

# RIVERSIDE RIPPLES

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**ROTARY SURAT RIVERSIDE**

*We meet every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. at Dr. Bhacca Rotary Hall, Jeevanbharti School.  
All our meets are dinner meets.*

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## Cover Story...

### I n s t a l l a t i o n C e r e m o n y

It started amid lot of fan-fare and President-to-be Divyang was all gung-ho when it all began. Guests started pouring in one-by-one. When MoC Anand entered the venue, President-to-be Divyang was all smiles and ready to receive everybody with a warm heart.

There were a few whom we missed including some PDGs and some President-Secretary Pairs, of course. But by and large the crowd was huge. Was it an attraction towards the new venue or the new president or the new century of services for the Rotarians of our club, that is a matter we have yet to discuss among ourselves.

MoC Rashika set the ball rolling, once everybody occupied their respective chairs and invited Sergeant-At-Arms Mihir Shukla to discipline the audience. Rtn. Pankaj Gandhi recited the Four Way Test of Rotary. Annet Parita Vashi & Annet Vasundhara Bhardwaj presented a wonderful Prayer Dance and immediately thereafter, it was like next-gen ready to take over. A Rotary Song was sung by Annet Chitrang Kapadia, Annet Utkarsh Bhardwaj, Annet Steve Martin, Annet Jaimin Vashi and Annet Yash Jariwala.

President Siddharth's was a very emotional & nostalgic welcome address to all who saw a wonderful Centennial Year gone by & led by President Siddharth. All the Dignitaries and Chief Guest of the Evening along with Installing Officer were greeted with flowers. There was a little shift here and it took additional 15+ minutes of time and everything sounded getting late. Such changes, if possible, should be avoided as it shifts everything out of gear for which there was a considerable preparation put in by all participants and the maximum load point in such a situation is at the Desk of MoC. A very special request to shy away from such practice in future. I am sure President Divyang would note this and Installing Officer also remarked on the same.

Now, it was the turn of Jt. Secretary Amish Malji to inform the audience about just completed year's activities. He put the ball in Hon. Secretary's Jugal's court and like a true Senior Rotarian, he invited Amish Malji to occupy the Rostrum once again. Great Spirit, Jugal!

Charter Member & PP Arvind Kumar introduced the Installing Officer PP Jayesh Dhamanwala and this was a deviation, we thought should prompt more active Rotarians to don the responsibilities of various functions of importance, rather than tiring off Very Senior Rotarians [this, in fact, was narrated by none other than PRID Kalyan Banerjee during District Assembly at Vadodara].

Incoming President was introduced by Charter Member & PP Mukund Jariwala and new leader was very graceful in accepting Mukund's comments tacitly.

We have seen many more installations during last 10 years but this was Picture Perfect. Our Charter President rose to the occasion as an Installing Officer and put in a wonderful performance [just like a classical belle it was] and audience was in rapt attention [usually, that does not happen very often]. Happiness was all over the faces of the entire team and Riversiders enjoyed every single moment of the installation process. President Siddharth passed on the baton after a wonderful marathon run, but since rotary is all about being part of a relay race, successful hand-over was part of a successful run by TEAM RIVERSIDE and now, newly installed Divyang happily took up the cudgels of the club, so smoothly run by the 9 past presidents, and immediately on taking charge, passed a resolution for IPP Siddharth's very selfless services, his time & energy. And during his Acceptance Speech, humility was written all over his persona.

Installing Officer PP Jayesh Dhamanwala blessed the club which he taught how to walk once. He was in 'PARENT MODE' [refer to the book : "I'm OK, You're OK" by Dr. Thomas Harris to understand this MODE better, due to space constraint, we cannot elaborate here] while addressing the club members. It surely took a while longer but he took prior permission of MoC before the function began. Riversiders will surely wish (& pray) to such active functional Super Performance from PP Jayesh. Thank you, Jayesh.

This year, Riversiders will have a very special dignitary as their honorary member in the form of Shree Dilipbhai Marfatia and Ann Charulata introduced him to the audience and PP Mahendra Kajiwala duly inducted him as honorary member of Rotary Surat Riverside.

Thereafter, while the audience were shifting in their respective chairs, new sergeant-At-Arms Saifuddin enthralled the audience with some tight lipped music.

Then came another surprise in the form of Dr. Vitrag Shah introducing Chief Guest of the Evening, Dr. Shashikant Shah. We surely believe Dr. Vitrag must have had a stint as a radio announcer somewhere before. Wonderful Vernacular Introduction. Audience just loved it. Well Done, Vitrag!!!!

Dr. Shashikant Shah has always multiplied years whenever you listen to him again rather than just adding years to life. He spoke flawlessly and put the importance of Quality Time for Family and suggested to all & sundry, if possible, preferably, to avoid using mobile & other business gadgets and rather indulge in the development of family bonds which takes everyone further in life rather than just improve material life. We always learn new vistas of life from him whether you read his incessant



Installing Officer  
PP Jayesh Dhamanwala  
inducting the  
new century's team.....

articles or you listen to him. It was an honour to have him with us that special evening.

And then, the club annets celebrated and jived & jumped & danced and made our intentions clear  
“We are for you, President Divyang.”

Mementoes were presented to Chief Guest of the Evening and Installing Officer to thank them for their wonderful presence as token of our love.

President-Elect Stanley Martin thanked all for being a silent & tolerant audience and National Anthem followed and everyone enjoyed a delicious mouth-watering dinner after Saifuddin Adjourned the meeting for the first time.

We congratulate & thank the organizers of the venue Shree Nishant Jaiswal (of Valentine Cine Vision Ltd.) for a great show of hospitality to all our guests.

Chief Guest  
Dr. Shashikant Shah  
addressing the august  
gathering...



## Presidential Message...

Colourful & eventful installation has set the ball rolling for the next century's rotary year. Fun & frolic mixed with real rotary style business kept the members enthralled. Similarly the rotary activities for the ensuing year should bring fun & entertainment along with societal commitments & a feeling of satisfaction of getting involved in the club activities. Much can be targeted & achieved if you wholeheartedly participate & help in evolving new ideas targeted at lifting the overall stature of the oppressed class. The year can be made more meaningful through exchanging pleasantries in the form of strong family bonding amongst the members of the club. I look forward for your help & support in carrying out the targeted activities of the club which inturn shall bring joy & happiness & a strong feeling of satisfaction to each one of you.

Long live Rotary.

Divyang Parikh

## Stepping Stone - 1st Club Assembly

The meeting was a tame affair in contrast to the one on 09-JUL-2005 and President Divyang was little shaky at the beginning, slow yet confident and IPP Siddharth was looking pretty relaxed.

AG Narendra Saboo talked a lot about core rotary and prepared us for the year. At the same time, he made it very interactive. All throughout the meeting he was down-to-earth persona as if interacting with each Rotarian personally despite he was talking from a rostrum. Audience participated all along and importance of various committees and its functional aspects were discussed. Importance of an assembly was brain-stormed.

He also talked about 6 Major areas of Work Distribution for Rotary Club's Proper Functioning : Membership Development, Service Projects, Fund Raising, Public Relations, Club Administration and TRF Contribution. He also talked about importance of each Designated Month in a Rotary Year. He also stressed on the importance of a committee specifically working for promoting District Events. When he stressed about PR, he informed us that it is allowed to use a Plaque outside your house with a Rotary Emblem as long as it does not contain any business credentials on it.



### BIRTHDAY BUMS

08-07 Rtn. Dr. Vitrag Shah	98241-26729/2463271/2228384
13-07 Rtn. Amish Malji	98241-34254/2598572-3/2598574-5
14-07 Rtn. Pallav Desai	98251-09048/2472205/2776642
15-07 Rtn. Paresh Dalal	98241-66133/5541222/5544222
17-07 Rtn. Arvind Kumar	98791-00168
18-07 Rtn. Mukund Jariwala	98241-00931/2633738/2631342/2224182/2220969
26-07 Rtn. Lina Bachkaniwala	2227321-221

### NUPTIAL KNOTS

09-07 Ann Manisha & Rtn. Ankur Marfatia 93749-79844



### FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS



#### Talent Night for Children (Elocution Competition)

Date	: 19-JUL-2005
Time	: 07-30 p.m.
Venue	: Dr. Bhacca Hall
Topics as under	
Below 5 Yrs.	: "My Parents"
5 to 12 Yrs.	: "My School"
12 to 18 Yrs.	: "TV-A Boon or A Nuisance"

#### Comperes : Ann Ulka Malji & Rtn. Rajesh Patel

Time for Each Participant : 3 Minutes.

Parents to register with Ann Ulka or Rtn. Mukund before 15-JUL-2005.

Late entries will not be accepted.

A panel of jury will select the best participant.

Please note the early timings.