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## Report for the weekly meeting dated 04.09.2020.

Meeting was called to order by President Dr. Ajay Mahajan.  
The Four Way Test was recited by Rtn. Jai Mistry.  
President welcomed all and gave a brief report of activities done in the month of August 2020.  
The keynote speaker District Chairman Basic Education & Literacy PP Tushar Shah updated the members present about various projects on Literacy which included Adult Literacy, Child education, Happy Schools, Ashakiran Project, Wash in Schools [WINS], District Notebook Project. His presentation was thorough and inspiring.  
District E-Learning Chair Rtn Nimish Rajput shared information about E-Learning Boards and related software for various classes.  
District Secretary Rtn. Pankaj Naik from Rotary Club of Gandevi also joined the meeting.  
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 PE Bhishmaben Jariwala.  
Meeting was adjourned by President Dr. Ajay Mahajan.

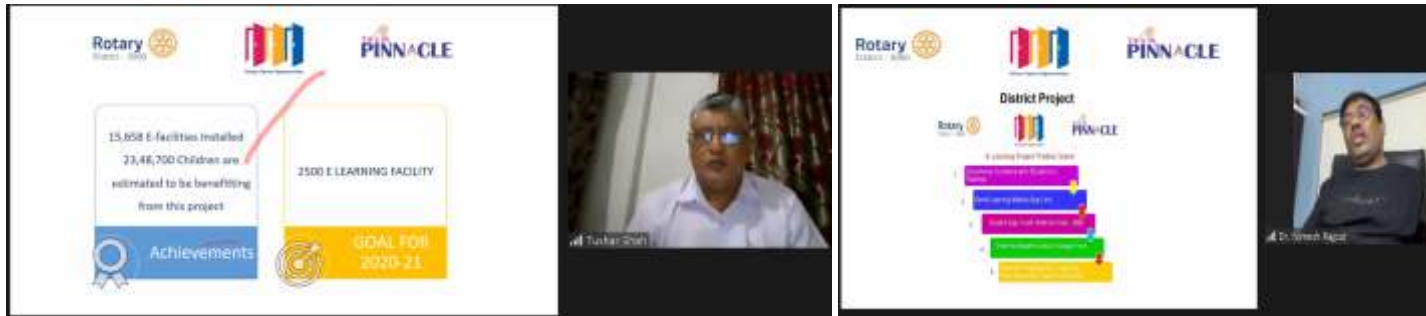
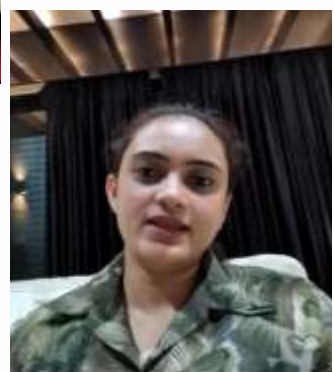
## INCOMING PROGRAMMES

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- 11 Sep 2020 – Weekly Meeting Antakshari
- 13 Sep 2020 – Joint Event Rotary ki Khatti Mithi batte



- 14<sup>th</sup> Sep - Rtn Umang Dalal
- 15<sup>th</sup> Sep - Rtn Dilip Marchant
- 16<sup>th</sup> Sep - Rtn Alpa Madrasi
- 17<sup>th</sup> Sep - R.Partner Neeta Gandhi





## Clubs made to order -- These clubs keep things fresh with new ideas and new members

What is Rotary? It's a whole community of people who are members of Rotary and Rotaract clubs, of course, but it's also people who participate in programs such as Rotary Peace Fellowships and Rotary Youth Exchange. It's non-Rotarian members of Rotary Action Groups and Fellowships and of Rotary Community Corps. It's people who have volunteered on Rotary projects and people who are interested in Rotary's work and causes.

Rotary is the hub that brings all these people together, each with their own set of skills and expertise, to do good in the world. Today's Rotarians and Rotaractors continue to extend their reach beyond the boundaries of their clubs, their communities, and their countries. Their most ambitious endeavors invariably go beyond the organization to engage the participation of non-Rotarians. Each of those new affiliations has the potential to elevate Rotary's profile, improve its opportunities for success, and, when paired with new approaches to club structure, attract new members. The clubs, people, and projects profiled here can serve as inspiration to existing clubs — or to clubs yet to be.

## Clubs for a cause have a positive effect

Over the years, Tom Gump has been successful in attracting members to his Rotary Club of Edina/Morningside, Minnesota. But he found himself tapping into the same pool of friends and acquaintances. Lately, Gump, who is now governor of District 5950, has become adept at a new strategy: starting new clubs by harnessing people's passions.

After learning that 88 percent of the members of new clubs were new to Rotary — which means those clubs weren't poaching members from existing clubs — he realized that many potential members simply need to find a club that is right for them.

Gump was also concerned about keeping the members Rotary already has. He cites another study that shows people who leave Rotary usually do so within three years of joining. "How do we get them to stay?" he wondered. The answer: "Bring together people with a passion for a cause."

Over the past two years, Gump's district has created four clubs. One of them is the Rotary Club of District 5950 Passport, which brings together members who had to leave their club because of a job change but wanted to stay with Rotary. The three others are cause-based clubs, beginning with the Rotary Club of Twin Cities Eco. "That was the club that got us started on the new club process," Gump says. "If we can do this with the environment, why not do it with other causes? That was right in front of us."

The next move was to help create the Rotary Club of Minnesota Veterans (District 5950), a first for Rotary. Chartered last fall, the club, with about 50 members, is thriving. Its first blood drive attracted 60 donors, and other projects help both veterans and people currently serving in the military. "Rotary is a perfect fit for veterans," says Brittany Ritchie Sievers, the club's former membership chair, who spent 10 years in the U.S. Army. "They have an innate need to serve their brothers and sisters in arms and their community."

And in May, in another first for Rotary, the district chartered the Rotary Club of District 5950 Ending Human Trafficking, an e-club with Karen Walkowski as its charter president. Its members include not only Minnesotans but people across the United States and in Thailand and the United Kingdom. "Rotary is the magnet that brings these people together," says Gump, "and all because we're reaching out to our community in a way we never did before."

## Rotary's Sweet & Sour: First Names or Nicknames

From the earliest days of Rotary, members have referred to each other on a first-name basis. Since personal acquaintanceship and friendship are cornerstones of Rotary, it was natural that many clubs adopted the practice of setting aside formal titles in conversations among members. Individuals who normally would be addressed as Doctor, Professor, Mister, the Honorable or Sir are regularly called Joe, Bill, Charley or Jerry by other Rotarians. The characteristic Rotary club name badge fosters the first-name custom.

In a few areas, such as Europe, club members use a more formal style in addressing fellow members. In other parts of the world, mainly in Asian countries, the practice is to assign each new Rotarian a humorous nickname which relates to some personal characteristic or which is descriptive of the member's business or profession. A member nicknamed "Oxygen" is the manufacturer of chemical gas products. "Trees" is the nickname for the Rotarian in the lumber business, "Building" is the contractor, "Paper" is the stationery or office supply retailer. Other members might carry nicknames like "Muscles," "Foghorn" or "Smiles" as commentaries on their physical features.

The nicknames are frequently a source of good-natured fun and fellowship. But whether a Rotarian is addressed by a given first name or a nickname, the spirit of personal friendship is the initial step which opens doors to all other opportunities for service.



## ROTARY CLUB OF SURAT'S RCC Silver Lining:

The RCC members in an effort towards Child Education have taken initiative in this pandemic to teach kids of under privileged socio-economic strata who are not able to go to school and also are not able to attend online studies. They have started a campaign and are working hard for the last one month by teaching ten kids of different age groups and class up to Std. 2 basic alphabets, words, sentences, numbers, arithmetic calculations, social science etc. Along with routine school curriculums they are also conducting moral and educative story-telling, pranayam sessions, skill development workshops (i.e. clay ganpati making workshop).



## Community Service – Pal Anganwadi

Healthy Meals served to the children at Pal Anganwadi sponsored by Rtn. Jagruti & Rtn. Kamal Gandhi. Thank you for sponsoring the good cause.



## Congratulations

Congratulations to Pres. Dr. Ajay Mahajan, Club Public Image Chair Nikhil Madrasi & RC Surat for getting an Appreciation Award at the Public Image Seminar



## Appreciation Award

is presented to

**Rotary club of Surat**

for their Innovative Ideas and Innovative Project up to 30<sup>th</sup> August.

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President

Rtn. Nilesh Bhojani  
Secretary

Rtn. Ashvin Lodhlya  
Event Chair



Rotary Club Of Rajkot Greater



## BECAUSE OUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT

If you've ever been to a Rotaract meeting or volunteered at RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards), you've already glimpsed one of the most vibrant parts of Rotary. Our programs for the 20-something and younger set are designed to mentor young leaders and bring generations together. Rotary recently relaxed its membership requirements, allowing Rotaract members to join a Rotary club without giving up their Rotaract membership. The change helps Rotaract members find the Rotary club that fits them best. Get involved with Rotary's programs for young leaders in your area. Learn more at [www.rotary.org/rotaractinteractryla](http://www.rotary.org/rotaractinteractryla).

Interact is a club for people ages 12 to 18 who want to connect with others in their community or school. Clubs organize at least two service projects a year: one that benefits their community and one that encourages international understanding.

RYLA is a leadership development program. While participants can be any age, most events focus on secondary school students, university students, or young professionals. RYLA events are typically three to 10 days long and include presentations, activities, and workshops.

Rotaract brings together people ages 18 to 30 in universities and communities worldwide to organize service activities, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun.

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To be in good moral condition requires at least as much training as to be in good physical condition.  
 -Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru