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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

AN EVENING WITH AN ASTROLOGER

It was a regular affair on the last day of February at our regular venue when a pleasing number of members had gathered to listen to the wisdom of a learned and an experienced person Shri H.N. Keshvani.

The 82 year old chief guest, who arrived dot on time, compelled our Secretary Mihir to comment on his age and stature. With no grey hair and a firm straight walk, he could easily embarrass the youngest person around him.

Your editor got the opportunity to introduce the guest of the evening and believe me friends, I was quite humbled while reading the achievements of Shri Keshvani. The multi faceted senior citizen has stood head above shoulders in each and every field that he represented. Whether it be **Literature** (has written many novels, and graced co-founder cum editorial posts of many publications) or **Social Service** (activist of 1942 freedom struggle, recipient of Namdar Aagakhan citation) or **Astrology** (*Jyotishratna* awardee from Surat & South Guj. Astrologer's association of which he is founder president) or **Life Insurance Agent** (4 times gold medalist, multiple crorepati agent), there were immense accomplishments to talk about.

As we were eager to know about his experiences on astrology, Shri Keshvani started his speech by citing a few examples to prove the authenticity of this science. According to him, astrology is the timing of the results of our *karma* but under the influence of the planetary bodies. Simply speaking, whatever happens to us or around us is the consequence of our deeds itself, but *jyotish shastra* helps us to anticipate these phases by studying the position of the planets



and implying them with our star signs.

He went on to warn us against fraudulent individuals claiming to be genuine astrologers. He cited some examples where a similar fraud challenged him in newspapers just to increase his popularity. Upon approaching him, Keshvani learnt how these people buy time to detect our family history when we seek advice from them. Later on, in the subsequent meetings, they impress us by quoting our family history and extort exorbitant charges from us.

An interactive question answer session was always expected in such a meeting, but surprisingly none of the Anns had any queries. Although the chief guest's answers strayed a bit from the question asked and the screeching vehicle horns outside our hall bothered everyone, it was definitely an enlightening experience. Our lively treasurer Rtn. Jugal Shinglot in his official VOT appreciated Shri Keshvani's kind gesture of offering free astrology advice to our club members at his place. The surprise dessert in the end served as the icing on the cake for a meeting I'm sure everyone will cherish for long.

WOMEN IN ROTARY

Women are involved in Rotary as club members, as members of Rotaract and Interact clubs (Rotary sponsored service club for youth), as participants in Rotary educational and humanitarian programmes, and as recipients of services provided by Rotary clubs.

Today, there are slightly more than 155,000 women Rotarians worldwide. In North America, there are approximately 88,465 women Rotarians, 82,264 of whom are members of U.S. Rotary clubs; about 18,165 women are members of clubs of Asia; 22,598 in Europe; 14,888 in Latin American and Caribbean nations; 4,338 in Africa; and more than 6,907 in Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific nations. Rotary's total worldwide membership is 1.2 million.

Increasingly, women are also Rotary leaders. Of the 32,000 clubs worldwide, nearly 300 have women presidents in 2005-06. Women district governors oversee 69 Rotary districts. Carolyn Jones from the Rotary club of Anchorage East, Alaska, USA, is now first female trustee in the 88-year history of The Rotary Foundation.

PARTICIPATION IN ROTARY PROGRAMMES

Approximately half the members of Rotary sponsored youth service clubs Rotaract (for young adults of 18-30) and Interact (for youth ages 14-18) are female. Some 60 per cent of young people participating Rotary's Youth Exchange Programme are women. Through youth exchange, young people ages 15-19 participate in short-term and long-term exchanges between two countries.

Women have participated in Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships programme since 1949 (the programme started in 1947).

ROTARY PROJECTS

Rotary projects around the world, work to improve women's standard of living through a variety of service projects that include vocational training, parental care, revolving loan funds, basic health services, and aid for battered women.

Source : RI News

LAW ON ARREST WARRANT

This is about an incident in Pune - a young girl was raped by a man posing as a plain clothes officer; he asked her to come to the police station when she and her male friend didn't have a driver's license to show. He sent the boy off to get his license and asked the girl to accompany him to the police station. Took her instead to an isolated area where the horrendous crime was committed.

Infact, the law clearly states that between 6 pm and 6am, a woman has the right to REFUSE to go to the Police Station, even if an arrest warrant has been issued against her. It is a procedural issue that a woman can be arrested between 6pm and 6 am, ONLY if she is arrested by a woman officer and taken to an ALL WOMEN police station. And if she is arrested by a male officer, it has to be proven that a woman officer was on duty at the time of arrest.

It is good for us to know our rights. To what extent it comes of use remains to be seen in any situation. But as they say, knowledge is power.

Just thought I'd share this with you.

I did not know this and am sure lot of us will not know this- please be informed... And pass on this info to whom all u know.

THEY SAID IT

ON WOMEN IN ROTARY

"I would like to see our first year of the first 100 years be the year of the woman. The world consist of 52 percent women, and we are less than 15 percent women in Rotary... Wouldn't it be wonderful if in Copenhagen and Malmö next June the two new flags would be Cuba and China?"

-Carl Wilhelm Stenhammer, 2005-06 RI president, keynote speaker at the Chicago Convention.

ROLE OF WOMEN

"Just the face of Rotary has changed. But Rotary's commitment to service has not changed- and that's why we join, because we want to serve."

-Sylvia Whitlock, first female president of a Rotary Club.

ONE FLAW IN WOMAN

By the time the Lord made woman, He was into his sixth day of working overtime.

An angel appeared and said, "Why are you spending so much time on this one?"

And the Lord answered, "Have you seen my spec sheet on her?"

She has to be completely washable, but not plastic, have over 200 movable parts, all replaceable and able to run on diet coke and leftovers, have a lap that can hold four children at one time, have a kiss that can cure anything from a scraped knee to a broken heart -and she will do everything with only two hands."

The angel was astounded at the requirements. "Only two hands!? No way! And that's just on the standard model? That's too much work for one day. Wait until tomorrow to finish."

But I won't," the Lord protested. "I am so close to finishing this creation that is so close to my own heart. She already heals herself when she is sick AND can work 18 hour days."

The angel moved closer and touched the woman. "But you have made her so soft, Lord."

"She is soft," the Lord agreed, "but I have also made her tough. You have no idea what she can endure or accomplish."

"Will she be able to think?", asked the angel.

The Lord replied, "Not only will she be able to think, she will be able to reason and negotiate.."

The angel then noticed something, and reaching out, touched the woman's cheek. "Oops, it looks like you have a leak in this model. I told you that you were trying to put too much into this one."

"That's not a leak," the Lord corrected, "that's a tear!" "What's the tear for?" the angel asked.

The Lord said, "The tear is her way of expressing her joy, her sorrow, her pain, her disappointment, her love, her loneliness, her grief and her pride." The angel was impressed.

"You are a genius, Lord. You thought of everything! Woman is truly amazing."

And she is!

Women have strengths that amaze men.

They bear hardships and they carry burdens, but they hold happiness, love and joy.

They smile when they want to scream.

They sing when they want to cry.

They cry when they are happy and laugh when they are nervous.

They fight for what they believe in.

They stand up to injustice.

They don't take "no" for an answer when they believe there is a better solution.

They go without so their family can have..

They go to the doctor with a frightened friend.

They love unconditionally.

They cry when their children excel and cheer when their friends get awards.

They are happy when they hear about a birth or a wedding.

Their hearts break when a friend dies.

They grieve at the loss of a family member, yet they are strong when they think there is no strength left.

They know that a hug and a kiss can heal a broken heart.

Women come in all shapes, sizes and colors.

They'll drive, fly, walk, run or e-mail you to show how much they care about you.

The heart of a woman is what makes the world keep turning.

They bring joy, hope and love.

They have compassion and ideals.

They give moral support to their family and friends.

Women have vital things to say and everything to give.

HOWEVER, IF THERE IS ONE FLAW IN WOMEN, IT IS THAT THEY FORGET THEIR WORTH.

-Contributed by Rtn. Akshay Banker



WORDS WOMEN USE

FINE

This is the word women use to end an argument when they are right and you need to shut up.

FIVE MINUTES

If she is getting dressed, this is half an hour. Five minutes is only five minutes if you have just been given 5 more minutes to watch the game before helping around the house.

NOTHING

This is the calm before the storm. This means "something," and you should be on your toes. Arguments that begin with 'Nothing' usually end in "Fine."

GOAHEAD

This is a dare, not permission. Don't do it.

LOUDSIGH

This is not actually a word, but is a non-verbal statement often misunderstood by men. A "Loud Sigh" means she thinks you are an idiot and wonders why she is wasting her time standing here and arguing with you over "Nothing"

THAT'S OKAY

This is one of the most dangerous statements that a woman can make to a man. "That's Okay"

means that she wants to think long and hard before deciding how and when you will pay for your mistake.

THANKS

A woman is thanking you. Do not question it or faint. Just say you're welcome.

Send this to the men you know to warn them about future arguments they can avoid if they remember the terminology! And send it to your women friends to give them a good laugh! Oh, and before we forget:

WHATEVER

It's a woman's way of saying *!#@ YOU!

- Contributed by Rtn. Amish Malji

A husband was trying to prove to his wife that women talk more than men. He showed her a study that reported that men use an average of 15,000 words a day, but women use 30,000 words a day.

The wife promptly told him that women use twice as many words because they have to repeat everything they say to men.

Looking stunned, the husband said, "What?"

"Women use twice as many words because they have to repeat everything they say to men!"

 **BIRTHDAY BUMS** 

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- 04-03 Ann Neena Sinha 98241 54855
- 05-03 Mahendra Kajiwala 98251 18634



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- 07-03 Samar Zaveri 93745 14612



FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS



ASSEMBLY MEET

Although announced last week that we are not having a meeting this Tuesday, there is a slight change in schedule. We are meeting for a club assembly on this Tuesday. This being a members only meet, everybody is requested to attend without fail.

Date : 7th March, Tuesday
Time : 8:30 p.m.
Venue : Dr. Bhacca Rotary Hall, Jeevabharti

HOLI KE DIN DIL MIL JATE HAI

The next Tuesday we get together for a Holi Meet. Wednesday being Dhuleti, everyone is supposed to come in true Holi spirits. We are to meet after offering prayers to the pious Holi fire. So do not worry if it is late. Just finish your rites and come to the venue.

Date : 14th March, Tuesday
Time : Will be declared.
Venue : Will be declared.