



Lend a Hand
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2003-04



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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 :- 8th July, Tuesday
Venue :- "Utsav" Celebrations,
Dawer Chambers,
Nr. Sub Jail, Ring Rd.
Time :- 8 : 00 pm Sharp.
Agenda :- Induction of New
Members by DG
Kulbandhu Sharma

Birth Dates

6th July Ann. *Alpa Shah*
8th July Rtn. *Vitrag Shah*
13th July Rtn. *Amish Malji*

Forth Coming Meetings

15th July : Fellowship
26th July : Entertainment
English Movie at
"Bollywood" Theater
29th July : Speaker Meet

Thought of the Week

"Real courage is when you know
you're licked before you begin,
but you begin anyway and see it
through no matter what"

- *Harper Lee*

From the Editors Desk

Dear Fellow Riversiders,

The new Rotary years dawns and we all are gearing up to take up the new challenges. Like in the past years, we all are eagerly looking forward for an eventful year and taking our club to still greater heights.

I, as the editor of 'Riverside Ripples' shall be bringing the activities of our club, district & international Rotary news every week to you. I am ably assisted by first lady Ann. *Rashika Bhardwaj* in this endeavor. Please feel free to communicate your views and ideas.

Rtn. *Siddharth Shah*
P. Elect / Editor

From the Presidents Desk

My dear Riversiders,

Greetings with folded hands. I Greet all of you - for putting me on this pedestal; for giving me an opportunity to do my best and for showing me your solid support.

Our club enters the 8th year with a trail blazing past. The past is at times intimidating, for every Past President has done his extra bit towards the betterment of the club. I acknowledge their dedication and promise to do my best for this year.

R.I. President Jonathan Majiyagbe has given us an excellent theme for 2003-04, "Lend a Hand". 3 simple interwoven words encompass the very spirit of giving and sharing. Our very own DG Kulbandhu Sharma is a person who has over the years matched his sincerity & honesty with a proven ability to deliver whatever has been asked of him. Add to that his vast experience and a deep entrenched love for Rotary and we have a very determined DG who wants to get things done the Rotary way.

But dear friends, my whole year is going to revolve around the family of Riversiders, we shall all not only keep our bonhomie intact but in fact increase the love we have amongst ourselves along with our fellowship we are looking forward to taking up a few community oriented projects. We are committed to keeping the anns and the annets firmly glued to the activities in the club.

Our meetings, projects, activities will all reflect our love & dedications towards Rotary & the spirit of sharing & giving. Let us re-dedicate ourselves to 'Lending our hand' to those who need it.

With my personal regards,
Rtn. *Dr. Ajay Bhardwaj*
President

Team 2003-04

President	: <i>Dr. Ajay Bhardwaj</i>	Club Service	: <i>PP Jayesh Dhamanwala</i>
President Elect	: <i>Siddharth Shah</i>	Community Service	: <i>PP Jugal Shinglot</i>
Vice President	: <i>Stanley Martin</i>	Vocational Service	: <i>Vaishali & Vijay Chauhan</i>
Imm. Past President	: <i>Mukund Jariwala</i>	International Service	: <i>PP Vishal Sinha</i>
Hon. Secretary	: <i>Mehul Shah</i>	Polio Chairman	: <i>Bankim Vashi</i>
Hon. Treasurer	: <i>Paresh Dalal</i>	Youth Chairman	: <i>Dr. Kuldeep Desai</i>
Sgt. at Arms	: <i>Pankaj Gandhi</i>	TRF Chairman	: <i>PP Arvind Kumar</i>

Installation Meet

The Installation meeting will go down in the history of Rotary as a perfect example of the Spirit of Rotary i.e. Friendship. On 29th June, D-day not only were 1 or 2 presidents installed but a total of 6 presidents were installed together on the same dias, and to crown it all was the Installation of our Dist. Gov. at the same time. It was wonderful example of Reaching out to **Lend a Hand to Build Bridges of Friendship to Serve Humanity**. The 6 clubs were Round Town, Riverside, West, Mid Town, East & Galaxy. The Function held at Gandhi Smruti Bhuvan was a glittering affair and the shining star of the evening was the Installing Officer, the stalwart of Rotary PRID *Kalyan Bannerjee*.

PDG *Bharat Solanki* welcomed the august gathering of PDG's, Dist. Officers and Club members, Annes and Guests.

Pres. *Mukund* introduced *Kalyan* and wished that he would soon become the R.I. President the most coveted position in Rotary world. All the 6 incoming Pres introduced their teams as they were installed by *Kalyan* with the assistance of DGE *Kulbandhu Sharma*.

Then came the big event of the District, the installation of Rtn. *Kulbandhu Sharma* as the DG. Very appropriately as *Kul* is the Rotary family and *Bandhu* the big brother, so this year Dist will achieve great acts of service to Humanity. The DG in his speech promised to work harder on the TRF where our Dist is lagging and also increasing Club membership. A minimum of at least 40 members in each club would increase the strength of our District.

It would be difficult to describe PDG *Kalyan's* speech. It was at its best. He spoke from his heart and it touched the hearts of all present. He explained the importance of TRF money from which millions come to our Dist through Matching Grants but very little is given back by us; Immense efforts are being made to eradicate Polio, but we still need that little extra push to reach the target of a Polio free world.

The presence of all the outgoing & incoming presidents with the DG's, DGE, DGN and PRID *Kalyan* on the dias outdid the decor of the stage, which was really beautifully decorated.

The chairman of the whole event was PDG *Bharat Solanki* and to keep the whole meeting flowing steadily the MOC was Mrs. *Ronak Shah*.

PRID *Kalyan* wishing the best to Installed President Dr *Ajay* & his team. A Moment to cherish.



Handing over of Charter to incoming Pres. Dr. *Ajay* by outgoing Pres. *Mukund* in a "True Rotary Spirit."

6 Newly Installed Presidents out of which 5 are Doctors. Now surely we don't need to worry about the Health of Rotary & its community projects.



Charter Day Celebration

The last meeting of the year and the President looks back with mixed feelings. One of satisfaction and pride for all the good work done and may be a little regret, that the Rotary year has to come to an end. The Grand Finale of President *Mukund's* year was held at Holiday Inn on the 26th June. It was a meeting of "**Kal, Aaj aur Kal.**" A wonderful gathering of 3 generations. Pres. *Mukund* had invited the parents of all the Rotarians. It was an unique idea and a most appreciable one. The Rotarians, Annes & Annets participated with great enthusiasm. Lots of hidden talents were discovered in the entertainment programme organized specially for this function.

The meeting was more glamorous by the gracious presence of our God parents PDG *Praful Bhatt* and *Harshidaben*, PDG *Himanshu Thakkar* in whose year our club was founded and the presence of many dignitaries and stalwarts of Rotary. Secretary *Stanley Martin* gave the report of all that the club had done and achieved during the year Pres. *Mukund* thanked everybody for making his presidential year a great success and bid farewell to all and offered good wishes to the incoming President Dr. *Ajay*.

When it was time for blessings of the elders. *Dr. D'souza*, father of PP *Sunil D'souza* spoke on behalf of the parents. He appreciated our club activities and the unity and all that had been achieved in just 7 years. All the other parents looked on with pride and happiness at all the good work their children were doing. The present Rotarians put up their collar and patted their backs for receiving this appreciation of their elders and the little Annets had dreams of one day being in the same position their parents were in today and following their foot steps in the service of humanity.

Rtn. *Bankim & Ann Charulata* introduced the parents graciously. The cent percenters as were felicitated for their dedication to Rotary. *Mohua Mukherjee* was awarded PHF of Late Rtn. *Apurba Mukherjee*.

Hats off to Rtn. *Hiren*, Rtn. *Vitrag & Ann Niyati* who did an excellent job as the MOC's.

The Sumptuous Cake was cut by all the Past Presidents.

In the end followed a real delectable and sumptuous dinner, enjoyed by all and everyone was enjoying so much that no one was in a mood to leave. The fellowship continued till midnight. Bravo & Cheers *Mukund* for organizing such an unusual & Unique and wonderful Charter Nite.

Annet *Parita Vashi* with her excellent dance performance.



Past Presidents cutting the The Charter Celebration Cake. PDG *Praful* and Asst. Gov. Dr. *Prashant Desai* joining the celebration. Long live our club.

Annet *Rohan D'souza* entertaining with his SMS jokes



The Four Way Test

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

- (1) Is it the **TRUTH** ?
- (2) Is it **FAIR** to all concerned ?
- (3) Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIP** ?
- (4) Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned ?

Incoming I.Y.E.

Our Dear Rtn. *Rajesh* has hosted an I.Y.E. Student visiting our District. Thanks *Rajesh*

Name :- Camus Gauthier

Age :- 18 Years

Club :- Lyon West, France

He will be with our club for 8 weeks. Many Rotarians have come forward to host. Thanks for the kind gesture !!

Obituary

Ade Majiyagbe, wife of R.I. President *Jonathan Majiyagbe* passed away in London on 6th June 2003. She was a familiar presence with her husband at R.I. meetings.

We all pray to the All mighty that may *Ade's* noble soul rest in peace.

R.I. Citation Award 2002 - 03



PRID *Kalyan Bannerjee* awarding our IPP *Mukund Jariwala* the citation from R.I. for achieving all the targets for his Rotary year. Excellent work IPP *Mukund*, keep it up.

July, The Literacy Month

Rotary International has designated July as the month for Literacy drive. Many problems like unemployment, terrorism and thefts are due to illiteracy. Reach out and '*Lend a Hand*' to educate the unfortunate ones.

"'Lend a Hand' : Sometimes this simple gesture is all that is needed to transform a person's life. It is in our Rotarian nature to offer help wherever it is needed, and in 2003-04, I will ask Rotarians to actively seek out even more opportunities to 'Lend a Hand'."

— R.I. President *Jonathan B. Majiyagbe*

"You all have read R.I. President Jonathan Majiyagbe's theme. Simple and effective. It sounds so familiar to the ear, so tuned to our everyday life that we are immediately at home with it. 'Lend a Hand' to our friends, relatives, employees and suffering brethren are so familiar to us that every Rotarian feels that it is his own theme. We are all thankful to Jonathan for a simple and effective theme. Now we have to make his dreams come true."

— District Governor *Kulbandhu Sharma*



Lend a Hand
in your club



Lend a Hand
in your vocation



Lend a Hand
in your community



Lend a Hand
in the world