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R.I. DIST. 3060

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R. I. President

**Dr. Nilax Mufti**  
Dist. Governor

**Rtn. Jugal Shinglot**  
President

**Rtn. Mukund Jariwala**  
Bulletin Editor

We meet every Tuesday at 8.30 p.m. at Dr. Bhacca Rotary Hall, Jeevan Bharti, Surat  
All our meets are Dinner meets.

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### **Congratulations...**

Annet Diana Stanley Martin, has been selected under the International Youth Study Exchange program for the year 2002-2003. She will be going to Iowa district 6000, United States of America. It has been our club's record that every year there is some one or the other going abroad representing our club. District 6000 is also very keen to host Riverside members/ family. *Keep up the active participation in international services.*

### **Past Meetings**

*Joint Meeting of All The Clubs of Surat Area Dt.14<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2002*

A panel discussion on "Have We Achieved International Friendship & Fellowship?" was held at the Samruddhi Hall of all the Rotary clubs of Surat area. The joint hosting of this function by all the Surat Rotary clubs became more relevant because, February is designated the month for *World Understanding*. Speakers were allotted time to speak on their subject. Following were the speakers & their subjects.

Speaker	Subject
Pre.Dr.Nandania	Earth Quake
Pre.Nilesh Bastawala	IYE
<i>Pre.Jugal Shinglot</i>	<i>GSE</i>
Pre.Manoj Dave	Family Exchange
Pre.Hagdish Panchal	Polio Immunization
Pre.Vinod Agarwal	Activities in World Understanding
Pre.Rajesh Bhatt	World Peace
Pre.Hitendra Modi	3H
Pre.Prakash Patel	Matching Grants
Pre.Harshad Trivedi	Rotary Volunteers
Pre.Azad Jain	W.C.S

District Governor Dr.Nilax Mufti was the Chief Guest of the meeting. PP Rajnikant Marfatia was the moderator of the panel discussion. A galaxy of Past District Governors attended the meeting. DGE. Jatin Bhatt & DGN Kulbahndu Sharma were also present.

For the President of our club, which has had a member in the form of a leader of GSE team, which went to France, a member who was a part of GSE team, which went to Scotland, it was not difficult to convince the audience about the importance of the GSE program. According to President Jugal, GSE is not only a voyage to another country but also a voyage to self-discovery. The first step to the path of peace.

The meeting concluded with Asst Gov Hitesh Jariwala proposing the vote of thanks. Entertainment was provided by Prof. Harris from Vallabh Vidhyanagar.

#### Meeting On 19<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 2002

Our regular meeting was a speaker meet. *Shri Rajubhai Thakkar* from "*Akasmal Nivaran Kendra*" was the speaker. The name of the institution itself speaks the activities of this 19-year-old institution. Down to earth man this Rajubhai Thakkar, a fluent speaker, had many instances & experiences to share with the members of the work their institution does for the society. He narrated his services during the time of plague, which struck our city. It is a highly creditable job the commanders of this institution do for the society. Some of their activities are;

- Help & hospitalize people who have suffered injuries due to accidents on the road,
- Arrange for blood relief,
- To perform last rites, etc

We also had the brief company of visiting guest from district 6000 Iowa, PDG Roger Borup, Rtn Mary Lipsett from district 6540 & Rtn Sally Ernst from district 6360.

They were accompanied by IPDG Prafull Bhatt & Dist Matching Grant Chairperson Harshidaben Bhatt.

Ann Tejal Shukla, opened a boutique of exclusive ladies wear garments. "RADHA", the name itself spells femininity, has started outstanding sales at Sheron Plaza, Parle Point. Annes please don't forget to visit the boutique & congratulate Tejal, she is an enterprising entrepreneur.

Rtn Stanley Martin & family hosted a visiting couple Rtn Max Howell & ann Ruth from R.C Chatham Sunrise district 6380, Ontario-Canada. The couple shared the comfortable home of Stanley for a day. I have requested Rtn Stanley to share his feelings as a host with us through Riverside Ripples.

Riverside members met informally on the 14<sup>th</sup> Feb Thursday at the marriage party hosted by PP Jayesh Dhamanwala of his niece, Radha. The arrangements that the three Dhamanwala brothers made were outstanding & creditable in every aspect.

#### Wedding Anniversary



20<sup>th</sup> February 2002 Wednesday

Rashika & Dr. Ajay Bhardwaj

Ph: 2840745



24<sup>th</sup> February 2002 Sunday

Nensi & Kulin Valdya

Ph 3237827

{Nensi & Kulin are our very good Rotary friends. We have been missing them in our meetings. I humbly request all the members to call Nensi & Kulin & wish them on their anniversary day. Please also persuade them to start attending the meetings regularly}

#### Birthday Celebrations



21<sup>st</sup> February 2002 Thursday

Ann Sangeeta Anand ☎: 2840745



3<sup>rd</sup> March 2002 Sunday

Ann Sonal Parikh ☎: 3222577

**What is the Rotary Foundation?** The Rotary Foundation is a non-profit corporation which supports the effort of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational and cultural exchange programs.

**Foundation History:** In 1917, Arch C. Klumph, Rotary's sixth president, proposed to the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, the creation of an "endowment fund for Rotary . . . for the purpose of doing good in the world in charitable, educational and other avenues of community service." A few months later, the endowment received its first contribution of \$26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri, USA. In 1920, when the endowment fund had grown to more than US \$5,000, the fund was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International. Five Trustees, including Klumph, were appointed to "hold, invest, manage, and administer all of its property. . . as a single trust, for the furtherance of the purposes of RI." Two years later, the Foundation made its first grant of US\$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The ISCC - created by Rotarian Edgar F. "Daddy" Allen - since grew into the Easter Seals organization. The Great Depression and World War II both impeded significant growth for the Foundation, but the need for promoting a lasting world peace generated great post-war interest in developing Foundation programs. After Rotary founder Paul P. Harris died in 1947, contributions began pouring into Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created for the purpose of building the Foundation. Strong support and involvement of Rotarians worldwide ensures a secure future for The Rotary Foundation as it continues its vital work for international understanding and world peace

#### International Upcoming Events

RI Presidential World Peace Forums, 4-10 March 2002

Presidential World Peace Dinner-Amman, Jordan 4 March 2002 Amman, Jordan  
(4 March, Amman Marriott)

Peace Dinner featuring speeches by two local dignitaries about the pursuit of peace in the region. Meet with fellow Rotarians, Senior Rotary Leaders, and local experts to explore peace-building strategies in a convivial setting. Let it truly be said that every Rotarian is a peacemaker.

Presidential World Peace Conference-Cairo, Egypt 5-6 March 2002

Cairo, Egypt - (5-6 March, Location: Semiramis InterContinental Hotel)  
Peace Conference featuring national political and religious leaders from the First Lady of Egypt, Mrs Suzanne Mubarak to His Excellency, Dr. Mohammed Sayed Tantawi, Sheikh of Al-Azhar and His Holiness, Pope Shenouda, the Third Pope of Alexandria, discussing the importance of interfaith education and understanding. With additional sessions on resolving conflict within your own community, aiding displaced persons, and helping Rotary achieve peace. Also included are sessions about polio eradication, Rotary's Global Quest, and Rotary extension into Islamic countries.

Presidential World Peace Summit-Istanbul, Turkey 8-10 March 2002

Istanbul, Turkey - (8-10 March, Location: Ceylan InterContinental Hotel Istanbul)

Peace Summit featuring addresses by political leaders such as Suleyman Demirel, the 9th President of Turkey and Semra Sezer, the First Lady of Turkey. Topics to be explored are the role of the family and young people in the peace process, how the Global Quest can build tolerance and understanding, and the role of the Rotary Foundation in facilitating peace through polio eradication, the Rotary Centers for International Studies, and projects to aid refugees. A multi-faith panel discussion will round out this special Peace Summit.

*PP Dr. Sunil Dsouza*

#### **WHAT MAKES LIFE?**

"Not length of days nor  
span of years,  
not vain regrets nor  
hopeless tears  
faint hearts when a  
storm appears,  
These make not life.  
Not easy drifting with  
the tide,  
not halting when the  
visions ride,  
not mourning for the  
gifts denied,  
These make not life  
To fill the time with  
thought and deed,  
To find in faith the  
joyous creed,  
To lose oneself in others  
need,  
These make life.  
To strive when adverse  
currents hold,  
To make our dreams  
their truth unfold,  
To smile at fate with  
courage bold,  
THESE MAKE LIFE."

*By. Rtn. Preeti  
Jariwala*

### **New Generation Cars!**

At a recent computer expo (COMDEX), Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated: "If General Motors (GM) had kept up with the technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25.00 cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon." In response to Bill's comments, General Motors issued a press release stating "If GM had developed technology like Microsoft, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics

- 1) For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash twice a day.
- 2) Every time they repainted the lines in the road, you would have to buy a new car.
- 3) Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull over to the side of the road, close all of the car windows, shut it off, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could continue. For some reason you would simply accept this.
- 4) Occasionally, executing a maneuver such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.
- 5) Only one person at a time could use the car unless you bought "CarNT", but then you would have to buy more seats.
- 5) Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive but would only run on five percent of the roads.
- 7) The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single "General Protection Fault" warning light.
- 8) New seats would force everyone to have the same sized butt.
- 9) The airbag system would ask "are you SURE?" before deploying.
- 10) Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.
- 11) GM would require all car buyers to also purchase a deluxe set of Rand McNally road maps (now a GM subsidiary), even though they neither need nor want them. Attempting to delete this option would immediately cause the car's performance to diminish by 50% or more. Moreover, GM would become a target for investigation by the Justice Dept.
- 12) Every time GM introduced a new car, car buyers would have to learn to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.
- 13) You'd have to press the "Start" button to turn the engine off.

### **Forthcoming Meeting...**

Dt 26<sup>th</sup> February 2002 Tuesday

Speaker Meet. DGN Kulbandhu Sharma will be our esteemed guest for the meeting. He will give us a brief report on the polio summit, which will be held from 24<sup>th</sup> February onwards.

President JugalKishor Shinglot & Polio Chairman Rtn Stanley Martin will represent our club at the International Polio Summit which is kicking off on the 24<sup>th</sup> February Friday. The venue of the summit is the exquisite hotel The Renaissance, Mumbai. RI President Rick King along with many Rotary senior personalities will attend this summit.

District 5450 *eClub One* was officially chartered by Rotary International on January 4, 2002 and is the first Rotary Club in the world to use the World Wide Web as a meeting place. Meeting is 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. The attendance of the members is measured by the number of service hours they perform each quarter.

They provide a Make-Up opportunity for visitors to the *eClub One* website. They understand that acceptance of that make-up is entirely up to the visitor's home Rotary club. Our members are required to spend some time on the *eClub One* website and then complete a Make-Up Request Form with mandatory responses. To complete some of the fields, our members had to review the "Current Program" (or one of the archived programs) and make mandatory comments. The information are responses to that Make-Up Request Form and demonstrate the member's attendance at an *eClub One* meeting on the web, which is available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

*eClub One* welcomes all visitors. Please return often and watch the development of this unique approach to Service Above Self by individuals that, due to circumstances beyond their control, are unable to meet attendance requirements of a traditional Rotary club.

### **Visit eClub One**

of District 5450 at: [www.rotary5450.org/eclub](http://www.rotary5450.org/eclub)

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