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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



FELLOWSHIP

The meeting on last Tuesday, the 7th Feb was light fellowship with a not-so-light attendance. We all gathered at our regular venue at the regular weekday and time in a very relaxed mood. Our regular caterer's food always proves to be a tempting force enough to lure one into attending the meeting, and nobody was disappointed this time too.

The unofficial gathering begun with Prez. Divyang briefing all about the District events in line. The Business Conference meet at Bharuch slated to be hosted on this Sunday the 12th is one not to be missed. He then invited our new member Dharmesh Shah (who has recently come back from yet another of his China trips) to share with us his experiences and views on the emerging trends in the Indo-China relationships.

Dharmesh, though called upon on a short notice, willing obliged to grace the podium. He briefly explained how the Dragon-country is ahead of us by 8-10 years inspite being densely populated. "The Chinese people are not God-fearing as we are" he said "and

do not believe in society or brotherhood as we do". He therefore insisted in attempting to import their skills, and know-hows instead of their products, which would help us in gaining the numero uno position on the global map. PP Mukund Jariwala at this juncture quoted his supplier saying how the Chinese have started fearing us.

Prez. Divyang then explained everyone the intricacies of FISHPOND - our next meeting's agenda. He urged everyone to get involved in this fun, yet important meeting by giving their submissions beforehand at any of the provided options and by attending the next Tuesday's meet. (Don't miss the article on page 3). It surely is fun and definitely interesting to learn what everyone thinks about you isn't it? I'm sure EVERYONE is in for some BOMBSHELLS, SURPRISES and BLUSHES on the Valentine's Day.

The meeting adjourned with the National Anthem, but the fellowship continued with the lovely dessert sponsored by Rtn. Kuldeep - who's just become the proud father of a sweet baby-Riverside's latest addition.

THEY SAID IT

ON WAR AND PEACE

"I went to the last war, as many of you here did, and I really believed I was fighting a war to end all wars... and that our children would reap some of the benefits of the sacrifice made by our generation. We did not really care enough in the intervening years. If we cared enough, we did not get enough done. It is rarely in the world's history that men get a second chance, and we have got a second chance."

*-A U.S. ambassador,
addressing a Rotary club in
England in 1939*

PLENARY HIGHLIGHTS

"Because of you, five million children can walk today that otherwise would be crippled by this terrible disease. Listen to five million voices saying 'Thank you, Rotarians. We are happy. We can walk. We can play. We can learn. We can grow. We can dream of a greater future because of you.'"

*-Carlo Ravizza,
Past RI president and chair of
the Trustees of The Rotary
Foundation.*

GLOBAL ALUMNI SERVICE TO HUMANITY AWARD

The purpose of the global alumni service to humanity award is to honour an outstanding former foundation programme participant and to help publicise the social benefits of the foundation's programmes. The award is intended to celebrate a Foundation alumnus or alumna whose extraordinary service activities and professional achievements exemplify the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self.

Zone committee choose regional Alumni Award winners. The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation then select a global winner from among the zone winners. The global winner is honoured at the annual Rotary International Convention.

The award is open to all Foundation alumni, former Ambassadorial Scholars, Group Study Exchange team leaders and members, and recipients of a Grant for Rotary Volunteers, University Teacher Grant, or Discovery Grant.

Eligibility: Candidate must have fulfilled all the appropriate programme requirements. Candidate must have completed his or her programme participation at least 10 years ago (programme award year 1995 or prior). Candidate must accept the award in person at the Rotary International Convention in Malmo-Copenhagen, June 2006 and award will not be presented posthumously. An individual may receive the award only once.

Criteria: Candidate must have provided outstanding service to mankind and must have achieved the highest degree of distinction in his or her profession or vocation. Candidate must have served as a global citizen impacting international scene. The ideal candidate's service and professional career must go beyond the local community to touch the lives of people at the national or international level.

Nomination guidelines: All Rotary districts are eligible to nominate one candidate; the candidate can reside or have studied/served in any Rotary district. Eligible nominators are past trustees, current district governors, alumni subcommittee chairs, Foundation Alumni Resource Group members and regional Rotary Foundation coordinators. All nominations must be endorsed by the current district governor. Nominations must include a clear description of the candidate's achievements that would qualify him or her for this award; supplementary documentation or material is highly desirable. A complete nomination will include the nomination form, a resume, a curriculum vitae, a detailed description of the individual's service achievements, and a digital or print photograph of the candidate.

Deadline: Zone committee will set their own deadlines. Nominations should be sent to the zone committees, chaired by the regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator or Foundation Alumni Resource Group member serving your area. All nominations should be submitted to your zone Alumni Award committee.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it.

Happy moments, praise God.

Difficult moments, seek God.

Quiet moments, worship God.

Painful moments, trust God.

Every moment, thank God.

DISTRICT EVENT

A scintillating event "RENDEZVOUS" to make up for the loss of fun and enjoyment during this Rotary Year, shall be organized by Rotary Club of Udhna. Registration charges are Rs. 200 per person.

Date : 26th February, Sunday

Time : 9:00 a.m. To 5:00 p.m.

Venue : Hotel Holiday Inn

AN INTERESTING ARTICLE - A MUST READ

One day a teacher asked her students to list the names of the other students in the room on two sheets of paper, leaving a space between each name.

Then she told them to think of the nicest thing they could say about each of their classmates and write it down.

It took the remainder of the class period to finish their assignment, and as the students left the room, each one handed in the papers.

That Saturday, the teacher wrote down the name of each student on a separate sheet of paper, and listed what everyone else had said about that individual.

On Monday she gave each student his or her list. Before long, the entire class was smiling. "Really?" she heard whispered. "I never knew that I meant anything to anyone!" and, "I didn't know others liked me so much," were most of the comments.

No one ever mentioned those papers in class again. She never knew if they discussed them after class or with their parents, but it didn't matter. The exercise had accomplished its purpose. The students were happy with themselves and one another. That group of students moved on. Several years later, one of the students was killed in Viet Nam and his teacher attended the funeral of that special student. She had never seen a serviceman in a military coffin before. He looked so handsome, so mature.

The church was packed with his friends. One by one those who loved him took a last walk by the coffin. The teacher was the last one to bless the coffin.

As she stood there, one of the soldiers who acted as pallbearer came up to her. "Were you Mark's math teacher?" he asked. She nodded: "yes." Then he said: "Mark talked about you a lot."

After the funeral, most of Mark's former classmates went together to a luncheon. Mark's mother and father were there, obviously waiting to speak with his teacher.

"We want to show you something," his father said, taking a wallet out of his pocket. "They found this on Mark when he was killed. We thought you might recognize it." Opening the billfold, he carefully removed two worn pieces of notebook paper that had obviously been taped, folded and refolded many times. The teacher knew without looking that the papers were the ones on which she had listed all the good things each of Mark's classmates had said about him.

"Thank you so much for doing that," Mark's mother said. "As you can see, Mark treasured it."

All of Mark's former classmates started to gather around. Charlie smiled rather sheepishly and said, "I still have my list. It's in the top drawer of my desk at home."

Chuck's wife said, "Chuck asked me to put his in our wedding album."

"I have mine too," Marilyn said. "It's in my diary."

Then Vicki, another classmate, reached into her pocketbook, took out her wallet and showed her worn and frazzled list to the group. "I carry this with me at all times," Vicki said and without batting an eyelash, she continued: "I think we all saved our lists."

That's when the teacher finally sat down and cried. She cried for Mark and for all his friends who would never see him again.

The density of people in society is so thick that we forget that life will end one day. And we don't know when that one day will be.

So please, tell the people you love and care for, that they are special and important. Tell them, before it is too late.

Remember, you reap what you sow. What you put into the lives of others comes back into your own!!!



THIS IS HILARIOUS



Read till the End This happened about a month or two ago near Lonavala and even though it sounds like something from an Alfred Hitchcock movie. it's real!

This guy drives from Mumbai to Pune and decides not to take the new expressway as he wants to see the scenery. The inevitable happens and when he reaches the ghats his car breaks down - he's stranded miles from nowhere.

Having no choice he starts walking on the side of the road, hoping to get a lift to the nearest human habitation. It's dark and raining and pretty soon he's wet and shivering. The night rolls on and no car goes by, the monsoon rains are so strong he can hardly see a few feet ahead of him.

suddenly he sees a car coming towards him. It slows and then stops next to him - without thinking the guy opens the car's door and jumps in. Seated in the back, he leans forward to thank the person who had saved him when he realizes there is nobody behind the steering!!!

Even though there's no one in the front seat and no sound of any engine, the car starts moving slowly. The guy looks at the road ahead and sees a curve coming (remember, this is in the hills and there is a steep, steep drop beyond the curve). Scared almost to death he starts to pray, begging the Lord for his life. He hasn't come out of shock, when just before he hits the curve, a hand appears through the window and moves the steering! The car makes the curve safely and continues on the road to the next bend.

The guy, now paralyzed in terror, watches how the hand appears every time they are before a curve and moves the steering wheel just enough to get the car around each bend. Finally, the guy sees lights ahead. Gathering his courage he wrenches open the door of the silent, slowly moving car, scrambles out and runs as hard as he can towards the lights. It's a small town.

Wet and in shock goes to a roadside dhaba, which is open, and asks for a drink. They find some hooch and give him a shot. And he starts telling whoever is in the dhabba about the horrible experience he's just been through.

A silence envelops everybody when they realize the guy isn't drunk, and is really frightened - he's crying and shaking. So they give him more hooch and talk about what they should do, whether to call the police or find a priest, or what. But just then two guys walk into the dhaba. One says to the other

"Look, - that's the guy who got in our car when we were pushing it."

NUPTIAL KNOTS

11-02	Rajesh Patel	98241 00970
12-02	Amish Malji	98241 34254
14-02	Ketan Shroff	98255 00434
16-02	Phiroze Madan	98252 64678



BIRTHDAY BUMS

11-02	Ann Nilaxi Kapadia	98256 50518
12-02	Geojo Paul	98791 00555



FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

FISHPOND

As declared earlier, we are having a program of fishpond this Tuesday. If you've not done so far, we urge you to write whatever comes to your mind (a funny word or one-liner or even a shayri) for any member / ann that you wish and submit it at either Manilal Stores OR Vaidehi Crafts, GhodDod Road.

Do make it a point to attend if you don't want to miss one of the most exciting kind of meets in the decade of our existence.

Date : 14th February, Tuesday
Time : 8:30 p.m.
Venue : Dr. Bhacca Rotary Hall, Jeevabharti School

KNOW YOUR SUN / LUNAR SIGN

We are planning to have a blood donation camp very soon. If everything falls in place then we'll have a camp on 19th Feb, Sunday. If not, then we meet on 21st Feb, Tuesday at our regular venue. You'll be informed via SMS or phone calls and of course Riverside Ripples.

The agenda for 28th Feb is a speaker meet. The learned astrologer Mr. H..N.KESHVANI will throw some light on the amazing science of astrology and will also answer members' queries. Try & make the most of this chance.

Date : 28th February, Tuesday
Time : 8:30 p.m.
Venue : Dr. Bhacca Rotary Hall, Jeevabharti School