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Rotary Foundation Month

Annual General Meeting dated 25.12.2020

Pres. Ajay Mahajan requested Scrutiny Committee Member PP Yatish Parekh to read out the report of the nominations received for Election of Team 2021-22. PP Yatish Parekh read out the report and all nominations were found in order. He requested Hon. Secretary Tejas Gandhi to declare the names of the members elected.

The Following members were declared elected:

President 23-24 Rtn. Sandeep Nanavati

President 22-23 Rtn. Tejas Gandhi

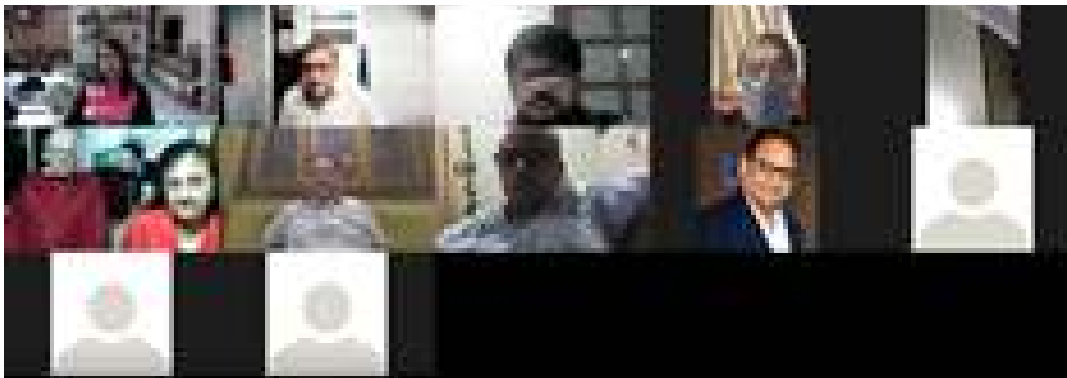
Hon. Secretary 21-22 Rtn. Nikhil Madrasi

Jt. Secretary 21-22 Rtn. Kundan Shah

Treasurer 21-22 Rtn. Ketan Patel

Directors 21-22 Rtn. Bhupendra Jariwala, Rtn. Neha Lotwala, Rtn.

Vineet Panchal, Rtn. Ajay Mehta & Rtn. Rupesh Jariwala.



INCOMING PROGRAMMES

Incoming Programs

Friday 29th Jan. Talk on
"Have we neglected our
Spine in the Pandemic"

by Dr. Nikhil Arbatti
[Consultant Spine Surgeon,
Nanavati Hospital, Mumbai]



11th Jan. Rtn. Partner Trupti Modi

17th Jan. Rtn Neeпа Contractor

20th Jan. Rtn. Devesh Gohil

25th Jan. Rtn. Partner Sunaina Mahajan

27th Jan. Rtn. Deepak Gandhi

28th Jan. Rtn. Sunil Gabani

Anniversary

19th Jan. Rtn vinit & Mehali Panchal

22nd Jan. Rtn Mrunal & Tinjal Kothari

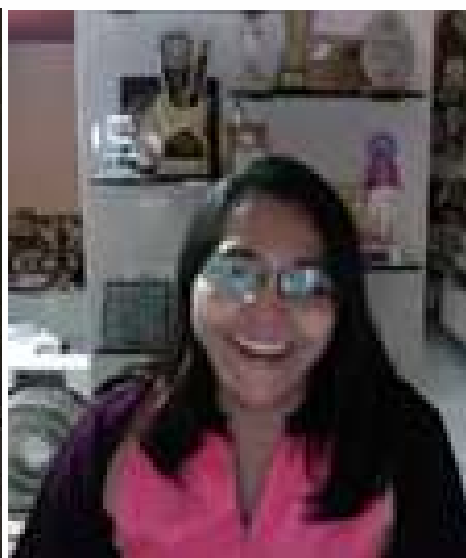
23rd Jan. Rtn Jignesh & Anupma Amin

25th Jan. Rtn. Rtn. Dr. Rinkle & Anuj Jariwala

26th Jan. Rtn Chandresh & Ila Sheth

28th Jan. Neeпа & Nainesh Contractor

30th Jan. Rtn. Manish & Sonal Halwala



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1] Report for Weekly Meeting dated 15.1.2021 [Club Assembly]

- 1) Meeting was called to order by President Dr. Ajay Mahajan.
- 2) The Four Way Test was recited by Rtn Jay Mistry
- 3) President welcomed all.
- 4) The introduction of AG Bina Parikh was done by Dr. Ajay Mahajan. He also updated about the activities done and service projects executed by the club.
- 5) AG Bina Parikh congratulated Club President and all club members for leading in Service projects in the District. She advice to Pay District Due as soon as possible. She also discussed on citation goals and club's Journey. She shared about upcoming Monthly and District service Projects and approach to participate in it.
- 6) Secretarial Announcements were done by Hon. Secretary Tejas Gandhi.
- 7) Rtn Bhavaniben Mehta Wished Birthday & Anniversary Greetings to the members. having their Birthdays and Anniversaries during the week.
- 8) Vote of thanks was done by PE Rtn Bhishmaben Jariwala.
- 9) Meeting was adjourned by President Dr. Ajay Mahajan.



Community Projects:

- 1) **Saturday 9th January:** Breakfast to children at Vatsalyapuram orphanage sponsored by Rtn Girish Sethi.



- 2) **Saturday 23rd January:** Healthy Meals to 45 children at Pal Anganwadi sponsored by Rotaract President Akshit Thakkar and his team of Rotractors.





- 3) **Friday 23rd January:** Lunch to children at Vatsalyapuram orphanage sponsored by Annette Deshna Manthan Madrasi.



- 4) **Monday 25th January:** Monthly HUMF Project Distribution of Healthy Food Supplements and health related tips to Nine [9] Pregnant women in the Community around Pal Anganwadi. The supplements were sponsored by our own member Rtn. Sumant Garg. The event was attended by PP Rtn Er. Kamal Gandhi, Rtn Jagruti Gandhi & Rtn Purnima Gandhi.



Fellowship Meet:

Sunday 3rd January New Year Celebration: The beginning of the year 2021 was celebrated with a Ponk Party and games at Tapovan Farm. Members enjoyed fellowship games, housie followed by Surti delicacies of Ponk-Sev, Ponk vada, kadha etc.

The venue was provided by President Rtn. Dr. Ajay Mahajan and charming First Lady & RCC Silver Line member Sunaina. A breadth of fresh air amidst mango, coconut and other trees and in the company of children of the locality who are trained in personal hygiene, general knowledge, morals singing & dancing by the members of RCC.

The banquet team of Alpeshbhai & Indravadanbhai Shetranjiwalla deserves a big thank you for managing the brunch. Thanks to First Lady for gifting a flower pot to the attendees of the event.





Official Club Visit [OCV] of District Governor Prashant Jani [Date 20.01.2021]

The OCV is an important event for each club wherein the District Governor interacts with the President, Secretary and President Elect in person over and above the one-to-one dialogue with the Board members. The itinerary consists of visit to Project sites, members work place visit, meeting with Rotractors culminating into a final meeting with the Club members.

1) Meeting with President Dr. Ajay Mahajan, Hon. Secretary CA Tejas Gandhi and PE Rtn Bhishma Jariwala was done at the Presidents residence. DG Rtn Prashant Jani had a cordial meet with the leaders and going through the various documents he appreciated the systematic maintenance of records and advised regarding a few lacunas.

2) The DG also visited RCC Silver Line where sweaters were handed over to the underprivileged children of the locality. The children welcomed and performed for the members present. DG appreciated the activity of the RCC.

3) The next visit was at the Guru Nanak Hospital Beneficiary of the Dialysis Centre approved under Global Grant and due to be executed shortly. The DG was impressed with the medical services provided at meagre charges by the charitable hospital. The meeting with the trustees was the highlight of the visit.

4) Meeting with Board members at lunch was for the exchange of thoughts. The DG suggesting the team to work on a permanent project. PDG shared that there were quite a number of such projects to the credit of Rotary Club of Surat with a mention of the Drainage project at Niol Village conducted in 2002 and a sustainable project in operation today benefiting a village of population of 4000.

5) The DG also visited donor of the Global Grant PP Rtn. Narendrakumar Mehta & Rtn. Bhavaniben Mehta. The benevolent couple were felicitated at the august hands of the DG Prasant Jani.

6) OCV Meeting:

OCV Meeting was organised at the Jeevan Bharti Lawns in presence of PE Santosh Pradhan, AG Bina Parikh, District Officers, Past District Governors, Neighbouring Club Presidents Secretaries and members of RC Surat

Prayer was done by the Audio Video Rotary Prayer.

Four-Way Test was recited by Rtn. Bhairav Desai.

President Dr. Ajay Mahajan welcomed all to the meeting.

Hon. Secretary presented the details of the activities of the club during the elapsed period.

AG Bina Parikh shared her thoughts and words of appreciation for the club.

PE Santosh Pradhan in his usual style shared a Sanskrit Shloka with the audience to explain the importance of the role of Rotary in the present times.

New members were inducted by DG, AG, DGE.

DG Rtn. Prashant Jani in his address to the club shared some anecdotes to highlight the importance of service to humanity. He stressed upon the need to have sustainable members and not fall into the trap of numbers. All clubs need to have committed members to fulfil the vision of Rotary. He also shared the MSPs to be pursued in the coming months.

First lady Rtn. Heta Jani shared her thoughts for Foundation giving and requested members to contribute vide Perfume Kit @ Rs. 1100.00 for the purpose.

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Vote of thanks was done by PE Rtn Bhishmaben Jariwala.





I President's Message - February 2021

In Rotary, 23 February is our anniversary, and February is also the month when we focus on promoting peace. There is a reason for this: Contributing to peace and international understanding has been a high priority for us since our earliest days.

We are often asked: “How can we get involved in peace now?” There are many paths to peace in Rotary. Our youth programs point us in the direction of Positive Peace, as does the work of intercountry committees and the Rotary Action Group for Peace.

Another path is the Rotarian Peace Projects Incubator (RPPI), an inspirational collaboration among Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Rotary Peace Fellows and alumni. Led by Rotarians in Switzerland and Liechtenstein, RPPI has designed 48 global projects that any club can support, either directly or through Rotary Foundation global grants. Nino Lotishvili and Matthew Johnsen, alumni of the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, are two of the many volunteers.

During my Rotary peace journey, I have learned how personal resilience helps build inner peace and create sustainable outer peace. This was the inspiration behind the Women Peace Ambassadors for the South Caucasus project, which is based on my field research in Georgia. The RPPI team of Rotarians and peace fellows recognized the incredible potential of women from mixed-ethnicity families who live on borderlands to be role models for peace within and beyond their communities. Through workshops on building inner and outer peace that draw on the power of storytelling, 40 participants will be sharing their stories and reaching around 400 extended family and community members. These inspiring but marginalized women will reclaim their inner strength as peacebuilders at the grassroots level. In this way, we will take steps toward the sustainable, peaceful society we need so much, not only in our region, but throughout the world. — Nino Lotishvili

I was excited to join the peace incubator project and to further strengthen my ties with Rotary's peace community by working with past and current peace fellows to develop these proposals. My team wrote five proposals — three in Bangladesh, one in Iraq, and one in Poland — that focus on the arts and on education to generate dialogue across religious divisions and avert the radicalization of young people. I was inspired by how, despite the pandemic, we came together via technology with a vision to develop, test, and strengthen ideas and to produce workable solutions that clubs across the world can support to advance peace. I am excited to work with Rotary's peace community to transform these visions into reality. — Matthew Johnsen

Here is further proof that in Rotary, we prefer action to words. This is Rotary at its best. I encourage you to visit <https://www.rppi.ch/> to explore the projects and support them.

We have lasted 116 years because of our strong ethics, our passion for Service Above Self, and our unique approach to problem-solving. One of our greatest strengths is how we reach across our communities and across national, ethnic, religious, and political divisions to unite people of all backgrounds and to help others. This month, let's celebrate our history and the many ways that Rotary Opens Opportunities to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace, our ultimate mission.

Holger Knaack

President 2020-21