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ROTARY CLUB OF DELHI AKASH MEGAPOLIS

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ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

MONTH	DESIGNATION
JULY	 Maternal and Child Health
AUGUST	Membership & New Club Development
SEPTEMBER	 Basic Education and Literacy
OCTOBER	 Community Economic Development
NOVEMBER	Rotary Foundation
DECEMBER	 Disease Prevention and Treatment
JANUARY	Vocational Service
FEBRUARY	 Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention
MARCH	 Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene
APRIL	 Environmental
MAY	Youth Service
JUNE	Rotary Fellowships

Stephanie Urchick

RI President 2024-25



I have had so many wonderful experiences over the past year, but as comforting as it might be to dwell on the past, we must look toward the future.

We are closer than ever to ending polio, but that does not mean we can relax. We still have a promise to keep to the children of the world and their families, and we will only fulfill that promise through fundraising, advocacy, and the power of our collective action.

I was amazed at the capability and commitment of the peacebuilders at the Presidential Peace Conference earlier this year. Our Peace Fellowship program and our many other peace initiatives bring healing to a divided world, but they need our support to remain effective and relevant.

Amid a worldwide loneliness epidemic, Rotary offers friendship, purpose, and belonging. If we hold true to our ideals – to The Four-Way Test and our spirit of inclusivity – we will remain a beacon of light even in the darkest times.

The Action Plan can serve as a guide to make our clubs and districts simply irresistible, but it is up to us to take that advice and put it to use.

Family of Rotary, there is nothing we cannot achieve when we come together and work toward a common goal.

You are The Magic of Rotary, and I can't wait to see the lasting change you bring to the world.

MAHESH TRIKHA

DG 2024-25

DIST. 3011



Dear Sonia,

Heartiest congratulations on completing a remarkable year as President of Rotary Club of Delhi Akash Megapolis! I am thrilled to acknowledge the outstanding work your team has accomplished under your leadership.

Projects like Koshish and Check Dams have been truly inspiring, showcasing the creativity and dedication of your club members. These initiatives have not only brought joy to the community but also demonstrated the club's commitment to making a positive impact.

I am particularly impressed by your initiative to hold an inclusive talent show, promoting diversity and inclusivity within the club and the community. This effort reflects your passion for creating a more equitable and compassionate society, which is at the heart of Rotary's mission.

What's truly remarkable about Rotary Club of Delhi Akash Megapolis is that despite being a smaller club, you have achieved so much and made a significant impact in the community. This serves as a testament to the fact that it's not the size of the club that matters, but the passion, dedication, and commitment of its members. Your club is a shining example of how even a small group of like-minded individuals can come together to make a big difference.

It is with immense pride that I announce that District 3011 has achieved a remarkable milestone, ranking 4th globally out of 540 districts worldwide in support for The Rotary Foundation. I'd also like to take a moment to acknowledge the exceptional contributions of individual clubs within our district. Notably, Rotary Club of Delhi South Central has achieved a notable ranking of 20th in the world among over 36,000+ Rotary clubs globally, with an impressive contribution of USD 440,853 in the Rotary Year 2024-25. This outstanding accomplishment is a direct result of the tireless efforts and dedication of clubs like yours, who have rallied behind our district's commitment to service and humanitarian work. Your contributions have not only elevated our district's standing but have also brought us closer to making a meaningful impact in the lives of those we serve. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering support and commitment to The Rotary Foundation.

Your leadership has been instrumental in driving these projects and initiatives forward, and I commend you for your tireless efforts. I wish you and your team all the best as you pass on the torch to the new leadership. May the legacy of your presidency continue to inspire future generations of Rotarians.

Once again, congratulations on a job well done!

STRAIGHT FROM THE PRESIDENT'S HEART



Sonia Sahny
President 2024-25

Dear Rotary family,

As I step down as President of our beloved Rotary Club, I am filled with a mix of emotions - pride, gratitude, and a sense of accomplishment. It's been an honor to serve this incredible team of dedicated individuals, and I'm humbled by the trust you've placed in me.

I'd like to extend my sincerest thanks to each and every one of you for your relentless support and commitment to our club's projects. Your tireless efforts, enthusiasm, and passion have been the driving force behind our initiatives, and I'm proud of what we've achieved together. From community service projects to fundraisers to inclusive events, we've made a tangible impact in the lives of those we serve.

A special thank you to this remarkable editorial team. These monthly issues of Koshish have been possible only because of your team work and commitment.

Our club's success is a direct reflection of your dedication, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to have worked alongside such a talented and driven group of individuals. I'm confident that the club will continue to flourish under the leadership of our incoming President Kushal Garg and his team, and I wish them all the best as they embark on this new chapter.

To my fellow Rotarians, I urge you to continue supporting our new leadership team with the same zeal and enthusiasm that you've shown me. Together, we can achieve even greater heights and make an even more profound difference in our community.

As I bid farewell to this role, I'd like to leave you with a sense of hope and optimism. Our club's future is bright, and I'm excited to see the impact we'll continue to make in the years to come. Thank you again for this incredible opportunity, and I look forward to staying involved and contributing to the club's continued success.



Francesco Arezzo

President 2025-26

Francesco Arezzo is an orthodontist in private practice and owns an agricultural enterprise that produces extra virgin olive oil in Sicily.

Arezzo is a graduate of the University of Padua and a member of the Italian, European, and American orthodontics associations, as well as the Italian and European lingual orthodontics associations. He is a dentistry graduate of the University of Cagliari, where he also received a master's in lingual orthodontics.

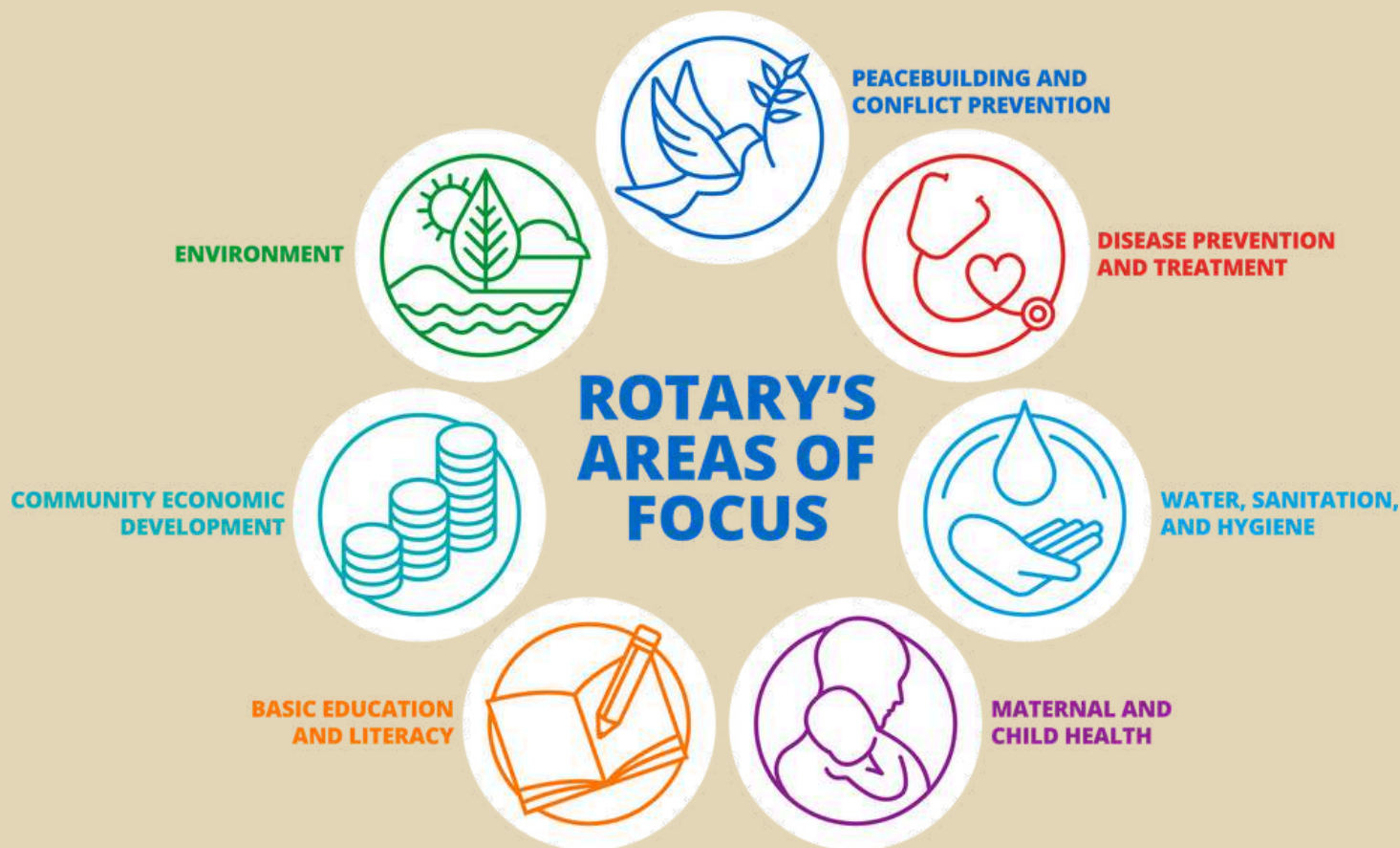
He has served as vice president of the National Association of Italian Dentists for the province of Ragusa and was the founder and head for seven years of the Ragusa delegation to the National Trust for Italy.

Arezzo is also the owner of an agricultural enterprise and producer of extra virgin olive oil in the Monti Iblei region of Sicily. He has been vice president of the administrative council of the consortium controlling and regulating quality production of oil in that region. He owns two boutique hotel settlements there. He enjoys modern art and opera.

A Rotary member for 36 years, Arezzo has served as vice chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee and as RI director, chair of the 2023 Melbourne Convention Committee, learning facilitator, and district conference presidential representative, among other roles.

He is married to Anna Maria Arezzo-Criscione, an entrepreneur in the tourism field. They have two daughters and two grandchildren. His daughter Raffaella spent a year in Florida as part of a Rotary Youth Exchange. Francesco and Anna Maria are Benefactors and Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation.

A GLIMPSE INTO THE YEAR GONE BY SECRETARY'S REPORT



THROUGHOUT THE PAST YEAR, OUR CLUB HAS REMAINED COMMITTED TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL'S CORE OBJECTIVES, ENSURING THAT ALL MEETINGS, PROJECTS, AND ACTIVITIES WERE CAREFULLY PLANNED AND EXECUTED WITH THESE FOCUS AREAS IN MIND. THIS DELIBERATE APPROACH HAS ENABLED US TO STAY ON TRACK, ACHIEVE OUR GOALS, AND MAKE MEANINGFUL PROGRESS IN OUR AREAS OF EMPHASIS. BELOW IS AREA WISE LIST OF THE PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY US THROUGH THE YEAR.



PEACE BUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION

IN A WORLD WHERE DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES ARE INEVITABLE, OUR CHALLENGE LIES IN HARNESSING THESE DIFFERENCES AS A CATALYST FOR GROWTH, RATHER THAN ALLOWING THEM TO ESCALATE INTO CONFLICT. AS WE FACE RISING STRIFE, ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION, AND THE DEVASTATING IMPACT OF WARS, IT'S CLEAR THAT A SHIFT TOWARDS EMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING IS CRUCIAL. ROTARY'S MISSION TO FOSTER GLOBAL UNDERSTANDING AND PEACE IS MORE VITAL THAN EVER. BY CHAMPIONING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION, WE CAN PAVE THE WAY FOR A MORE HARMONIOUS AND RESILIENT WORLD, WHERE DIFFERENCES ARE CELEBRATED AND CONFLICTS ARE MITIGATED.



**SR. CITIZEN'S DAY
CELEBRATIONS AT AMAR
COLONY SR. CITIZEN
WELFARE ASSOCIATION - 21ST
AUGUST, 2025**

**SYMPHONY FOR
HARMONY - 9TH
FEBRUARY, 2025**



**VISIT TO THE OLD AGE
HOME, OLD RAJINDER
NAGAR, TO CELEBRATE
VALENTINES DAY - 14TH
FEBRUARY, 2025**



**JOINT MEETING ON
ROTARY
SHOWCASE- THE
HOPE SHOW - 24TH
JANUARY, 2025**

**A JOINT MEETING ON
DEI- DIVERSITY,
EQUITY, INCLUSION
AT IHC - MAY 3RD,
2025**



**INCLUSIVE TALENT
SHOW- 26TH APRIL,
2025**





DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

THE AGE-OLD ADAGE 'PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE' REMAINS PROFOUNDLY RELEVANT TODAY. DESPITE GROUNDBREAKING ADVANCEMENTS IN MEDICAL RESEARCH AND HEALTHCARE, DISEASE RATES PERSIST, AND NEW, UNFORESEEN ILLNESSES ARE EMERGING, LEAVING US WITH IMMENSE CHALLENGES. AS ROTARIANS, IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT WE STRIVE TO BRIDGE THIS GAP BY ENSURING EQUITABLE ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTHCARE FACILITIES AND PROMOTING AWARENESS ABOUT DISEASE PREVENTION FOR EVERY MEMBER OF OUR SOCIETY.



CPR SESSION AT PRINCE PUBLIC SCHOOL - 18TH OCTOBER, 2025

FIRST AID AND CPR SESSION AT VSAI - 21ST MARCH, 2025





WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE

WATER IS THE LIFEBLOOD OF OUR PLANET, ESSENTIAL NOT ONLY FOR SURVIVAL BUT ALSO FOR GENERATING ENERGY. IT'S CRUCIAL THAT WE PRIORITIZE BOTH HARVESTING AND CONSERVING WATER. YET, ACCESS TO FRESH DRINKING WATER REMAINS A PRIVILEGE RATHER THAN A RIGHT IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD, INCLUDING INDIA. TO ADDRESS THIS, OUR FOCUS SHOULD BE ON REPLENISHING GROUNDWATER TABLES THROUGH INITIATIVES LIKE CONSTRUCTING CHECK DAMS AND MAINTAINING THE CLEANLINESS OF WATER BODIES. BY DOING SO, WE'LL NOT ONLY ENSURE A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR HUMANITY BUT ALSO SUPPORT THE WELL-BEING OF OUR PLANET'S DIVERSE ECOSYSTEMS.



**MEMBERS OF THE TEAM FOR
THE CONSTRUCTION OF
CHECK DAM AT ALWAR,
RAJASTHAN, FROM 15TH-
19TH NOVEMBER 2025**

**DISTRIBUTION OF INSULATED WATER
BOTTLES**





ENVIRONMENT

IN RECENT MONTHS, WE'VE WITNESSED AN ALARMING SURGE IN DEVASTATING NATURAL AND SATANIC DISASTERS, FROM CATASTROPHIC EARTHQUAKES AND HURRICANES TO CRIPPLING DROUGHTS AND UNPRECEDENTED WILDFIRES. THESE CALAMITIES SERVE AS A STARK REMINDER OF THE INTRICATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HUMAN ACTIVITIES AND THE PLANET'S WELL-BEING. IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT WE INTROSPECT AND REASSESS OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ENVIRONMENT. HAVE WE REACHED A TIPPING POINT WHERE THE EARTH'S RESILIENCE IS BEING PUSHED TO ITS LIMITS? AS WE CONTINUE TO HARNESS TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS, WE MUST ASK OURSELVES: ARE THESE INNOVATIONS PROPELLING US TOWARD SUSTAINABILITY OR HURTLING US TOWARD DESTRUCTION? IT'S HIGH TIME WE HEED THE PLANET'S DISTRESS SIGNALS AND ABANDON DESTRUCTIVE PRACTICES, EMBRACING INSTEAD A PATH OF HARMONY AND BALANCE WITH NATURE.



**CLOTH BAG DISTRIBUTION
AND AWARENESS IN ARYA
SAMAJ SCHOOLS - 25TH
OCTOBER, 2024**

**WORLD PLASTIC FREE DAY-
DISTRIBUTION OF CLOTH
BAGS -**





MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

DESPITE SIGNIFICANT ADVANCEMENTS IN MEDICAL SCIENCE, INDIA CONTINUES TO GRAPPLE WITH ALARMINGLY HIGH INFANT AND MATERNAL MORTALITY RATES. THE REACH OF HEALTHCARE AND EDUCATION REMAINS LIMITED IN RURAL AREAS, WHERE OUTDATED SUPERSTITIONS AND MISCONCEPTIONS OFTEN HINDER PROGRESS. TO BRIDGE THIS GAP, OUR EFFORTS SHOULD FOCUS ON EMPOWERING FAMILIES WITH KNOWLEDGE AND RESOURCES, ENABLING THEM TO ADOPT HEALTHY PRACTICES, PREVENT DISEASES, AND IMPROVE THEIR OVERALL WELL-BEING. BY EXPANDING OUR OUTREACH AND EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES, WE CAN WORK TOWARDS A HEALTHIER, MORE INFORMED INDIA.



EYE CHECK UP CAMP FOR THE STUDENTS AT VSA INDIA - 13TH NOVEMBER, 2024

MEDICAL CAMP WITH CK BIRLA HOSPITAL, IN ROHINI - 28TH SEPTEMBER, 2024



EYE CHECKUP CAMP AT KOSHISH - 19TH OCTOBER, 2024





**COMPLETE MEDICAL
CAMP AT NAVAL
PUBLIC SCHOOL - 8TH
NOVEMBER, 2024**

**MAMMOGRAPHY
CAMP AT AMAR
COLONY - 28TH
DECEMBER, 2024**



**DENTAL CAMP AT VSAI - 15TH MAY,
2025**



BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY

A STRONG COMMUNITY'S FOUNDATION LIES IN THE EDUCATIONAL EMPOWERMENT OF ITS MEMBERS. HOWEVER, OUR COUNTRY'S LITERACY DEFINITION FALLS WOEFULLY SHORT. EDUCATION IS PIVOTAL IN A CHILD'S DEVELOPMENTAL JOURNEY, AND IT'S CRUCIAL TO PRIORITIZE FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS LIKE NUMERACY AND LITERACY FOR BOTH CHILDREN AND ADULTS. FOCUSING ON GIRL CHILD EDUCATION CAN HELP BRIDGE POLICY GAPS AND DRIVE MEANINGFUL CHANGE. OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLE SHOULD BE TO EQUIP INDIVIDUALS WITH LIFELONG LEARNING SKILLS, RATHER THAN MERE TEMPORARY SOLUTIONS – 'TEACHING TO FISH' RATHER THAN 'GIVING A FISH.' THIS APPROACH SHOULD INFORM ALL OUR SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL POLICIES, FOSTERING A CULTURE OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH.



**FLAGSHIP
PROJECT-
KOSHISH-
OPENING OF THE
SIXTH CENTE -
25TH JANUARY,
2025**

**COMPUTER
FESTIVAL AT VSAI -
6TH DECEMBER
2024.**





COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MONEY PLAYS A DUAL ROLE, SERVING AS BOTH A VITAL RESOURCE AND A VALUABLE OUTCOME. JUST AS SUNLIGHT IS ESSENTIAL FOR LIFE, FINANCIAL RESOURCES ARE NECESSARY FOR SURVIVAL, ENABLING INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES TO MEET THEIR BASIC NEEDS. ECONOMIC GROWTH IS THE LIFEBLOOD OF A SOCIETY, JUST LIKE HEALTHCARE IS CRUCIAL FOR ITS WELL-BEING. FROM HOUSEHOLDS TO NATIONS, FINANCIAL STABILITY IS KEY TO FULFILLING FUNDAMENTAL NECESSITIES. BY FOSTERING AND SUPPORTING THE ECONOMIC ENDEAVORS OF SMALL ENTERPRISES, WE CAN NURTURE LIVES, STIMULATE GROWTH, AND CREATE A MORE PROSPEROUS AND RESILIENT SOCIETY.

Throughout the year, we made a conscious effort to source all our gifts, mementos, prizes, and cloth bags from organizations that empower individuals with special abilities, providing them with valuable skills and a sustainable livelihood. By actively promoting and supporting these initiatives, we aim to contribute to the economic well-being of our community, fostering a more inclusive and equitable society. Our procurement practices reflect our commitment to social responsibility, highlighting the positive impact that businesses can have on the communities they serve.



SPREADING MORE SMILES

**INDEPENDENCE
DAY CELEBRATIONS
AT KOSHISH - 15TH
AUGUST, 2024**



**DEEPAVALI
CELEBRATIONS AT
KOSHISH - 30TH
OCTOBER, 2024**

**CHILDREN'S DAY AT VSAI -
NOVEMBER, 2024**



**CHILDREN'S DAY
AT KOSHISH - 14TH
NOVEMBER, 2024**



**REPUBLIC DAY
CELEBRATIONS AT
KOSHISH - JANUARY, 2025**

**DISTRIBUTION OF
BLANKETS - JANUARY,
2025**



**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
AT KOSHISH - DECEMBER,
2024**



**INTERNATIONAL NURSE'S DAY
CELEBRATIONS - 12TH MAY, 2025**

FUN-FILLED, MEANINGFUL FELLOWSHIPS

Our fellowships were a perfect blend of enjoyment and enrichment, featuring a diverse range of activities that brought us closer together. From themed fellowships to glamorous ramp walks, vibrant festival celebrations, and insightful speaker meetings, each event was a resounding success, drawing large crowds and fostering a strong sense of camaraderie and family bonding. These gatherings not only provided a platform for learning and growth but also created unforgettable memories, strengthening the bonds among our members and reinforcing our sense of community.





RCDAM INTERACT AWARDS

AUGUST, 2024

INTERACT CLUBS OF RCDAM WERE AWARDED WITH TROPHIES AND INTERACT TEACHERS WITH MOMENTOS IN THIS SPARKLING CEREMONY HELD AT MODERN PUBLIC SCHOOL, SHALIMAR BAGH.



CLUB FUNDRAISER FOR KOSHISH

15TH DECEMBER, 2024

BOLLYWOOD MUSICAL NIGHT WITH SINGER LOKESH MADAN WAS INDEED A NIGHT TO REMEMBER



CLUB ASSEMBLY AND THANKSGIVING

5TH JULY, 2025



After months of anticipation and overcoming several challenges, our highly awaited Club Assembly and Thanksgiving finally took place on July 5-6th in an exciting overnight event. The gathering was a perfect blend of thought-provoking discussions, strategic planning, and sheer fun. Our members generously shared valuable insights and innovative ideas with the incoming team, and we wish our new President, Kushal, and his team all the best for their tenure. The highlight of the evening was our Bollywood-themed Thanksgiving, where our President, Sonia, creatively drew parallels between our members and popular Bollywood movie titles, adding a touch of glamour and humor to the event. Overall, it was an unforgettable experience that will be etched in our memories forever.



JUNE 4- PP AVINASH AGARWAL

JUNE 16- PP RAVI DAYAL

JUNE 27- PP MAHESH REHANI

JUNE 28-DR. RAJIV MATHUR

JUNE 29- ROTARY PARTNER MAX



**JUNE 20- ROTARY PARTNER SHEFALI &
RTN. RAJESH MALHOTRA**

**JUNE 26- ROTARY PARTNER MANJU &
RTN. SUNIL AGGARWAL**



***UNITE
FOR
GOOD***



ROTARY THEME
2025-26

THIS MESSAGE ENCOURAGES ROTARIANS TO BE A SOURCE OF UNITY IN A WORLD OFTEN DIVIDED BY VARIOUS FACTORS, AND TO WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE POSITIVE IMPACT IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND GLOBALLY THROUGH SERVICE PROJECTS.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT STARTING FROM THE 2025-26 ROTARY YEAR, THERE IS A SHIFT FROM THE TRADITIONAL "PRESIDENTIAL THEME" TO AN ANNUAL "PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE" TO PROMOTE CONSISTENT AND UNIFIED MESSAGING ALIGNED WITH THE ROTARY ACTION PLAN.

And That's a Wrap!!!

Good Luck To The Incoming Team

Incoming RI President

Francesco Arezzo

Incoming District Governor

Dr. Ravinder Gugnani

Incoming Club President

Kushal Garg

Incoming Club Secretary

Dr. Rajiv Mathur

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