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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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Our last meeting, on 17/9/02 at our regular venue, was actually 'meetings'... Yes folks, it was time for a new President to be inducted... not to be confused with our dynamic President... As you are all aware, Rotary Surat Riverside sponsored Potaract Club of SPB College-Surat, and we had the change of guard for 2002-03. It was at 6:30 pm, followed by our regular meeting at 8:30 pm. The induction of Chirag Mehta as the new President of the Rotaract Club of SPB College was, as usual, well organized. Both, Chirag and the IPP Deepak Agarwal, were attired in suits, and looked calm and composed throughout the evening. There was a large turnout of students, and their enthusiasm was infectious... On the dais, along with Chirag and Deepak, were our President Mukund, Asst. Governor **Dr. Prashant Desai** and the Principal of SPB College **Dr. D.G. Patel**.

Installing officer **A.G. Dr. Prashant Desai** in his brief talk explained the duties of the Rotaractors & their support to the parent Rotary club and promotes casteism, plant one tree, educate one child... This food for thought was followed by food of another kind, and fellowship... **Dr. Patel** was very supportive of his students and encouraged them to put in at least 4 hrs of effort in social service, per month. He gave a soul stirring talk, wherein he exhorted every one to pledge to "neither give nor accept dowry, nor to indulge anything which disrupts communal, the duties of the Rotaractors & their support to the parent Rotary club harmony.

Rtns Mukund, Stanley, Sunil, Vishal, Taseem and Bhaskar attended.

PP Rameshlal Mehta of Rotary Club of Surat was also present. **PP Suraj Rupa**, Rotaract Club, SPB College was also at hand to share his experiences and give encouragement to Chirag... It was a memorable evening for all of us...

PS- the entire audience, before the conclusion of the meeting brought our patriotic feelings to the fore during the rendition of our national Anthem.

OUR REGULAR MEETING: Post dinner started at 9 pm. The newly inducted Rotarians and their spouses were invited to introduce themselves and also give some background of their families. Meeting was called to order by **Rtn. Pankaj Gandhi**. The 4 way test was recited by **Rtn Dr. Harjeet Pal Singh**. The newly inducted Rotarians /anones/annettes were then invited on the stage. Other than the information, a lot of feelings/emotions /characteristics like gratitude, pride, satisfaction, belongings, humility, inner strength, happiness, not to mention the most powerful of them all, love, were in abundant evidence.

Rtn Bankim Vashi and **Anne Charulata** were the first speakers. The expressions on their faces, as they thanked **Rtn Anand Acharya** for introducing them to the Rotary Surat Riverside family, and the corresponding smile on **Rtn Anand's** face was worth more than a thousand words... If such powerful emotions surface, then one must introduce a new member oneself, and experience this first hand... no wonder **PP Dr. Sunil D'souza** and **President Mukund** are always smiling... Thanks **Dr. Sunil** for introducing me to Rotary Riverside... For **Rtn. Dr. Harjeet Pal Singh**, we are devoting another column, due to **Mrs Harjeet Pal's** absence, they have been invited to introduce themselves together at a later date.

Rtn Sunil Kapadia and **Ann Nilasi** were the most candid by far. **Sunil** spoke of his childhood days and how discriminations based on financial conditions, by insensitive and ignorant peers, instead of dousing the fire within actually ignited it more and helped shape his destiny to reach a position in society, which at this young age many aspire to, but few reach... Post earthquake days brought more problems, and he was targeted for the collapse of a building. Smiling while facing these shows his inner strength and provides inspiration to us all... He spoke of how one can find out who ones' true friends are, in these situations. I hope he never ever has to face a situation to find this out, but I am confident that if such a thing occurs, he will find some true friends in Rotary...

Rtn Dr. Vitrag Shah and **Ann Dimple**, with their little son, expressed his father's achievements in the field of plastic surgery. **Rtn Vitrag** himself a plastic surgeon and **Anne Dimple** is doing research on "solid state physics".

Wow! However they were so unassuming when one talks to them, that realization draws what humility actually means... **Rtn Amish Malji** and **Anne Ulka** then took centrestage. They both spoke from the heart and appreciated the hard work and commitment of the family, particularly **Amish's** father. **Anne Ulka** was very candid and shared with us how she fell in love with **Amish**. Well the love between them is very much visible to everyone around... Welcome to the lovey-dovey couple... All the best to **Rtn Amish** who is leaving on a business trip to Hong Kong on 24/9/02...

Welcome to all the new members. The word new will now cease to exist, as new or old, we are all the same...

.....Compiled and edited by **Rtn. Dr. Bhaskar Ray**

Dear Riverside friends,

The recent past has not been too good for the riverside family members in terms of health. We had our Community Service Director Rtn. Ankur Marfatia hospitalised for about 15 days with some uncanny symptoms which could not be diagnosed for quite some time. Though he is much better now, but that was not enough. Another of our member Rtn Apurba Mukherjee, just all of a sudden suffered a stroke of acute Pancreatitis triggering off a multi organ failure. He has been airlifted to Mumbai- Hinduja Hospital & is on life support systems. The family is very hopeful of his recovery but the doctors say the otherwise.

These two incidents have not been too good for the family club, but it has shown the bond & support that each of our members within the club. Many of our members visited Ankur in hospital & many inquired & wished him early recovery. The feeling of oneness & care was visible in the eyes of each & every member.

From the day the members heard about Apurba, there has been continuous & regular queries about his health from almost all the members. They have volunteered help of any kind to any extent to the Mukherjee family. Constant Prayers are from the hearts of all the Riversiders for Apurba & his family. This family still has a sure feeling & are very positive about the recovery of Apurba. There is a saying "miracles is where God chooses to remain anonymous". In the case of Apurba, there is surely a miracle to happen.

As the President of this club, I feel very proud to belong to a family club where there is so much of intimacy, so much of belonging & care. I very much appreciate this feeling amongst the Riversiders

President Mukund Jariwala



Birthdays



24.09.02 Rtn Dr. Ajay Bharadwaj
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Thought for the week

The talent for being happy is
appreciating and liking what you have,
instead of what you don't have

PP. Sunil D'souza

Score Board of Attendance on 17/09/02

Rotarians	:	21
Anna/spouse	:	8
Annets	:	1
Visiting Rotarians:		3
Guests	:	2
Retractors	:	23
Total	:	58

**This
Month**

**New
Generation
Month**

Forthcoming meetings ...

Date : 24 September 2002, Tuesday
Speaker : PDG H'n Anshu Thacker
Topic : 'Rotary' a slide show presentation
Time : 8.30 pm
Venue : Dr. Sam Bhacca Rotary Hall

Date : **7 October 2002, Monday**
{Meeting postponed from: 8th Oct to 7th Oct}
Agenda : Speaker meet
Venue : Mahavir Cardiac Hospital,
Athwa Gate, (Basement Auditorium)
Speaker : P. Elect. Rtn Dr. Ajay Bharadwaj
Topic : Osteoporosis- A killer disease
Time : 8. pm (Kindly note the change of time.)
The Meets are slated Post-Dinner

*The meet on 1st October 2002 is a fellowship meet,
details of which shall be announced later*

**"Poverty feeds international terrorism. If we
want a world that is stable, we must address
the challenge of poverty"**

Gorbachev at the RI convention - Barcelona

Forth-coming district events

Intercity meeting : 29th September 02 Sunday
Host Club : Rotary club of Nadiad

Intercity meet : 6th October 2002, Sunday
Host Club : Rotary club of Navsari

Time for clubs, districts to plan for centennial celebrations

RI's Centennial Planning Committee has developed a calendar of events and activities to guide Rotarians in their efforts to plan for the grand celebration of Rotary's 100th anniversary on 23 February 2005. The committee encourages Rotarians to focus on three key goals for 2005 in support of Rotary's centennial: eradicate polio, increase membership to 1.5 million members, and support The Rotary Foundation of RI's goal of US\$100 per member in donations to the Annual Programs Fund.

During 2002-03, the committee encourages clubs and districts to form their own centennial planning committees to plan and launch special observances and projects. In the coming months, Rotary clubs are urged to plan a new community service project that will commemorate Rotary's centennial.

To participate in this effort, clubs must register their project with RI by 1 January 2003, using the [registration form](#) on the Rotary Web site. All projects must be completed by February 2005.

To qualify as a Rotary Club Centennial Community Project, a project must fulfill a clearly identifiable community need; provide a solution that has measurable results; involve the active participation of Rotarians (as opposed to simply providing funding to another organization); and create a permanent sign, plaque, or inscription at the project site that identifies both the sponsoring Rotary club and Rotary's centennial year. Projects that register will be included in a photo display at the 2005 RI Convention in Chicago, and sponsoring clubs will receive special recognition. Select projects will also be highlighted in various RI publications and on the RI Web site.

Centennial projects offer an opportunity to enhance public awareness of Rotary while giving back to the community.

They also involve new members while getting out Rotary's message. More details or helpful suggestions on planning and implementing these projects can be obtained [online](#).

In September, RI will also distribute to club presidents a centennial promotional kit that includes a planning calendar, examples of outstanding club projects, historical photos, timelines, the Rotary centennial logo, and public relations tools.

For more information about the Rotary Club Centennial Community Project, contact the supervisor of the RI Community Programs Section by telephone: (847) 866-3404 or e-mail: programs@rotaryintl.org.

Courtesy information by PP Dr.Sunil D'souza

SARDAR AND BILL.

Sardarji went to US & had a meeting with Bill Clinton.

Bill : I want to show you the US advancement. Come with me (he takes him in a deep forest)

Bill : dig the ground. sardarji did it.

Bill : more..more..more... (sardarji went upto 100 feet)

Bill : so now , try to search something.

Sardarji : I got a wire.

Bill : You know, it shows that even 200 years ago we used to have telephones.

Sardarji became frustrated. He invited Bill to India.

NEXT YEAR BILL VISITS INDIA

Sardarji : I want to show you our advancement the same, he takes Bill in forest

Sardar : Dig it Bill does.

Sardar : more more ..more

(Bill goes upto almost 400 feet..)

Sardarji : Try to find something. Bill tries.

Sardarji : Did you get anything ?

Bill : no.

Sardarji : yes, even 400 years ago we used to have WIRELESS.

Rtn.Amit Adiya

THOSE THINGS

3 things to remember,
Mother, Father, Teacher.

3 things to watch,
Thought Words Deeds.

3 things to maintain,
Promise, Friendship, Affection

3 things to love,
Purity Honesty, Hardship

3 things to admire,
Beauty, Intellect, Character.

3 things to control,
Tongue, Temperament,
Temptation.

3 things to avoid
Drinking, Smoking, Gambling.

Ann Manisha Gandhi

The latest on Rtn.Apurba, at 09.00 pm on Saturday 21st September, 02 is that the doctors have reported he has shown some improvement for the first time today. Let us all pray for his

Rotary at a glance

Rotarians : 1243431
Clubs : 31256
Districts : 530
Countries : 163

Rotractors : 169119
Clubs : 7353
Countries : 153

Inractors : 198191
Clubs : 8617
Contries : 110

Rotary Community Corps : 4703
Countries : 68

Our Friend In Distress.....

There is some very grave news. Rtn Apurba Mukherjee is in a very serious condition. Initially taken to the hospital with chest pains, he was diagnosed with acute pancreatitis. As his condition worsened, acute respiratory distress syndrome and failing kidneys, he was airlifted to Bombay.

Later necrosis of the pancreas has started and this damage to the tissues is irreversible. We had a little prayer at our meeting. As human beings, with evolution and progress, we have experienced the external powers. We now tend to believe more on the external than the Internal. We have immense power internally. I request everyone to believe in this power, however fleetingly, and pray sincerely and with conviction for the total recovery of Apurba, and for strength to the family in this hour of crisis....

Understanding woman.....?????

A man walking along a Sydney beach was deep in prayer.

All of a sudden, he said out loud, "Lord grant me one wish."

Suddenly the sky clouded above his head, and in a booming voice the Lord said, "Because you have TRIED to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish." The man said, "Build a bridge to Hawaii, so I can drive over anytime I want to." The Lord said, "Your request is very materialistic. Think of the logistics of that kind of undertaking. The supports required to reach the bottom of the Pacific! The concrete and steel it would take, it would have to span continental plates, withstand tittle waves, hurricanes, earth quakes! I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of another wish, a wish you think would honour and glorify me."

the man thought about it for a long time.

Finally he said, "Lord, I wish that I could understand women. I want to know how they feel inside, what they are thinking when they give me the silent treatment, why they cry, what they mean when they say 'nothing', and how I can make a woman truly happy."

After a few minutes God said, "You want two lanes or four on that bridge?"

Courtesy Rtn.Dinesh Bachkaniwala

A Nice Thought

I was able to walk around looking at the lions, tigers, giraffes and all the other circus animals. As I was passing the elephants, I suddenly stopped, confused by the fact that these huge creatures were being held by only a small rope tied to their front leg. No chains, no cages. It was obvious that the elephants could, at any

time, break away from their bonds but for some reason, they did not. I saw a trainer nearby and asked why these beautiful, magnificent animals just stood there and made no attempt to get away. "Well," he said, "when they are very young and much smaller we use the same size rope to

tie them and, at that age, it's enough to hold them. As they grow up, they are conditioned to believe they cannot break away.

They believe the rope can still hold them, so they never try to break free." I was amazed. These animals could at any time break free from their bonds but because they believed they couldn't, they were stuck right where they were. Like the elephants, how many of us go through life hanging onto a belief that we cannot do something, simply because we failed at it once before? How many of us are being held back by old, outdated beliefs that no longer serve us? How many of us have avoided trying something new because of a limiting belief?

Worse, how many of us are being held back by someone else's limiting beliefs?

Whatever you can conceive and believe, you can achieve."

PP Arvind Kumar

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