

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



WORLD CUP TEAM DECLARED

Friends it is no more a surprise for Riversiders to see our club sail in top gears with Prez. Divyang Parikh ready to exchange batons with one of the youngest President our club will see in recent times. Our bubbling and cheerful President Elect Rtn. Rajesh Patel who courageously rose to the occasion to fill the vacant post of P.E. had begun choosing his comrades for his tenure immediately.

On 25th April the Sarosh Bhacca Rotary Hall at Jeevanbharti School witnessed a large attendance to welcome Rajesh as he declared his new team. The vacation mood was to be seen on everybody's face especially the Anns (who were present in large numbers) as the dinner hours extended with members trickling in till late. Prez. Divyang welcomed everyone and briefed them about the upcoming activities. He didn't waste much time and immediately called upon Rajesh to raise the curtain from the amalgamation of the new squad.

The cool and composed PE (with his trademark smile) took to the podium with the confidence as that of a leader. He began his address with feelings of gratitude towards all the members who put faith in him and prompted & supported him in his decision to lead the club in R.Y. 06-07. (We are sure, Rajesh, you will not only live up to, but will surpass everyone's expectations

and *LEAD THE WAY* in our club's second decade).

He then started announcing the names of Rotarians who would grace the different posts under his able leadership. The crowd cheered on each and every name as the members walked up to the stage to stand by (not behind) him. The whole panorama resembled the *Lagaan* team ready to take upon any challenge. The most heartening part as shared with us by Rajesh was that on being approached by him to take up the respective responsibilities, the prompt and only answer he got from all members was "Yes", "Why Not", "With Pleasure". These gestures, my friends, go a long way in boosting anybody's morale and our PE did not forget to acknowledge everyone's support.

Hon. Secretary Mihir rounded off the meeting with his Secretarial Announcements in his usual chirpy style and reminded everyone to be present at "*Bhathwari*" - the countryside foodcourt for a joint meeting with RC Kadodra. The aura, as we dispersed, was full of energy and liveliness as RSR began to engage in its traditional "meeting after meeting". Looking at Rajesh's buoyancy the success ratio for next year was all the more corroborated by Rtn. Ajay Bharadwaj's comment to keep the next year's slogan to: OYE BUBBLY!!!

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disabled persons

Rtn. Saifuddin Doola

BOND WITH THE BEST

THE MEETING THAT WENT BY

SERVICE ABOVE SELF. This year's theme given by R.I. President Carl Wilhelm Stenhammer which, incidentally, was also the theme in the pioneering year of Rotary has been completely embraced by the Rotarians of Surat Riverside. This can be exemplified by the Matching Grant No. 20245 which our club initiated in the Presidential year of Rtn. Mukund Jariwala, gave full thrust in Rtn. Jugal Shinglot's year and completed under the able guidance and leadership of Rtn. Ajay Bhardwaj. Working hand in hand with R.C. Clayton County - R.I. dist 6900, the local schools run by the Gram Panchayat in and around Kadodara were identified. These schools which were badly affected in the infamous earthquake of 2001 were bereft of the student benches following the turmoil. Our club in association with R.C. Kadodara, R.C. Bardoli, R.C. Sachin and R.C. Udhana utilized the amount of Rs.7,20,000/- received on 4-9-2003 to help provide furniture and school supplies (1015 benches) to such

schools.

To show their gratitude towards RSR and to acknowledge the good work accomplished together, R.C. Kadodara had invited us on the 29th of May to share a dinner fellowship at Bhathwari near Kadodara. It was a serene Saturday night at the famous countryside restaurant and a perfect opportunity to meet other fellow Rotarians. No one could ask for a better reason to pour in good numbers.

Rtn. Mohan Patel - the President of R.C. Kadodara accorded a warm welcome to our members in his speech. He enlightened the audience about the recipient schools benefiting from the donation of 400 benches worth Rs. 2,40,000/- with the help of our club. Then it was the turn of our matching grant chairman Rtn. Jugal Shinglot to outline the features of the project which has brought smiles on many a school going children of Kadodara, Bagumra, Khattalwada, Bhadeli, Umrakh Tatithaiya, Mankna, Umbhel, Valan Parab, Gangadhara, Sachin,

Varad, Puni, Karan, Vareli, Sanki, Chhedchha, Kosmada, Karara and Valthan. He did not forget to mention the selfless services of Rtn. Dr. Nitin Garg - the matching grant chairman of Kadodara who helped us identify and donate around 250 benches to a school last November in the presence of District G Ashis Roy.

Prez. Divyang also praised the efforts put in by our past presidents to get the project finalized which otherwise would not have been executed in his year. He in his concluding remarks also acknowledged the thoughtfulness of the members of R.C. Kadodara for inviting us to a joint dinner meet. An informal self introduction by each member of both the clubs gave another opportunity to establish an ever lasting bond which would facilitate more such humanitarian projects in the future. The National Anthem was followed by a delightful dinner and everybody dispersed with sweet memories of the wonderful hospitality shown by the members of R.C. Kadodara.

SPECTRUM

Our *Secretary Elect* Rtn. Dr. Kuldeep Desai has started a new super speciality eye care centre - SPECTRUM Eye Laser Centre on the 30th of April. Equipped with Carl Zeiss MEL-80 - a new generation Excimer Laser for refractive surgery, the clinic is ready to treat eye disorders relating to Glaucoma, Cornea and Retina. Riverside Ripples joins everyone in wishing him and his team all the very best.

ICEE SPICY

Rtn. Ashutosh Thakkar has opened a fast food cum juice centre at Malhar Complex, Ichhanath, Dumas Road.

Inaugurated on Sunday the 30th April, **Icee Spicy** - the food joint will be any juice lover's delight. Riverside Ripples extends its best compliments to the Sgt.-at-arms under Rajesh's team for his new venture.

ARTICLE BY WIPRO CHAIRMAN - AZIM PREMJI

If you are a parent, you have many aspirations for your child that may include him or her becoming a doctor, an engineer, scientist or another kind of successful professional. I believe these aspirations are driven by your thinking about your child's future and her centrality in your life.

Since good education is often the passport to a good future, I presume it leads you to getting your child admitted to a good school. Then you encourage your child to study hard and do well in school exams. To bolster this, you send him or her to tuition classes. This would have primed your child for board exams and entrance exams, thereby leading to admission into a good professional course. Doing well at college increases the probability of landing a good job. And a good job means the child's future is ensured.

I am neither a psychologist nor an educationalist, and what I will now state may seem counter-intuitive. I think that these aspirations and actions might be doing more harm than good to your child. To understand why, we need to re-examine some of our fundamental assumptions.

In the first place, I have seen time and again that living for some distant future goal also means you do not live in the present. The distant goal will always translate into an external measure of success, such as exams. And most exam-focused children start forgetting what it means to be a child - to be curious, mischievous, exploring, falling, getting up, relating, discovering, inventing, doing, playing.

Childhood is very precious, precious enough not to be wasted by the artificial pressures of contrived competition, by too many hours of bookish study, and by school report cards that simplistically wrap up an entire human being in numbers.

The second assumption is that education is merely a ticket to socio-economic success. Given the state of our country, this reality cannot be ignored. But restricting education to only this aspect is, I think, a very limiting notion of the aim of good education. The primary purpose of a school is to guide the child in her discovery of herself and her world, and to identify and nurture the child's talents. Just as every seed contains the future tree, each child is born with infinite potential. Imagine a school which sees children as seeds to be nurtured - here the teacher is a gardener who helps to bring out the potential already present in the child.

This is very different from the current view which sees the child as clay to be moulded - where the teacher and parents are potters deciding what shape the clay should take. There is an old (and forgotten) Chinese saying "Give a seed to a potter, and you will get a bonsai".

Even in a commercial organization, to make profits we do not have to chase profits. Rather we need to build an institution that gives every employee an opportunity to do meaningful and fulfilling work.

Create an organization driven by values of innovation, integrity, customer centricity and care. And as you practice these values everyday and moment, you will see that the profits take care of themselves.

Similarly, dear parent, this is my request to you. Do not give up your child's present to secure his or her future. Give your child the freedom to truly explore life with abandon. In doing this, you will see your child flower into a creative and sensitive human being. And when this happens, everything else - money, social success, security - will fall into place automatically.

Let your child be a child.

-Contributed by Rtn. Divyang Parikh



GOD'S SENSE OF HUMOUR

One day a man said, "God?"
God responded, "Yes?"
And the man said, "Can I ask a question?"
"Go right ahead," God said.
"God, what is a million years to you?"
God said, "A million mortal years to me is only a second."
"Hmmm," the man wondered.
Then he asked, "God, what is a million dollars to you?"
God said, "a million dollars to me is like a penny."
So the man said, "God, can I have a penny?"
And God cheerfully said, "Sure!!!..... just a second."

JOB APPLICATION

Young man Murphy applied for an engineering position at an Irish firm based in Dublin. An American applied for the same job and both applicants having the same qualifications were asked to take a test by the department manager.

Upon completion of the test, both men only missed one of the questions. The manager went to Murphy and said, "Thank you for your interest, but we've decided to give the American the job."

Murphy asked, "And why would you be doing that? We both got nine questions correct. This being Ireland, and me being Irish I should get the job!"

The manager said, "We have made our decision not on the correct answers, but rather on the question that you missed."

Murphy then asked, "And just how would one incorrect answer be better than the other?"

The manager replied, "Well, the American put down on question #5, 'I don't know.' You put down, 'Neither do I.'"

PRECISION GOLF

A guy stood over his tee shot for what seemed an eternity, looking up, looking down, measuring the distance, figuring the wind direction and speed. Generally, he was driving his partner nuts.

Finally his exasperated partner says, "What the heck is taking so long? Hit the ball!"

The guy answers, "My wife is up there watching me from the clubhouse. I want to make this a perfect shot."

His partner ponders this for a moment, and then replies: "Forget it man, you don't stand a snowball's chance in hell of hitting her from here!"

KIDS

One day the first grade teacher was reading the story of Chicken Little to her class. She came to the part of the story where Chicken Little tried to warn the farmer.

She read, "... and so Chicken Little went up to the farmer and said, "The sky is falling, the sky is falling!"

The teacher paused then asked the class. "And what do you think that farmer said?"

One little girl raised her hand and said, "I think he said: 'Holy Shit! A talking chicken!'"

The teacher was unable to teach for the next 10 minutes.

BACK SEAT DRIVING

A wife was preparing breakfast of fried eggs for her husband. Suddenly her husband burst into the kitchen. "Careful, CAREFUL! Put some more butter! Oh my GOD! You're cooking too many at once. TOO MANY!" Turn them! TURN THEM! we need more butter. Oh my GOD. Where are we going to get MORE BUTTER? They're going to STICK! Careful! CAREFUL! I said be CAREFUL! You NEVER listen to me when you're cooking! Never! Turn them! Hurry up! Are you CRAZY? Have you LOST your mind? Don't forget to salt them. You know you always forget to salt them. USE THE SALT! THE SALT!

The wife turned and stared at him. "What the hell is wrong with you? You think I don't know how to fry a couple of eggs?"

The husband anticipating the intrigued wife's frustration calmly replied, "I just wanted to show you what it feels like when I'm driving!"

Birthday Bums

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FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

FELLOWSHIP

We've had some serious meets from IYE to Club Assembly to Matching Grant Appraisals. Now its time to 'kool off' in the scorching heat of May. Lets meet for a fellowship and beat the heat.

Date : 9th May, Tuesday
Time : 8:30 p.m.
Venue : Dr. Bhacca Rotary Hall, Jeevabharti