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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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At the outset, please accept my sincere apologies for failing to report to you the events of the last three meets. It has indeed been a long break. No valid reasons exist. It was only a personal trip to my hometown Hyderabad and some settling down. No meeting during Diwali time added to the inconsistency. The bulletin is back to you now with a new life & zeal with a promise to make your reading a happy one every time. Contributions are invited at rameshjaitane@stf.com to make it more interesting.

Memories of the past meeting 26th November 2002.

It was the same venue and the same routine time, but definitely not the routine tempo on the 26th day of November 2002 at Dr. Sam Bhacca Rotary Hall. Much beyond one's expectations the speaker or more correctly the *interactor*, Assistant Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Mr. Markand Mehta enthused the audience till the very last with his *shayari andaz*. Why not? It was everyone's concerned subject – **Road Traffic Awareness**. Introduced by IPP Jugal Shinglot as a tough man with a soft heart as was evident from his interaction, the meeting was set on to a start and what followed was an eye opener.

Awareness was the answer to almost all the questions and following traffic rules was emphasized on. Laws have to be enforced not by requests but by punitive methods to make our roads safe. It is so sad that many lose their precious lives owing to non-adherence to traffic rules.

Rightly brought to light by Ann. Sangeeta was the subject of increasing pollution levels on account of not using the correct fuel by Auto rickshaws, just to save a few bucks – tilting the precious oxygen level and starving our lungs. It is time everyone understands the adversity on the long run.

Rtn. Preeti Jariwala narrated an incident witnessed by her when two speeding youth were crushed to death on a main road in Surat. What aspirations they might have had and what expectations the dependents might have had on them? All gone in one go. Indeed parents are responsible for educating their wards on the rules of the road. With education comes awareness, awareness leads to following of rules ultimately to one's safety on the road.

Irritating noises produced by electric horns and fancy number plates, which are banned even on highways adding to the much discomfort on roads and now even heard on the top floor of one's home. PP Dr. Sunil D'souza and Ann. Hina – you have made a point!

IPP Jugal pointed out how people break rules when a policeman is not around. We should beware of the most dangerous time when signals are off during the early and late hours when visibility is poor.

President Mukund joined the policeman in answering a query raised by Rtn. Amish Malji on holding license documents while driving. One cannot plead ignorance of law was the policeman's answer.

A good presidential initiative that we shall henceforth make a beginning and take an oath that we shall follow traffic rules and educate others on road safety.

It is time we start unlearning all the quickie tricks on the road – *the me first attitude*. Bad habits are contagious and to advocate and educate good habits it is equally difficult. Let's all wow and take the difficult and the right path.

Lastly, Why all these rules? Why all the education and debating? The secret answer – *our own safety*.

Birthday Greetings

- 06-12-02 Rtn. Tasneem M. Doctor
Tel : 322 0358 R
- 07-12-02 Rtn. Harish Thesia
Tel: 854 3253 @
- 10-12-02 Rtn. Dr. Harjeet Pal Singh
Tel: 324 4410 @

Wedding Bells

- 02-12-02 Ann. Hina & Rtn. Mehul Shah
Tel: 324 0733 @
- 06-12-02 Ann. Anu & Rtn. Amit Adhiya
Tel: 742 3655
- 09-12-02 Ann. Sangeeta & Rtn. Anand Acharya
Tel: 284 0745 @
- 09-12-02 Ann. Aruna & Rtn. Kailash Shah
Tel: 325 8019
- 10-12-02 Ann. Neha & Rtn. Hiren Vepari
Tel: 322 8533

Thought for the week

When your neighbors' house is burning and you are sleeping, your house could be the next.

.....Shiv Kherra

Score Board of Attendance on 26/11/02

Rotarians	:	16
Anna/spouse	:	05
Annets	:	03
Guests	:	04
Total	:	28

**This
Month
is
Foundation
Month**

Moved over

PP. Arvind Kumar has moved over to a new home at D-3/9, Nandniketan Township. Contact on the new phone lines on 840 4047 or 287 0559. We wish the new home continues to bring you and your family goodluck and prosperity.

Change in vocation

Rtn. Ankur Marfatia has left business and is back to the corporate world. He has joined Birla Sunlife Insurance Co., as Area Agency Manager. We wish him success and prosperity in his new vocation.

Report of our maiden Intract Club.....

First report on the maiden Intract Club sponsored by our club on their meet on 25.11.02.

Intract Club of Umrigar School met at 3.30 pm that day. Team leader Rtn. Richard Bennet from California USA attended the meet along with four overseas intractors visiting Surat.

Thanks to the efforts of PP. Dr. Sunil D'souza and Rtn. Tasneem Doctor this Club has taken shape.

Good luck to the prospective President Sabiha Doctor. The Riversiders are backing you

Forthcoming Meetings

Date : 3rd December 2002 Tuesday

Speaker Meet

Speakers : Rtn. Nayan Bharatya
PP. Mahendra Kajiwala
Mr. Kamhesh Bachkaniwala

Subject : First hand report on the China Fair & Chinese economy / business with China

Venue : Dr. Sam Bacca Rotary Hall

Time : 8.30 pm

Rtn. Nayan Bharatya is the Honorary member of our club and President of The South Gujarat Chamber of Commerce.

Dinner will be served at the venue

Forthcoming District Events

The Rotary Foundation seminar is slated for 22nd December 2002 beginning at 10.00 AM. Hosted by Rotary Club of Vapi the venue is at Fortune Galaxy, Vapi.

President Mukund Jariwala and Rtn. Divyang Parikh were ambassadors to the Rotary Club of Udhna at a function on account of District Governor Jatin Bhatt's visit on 28th November 2002.

Condolences

Rtn. Vijay Chauhan's father left for the heavenly abode on 31.10.2002. We mourn the sad demise and may his soul rest in peace.

Welcome to planet earth

Ann. Tejal & Rtn. Mihir Shukla are blessed with a baby girl 'Hrada'. Welcome 'Hrada' to the Rotary Riversiders family.