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We meet every Tuesday, 8.30 p.m. at Dr. Bhacca Rotary Hall, Jeevan Bharti, Nanpura, Surat.

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Next Meet

Date :- 06th April, Tuesday
Agenda :- **SPEAKER MEET**
Mr. *Rakesh Doshi*
Topic - Investment in
Current Market Scenario
Venue :- Dr. Bhacca Rotary Hall,
Jeevan Bharti, Nanpura,
Surat.
Time :- 8.30 pm sharp

Birth Dates

01st April Ann. *Evelyn Roy*
02nd April Ann. *Dimple Shah*
05th April Ann. *Nirupa Patel*
10th April Res. *Anand Acharya*

Thoughts

- A boss creates fear, a leader confidence
 - A boss fixes blame, a leader corrects mistakes
 - A boss knows all, a leader asks questions
 - A boss makes work drudgery, a leader makes it interesting
 - A boss is interested in himself, a leader is interested in the group
- *Russell H. Ewing*

"The Rotary pin on your lapel is a passport to new friendships and opportunities."

— *Edilberto Uchanco, Philippines*

Last Meeting : 23rd March '04.

Slide Show by BCSS

The meeting began solemnly with a one minute silence in memory of the sad demise of Rtn. *Anand Achary's* mother - in-law.

President Rtn. *Ajay Bhardwaj* welcomed all present and set the mood for something special which was in store for the evening :-

GETTING TO KNOW OUR FLYING FRIENDS

It was a matter of pride, pleasure and education attending the last Rotary Meet, when the Bird Conservation Society of Surat (BCSS) gave us an exquisite slide presentation on Birds.

'Pride' because I felt that our President has been making our meets so entertaining and interesting.

'Pleasure' because of the veritable feast for ones eyes provided by the slides of the various types in their real colour.

'Education' because most of us got to know so much about our flying friends, which make our environment recognizable as a healthy one.

Incoming President *Siddharth Shah* and PP. *Arvind Kumar* with their team of 5 young naturalists and photographers, kept us enthralled. Kudos to them for a marvelous performance!

Congratulations to *Siddharth*, *Arvind* and *Ajay* for they were instrumental in putting up such a fine performance both in quality and quantity.

To add to all this, the attendance was at its best with a huge turnout of Rotarians in spite of the exams fever at its peak.



If this a tasty sample of *Siddharth's* fare, then you can well imagine what a feast is in store for us next year.

Riverside had the privilege of having an overseas guest Mr. *Aseem Kumar* from San Jose, California, Information Technologist by profession who happens to be the brother - in-law of PP *Arvind Kumar*.

The meeting ended in great spirits with each and every member present leaving the hall thoroughly elated and looking

forward to visiting mother nature at its best in and around the forests of Gujarat. Rtn. *Mihir* proposed a special vote of thanks with a sense of deep gratitude.

— PP Dr. *Smit D'Souza*





CELEBRATE
ROTARY



Dear Fellow Rotarians :

One hundred years of Rotary fellowship and service is great cause for celebration, and during our centennial year of 2004-05, I will ask all Rotarians to join with me to Celebrate Rotary. We will celebrate our enormous success towards achieving a polio-free world - our gift to the children of the world and all the children to come. We will celebrate a century of growth and expansion, 1.2 million members serving in 166 countries of the world. And we will celebrate the warm Rotarian fellowship that inspires our service and fuels our dedication.

I am calling on Rotarians to Celebrate Rotary, not with a sense of complacency based on past success but with a renewed sense of urgency based on today's challenges. Our decades of service have revealed to us the magnitude of human need in a world beset by natural disasters, frightening new diseases, and brutal conflicts. We know that millions of illiterate, unskilled people continue to be trapped in a relentless cycle of poverty; we have witnessed the suffering that exists in places with too few doctors and hospitals; and we recognize that basic needs like food and water remain out of reach for far too many. One of the best ways to Celebrate Rotary will be to address those vast humanitarian needs, using the full weight of our hundreds years of experience. First and foremost, let us Celebrate Rotary by putting Service Above Self.

— Glenn E. Estess, Sr.
President, Rotary International 2004-05

Polio Plus - The final drive to a Polio-free world

THE POLIOPUS program provides funding for vaccine and transportation for mass immunization campaigns as well as support for social mobilization, surveillance, and laboratories to help carry out the final stages of global polio eradication.

Goal : To eradicate polio worldwide by 2005, Rotary's centennial

Major partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative : Rotary International, UNICEF, World Health Organization, U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Achievements :

- ◆ Rotarians raised US\$247 million between 1985 and 1988 for polio eradication. By 2005, Rotary's contributions to global polio eradication will exceed \$500 million.
- ◆ Polio cases have declined more than 99 percent, from 350,000 cases in 1985 to fewer than 2,000 in 2002.
- ◆ Polio has been eradicated in the Western Hemisphere (1994), the Western Pacific region (2000), and Europe (2002).
- ◆ Almost two billion children have been immunized against polio since 1985.
- ◆ Hundreds of thousands of Rotarians have mobilized to help immunize children, deliver vaccine, promote National immunization Days, and conduct surveillance for the disease - despite poor infrastructure, extreme poverty, and conflict in many countries.

Benefits of eradication : After polio immunization has ceased, the savings are potentially as high as \$1.5 billion per year - funds that could be used to address other public health priorities.



"I want to salute Rotary International for its extraordinary leadership in the fight against polio."

— Kofi Annan, UN Secretary-General