha Shah and Rtn. Leena Shah gave their brief introduction.
4. Secretarial announcement was done by Hon. Secretary Rtn. Tejas Gandhi
5. Birthday and Anniversary greetings were done by Rtn. Indravadan Shetranjiwala.
6. Award Ceremony for the year 2019-20 was conducted by Rtn. Neha Lotwala, Rtn. IPP Nikhil Madrasi and Rotary Partner as Master of Ceremony. Rtn. Vineet Panchal provided all technical support for the award presentation. Following awards were awarded to members and Rotary Partners:

Gratitude Award for support and Presence throughout the Rotary Year

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| 1. PP Bhupendra Jariwala | 2. Rtn. Harshad Kinkhabwala |
| 3. Rtn. Vijay Methwani | 4. PP Abbas Motiwala |
| 5. Rtn. Dhruv Kothari | 6. Pres. Dr. Ajay Mahajan |
| 7. Rtn. Tejas Gandhi | 8. Rtn. Bhishma Jariwala |
| 9. PP Chirag Gandhi | 10. PDG Himanshu Thacker |
| 11. PDG Hitesh Jariwala | |

Award of Appreciation for Services through Vocation to the Society

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| 1. PP Dr. P.P. Mistry | 2. PP Dr. Nirav Shah |
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Most Contributing Member

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| 1. Rtn. Zawareh Wadia | 2. Rtn. Mukesh Bothra | |
| 3. Rtn. Ajay Mehta | 4. Rtn. Sumant Jalan | 5. Rtn. Bhavin Sukani |

Most Innovative Project of the year – Jeans Project

Rtn. Rupal Damani for Jeans School Bags project

Best Debut Rotarian

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| 1. Rtn. Kundan Shah | 2. Rtn. Ashwin Sukhadia |
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Best Contributing Rotary Partner

R'Partner Neha Vikram Lotwala

Most Contributing Couple

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| 1. R'p Manjari & Rtn. Bhairav Desai | 2. Rtn. Purnima & Rtn. Dipak Gandhi |
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Best Chairman

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| 1. Rtn. Mrunal Kothari | 2. Rtn. Rupesh Jariwala |
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Best Director

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| 1. Rtn. Vineet Panchal | 2. Rtn. Nirav Trivedi |
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Special Recognition

Rtn. Sandip Nanavati

Most Contributing Couple

Rtn. Bhavaniben & PP Narendrabhai Mehta

Award of Excellence

PP Tushar Shah

Life Achievement Award

Rtn. Babubhai Jariwala

Rotarian of the year

Rtn. Nehal Shah

1. Vote of thanks were given by Rtn. Bhishma Jariwala

INCOMING PROGRAMMES

31 Jul – Fellowship Meeting



31st July - Dr. Ajay Mahajan,
Sandip Nanavati

1st August - Daksha Shah

2nd August - Tejash Gandhi

4th August - Manisha H. Bodawala

6th August - Ila Chandresh Sheth,
Leena Shah



5th August – Neeta & Arun Davawala



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Tree Plantation – RC Surat

Members of RC Surat & Rotaract club of Surat Community gathered at the farm of PP Viral Mehta for tree plantation. Saplings were planted around the farm in big nos. PP Viral Mehta arranged for some delicious snacks as it was his birthday.



Welcome



ROTARY CLUB OF SURAT

Welcome

Rtn Leena Shah

Rotary ID: 10918732
 Classification: Home Furnishing
 Business: Blur Orange
 Designation: OWNER
 Description: HOME DECORE-FURNISHING, ONE STOP SOLUTION FOR ALL YOUR HOME DECORE REQUIREMENTS



ROTARY CLUB OF SURAT

Welcome

Rtn Daksha Kundan Shah

Rotary ID: 10907829
 Classification: Business
 Business: Modheshwari
 Designation: Proprietor





ROTARY CLUB OF SURAT

Welcome

Rtn Dr. Rinkle Jariwala

Rotary ID: 10910472
 Classification: Doctor
 Business: Dr. Rinkle Clinic
 Designation: Cosmetologist and Trichologist






ROTARY CLUB OF SURAT

Welcome

Rtn Harish Nagpal

Rotary ID: 10904368
 Classification: Multi Media Printing
 Description: New Imagination
 Designation: Owner






Fellowship Month Special -Club banner exchanges showcase local flair, global friendship

One of Rotary's most colorful traditions is members' exchanging club banners. Clubs display their own decorative banners at meetings and district events, and Rotarians who travel to other countries often take these banners to exchange with the clubs they visit.

The banners often include symbols or images of a club's town, region, or country. Some represent local cultural traditions or artistry by featuring leatherwork, weaving, embroidery, or hand-painted designs. Many of the banners are works of art in themselves.



Exchanging banners became so popular that the Rotary International Board of Directors was concerned that the practice would place a financial burden on clubs. In 1959, it urged members to “exercise discretion, moderation, and measured judgment in making provision for such exchanges.”

Today, the tradition continues as a way for clubs to express their friendship.

The approximately 20,000 banners in Rotary's archives reflect clubs' hometown pride and their connection to Rotary International.

5 questions about - Environmental projects

With Karen Kendrick-Hands
 Communications director, Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG)

1. How does the environment fit into Rotary's areas of focus?

Any project in any area of focus will benefit from having environmental sustainability as one of its watchwords. It's a lot harder to supply clean water to people if your watershed is compromised— if your river is full of industrial, human, and animal waste. Basic education and literacy is a challenge when kids are sick because the school well is contaminated. Health is affected when insects carrying diseases expand their geographic range due to changing climate patterns. Water wars and climate refugees will make achieving peace and conflict resolution more complicated. Economic development is slowed when there's not adequate energy. Rotary would do a huge service to the world if it moved every water project from a diesel pump to wind or solar. That's a project that's scalable.



2. Why did ESRAG publish a handbook with environmental project ideas?

A lot of people say they'd like to do an environmental project, but they don't know where to start. Or they may already be doing something in their community that they didn't even realize was an environmental project — like adopting a highway or organizing an electronic waste recycling drive — and the handbook, which we worked with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to create in 2019, helps educate them about the broad range of projects that help the environment. Other people say they need an idea that will inspire their clubs. I was astonished at the wide variety of project ideas we were able to gather and present in the handbook.

3. Can you describe some of the project suggestions?

We looked to address topics that we thought were important, topics that fit well with existing areas of focus, and topics that expanded Rotary clubs' reach into the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Six of the 17 goals don't currently fit under one of Rotary's areas of focus — things like affordable and clean energy, sustainable cities and communities, and responsible consumption and production. The back cover is a sample press release. It's a reminder that sharing our story builds the brand and creates momentum for more service.

4. What inspired ESRAG's collaboration with UNEP?

In 2018, Rotary Day at the United Nations was celebrated in Nairobi, Kenya, and UNEP, which is based there, helped host the event. Rotary and UNEP decided to work together to create a handbook for Rotary clubs that want to participate in World Environment Day, which is 5 June. ESRAG worked with UNEP on the handbook. It starts with a joint statement from former RI Presidents Barry Rassin and Mark Daniel Maloney. We were thrilled to have that endorsement and hope this can be the start of more collaboration between Rotary and UNEP.

5. Are Rotarians getting more involved in environmental projects?

I was invited by Rotary staff earlier this year to help put together a survey to gauge interest in environmental projects throughout the Rotary world. We had some input from the Climate Solutions Coalition, which is a youth movement within ESRAG. We sent out the survey link in a newsletter on 23 January. We had to get all the results in by 31 January. In that brief time, we got over 5,000 completed surveys back. I think that shows there is a lot of pent-up demand. People interested in environmental solutions could go out and work with other groups, and many Rotarians do. But what we're seeing is a real desire to do their environmental work within the Rotary framework. That's a valuable future asset for Rotary. We have no idea of the members it will attract, the purse strings that will be loosened. With the people who will be the next generation of Rotary, the future is clear.

— DIANA SCHOBERG

Congratulations

Congratulations to PP Tushar Shah & PN Nehal Shah for the generous contribution towards Rotary Foundation & becoming Major Donor level – 2.

“Be kind to each other” - Actor Irfan Khan.

He further explains: We are not kind to people, to nature and it's the reason why we are going the way we are. Nature is revolting. Kindness just makes life more bearable, as more happy people will make a happy world.

“Rotarians are very much more favourably disposed toward action than they are towards words.”

-Paul Harris