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*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

LIVING IN THE FUTURE OF IDEAS

After a month of some fun filled celebrations, we were back to serious business last Tuesday. Our regular venue, the (packed) Jeevanbharti Hall was host to a young, but a very talented and mature speaker - VINEET SHARMA (Sr. V.P. Morgan Stanley - Hong Kong office) who was amongst us to share his views on INDIA'S ECONOMIC FUTURE.

Son of PDG Kulbandhu Sharma, Mr. Vineet began his presentation by comparing some figures of our country with that of the United States. The gap between India's per capita GDP of \$700 (which is just 1% of the global share) and America's \$40000 seems quite unbridgeable looking at the current growth rate. But attempts to increase our GDP growth rate to above 10-12% instead of the current 7% can result in a situation where we would've matched USA in about 29 years. The FII's are already biting the India story as they bought close to \$25 bn equities in the last 3.5 years.

With Agriculture being the country's driving force till date, the other two sectors which can propel

us into the top brackets are Industries and Services. While Pharma, Textiles and Automobiles - Automobile Components would head the industrial growth story, he was very optimistic in quoting India's burgeoning IT Sector as the leader in the Service Segment. Although the software exports touched \$17 bn last year, our global market share is still a modest 10%

population being a barrier in its escalation. He explained how a large market offers a better chance for any business to sustain as well as prosper. Infact we are better placed at 328 persons per sq.km than Hong Kong which has a population of 6000 heads per sq.km. Also, 50% of China's labour force is semi-illiterate. He sees government policies, its interference and taxation levels as the only major hurdles ahead. The more the government pulls out itself (privatises), the more everyone (from corporates to individuals) gets a chance to excel.

A very involved interactive session followed Vineet's edifying presentation. Almost everyone present was on his toes eager to know more from this young

achiever who has done us all proud by holding such a coveted post in one of the world's leading financial institution. He ended his speech by recommending a book FORTUNE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PYRAMID by C.K. Prahalad.

Rtn. Bankim Vashi proposed the Vote of Thanks and we dispersed after the National Anthem.



Where do we go from here?

which can be increased exponentially. This can be understood better from the fact that America has an annual Medical Research budget of \$3 tr. He went on to add that Organised Retail will bring about the much essential deflation in our country.

Vineet also cleared many a wrong misconceptions about India's dense

LAURELS... LAURELS... LAURELS...



Friends, there has been more reason for our club to celebrate. Last week, our club added one more feather to its crown. Rtn. Anand Acharya joined the elite group of PHF members as he received the Paul Harris Fellow citation from Rotary International.

PDG Kulbandhu Sharma handed him the citation during his visit to our club on the eve of his son Vineet Sharma's presentation. He welcomed Anand by giving him the privileged PHF pin amidst a lot of cheer and urged other members to follow his footsteps.

You sure have done us all proud Anand, keep it up.

JOINT MEET WITH THE G.S.E. TEAM FROM GERMANY

After a very long time, all the Rotary clubs of Surat area got together, to welcome the inbound GSE team from R.I. Dist. 1820 Germany at Holiday Inn on the 4th January.

The area co-ordinator for the GSE team Rtn. Jitendra Arya from R.C. of Surat Seaface set the ball rolling by welcoming the invited guests and the members of the various Rotary clubs of Surat in his inimitable style.

The leader of the team Rtn. Dr. Joerg Goll described the team's stay in Surat as heaven on earth (have we added one more?) and had no words to explain and appreciate the hospitality of the host families and the Rotarians of Surat. This was followed by the introduction of the members of the team undertaken on their own, as each one of them in the true German spirit explained their profession and achievements.

Past District Governor and the GSE chairman of R.I. Dist. 3060 for 2005-06 Rtn. Devendra Shastri lost no opportunity in putting forward his views on the GSE programme of the Rotary Foundation and highlighted that R.F. has spent as much as Rs. 350 crores on this programme ever since its inception in 1965. He also had a point to emphasize when he enumerated the benefits accruing out of this programme not only to the individual members but also to the countries at large.

Some questions were asked to the team members so as to understand the cultural adaptation, style of living, the businesses and profession involved and their eating habits.

Once again the highlight of the programme was the flawless conduction of the entire show by our own Rtn. ANAND ACHARYA - the M.O.C. of the evening who had just become a PHF member the day before.

Rtn. Sunil Shah of R.C. of West proposed the vote of thanks. The entire meet was organized in the most professional manner in the allotted hour.

G.S.E. TEAM FROM R.I. DIST. 1180 - U.K.

Following the successful visit of the G.S.E. team from R.I. Dist 1820 Germany, one more team is scheduled to visit Surat between January 12th and January 16th. This team from R.I. Dist. 1180, U.K. consists of the following:

- 1) Rtn. ROY WHITTINGTON - Team Leader - Staff Trainer (Insurance) and Compliance Officer
- 2) Mr. PENDLETON - Police Officer
- 3) Ms. KATHLEEN WYKE - Educational Curriculum Advisor
- 4) Ms. DIANA BRONWENFORD - Ward Sister at the hospital
- 5) Ms. ANNA EMILY BURGESS - Solicitor

A joint meet of all the Rotary clubs of Surat area is scheduled for 13th January at Hotel Holiday Inn. All those members who wish to meet and cheer up the members from U.K. needs to inform the President Rtn. Divyang or the Hon. Secretary Rtn. Mihir as a fixed amount has to be contributed to the common expense fund.

FIVE GREAT LESSONS - AN OLD ONE BUT WORTH READING

1 - First Important Lesson - Cleaning Lady.

During my second month of college, our professor gave us a quiz. I was a conscientious student and had breezed through the questions until I read the last one:

"What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?"

Surely this was some kind of joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark-haired and in her 50s, but how would I know her name?

I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank. Just before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our quiz grade.

"Absolutely," said the professor. "In your careers, you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say 'hello.'"

I've never forgotten that lesson. I also learned her name was Dorothy.

2. - Second Important Lesson - Pickup in the Rain

One night, at 11:30 p.m., an older African American woman was standing on the side of an Alabama highway trying to endure a lashing rainstorm. Her car had broken down and she desperately needed a ride. Soaking wet, she decided to flag down the next car. A young white man stopped to help her, generally unheard of in those conflict-filled 1960s. The MN took her to safety, helped her get assistance and put her into a taxicab.

She seemed to be in a big hurry, but wrote down his address and thanked him. Seven days went by and a knock came on the man's door. To his surprise, a giant console color TV was delivered to his home. A special note was attached..It read:

"Thank you so much for assisting me on the highway the other night. The rain drenched not only my clothes, but also my spirits. Then you came along. Because of you, I was able to make it to my dying husband's bedside just before he passed away... God bless you for helping me and unselfishly serving others."

Sincerely,

Mrs. Nat King Cole.

3 - Third Important Lesson - Always remember those who serve.

In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10-year-old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him.

"How much is an ice cream sundae?" he asked. "Fifty cents," replied the waitress.

The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied the coins in it.

"Well, how much is a plain dish of ice cream?" he inquired. By now more people were waiting for a table and the waitress was growing impatient.

"Thirty-five cents," she brusquely replied. The little boy again counted his coins. "I'll have the plain ice cream."

The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table and walked away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and left. When the waitress came back, she began to cry as she wiped down the table. There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were two nickels and five pennies..

You see, he couldn't have the sundae, because he had to have enough left to leave her a tip.

4 - Fourth Important Lesson. - The obstacle in Our Path.

In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way.

Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many of us never understand!

Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition.

5 - Fifth Important Lesson - Giving When it Counts...

Many years ago, when I worked as a volunteer at a hospital, I got to know a little girl named Liz who was suffering from a rare and serious disease. Her only chance of recovery appeared to be a blood transfusion from her 5-year old brother, who had miraculously survived the same disease and had developed the antibodies needed to combat the illness.

The doctor explained the situation to her little brother, and asked the little boy if he would be willing to give his blood to his sister.

I saw him hesitate for only a moment before taking a deep breath and saying, "Yes I'll do it, if it will save her." As the transfusion progressed, he lay in bed next to his sister and smiled, as we all did, seeing the color returning to her cheeks. Then his face grew pale and his smile faded.

He looked up at the doctor and asked with a trembling voice, "Will I start to die right away?"

Being young, the little boy had misunderstood the doctor; he thought he was going to have to give his sister all of his blood in order to save her.

"Work like you don't need the money, Love like you've never been hurt, and dance like you do when nobody's watching."

- Contributed by Rtn. Mukund Jariwala

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There were 7 Engineers and 7 Doctors traveling from Pune to Mumbai. So both the groups gathered at the station and were trying to prove their superiority.


SCENE 1 (PUNE- MUMBAI) - So 7 engineers took only 1 Ticket amongst them and 7 doctors took all 7 tickets. Doctors are desperately waiting for TC to come.....When TC was about to come, All 7 Engineers got inside one toilet, so when TC knocks, one hand comes out with the ticket and the TC goes away....

NOW on return Journey All of them could not get a direct train to PUNE so they all decide to take a Passenger till Lonavala, from there they can easily get a LOCAL to PUNE so

SCENE 2 (MUMBAI - LONAVALA) - Doctors decide, "this time we will prove that we too are genius".... All 7 Doctors took 1 Ticket amongst them, Engineers didn 't take any ticket. TC is about to come. All Doctors got inside one toilet. All engineers in the opposite one. One engineer gets out and knocks the door of Doctors toilet, One hand comes with the ticket, he takes the ticket and comes in engineers toilet...TC DRIVES ALL the doctors from the toilet and they were heavily fined.....

SCENE 3 - So now both the groups are at LONAVALA station. Doctors are planning their move for last chance. They board the local to Pune. This time doctors decide that they will play the same (1 ticket) trick. ALL Doctors took 1 ticket...Engineers took all 7 tickets this time... SO TC Comes. All Engineers shows their tickets, Doctors are still searching for toilet in the LOCAL.....

**“IT’S THE ATTITUDE,
NOT THE ALTITUDE
OF YOUR APTITUDE,
THAT MAKES YOU FIGHT
THE GAME OF LIFE BETTER”**



Birthday Bums

07-01 Sp. Kamlesh Bachkaniwala 98240 53066
15-01 Jayesh Dhamanwala 98251 11799

NEWSMAKERS


► Our very own Rtn. Kuldeep Desai - a well known ophthalmologist gave his honorary services to the traffic police personnel during the recently concluded Traffic Safety Week. He alongwith our ex-Rotarian Dr. Sunil D’souza undertook health and eye check-up of the traffic staff including the traffic Police Commissioner Mr. M.U.Mirza . This was conducted at the Social Welfare Hall at the Umra Police Station. Rotary sure is proud of such selfless and devoted individuals.

► Both the RSR hosted IYE students Jenny Roth (Canada) and Maura Welch (America) starred on the front page of the local daily Divya Bhaskar’s addition ‘City Pride’ on Thursday 29-12-05. They were being interviewed by the newspaper for their views on the difference in the celebration of Christmas here and at their homes. Pursuing their Studies in Lourdes Convent, both Jenny and Maura have ensconced themselves into their academics as well as Indian culture very easily. They were to be seen in every function/occasion/festivities till now.

Keep the good work goin’ pals...

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

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As declared earlier, we are having a musical nite on the coming Thursday which is an opportunity to give vent to your (bathroom & other) singing aspirations.

Registrations have already started pouring. Instigate all singers (from K.L.Sigal to Kunal Ganjawala, from Shamsahd Begum to Shreya Ghoshal) from within yourself and register your performance (solo/duet/group/other) with Ann Ami (2255550 - 9879013545) by 10th Jan.

So then see you on the stage of SaReGaMaPa Challenge RSR.

Date : 12th January, Thursday
Time : 8:30 p.m.
Venue : Shreeji Plots
Opp. GoverdhanNathji Haveli,
Besides Pallavi Apt, Dumas Road.

