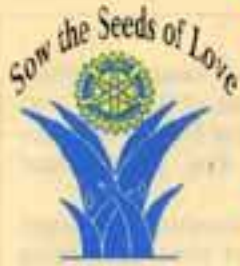


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We meet every Tuesday at 8.30 p.m. at Dr. Bhacca Rotary Hall, Jeevan Bharti, Surat
All our meets are Dinner meets.

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Memories of the fortnight gone by

Talent search in the budding Rotarians

The little ones came alive with renewed spirits for the much-awaited display of talent in them on the beautiful and overcast evening on the 6th August 2002. Their undeterred determination was evident when they turned up in full, all geared up for the competition, for this was their day and nothing would stop them this time.

The meet started with a welcome address by President Mukund Jariwala followed by the four way test by Rtn. Bankim Vashi and introduction of the Jury for the Competition - Mr G J Kapadia by PP Vishal Sinha.

The Elocution and Story Telling Competition for the annets got along to a good start, thanks to efficient management of the event by **Rtn. Tasneem Doctor** and the very new **Ann. Ulka**. There were 25 'budding Rotarians' representing different age groups doing proud to their parents and the club by bringing out their views and thoughts on the very serious topics 'Save India from ...' and 'Common man, a mere spectator'.

It was remarkable to note the understanding and perceiving levels of the annes who spoke on the above topics. The common enemy from which India is to be saved was identified as "Illiteracy" and its ill effects were very well enumerated. 'Each one teach one' was the slogan for the evening and the other saying, which was rightly said, was 'When you educate a woman, you educate a family'. 'Common man is the ultimate sufferer if he remains a mere spectator' was the moral inferred from the other topic. The younger ones came out confidently with their lovely little stories and morals too. Congratulations to the winners of the Elocution Competition **Ms. Dolly Doctor** in the first place, **Mast. Irfan Doctor** and **Ms. Parita Vasbi** in the second and **Ms. Diana Martin** in the third. It was **Mast. Rohan D'Souza** and **Ms. Shrena D'Souza** a la papa PP. **Sunil D'Souza** grabbing first places in the story telling competition in their respective categories. **Mast. Yash Jariwala**, **Ms. Keshu Shiglot**, **Ms. Rashi Patel** and **Mast. Tasneem Doola** quipped in with confidence to win other places in the story telling competition.

The Secretarial announcements on forthcoming meet, distribution of CDs covering the events of the RI year 2001-02 under IPP **Jugal Shinglot** and a report on the Pulse Polio Orientation P & R Meet held at Anand on 4th August 2002 by **Rtn. Paresh Dalal** followed before the meeting was adjourned.

Party time - Dance time

Thanks and many a gratitude to the hosts **Rtn. Rajesh Patel** and **Ann. Nirupa** for a lovely evening get together at their beautiful home. Everyone was in high spirits on the evening on the 10th August 2002 when the irresistible music brokeout and pulled everyone to the dance floor. It was *Khana, Bajana* and *Nachna* thereafter and no stopping to it.

A formal announcement of **Annet Diana Martin's** voyage to USA on Youth Exchange programme and cutting of cake on her farewell happened during the programme. Congratulations **Annet Diana**, you have added glitters to the Riverside Club on being the first one to represent our club on such a programme. Proud parents and sisters had an emotional evening and thanked the Riversiders for their support. Thankyou **PP. Dr. Sunil D'Souza** for having captured the moments of all the meets through the movie camera.

The evening actually belonged to **Rtn. Amit Adiya** and **Ann. Ami Adiya** who were to organise a singing competition, which was called off for fear of rains. Shall we hope to have it in near future?

Congratulations

Riverside Ripples wish **Annet, Diana Martin** the daughter of proud parents Ann Gracy & Rtn Stanley Martin, good luck on her youth exchange tour to Iowa, USA Dist 6000.

Annet Diana had a safe landing at Chicago on 13th August 2002 and is now in the safe hands of her host Ms Jerri.

🎂 Birthday Greetings 🎂

- 13 Aug 2002 : Rtn. Kailash Shah
Tel : 3258019 (R)
- 16 Aug 2002 : Rtn Pankaj Gandhi
Tel : 3227234 (R)
- 19 Aug 2002 : Rtn Rajesh Patel
Tel : 3665752 (R)
- 20 Aug 2002 : Ann Rashida
Lokhandwala
Tel : 3226648/2651 (R)
- 20 Aug 2002 : Ann Nishrin Doola
Tel : 7412612 (R)
- 23 Aug 2002 : Ann. Hyacinth D'Souza
Tel : 3650505 (R)
- 24 Aug 2002 : Ann. Manisha Gandhi
Tel : 3227234 (R)

Scoreboard of Attendance on 10/08/2002

Rotarians.....	28
Annes.....	20
Annets.....	28
Total	76

**This
month is
member
-ship
extension
month**

Achievements...

Annet Jeet Pankaj Gandhi studying in the 1st Standard at SDA School stood first in his class in the first terminal examinations

Rotary Ripples congratulate him and wishes him best of luck in his further studies

Thought for the week

Silence is golden when you cannot think of a good answer.

Ann Lakshmi R. Jaitane

Pulse Polio Orientation P & R Meet

The district level meet was hosted by Rotary Club of Anand Mid Town on Sunday 4th August, 2002. Chairman Polio Plus of R.I. Dist.3060 Rtn Jayant Sastry chaired the meet in the presence of District Governor Jatin Bhatt. President Mukund Jariwala and Rtn Paresh Dalal represented our club at the meet.

The meeting was an eye opener with reports of immunization targets slipping out and an alarming rise in number of polio cases being reported. By the end of July'02 there were 171 cases reported exceeding last year figures stating clearly that we have faltered in our Polio Immunization Programme.

Figures indicate that only 59.3% immunization in Gujarat during year 2001-02, which is a very bad record of routine immunization.

TRF has earmarked US\$ 3.5 Million for this programme in India for the year 2002-03.

The SNIDs planned for this year are 29th September 2002 and 17th November 2002 with the following strategy.

- Day 1 - Fixed booth immunisation. Reach the reached
- Day 2 - House to House search and vaccinate

Vaccinated children to be marked with special nail mark.

Let us all rededicate ourselves and add synergies to make the Polio Eradication a reality.

Report-Polio Chairman-Rtn.Paresh Dalal

Forthcoming Meets

Date : August 18, 2002 Sunday

Time : 8.30 AM (To assemble at Rajkumar Theatre)

Agenda : 'Vanmahotsav'

Tree plantation program

Venue : Arya Dyeing, NH - Palsana

We shall assemble at Rajkumar Theatre at 8.30 AM and proceed for the Venue in their respective vehicles at 8.45 AM. For those who would like to join directly at the venue or those who miss the troop please contact President Mukund Jariwala on 98241 00931 or Secretary - Stanley Martin on 98251 37020.

Date : August 25, 2002 Sunday

Time : 9.00 AM

Agenda : Membership Development Seminar

Venue : Agricultural Produce Market A/C, Auditorium
(Sardar Market) Punakumbharia Road

It is mandatory for all the members to attend the seminar. The registration for the seminar is Rs.100/= per member. Kindly arrange to remit the registration amount with the Treasurer Rtn. Divyang Parikh.

Lunch will be served at the venue.

Consequent to our joining the District Event sighted above, the regular meeting on the 27th August 2002 stands cancelled.

THE HIGHWAY CODE of INDIA

Article I The assumption of immortality is required of all road users.

Article II Indian traffic, like Indian society, is structured on a strict caste system.

The following precedence must be accorded at all times. In descending order, give way to: Cows, elephants, heavy trucks, buses, official cars, camels, light trucks, buffalo, Jeeps, ox-carts, private cars, motorcycles, scooters, auto-rickshaws, pigs, pedal-rickshaws, goats, bicycles (goods carrying), handcarts, bicycles (passenger carrying), dogs, pedestrians.

Article III All wheeled vehicles shall be driven in accordance with the maxim: "To slow is to falter, to brake is to fail, to stop is defeat."

This is the Indian driver's mantra.

Article IV Use of horn (also known as the sonic fender, or aural amulet)

(IV, a-c) Cars. : Short blasts (urgent) indicate supremacy, i.e. in clearing dogs, rickshaws and pedestrians from path. Long blasts (desperate) denote supplication, i.e. to oncoming truck "I am going too fast to stop, so unless you slow down we shall both die".

In extreme cases this may be accompanied by flashing of headlights (frantic). Single blasts (casual) means "I have seen someone out of India's 970 million whom I recognise"; "There is a bird in the road ahead (which at this speed could go through my windscreen)", or "I have not blown my horn for several minutes".

(IV, 2.a): Trucks and buses All horn signals have the same meaning, viz, "I have an all-up weight of approximately 12 tons and have no intention of stopping, even if I could". This signal may be emphasised by the use of headlamps (insouciant).

Article IV is subject at all times to the provisions of Order of Precedence in Article II, above.

Article V All maneuvers, use of horn and evasive action shall be left until the last possible moment.

Article VI In the absence of seatbelts (which there is), car occupants shall wear garlands of marigolds. These should be kept fastened at all times.

Article VII Rights of way: Traffic entering a road from the left has priority. So does traffic from the right, and also traffic in the middle.

Lane discipline (VII.I): All Indian traffic at all times, and irrespective of the direction of travel, shall occupy the center of the road.

Article VIII Roundabouts: India has no roundabouts. Apparent traffic islands in the middle of crossroads have no traffic management function. Any other impression should be ignored.

Article IX Overtaking is mandatory. Every moving vehicle is required to overtake every other moving vehicle, irrespective of whether it has just overtaken you.

Overtaking should only be undertaken in suitable locations, such as in the face of oncoming traffic, on blind bends, at junctions and in the middle of villages / city centers. No more than two inches should be allowed between your vehicle and the one you are passing - one inch in the case of bicycles or pedestrians.

Article X Nirvana may be obtained through the head-on crash.

Article XI Reversing: no longer applicable, since no vehicle in India has reverse gear.

Article XII The 10th incarnation of God was as an articulated tanker.

Courtesy Dr Sunil D'souza

Rotary's 100th Birthday

Rotary will turn 100 years old in 2005 – preparations begin now.....

Centennial celebration plans include:

- Completion of Polio Plus program
- Centennial Project by Clubs
- Centennial Twin Club Project
- Centennial Travelling Displays
- Centennial seminar for Peace and Conflict Resolution
- Centennial Service Above Self Volunteer Month – April 2005
- Centennial Poster Contest
- Centennial History Book
- Rotary Centennial Bell
- The Centennial Membership Goal of 1.5 Million members
- Centennial Contribution to TRF – average per capita US\$ 100 by 2005
- Centennial International Convention in Chicago
- Centennial Commemorative Statue

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A cute 'lil clean joke.

A young boy answered the phone in a whisper "Hello?"

The man at the other end asked to speak to his father. The boy replied in a whisper "He can't come to the phone."

The man then asked to speak to his mother. He again whispered "She's busy. She can't come to the phone either."

The man became confused and asked if anyone else was at the house with the boy. "Yes," he whispered. "The police and the firemen are here too." When the man asked to speak to one of them, hoping to finally get an adult on the phone to find out what was going on, the boy again whispered "They're busy too. They can't come to the phone either."

Finally the man asked the boy what his father, his mother, the police and the fire department were so busy doing that they could not come to the phone.

The boy whispered "They're looking for me."

Annet Switila Jariwala

Get well soon

Ann. Usha Bachikaniwala has been admitted to the Girish Group of Hospital as she is suffering from fever since a long time. Riverside Ripples & Riverside family wishes her speedy recovery.

It is a sincere request to all the *outstanding* * members to come inside and join the main event at the regular meetings.

**Outstanding* is a colloquial used in our club to describe members who tend to attend meets and stay away from the event, outside the hall.

Bon Voyage ...

Rtn Hiren & Ann. Neha Vepari will be on a holiday trip to Europe and the North Pole (Svalbard City) for 3-4 weeks*Happy Holidaying Vepari Family*

Beware Can users.....

This incident happened recently in Belgium. We need to be even more careful in India. A woman went boating one Sunday, taking with her some cans of coke which she put in the refrigerator of the boat.

On Monday she was taken into ICU and on Wednesday she died. The autopsy revealed a certain Leptospirose caused by the can of coke from which she had drunk straight out of, not using a glass.

A test showed that the can was infected by dried rat urine and hence the disease Leptospirosis. Rat urine contains toxic and deathly substances.

It is highly recommended to wash thoroughly the upper part of soda can before drinking out of them as they have been stocked in warehouses and transported straight to the shops without being cleaned.

A study in Spain showed that the tops of soda cans are more contaminated than public toilets i.e. full of germs and bacteria.

So better wash them with water is advised before putting it to the mouth to avoid any kind of fatal accident.

Welcome annets to the bulletin as contributors. Anns beware before they overtake you – yet to hear from you all. Your bulletin expects more.