

# RIVERSIDE RIPPLES



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## SERVICE Above Self 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



## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT

It all started buzzing with activities on 25th Oct. by around 1300 hours and all Riverside **Board Members** started talking & tracking each other for the proposed Luncheon Meeting at 1400 hours with D.G at Lounge Umra Police Station and by 1335 everybody concerned was present to greet the District Governor Ashis Roy on his official visit to our club which was delayed because of ill-health of P r e z . Divyang.

DG Ashis was dot on time at 1400 hours. He was accompanied by First Lady Meera and Assistant

Governor Narendra Saboo. We felt it necessary to have lunch first since he had come all the way from Dhulia by road. After lunch, he met all the Directors & other Board Members, saw their papers, discussed with each of them their report till date and balance part of the year.

DG Ashis discussed lot of points with Riverside Board, and a wide variety of topics were discussed including most perennial problem of Time Management - valuing

others' time. There was a consensus at R.I. HQ as to why weekly meetings are deteriorating. Parameters responsible for such things to happen are : No Value of Time; Absence of Quality Content. And to avoid such things to mar your meetings would be to plan your meetings in advance; arrange as many club assemblies with due commitment from each Rotarian;



Prez. Divyang addressing the coveted meeting

try to bring in more professionalism; meet the Rotarian at his home and find out as to why he is not attending the meeting off late (although some are very regular absentees).

Everybody parted after promising to meet again for the regular club meeting at 2000 hours. In the evening, a couple of our members accompanied him to our permanent project - "Walker's Paradise" after which the whole caravan visited two of our new members' work place.

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### L.O.V.E IS COMMUNICATING BETWEEN THE LINES

Read this "HATE letter". It is so funny and creative. This is a love letter from a boy to a girl.... However, the girl's father does not like him and wants them stop their relationship.....and so.. the boy wrote this letter to the girl..he knows that the girl's father will definitely read this letter..

- 1 "The great love that I have for you
- 2 is gone, and I find my dislike for you
- 3 grows every day. When I see you,
- 4 I do not even like your face;
- 5 the one thing that I want to do is to
- 6 look at other girls. I never wanted to
- 7 marry you. Our last conversation
- 8 was very boring and has not
- 9 made me look forward to seeing you
- 10 again.
- 11 You think only of yourself.
- 12 If we were married, I know that I would
- 13 find
- 14 life very difficult, and I would have no
- 15 pleasure in living with you. I have a
- 16 heart
- 17 to give, but it is not something that
- 18 I want to give to you. No one is more
- 19 foolish and selfish than you, and you are
- 20 not
- 21 able to care for me and help me.
- 22 I sincerely want you to understand that
- 23 I speak the truth. You will do me a favor
- 24 if you think this is the end. Do not try
- 25 to answer this. Your letters are full of
- 26 things that do not interest me. You have
- 27 no
- 28 true love for me. Good-bye! Believe
- 29 me,
- 30 I do not care for you. Please do not think
- 31 that
- 32 I am still your boyfriend."

So bad!! however, before handing over the letter to the girl, the boy told the girl to "READ BETWEEN THE LINES."

Meaning-only to read 1.3.5.7.9 (Odd Nos.)  
So..Please try reading it again!

Club assembly was off the mark by about 30 minutes as we discussed in the afternoon with DG Ashis and Riverside's seniors were running for covers for Rotarians not turning up in good nos. A very disheartening matter was that not a single PDG was present which was a surprise to happen for the first time in last 10 years. As a sub-editor, I must write that we were hurt, esp. because we had solicited their gracious presence and blessings by calling them personally. Even from current neighbouring Club Officers; President of Udhna and Surat East were present.

experience before starting this year as a DG. He talked & stressed about bringing in more rotarians to the meeting by talking to them. Literacy and Orientation of Rotarians was another subject very close to his heart. There is need for Media Coverage & Public Relations for the events (& not that of individual Rotarians) by all clubs who are doing social projects of any substance as we have to take rotary forward.



D.G. Ashis inducting the proposed members

We should make club aware about TRF and not just keep on asking for TRF contribution. His one sentence was very touching, "Promote Giving in Dignified Way Instead of (sort of) Extortion." He talked very straight Like : "You Enjoy Professional Life; Likewise Enjoy Rotary." "Take Rotary Seriously and not Casually." "We Get 720 Hours in a month; we can always find time for 4 good hours with fellow rotarians in a month. Not a Difficult Proposition." He talked about giving more thrust on Women in Rotary (well, we inducted one on the 25th). For incoming Presidents (Stanley, this one for you) : "Have A Dream For Your Rotary Year."

National Anthem followed by Great Dinner are regular affairs at Rotary Surat Riverside.



RSR hosted annets performing to show their experience

He also stressed on Community Medical Camps to be conducted and added that any complications arising for any patient must be helped till its logical end. It was also mentioned that rotary clubs must identify & publicize the benefits accrued

from all community projects.

Ann Ami (read "our nightingale") tranquilised all including D.G. & 1st Lady when she sang to invoke Almighty's blessing Prez. Divyang welcomed all & invited the two exchange students to share their feelings with us. They put up a marvellous series of small skits to show us their experiences in school. Entire meeting was very smooth and easy going. We inducted 5 new members. One proposed to be inducted was absent but had gracefully sent his apology. DG was very refined while talking about First Lady and their last year's

He also talked to us in participating for Ambassadorial Scholarship Programme. Career Guidance Programmes are need of the hour for younger generation and all clubs must have at least one such programme at appropriate time during the year without fail that was his advice.



A disheartening empty first row for an elite meeting

## 'GARBA KHELAIYAS' OF RSR

### Below 12

Best Dressed Male	Hriday Malji
Best Performing Male	Yash Jariwala
Best Dressed Female	Hrida Shukla
Best Performing Female	Richa Shinglot

### Above 12

Best Dressed Female	Ms. Pooja
Best Performing Female	Shivani Pandya

### Members

Best Dressed Male	Amish Malji
Best Performing Male	Sunil Kapadia
Best Dressed Female	Deepa Shroff
Best Performing Female	Sonal Parikh

### Couples

Best Dressed	Bankim Vashi - Ann Alpa
Best Performing	Jugal Shinglot - Ann Mehali



Hello Friends!!!

I was in Hyderabad giving this lecture, when a 14 year old girl asked me for my autograph. I asked her what her goal in life is. She replied: I want to live in a developed India. For her, you and I will have to build this developed India. You must proclaim. India is not an under-developed nation; it is a highly developed nation. Have you got 10 minutes for your country? If yes, then read; otherwise, choice is yours.

- YOU say that our government is inefficient.
- YOU say that our laws are too old.
- YOU say that the municipality does not pick up the garbage.
- YOU say that the phones don't work; the railways are a joke; the airline is the worst in the world, mails never reach their destination.
- YOU say that our country has been fed to the dogs and is the absolute pits.
- YOU say, say and say. What do YOU do about it? Take a person on his way to Singapore. Give him a name...YOURS. Give him a face...YOURS.
- YOU walk out of the airport and you are at your International best. - In Singapore you don't throw cigarette butts on the roads or eat in the stores.
- YOU are as proud of their Underground Links as they are.
- You pay \$5(approx. Rs.60) to drive through Orchard Road (equivalent of Mahim Causeway or Pedder Road) between 5 PM and 8 PM.
- YOU comeback to the parking lot to punch your parking ticket if you have over-stayed, identity. In Singapore you don't say anything, DO YOU?
- YOU wouldn't dare to eat in public during Ramazan, in Dubai.
- YOU would not dare to go out without your head covered in Jeddah.
- YOU would not dare to buy an employee of the telephone exchange in London at 10 pounds (Rs.650) a month to, "see to it that my STD and ISD calls are billed to someone else."
- YOU would not dare to speed beyond 55 mph (88 km/h) in Washington and then tell the traffic cop, "Jaanta hai main kaun hoon (Do you know who I am?) I am so and so's son.
- YOU wouldn't chuck an empty coconut shell anywhere other than the garbage pail on the beaches in Australia and New Zealand. Why don't YOU spit Paan on the streets of Tokyo? Why don't YOU use examination jockeys or buy fake certificates in Boston????? We are still talking of the same YOU.
- YOU can respect and conform to a foreign system in other countries but cannot in your own. You throw papers and cigarettes on the road the moment you touch the Indian ground. If you can be an involved and appreciative citizen in an alien country, why cannot you be the same here in India?
- Once in an interview, the famous Ex-municipal Commissioner of Bombay, Mr.Tinaikar, had a point to make. "Rich people's dogs are walked on the streets to leave their affluent droppings all over the place," he said. "And then the same people turn around to criticize and blame the authorities for inefficiency and dirty pavements. What do they expect the officers to do? Go down with a broom every time their dog feels the pressure in his bowels?
- In America every dog owner has to clean up after his pet has done the job. Same in Japan. Will the Indian citizen do that here?" He's right. We go to the polls to choose a government and after that forfeit all responsibility. We sit back wanting to be pampered and expect the government to do everything for us whilst our contribution is totally negative. We expect the government to clean up but we are not going to stop chucking garbage all over the place nor are we going to stop to pickup a stray piece of paper and throw it in the bin. We expect the railways to provide clean bathrooms but we are not going to learn the proper use of bathrooms.
- We want Indian Airlines and Air India to provide the best of food and toiletries but we are not going to stop pilfering at the least opportunity. This applies even to the staff that is known not to pass on the service to the public. When it comes to burning social issues like those related to women, dowry, girl child and others, we make loud drawing room protestations and continue to do the reverse at home. Our excuse? "It's the whole system which has to change, how will it matter if I alone forego my son's rights to a dowry.
- "So who's going to change the system? What does a system consist of? Very conveniently for us it consists of our neighbours, other households, other cities, other communities and The government. But definitely not me and YOU. When it comes to us actually making a positive contribution to the system we lock ourselves along with our families into a safe cocoon and look into the distance at countries far away and wait for a Mr. Clean to come along & work miracles for us with a majestic sweep of his hand or we leave the country and run away.
- Like lazy cowards hounded by our fears we run to America to bask in their glory and praise their system. - When New York becomes insecure we run to England.
- When England experiences unemployment, we take the next flight out to the Gulf. - When the Gulf is war struck, we demand to be rescued and brought home by the Indian government. Everybody is out to abuse and rape the country. Nobody thinks of feeding the system. Our conscience is mortgaged to money.
- Dear Indians, the article is highly thought inductive, calls for a great deal of introspection and pricks one's conscience too?..
- I am echoing J.F. Kennedy's words to his fellow American to relate to Indians?. "ASK WHAT WE CAN DO FOR INDIA AND DO WHAT HAS TO BE DONE TO MAKE INDIA WHAT AMERICA AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES ARE TODAY" Let's do what India needs from us.
- Forward this mail to each Indian for a change instead of sending Jokes or junk mails.

-Thank You, Dr. Abdul Kalaam -



THIS IS HILARIOUS



**Her side of the Story:**

He was in an odd mood Saturday night. We planned to meet at apub for a drink. I spent the afternoon shopping with the girls and I thought it might have been my fault because I was a bit later than I promised, but he didn't say anything much about it. The conversation was very slow going so I thought we should go off somewhere more intimate so we could talk a bit more privately. We went to this restaurant and he was STILL acting a bit funny. I tried to cheer him up and started to wonder whether it was me or something else. I asked him, and he said no. But I wasn't really sure. So anyway, in the car on the way back home, I said that I loved him deeply and he just put his arm around me. I didn't know what the hell that meant because you know he didn't say it back or anything, this is really worrying me. We finally got back home and I was wondering if he was going to leave me! So I tried to get him to talk but he just switched on the TV, and sat with a distant look in his eyes that seemed to say it's all over between us. Reluctantly, I said I was going to go to bed. Then after about 10 minutes, he joined me. But, he still seemed really distracted, so afterwards I just wanted to confront him but I just cried myself to sleep. I just don't know what to do anymore. I mean, I really think he's seeing someone else and that my life is a disaster.

**His Side of the Story:**

INDIA lost to PAKISTAN!!!

**HAIRCUT:**

**Women's version:**

Woman2: Oh! You got a haircut! That's so cute!

Woman1: Do you think so? I wasn't sure when she gave me the mirror. I mean, you don't think it's too fluffy looking?

Woman2: Oh God no! No, it's perfect. I'd love to get my hair cut like that, but I think my face is too wide. I'm pretty much stuck with this stuff I think.

Woman1: Are you serious? I think your face is adorable. And you could easily get one of those layer cuts - that would look so cute I think. I was actually going to do that except that I was afraid it would accent my long neck.

Woman2: Oh - that's funny! I would love to have your neck! Anything to take attention away from this two by-four I have for a shoulder line.

Woman1: Are you kidding? I know girls that would love to have your shoulders. Everything drapes so well on you. I mean, look at my arms - see how short they are? If I had your shoulders I could get clothes to fit me so much easier.

**Men's version:**

Man2: Haircut?

Man1: Yeah.

**Appeal from PDG Prafull Bhatt**

Dear Rotary Friends,

A meeting of Surat Area Club Presidents was held yesterday (10-10-05) at my residence and we considered providing support to the people of earthquake-affected area mainly falling under Dist 3070.

All club Presidents present and Past District Governors present were positive about the idea. There is need for tents and blankets and as Rotarians you are requested to extend your hand of co-operation in this hour of calamity and help bring some relief to the effected people. A good tent costs Rs5000 of 13x13 feet size, well for a family.

Please send your Cheque drawn in name of "RI Dist 3070 Earthquake Relief Fund" and hand it over to your club President for further dispatch to the DG Dist 3070. If you wish to send fund directly, send it to DG S P Sethi, Fine Switchgears Pvt Ltd, 40, Industrial Area, Phagwara-144 401 Punjab. Mobile 9814082591

-PDG Prafull Bhatt

**Birthday Bums**

- 04-11 Sp.Naresh Jariwala 5535230
- 07-11 Sanjay Pandya 98240 66154
- 07-11 Ann Kavaljit Kaur 2254026
- 07-11 Ann Niyati Desai 93745 39702
- 13-11 Vijay Chauhan 98241 31052
- 16-11 Kuldeep Desai 98251 47032



**FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS**

**DIWALI CELEBRATIONS**

Our club goes for a Diwali break with a great sense of self-satisfaction after 4 months of active participation in all avenues. Riverside Ripples wishes everyone a great holiday.

We meet with rejuvenated spirits on the 15th November to celebrate Diwali - The Rotary Way.

Date : 15-11-05

Time : 8:30 p.m.

Venue: Dr. Bhacca Rotary Hall at Jeevanbharti.

**RIVERSIDE RIPPLES**

WISHES EVERYONE A VERY

**HAPPY DIWALI**

&

**A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**

