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# TODAY

**Mr. Raghav Chandra**, a retired Indian Administrative Service officer and bureaucrat, former Chairman of the National Highways Authority of India, and former Secretary in various departments of the Government of India, will give us a talk on **"Experiential Satisfaction with Highways"** on Zoom on Saturday, July 9, 2022 at 6.30 p.m.



During his distinguished public career spanning 37 years, Mr. Raghav Chandra held important positions in the Government of India and earned a reputation for innovation in every department he worked with. He is the founder and CEO of the messaging and connectivity app CUNSULT, and President of the Society for Culture and Environment. He also holds independent directorships on a few listed company boards, is an accredited arbitrator, Adjunct Faculty with the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, and has contributed articles on management and sustainability issues to various publications.

#### Highlights of a Distinguished Career:

- Chairman of the National Highways Authority of India
- Principal Secretary, Urban Development of Madhya Pradesh
- Managing Director of the Madhya Pradesh State Industrial Development Corporation, the Trade and Investment Facilitation Corporation, the Road Development Corporation, and the Madhya Pradesh Civil Supplies Corporation
- CEO of the Indian Highway Management Company and the Madhya Pradesh Housing Board
- Chairman of the Special Economic Zone, Indore
- Chairman of the Pithampur Auto Cluster

Mr. Chandra is an alumnus of Harvard University and an Edward S. Mason Fellow (dividing his time between Harvard Kennedy School and Harvard Business School), and of Delhi University (as a resident of St Stephen's College). In St Stephen's College, he was awarded the Sudarshan Kumar Memorial Award for the best all-rounder. He received the National Science Talent Merit Scholarship 1975–1980 and later the Joint Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program for study abroad. He is the author of two acclaimed novels, *Kali's Daughter*, about caste and life in the civil services, and *Scent of a Game*, centred on wildlife conservation. He has edited *The Eternal Wisdom of the Tribes*, and is Director of the Bhopal Literature and Art Festival. He is a keen golfer and swimmer.

We look forward to your presence on Saturday, July 9, 2022 at 6.30 p.m. on Zoom using the following login details:

Join Zoom Meeting : https://zoom.us/j/98234745097?pwd=RmszRm5aaHIFa0xSWIh4aWJCcHZqUT09 Meeting ID: <u>982 3474 5097</u> Password: 584742

There will be a half hour Pre-Meeting Fellowship from 6.30 p.m. and the meeting will be called to order at 7.00 p.m.

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# The Week That Was

#### From Rtn. Varun Nagpal

#### **Musical Quiz with Happy Hours**

Pre-fellowship started at 6.30 p.m. in Poona Club Hall 2 where many members interacted on various topics. Post-prefellowship, the meeting was called to order by Pres. Uday Dharmadhikari and all members and guests were welcomed to the meeting. This was the first meeting of the new Rotary year 2022–23. President Uday welcomed visiting Rotarians and R'Ann Namrata Sarda and R'Ann Urmi Rathod who had organised a fun evening with a Musical Quiz.

President Uday expressed his gratitude to the organising team for the installation ceremony function. He also elaborated on his vision in light of the Rotary Theme for RY 2022–23 and the club in years to come. He then showcased CentralNet for RY 2022–23.

Three new members, Mr. Nandan Kumar Pugalia, Mr. Santanu Banerjee, and Mr. Mukund Sheth, were inducted into the club. They were introduced by their respective proposers and welcomed by Pres. Uday and all the members.

We wished happy birthday to Rtn. Dr. Sarang Rote, R'Ann Meena Sarkar, Rtn. Delshad Karanjia, Rtn. Vikram Salunkhe, Mr. Milon Nag, and Rtn. Dr. Shashi Saxena.

We also wished happy wedding anniversary to Rtn. PP Madhu and R'Ann Prema Rathi, Rtn. Jeevan and R'Ann Renu Mahaldar, Rtn. Aniruddha and R'Ann Sangeeta Gupte.

R'Ann Namrata Sarda and R'Ann Urmi Rathod set the ball rolling for a fun-filled evening with a Musical Quiz. Members were impressed by the sheer professionalism with which the function was organised. Both of them had a wonderful way with words, a personable approach, and a great sense of humour. The evening was followed by Happy Hours.





### **Eye Check-Up Camp** From Rtn. Oni Kakajiwala

The Eye Check-Up Camp at Zilla Parishad School, Lonikalbhor, was in full swing on July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022. This camp was organized by Utkarsh Apang Sanstha and the Rotary Club of Pune Central in association with the Community Eye Care Foundation. A total of 1,200 students attended the camp. Rtn. Oni and R'Ann Nafisa Kakajiwala were also present.



# First Woman Takes Office as President of Rotary International



**Evanston, Illinois.** On July 1, 2022, Jennifer Jones, member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, became the first woman to take office as Rotary International President in the service organization's 117-year existence.

During her one-year term, Jones will focus on building new relationships and establishing collaborations with organizations that share Rotary's commitment to driving impact through humanitarian service and to developing leaders around the globe. She has also made Rotary's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion a key part of her presidential platform.

"Diversity has long been one of our core values and continues to serve as a foundation for how we interact with each other and our communities," said Jones. "I know that my experiences and perspective as a woman mean that I bring a different lens to how I see and

approach opportunities and challenges for our organization. I hope to be a catalyst for similar opportunities for leaders from all backgrounds that comprise the global mosaic of our organization. We are stronger, more creative, and more effective when we ask for and leverage those diverse perspectives to tackle the world's most pressing challenges."

As a professional communicator with more than 30 years of experience, Jones will also use her vocational strength as a storyteller to shine a light on the positive and lasting impact Rotary clubs are making to improve lives and strengthen communities across the globe. "This year, we are going to bring Rotary service projects center stage around the world. We will put a special focus on visible, high impact acts of service across our areas of focus, drawing attention to the incredible work that Rotary members are doing," said Jones.

Jones officially took office as Rotary International President on July 1, 2022 in Ottawa, Canada at the mid-point of her cross-country tour. Dubbed "Imagine Rotary Canada", Jones is traveling coast-to-coast, stopping at twelve hubs along the way to meet with local officials and participate in projects that address pressing issues including food insecurity, plastic and litter in waterways, and the safety of seasonal guest workers.

Jones will also mark her year as president by touring model examples of Rotary's impact in action. Throughout the year she will connect with Rotary members and clubs spanning the globe to explore and share learnings from Rotary projects, with a focus that includes:

- the vital role of women health workers in the efforts to end polio in Pakistan;
- a day in the life of a community health worker helping to reduce malaria in Zambia;
- the efforts of 600 Rotary clubs to improve education for underserved students in Guatemala;
- a former refugee who is now a Rotary Peace Fellow at the Rotary Peace at Makerere University, in Uganda;
- health workers reaching children with life-saving vaccines in remote islands in the South Pacific; and
- Rotary's efforts to bring clean water, sanitation, and hygiene to all of Haiti.

As president, Jones will oversee Rotary's top goal of eradicating polio. "When we harness our connections, deepen our relationships, and create new partnerships — our collective efforts can change lives for generations," said Jones. "There is no better proof point of our impact than our effort to eradicate polio."



Alongside its Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners, Rotary has achieved a 99.9 percent reduction in polio cases, and contributed US \$2.4 billion to protect more than 3 billion children from this paralyzing disease. Nearly 19.4 million people are walking today who otherwise would have been paralyzed by this vaccine-preventable disease, and 1.5 million people are alive who otherwise would have died. With the infrastructure Rotary helped create to end polio, a lasting global health legacy is now being used to protect millions of people from other diseases, including Ebola, malaria, and COVID-19.

**About Jennifer Jones:** Jennifer is the Founder and President of Media Street Productions Inc., a 25-year-old awardwinning media company in Windsor, Ontario. She has received many honors and recognitions including Rotary's Service Above Self Award and the Citation for Meritorious Service, the YMCA Peace Medallion, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, and Wayne State University's Peacemaker of the Year Award — a first for a Canadian. Jennifer is married to Rotarian Nick Krayacich, a family physician.

Source: www.rotary.org; article shared by Rtn. PP Raja Kharadkar

## **Rotary Information**

#### From Rtn. PP Suhas Merchant



#### **Rotary Action Groups**

Rotary Action Groups are independent, Rotary-affiliated groups made up of people from around the world who are experts in a particular field, such as economic development, peace, addiction prevention, the environment, or water.

Action groups offer their technical expertise and support to help clubs plan and implement projects to increase our impact, one of Rotary's strategic priorities. This support includes helping

clubs find partners, funding, and other resources. Action groups can also help clubs and districts prepare grant applications, conduct community assessments, and develop plans to monitor and evaluate their projects. Read more about these activities in the Rotary Action Groups annual report.

Anyone who wants to share their expertise to make a positive difference can join an action group. Only Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Rotary Peace Fellows can serve in leadership roles.

#### **Contact or join a Rotary Action Group**

Contact a Rotary Action Group to:

- Get expert advice on planning and implementing service projects, including those funded by Rotary Foundation district and global grants
- Connect with potential project partners, both within and outside of Rotary
- Get help fundraising and obtaining resources for projects

Join a Rotary Action Group to share your expertise and make a difference in projects outside your club or district. To get involved, go through the Rotary directory on <u>www.Rotary.org</u> and contact the action group you're interested in.

### Know Your Rotary From Rtn. PP Madhu Rathi



**Rotary International Presidents and Themes over the Years** 

Rotary Year R.I. President	Rotary Theme
1962–63 Nitesh C. Laharry	Kindle the Spark Within
1963–64 Carl P. Miller	Meeting Rotary's Challenge in the Space Age
1964–65 Charles W. Pettengill	Live Rotary
1965–66 C.P.H. Teenstra	Action, Consolidation, and Continuity
1966–67 Richard L. Evans	A Better World Through Rotary
1967–68 Luther H. Hodges	Make Your Rotary Membership Effective
1968–69 Kyoshi Togasaki	Participate!
1969–70 James F. Conway	Review & Renew
1970–71 William E. Walk	Bridge the Gaps
1971–72 Ernst G. Breitholtz	Goodwill Begins with You
1972–73 Roy D. Hickman	Let's Take a New Look and Act
1973–74 William C. Carter	A Time for Action
1974–75 William R. Robbins	Renew the Spirit of Rotary
1975–76 Ernesto Imbassahy de Mello	To Dignify the Human Being

...To be continued

### The Vital Importance of Water by R'Ann Pratibha Devi



This poem is a reminder about the vital importance of water, which sustains all forms of life.

Although nature provides us with water in abundance, it is not stored properly and much of it is wasted. The poem depicts the pain of raindrops.

#### जल - स्वगत

सिसकती पानी की बूंदे रूठकर बैठ गयी बादलो मे छिपकर जलदेवता के पास बोली जाकर नही जाना है हमें धरती पर

कारण पूछा देवता ने हँसकर बोली, रखते नही हमे सँभलकर नारा जलसंवर्धन का गरजकर सागरमे जाता है पानी बहाकर

देख नही सकते रोते हुअे किसान बरसेंगे हम जोर से, होकर बेभान वादे निभाना नही होता आसान कब करेगा मानव कुदरत का सन्मान?

### JALSA - Celebrate Life (MONSOON PICNIC) RID 3131 District Event



Co-Host Clubs: Rotary Club of Kalamboli, Karjat, Kharghar Midtown, Khopoli, Lonavala, New Panvel, Panvel, Panvel Central, Panvel Horizon, Panvel Mahanagar, Patalganga, Pen, Ulwe Node.

### From the President Uday Dharmadhikari



66 A smile speaks all languages of the world.

Wherever you go, carry your smile, because no statistics

can measure the warmth of a smile.

Keep smiling — it's happiness

you will find under your nose.

## What to Expect in the Next Four Weeks

- **16th July** Imagine Rotary is the theme for RY 2022–2023. Enjoy an interactive and entertaining session of IMAGINE ROTARY with Dr. Jignesh Pandya, a pioneer in Mind Game Teaching, and Founder Director of Uncommon Sense, and Pandya and Daughter Edutraining Pvt. Ltd.
- **23rd July** A presentation on the Club and Trust Budget will be followed by Guest Speaker Dr Sadanand Raut, who will deliver a talk on "Mission Impossible: Zero Snakebite Death". Followed by Mini Fellowship.
- **30th July** No Meeting.
- **6th August** VIRTUAL MEETING on Zoom An interesting TALK SHOW by Ms. Nisha JamVwal, well-known columnist, author, brand consultant, television influencer, blogger, craft crusader, accessibility crusader, and storyteller for OTT platforms.

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries**





Rtn. / R'Ann	Birthday
Rtn. PP Rakesh Bhargava	July 9
Rtn. Vinay Biyani	July 9
Rtn. Aniruddha Gupte	July 9
R'Ann Sneha Bharti	July 11
Rtn. Shrikant Sarda	July 14





**Member and Spouse** Rtn. Dr. Rajiv and R'Ann Madhuri Narvekar Wedding Anniversary July 10