

RIVERSIDE RIPPLES



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All our meets are dinner meets.*

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Cover Story



THE GRAND IYE CELEBRATION



Riverside got the opportunity of hosting the IYE felicitation "UTSAV" and we got it right. It was a nice wonderful Saturday evening with all the IYE stalwarts- past, present and future under one single roof with an ambience meticulously and creatively designed by Rtn Raju Pandit of RC Seaface. The evening was supposed to be of felicitation, fun and frolic and it was made one by the anchoring of our own Rtn Mihir Shukla and Annet Ruchika of Baroda. The welcome address by Pres. Divyang Parikh set the evening and charged up the nite.

An event like IYE felicitation cannot be done without the IYE chairman and father figure of all the IYE stalwarts - Rtn. Devang Munim. His wonderful welcome speech was greeted by everybody with an applause as huge as his accomplishment. One of the biggest feats has been his being the chairman for 5 consecutive years and sending 180 students from our district in this tenure. That is 360 students in exchange. BIG ACHIEVEMENT. He stressed on the importance of IYE and the purpose for the evening.

Co-chairman Rtn Nimesh Gosalia gave a few words of wisdom to Past IYE students and the way they can give back to Rotary. The Felicitation was given a wonderful break by alternating speeches with the parade of all the IYE students- past, present and future. (Not mentioning a few past IYE stalwarts who were elder to me too). This also shows the richness of this wonderful program. The absence of DG Ashis Roy in an eventful function like this, due to unavoidable circumstances, disappointed most of the guests.

The felicitation of past IYE stalwarts and Inbound IYE students was then done by PP Devang Munim, PP Nimesh Gosalia, PP Tarun Dave, PP Rajnikant Marfatia and incoming IYE chairman Mrugank Merchant. The evening got ecstatic by the dance performance of the inbound IYE students on various peppy Hindi numbers. This was followed by the wonderful duo performance by Jenny and Annet Parita Vashi.

The evening was not just of IYE stalwarts but also of Devang Munim and in the whole

meeting he was given a standing ovation for his worthy contribution almost 5 times. The past IYE students Ranak Shah and Neha Dhamanwala imparted advice to the outbound students. PP Dr Ajay Bhardwaj gave an intimate thanks giving speech to Devang Munim and Pres. Divyang Parikh presented IYE Chairman with a memento of love from RSR. A spellbinding act with violin and piano was performed by inbound IYE students Meret (Switzerland) and Sumire (Japan) hosted by RC West and RC Udhana respectively. The icing on the cake was the vote of thanks presented by incoming Pres. Rtn. Rajesh Patel.

No sooner did the dining arena of Gateway Hotel (more popularly remembered as Holiday Inn) get queued up for the Gala Food, the dance floor was flooded by IYE students and Rotarians. The last Chicken dance by the DJ was fun and hilarious. The moral of the story - An opportunity given to RSR is turned into a big success.

Three Cheers to RSR.

-Report by Mihir Shukla

APRIL - MAGAZINE MONTH

Well, What Do You Know!

How often have you heard the comment, "I've been in Rotary for X years and still don't really know what Rotary is all about!" While such a remark can be attributed to the failure of the Rotary Club's orientation committee, it is often just a rationalization. That is one of the reasons why April is designated as Rotary Magazine Month. In April, Rotary clubs are encouraged to promote the reading of *The Rotarian* and the other official magazines of Rotary.

The intent is twofold: to enlighten the uninformed, and to keep the well-informed up to date. The fact is that Rotary, despite its long traditions, is a very dynamic organization whose landscape changes dramatically from year to year. As a result, any Rotarian who wishes to stay informed cannot view it as a passive process. It requires initiative to stay current on Rotary topics. It requires reading about what is happening today in Rotary.

The Rotarian started publication in 1911, but there are now 31 major associated regional publications, published in 24 languages and distributed in 129 countries with a circulation of 750,000. Each issue of these magazines shares a core of Rotary articles with *The Rotarian*, including Rotary news, of course. In addition to the news are a number of articles highlighting projects that clubs and districts are spearheading. Each magazine becomes a forum for sharing ideas for successful projects. At the same time, it informs Rotarians of the needs that exist around the world; needs that a club across the globe may have the resources to address.

At one time, *The Rotarian* and associated regional magazines of Rotary were the only avenues of communication between RI and individual Rotarians. This is no longer the case. The Internet provides the means to a wealth of Rotary information on every imaginable Rotary topic to everyone with access to a computer or a library. The Rotary website is available in a number of languages in addition to English and has links to *The Rotarian* and all the Rotary publications in that language. Among these are the quarterly *Rotary World*, the biweekly *Rotary News Basket*, *Web Exclusive News*, and a press center. In addition to periodicals, a number of Rotary publications and graphics are available for download on the website.

These days, it may be more proper to designate April as Rotary Literature Month rather than Rotary Magazine month. In addition to reading the Rotary magazines, Rotary could also urge Rotarians to visit the Rotary website.

In this information age, there is no reason why any Rotarian interested in Rotary should make a statement such as the one that starts this article. The information is at your fingertips, in the magazine and on the internet. Take the time to drink it in. You won't regret it. Who knows, maybe one day it will be common to hear, "I've been in Rotary only a few weeks and I already know a lot about it! What a great organization".

-Anonymous Rotarian



(Editor's note: This is a reprint from the District 6450, April 2004 Newsletter, page two.)

CLUB CLINIC

Q: How can I use Rotary International's public service announcements (PSAs) in my local community?

A: RI introduced its global public image campaign, *Humanity in Motion*, in 2005, and new PSAs will be released in February (see next article). The campaign aims to increase awareness and understanding of what Rotary is and does. Television, radio, print, Internet, and outdoor (billboard) PSAs are available on CD-ROM. Rotarians are encouraged to use these materials to obtain free or low-cost placements in their local media. Contact media companies by phone, e-mail, or letter and ask whether they would be interested in broadcasting or printing a Rotary PSA. Professional quality Beta videotapes and DVDs for broadcast and cable television stations are available upon request from RI's Public Relations Division. For more information on placing PSAs in your community, contact Public Relations at pr@rotaryintl.org or 847-866-3387. You may also view available PSAs in the Club-District Support download area of www.rotary.org

PHYSICS

"Describe how to determine the height of a skyscraper with a barometer."

One student replied: "You tie a long piece of string to the neck of the barometer, then lower the barometer from the roof of the skyscraper to the ground. The length of the string plus the length of the barometer will equal the height of the building."

This highly original answer so incensed the examiner that the student was failed immediately.

The student appealed on the grounds that his answer was indisputably correct, and the university appointed an independent arbiter to decide the case. The arbiter judged that the answer was indeed correct, but did not display any noticeable knowledge of physics. To resolve the problem it was decided to call the student in and allow him six minutes in which to provide a verbal answer that showed at least a minimal familiarity with the basic principles of physics.

For five minutes the student sat in silence, forehead creased in thought. The arbiter reminded him that time was running out, to which the student replied that he had several extremely relevant answers, but couldn't make up his mind which to use. On being advised to hurry up the student replied as follows:

"Firstly, you could take the barometer up to the roof of the skyscraper, drop it over the edge, and measure the time it takes to reach the ground. The height of the building can then be worked out from the formula $H = 0.5g \times t^2$ squared. But bad luck on the barometer."

"Or if the sun is shining you could measure the height of the barometer, then set it on end and measure the length of its shadow. Then you measure the length of the skyscraper's shadow, and thereafter it is a simple matter of proportional arithmetic to work out the height of the skyscraper."

"But if you wanted to be highly scientific about it, you could tie a short piece of string to the barometer and swing it like a pendulum, first at ground level and then on the roof of the skyscraper. The height is worked out by the difference in the gravitational restoring force $T = 2\pi \sqrt{l/g}$."

"Or if the skyscraper has an outside emergency staircase, it would be easier to walk up it and mark off the height of the skyscraper in barometer lengths, then add them up."

"If you merely wanted to be boring and orthodox about it, of course, you could use the barometer to measure the air pressure on the roof of the skyscraper and on the ground, and convert the difference in millibars into feet to give the height of the building."

"But since we are constantly being exhorted to exercise independence of mind and apply scientific methods, undoubtedly the best way would be to knock on the janitor's door and say to him 'If you would like a nice new barometer, I will give you this one if you tell me the height of this skyscraper'."

The student was Niels Bohr, the only Dane to win the Nobel Prize for Physics. Don't know the veracity of this nice little tale, but it's a nice read!

STROKE RECOGNITION

During a BBQ, a friend (Ingrid) stumbled and took a little fall - she assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics). She assured everyone that she had just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes. They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food - while she appeared a bit shaken up, Ingrid went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening. Ingrid's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital - (at 6:00pm, Ingrid passed away.) She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ - had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke perhaps Ingrid would be with us today.

RECOGNIZING A STROKE

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed and getting to the patient within 3 hours. This is tough. Thank God for the sense to remember the "3" steps. Read and Learn! Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

1. Ask the individual to SMILE.
2. Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.
3. Ask the person to SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently) (i.e. . . It is sunny out today) If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call (9-1-1 in USA) the doctor immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.



After discovering that non-medical volunteers could identify facial weakness, arm weakness and speech problems, researchers urged the general public to learn the three questions. They presented their conclusions at the American Stroke Association's annual meeting last February. Widespread use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment of the stroke and prevent brain damage.



THIS IS HILARIOUS - FUNNY QUOTES



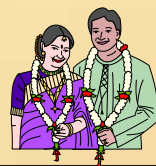
- ♣ In a Bangkok TEMPLE:
"IT IS FORBIDDEN TO ENTER A WOMAN, EVEN A FOREIGNER, IF DRESSED AS A MAN."
- ♣ Cocktail lounge, Norway:
"LADIES ARE REQUESTED NOT TO HAVE CHILDREN IN THE BAR."
- ♣ Doctor's office, Rome:
"SPECIALIST IN WOMEN AND OTHER DISEASES."
- ♣ Dry cleaners, Bangkok:
"DROP YOUR TROUSERS HERE FOR THE BEST RESULTS."
- ♣ In a Nairobi restaurant:
"CUSTOMERS WHO FIND OUR WAITRESSES RUDE OUGHT TO SEE THE MANAGER."
- ♣ On a poster in Kenya:
"ARE YOU AN ADULT THAT CANNOT READ? IF SO, WE CAN HELP."
- ♣ On an Athi River highway (this is the main road to Mombasa) leaving Nairobi.
"TAKE NOTICE: WHEN THIS SIGN IS UNDER WATER, THIS ROAD IS IMPASSABLE."
- ♣ In a City restaurant:
"OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK AND WEEKENDS."
- ♣ A notice seen on an automatic restroom hand dryer:
"DO NOT ACTIVATE WITH WET HANDS."
- ♣ In a cemetery:
"PERSONS ARE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING FLOWERS FROM ANY BUT THEIR OWN GRAVES."
- ♣ A Tokyo hotel's rules and regulations:
"GUESTS ARE REQUESTED NOT TO SMOKE OR DO OTHER DISGUSTING BEHAVIOURS IN BED."
- ♣ On the menu of a Swiss restaurant:
"OUR WINES LEAVE YOU NOTHING TO HOPE FOR."
- ♣ In a Tokyo bar:
"SPECIAL COCKTAILS FOR THE LADIES WITH NUTS."

- ♣ In the lobby of a Moscow hotel, across from a Russian Orthodox monastery:
"YOU ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE CEMETERY WHERE FAMOUS RUSSIAN AND SOVIET COMPOSERS, ARTISTS, AND WRITERS ARE BURIED DAILY EXCEPT THURSDAY."
- ♣ A sign posted in Germany's Black Forest:
"IT IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN ON OUR BLACK FOREST CAMPING SITE THAT PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT SEX, FOR INSTANCE, MEN AND WOMEN, LIVE TOGETHER IN ON UNLESS THEY ARE MARRIED WITH EACH OTHER FOR THIS PURPOSE."
- ♣ Advertisement for donkey rides, Thailand:
"WOULD YOU LIKE TO RIDE ON YOUR OWN ASS?"
- ♣ On the box of a clockwork toy made in Hong Kong:
"GUARANTEED TO WORK THROUGHOUT ITS USEFUL LIFE."
- ♣ In a Swiss mountain inn:
"SPECIAL TODAY - NO ICE-CREAM."
- ♣ Airline ticket office, Copenhagen:
"WE TAKE YOUR BAGS AND SEND THEM IN ALL DIRECTIONS."
- ♣ A laundry in Rome:
"LADIES, LEAVE YOUR CLOTHES HERE AND SPEND THE AFTERNOON HAVING A GOOD TIME."

- Contributed by Anonymous

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FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS



NEW TEAM DECLARATION

President (elect) Rtn. Rajesh Patel is bubbling with confidence to take charge for the Rotary Year 2006-07 and is buoyant enough to believe that his year shall add new fervour to the already charged club atmosphere. He shall present his team this Tuesday at our own venue. Kindly remain present in large numbers.

Date : 25th April, Tuesday

Time : 8:30 p.m.

Venue : Dr. Bhacca Rotary Hall, Jeevabharti

FELLOWSHIP

A joint Dinner Meet is organised on next Sat (meeting of 2nd May preponed to 29th Apr) with RC Kadodra. Kindly inform about your presence along with family members either to

a) Divyang Parikh

b) Mihir Shukla

c) Amit Adhiya

Date : 29th April, Saturday

Time : 8:30 p.m..

Venue : BHATHWARI, Kadodra