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## Report for the weekly meeting dated 11.09.2020.

Meeting was called to order by President Dr. Ajay Mahajan.

The Four Way Test was recited by Rtn. Ketan Patel.

President welcomed all and gave a brief report of activities done in the previous week.

Rtn Bhavaniben Mehta announced Birthday and Anniversary Greetings.

In absence of Hon. Sec. Secretarial announcements were made by President.

Vote of thanks was proposed by PN Nehal Shah.

Meeting was adjourned by President Dr. Ajay Mahajan.

The floor was then handed over to the team of Antakshri comprising of Rtn. Vineet Panchal, Rtn. Mrunal Kothari, Rtn Neha Lotwala & Rotary Partner Manjari Desai. The participants were Mr. Yogesh Patel & Mrs Patel, Harish Nagpal & Ranjeeta Nagpal, Kamal Gandhi & Jagrutiben, Dhvani & Meghal Baxi, Rupal & Konal Bhatt, Sunny & Prachi Kinkhabwala, Rupal Damani & Nehal Shah.

Finalists: 1) Rupal Damani & Nehal Shah. 2) Rupal & Komal Bhatt 3) Dhvani & Meghal Baxi

**Winners: Dhvani & Meghal Baxi.**

## INCOMING PROGRAMMES

Incoming Programs

18 Sep 2020 – Weekly Meeting  
Charter Day Celebration

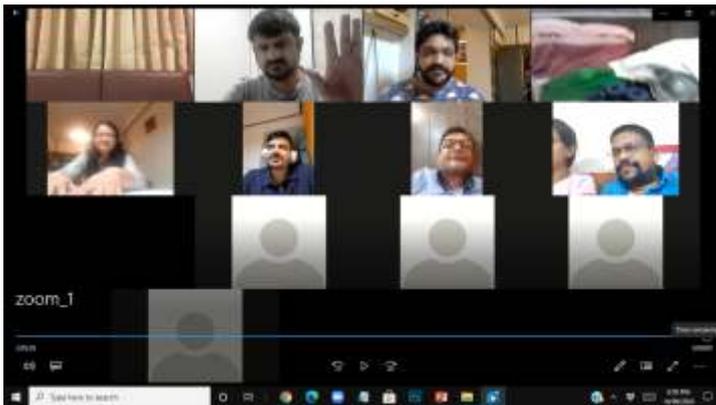


21<sup>st</sup> Sep

R.Partner Prerna Yatish Parekh

24<sup>th</sup> Sep

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## “Rotary Ki Khatti Mithi Batein” a Joint Meeting of 18 clubs of Surat & surrounding areas:

The event was coordinated by District Literacy Chair Rtn. Tushar Shah and executed by AG Rtn Achal Desai, AG Rtn Chirag Gandhi, AG Rtn Bina Parikh & AG Rtn Mihir Thakkar. The Host Clubs were Rotary Club of Sachin, Rotary Club of Surat, Rotary Club of Surat Diamond City, Rotary Club of Surat East, Rotary Club of Hazira Bay, Rotary Club of Surat Katargam, Rotary Club of Surat NextGen, Rotary Club of Surat Riverside, Rotary Club of Surat Roundtown, Rotary Club of Surat Seaface, Rotary Club of Surat West, Rotary Club of Udhna, Rotary Club of Bardoli, Rotary Club of Gandevi, Rotary Club of Kadodara,, Rotary Club of Kharach Kosamba, Rotary Club of Navsari, Rotary Club of Vyara.

The KHATTI MITHI BATEIN OF ROTARY by PP Rtn Vinod Thakkar from Rotary Club of Mumbai Dahisar was hilarious indeed and the dilemmas and experiences of Rotarians becoming Presidents of a club was very much true to a large extent but at the same time he also conveyed that to understand Rotary to the fullest one should become a President. The real-life experiences in Rotary that he shared were all the more interesting. The meeting was attended by 100+ members.

## Tolerance of Differences

Occasionally there is a temptation to criticize the laws, customs and traditions of another country which may seem strange or contrary to our own. In some instance illegal practices or customs of one nation are completely lawful and acceptable in another. As members of an international organization dedicated to world understanding and peace, it behoves Rotarians to exercise restraint in judging our Rotary friends and citizens from other countries when their behaviour seems unusual to us. A Rotary policy has existed for more than half a century relating to this dilemma of international relationships. The statement, adopted in 1933, says that because it is recognized that some activities and local customs may be legal and customary in some countries and not in others, Rotarians should be guided by this admonition of tolerance: "Rotarians in all countries should recognize these facts and there should be a thoughtful avoidance of criticism of the laws and customs of one country by the Rotarians of another country." The policy also cautions against "any effort on the part of Rotarians of one country to interfere with the laws or customs of another country." As we strive to strengthen the bonds of understanding, goodwill and friendship, these policies still provide good advice and guidance.

Source: Rotary Library

## Clubs made to order -- The 'e' is for expansive reach

Judith Neal has proven that to be a Rotarian, you don't necessarily need to follow the laws of time and space: The 2019-20 president of the Rotary E-Club of Southern Scotland lives in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. Neal comes from a family of dedicated Rotarians. In 1982, she was awarded a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship. Newly married, she and her husband, Richard, travelled from the United States to the United Kingdom, where Judith studied at the University of Bristol. Years later, the couple spent time in Botswana and in Scotland while Richard, a mathematics professor, was on sabbatical.

In all those places, Neal attended Rotary club meetings. "I met people from all over the world, some of whom are now good friends," she says. But one club in Scotland, she says, was much more traditional than most she had visited, with most members men over the age of 60. "It wasn't my cup of tea," she recalls.

One rainy day in Scotland, Neal met a woman who was walking her dog. The two got to talking, and Lynne Nelson told Neal about the E-Club of Southern Scotland. "The more she told me about it, the more it seemed like it would be a good fit."

Originally chartered in 2010 as the Rotary Club of Edinburgh Park, the club had changed to an e-club model in 2014 as its members began to disperse to London, Singapore, and other parts of the world. "My husband and I travel quite a bit, and as long as we have an internet connection, I can always attend a meeting," Neal says. "But the greatest appeal is the international aspect of our club. Our far-flung members communicate by email and video chat, and we try to get together once a year, usually in Scotland" — where she is still friends with Nelson, the woman with the little dog who, on a rainy day, introduced her to Rotary's ability to transcend space and time.



## This club's lifeblood is collaboration

Chartered in Addis Ababa in 2004, the Rotaract Club of Abugida indirectly derives its name from Ge'ez, the classical language of Ethiopia, which includes the four characters 'ä, bu, gi, da'. That may explain why the club, after 16 years, has so thoroughly mastered the ABCs of sustaining a healthy and productive club.

The club's vigor springs in part from its blood drives, which began the same year Abugida was chartered. Recognizing a high demand for blood and a limited number of donors, club members turned to the Ethiopian Red Cross Society, with whom they formed what member Dawit Solomon calls a "collaborative network." The initial blood drive attracted about 30 donors, mainly "fellow Abugidans and the Rotaract family at large." Today the quarterly blood drives attract more than 500 donors — which has prompted the Red Cross to expand the event to two days.

"Our impact, although small at the beginning, started a powerful movement within our community," Solomon says. "The club's initiative has motivated other groups and local celebrities to take part in the drive" — and the impulse has spread to other Ethiopian Rotaract clubs, who work on blood drives in conjunction with the Abugida Rotaractors. (The spring 2020 blood drive was canceled over concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic, but the club encouraged donations to Ethiopia's National Blood Bank.)

"Our club helped a great deal in meeting Ethiopia's need for blood," Solomon says. The project has also infused a vitality into the Abugida club, helping it attract new members and retain current ones — the alpha and omega of ensuring Rotary's future.

## Congratulations

The Global Grant for Dialysis Machine with Dist. 7570 was successfully completed without any queries. Thank You District Governor Pinky Patel, Rtn. Tara Mcgall ( Dist. 7570), Rtn. Shabbir Memon for the Directed Gift & All Donors. Congratulaons PP Tushar Shah & RC Surat on the successful & timely completion of the Grant.

## RYE Applications

RYE Team is now inviting applications for Rotary Youth Exchange for the year 2020-21. The applications are for Long Term, Short Term & NGSE. The criteria for the same has been sent to all Club Presidents. Members are requested to encourage their children to participate in these programs. Non Rotarian children are also welcome to join the program.

## Why Youth Exchange - Rotary Youth Exchange builds peace one young person at a time.

Students learn a new language, discover another culture, and truly become global citizens. Exchanges for students ages 15-19 are sponsored by Rotary clubs in more than 100 countries.

### What are the benefits?

Exchange students unlock their true potential to:

- Develop lifelong leadership skills
- Learn a new language and culture
- Build lasting friendships with young people from around the world
- Become a global citizen

### How long do exchanges last?

Long-term exchanges last a full academic year, and students attend local schools and live with multiple host families.

Short-term exchanges last from several days to three months and are often structured as camps, tours, or homestays that take place when school is not in session.

### What are the costs?

Room and board are provided, as well as any school fees. Each program varies, but students are usually responsible for:

- Round-trip airfare
- Travel insurance
- Travel documents (such as passports and visas)
- Spending money and any additional travel or tours

## New Generations Service Exchange is a short-term, customizable program for university students and professionals up to age 30.

Participants can design exchanges that combine their professional goals with a humanitarian project.

### What are the benefits?

- Make connections with service-minded community leaders in another country
- Learn another language
- Build your professional skills and gain international experience
- Travel and explore a new culture while giving back through service

### What is an exchange like?

With your host Rotary district, you'll plan activities that can include networking, relationship building, humanitarian service, professional development, and leadership training. Exchanges:

- Last from a few weeks to six months
- Can be arranged for individuals or groups
- Need not be reciprocal

### How much does it cost?

Costs vary by Rotary club or district. To reduce expenses, Rotary members often provide homestay options, arrange no-cost internship or job-shadowing programs, and offer other financial assistance.



## ગુજરાતભરમાં ખુલ્યા સ્વમાન સ્ટોર, સાથ નજીવી કિંમતે મળશે વસ્તુઓ

રોટરી ડિસ્ટ્રીક્ટ દ્વારા ગુજરાતમાં સ્વમાન સ્ટોર શરૂ કરાયા, જ્યાં લોકો ખૂબો ન વપરાતો સામાન ડોનેટ કરાશે, જેને કલબ દ્વારા રિપેર કરી સાથ નજીવી કિંમતે નફો વિના ફરી વેચાશે

### અનન્ય સિપોર્ટ, સુરત

જે લોકો પેસાના અભાવે સારી વસ્તુઓ ખરીદી શકતા નથી તેમના માટે રોટરી ડિસ્ટ્રીક્ટ દ્વારા ગુજરાતભરમાં સ્વમાન સ્ટોર ખોલવામાં આવ્યા છે. આ સ્ટોરનો ખેત્રીક આશરિયા જે અનન્ય છે. રોટરી ક્લબ સોફ્ટ સુરતના પ્રેસિડન્ટ ડો.અજય મહાવન કહે છે કે-આ સ્ટોરમાં ખૂબો-બ વપરાતો સામાન તમારે ડોનેટ કરવાનો છે. જેને અમે રિપેર કરી ફરીથી સ્ટોરમાં જ દિસાવેમાં મુકીશું. જ્યાંથી પેસાના અભાવે કેટલીક સીજવસ્તુઓ નહીં ખરીદી શકતા જરૂરિયાતમંદ લોકો એને તાવ નજીવી કિંમતે ખરીદી શકશે.

વધુમાં ડો.અજય કહે છે કે-શકા લોકો પેસાના અભાવે નવી વસ્તુઓ ખરીદતા નથી. જેની વસ્તુઓ પણ એમને નજવાને પડવડે એવા ભાવે મળતી નથી હોતી. આવા લોકોને મદદરૂપ થવા માટે એ તમે તમારા ઘરના નકામા સોફા, લેટ, મોબાઇલ, ડાઇનિંગ ટેબલ વગેરે જેવી કાઠી નાંખવાની વસ્તુઓ આ સ્ટોરમાં સાવી જણો તો અમે એને રિપેર કરીને સ્ટોરમાં દિસાવેમાં મુકીશું. જેથી જરૂરિયાતમંદ લોકો એને સ્વખર્ચે ખરીદી શકે. અત્યાર સુધીમાં રોટરી ક્લબ સોફ્ટ સુરતના મેમ્બર્સ દ્વારા 10 દિવસમાં 100થી વધુ સાઈકલ સિસ્ટમ, એવન, ટોસ્ટર, ઘરબી, વૂની સ્કુટી, ઘડિયાળ-ક સીટર ડાઇનિંગ ટેબલ



જેવી વસ્તુઓ અમવામાં આવી છે. જેને નફો વીજા જરૂરિયાતમંદ લોકોને તાવ નજીવી કિંમતે સુરતમાં આ સ્વમાન સ્ટોર શોપ ન-1 કિલ્લા ઘામ સોસાયટી, પ્રગતીનગર સોસાયટી, પિપલોદ ખાતે ખોલવામાં આવ્યો છે.



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18-09-2020

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"If you have the love of your fellow men in your hearts, my friends, you are a potential Rotarian."  
- Paul Harris