

# RIVERSIDE RIPPLES

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**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...

### Meeting without the President

**I**t ought to be a brain-storming event for the club to chart out the best possible innovative ways to manage, govern & run the club in order to see that the club does not get dragged into a series of humdrum events during the R.Y. 2005-2006. But as the saying goes: "Man Proposes; God Disposes"; the regular meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> August had to be slightly skewed, unfortunately, as Prez. Divyang took to bed under the attack of jaundice. Let us all wish him a very very fast recovery. Kindly ensure that everybody wishes him a fast & robust recovery (98251-21344; 2222577; 3098124).

Charter President Jayesh Dhamanwala took charge of the proceedings ably assisted by second-in-command Secretary Mihir. No sooner had Sgt.-at-arms Pankaj called the meeting to order, Rtn. Anand was at the podium to test us in the things we think, say or do. And we had a pleasant surprise in store for us. Members were still fondly remembering the meeting last fortnight, when we gave a sentimental farewell to the outbound IYE students as part of

a **District Event** hosted by our club. And now it was turn to welcome back our own annet Mithila Jariwala who had returned from IOWA - USA after spending a year as IYE Long Term Student.

Success was written all over her persona. Happiness was visible in her Springing Strides when she was invited to share her experience from the podium. "It was an awesome affair" proclaimed the chirping annet as she described her whole trip in one sentence. We, as Rotarians, suddenly awoke to the fact that she is not just an annet of the club anymore, but she is a world citizen with hundreds of friends spread all over the world whom she has already met in person at such a tender age. This surely marks a paradigm shift in a person's life and it gives an added parameter to view the world with a different perception altogether. Adaptation is easily the most brilliant part of human life as we read & learn history but to see it happen in front of your eyes is like you are part of that history which has just unfolded right there. It was a nice

transformation (A marked change, as in appearance or character, usually for the better). **BEFORE THE IYE TRIP to USA:** She was enthusiastic, alright; She was talkative, alright; She was smart, alright. **AFTER THE IYE TRIP to USA:** The one in front of us was a brilliant, mature & ready-to-take-on-the-world young girl, raring to lunge forward.

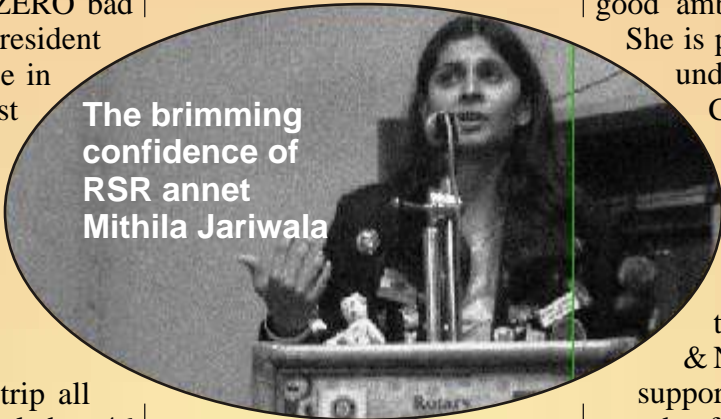
It was somewhat obnoxious to learn from her about the murky impression that some of her colleagues carried about our country. No eyebrows in the hall went unraised on hearing her mention how someone asked her whether we have cars on our roads or if India is located in South America. The witty Riversider drew home the point very sensibly that India is the future super power of the world. She brought smiles to every face when she said that though you learn a lot of slang in the US, its our "Indian English" that makes more sense according to her. Everyone in the audience was enchanted with the balanced and diplomatic answers that flowed from the 12<sup>th</sup> grad student who

skillfully avoided mischievous questions that were tossed in a bid to trap her by Ann.Ulka.

While narrating her story, we could observe she was running short of words because of nostalgic feelings that kept coming back to her. She was extremely articulate about her appraisal which was full of vivid experiences. Almost ZERO bad experience. She met President George W. Bush while in USA and well, her host Rotarians (although they were Republicans for years) were envious of her. That's Power of Rotary for you friends.

She had had a great trip all over the country (traveled to 46 states out of 51 in U.S. of A.) and was very obvious that she was made to speak at different Rotary Meetings by her host Rotarians. She attended a District Conference at IOWA, learnt Soccer, Tennis, Scuba-Diving, etc. On being asked "What did you learn the most during your

trip as an IYE student?" "Tolerance" came the calm reply. Friends, do you remember anybody repeating this word, time & again, in Rotary? It was, probably, the most favourite word of Founder Paul Harris. Well, we knew it from PDG Prafull Bhatt and it was, as well, informed to us by PRID Kalyan Banerjee during our Charter



The brimming confidence of RSR annet Mithila Jariwala

Presentation in August 1996. To understand her enthusiasm better, try to go back your own memory lane when you were in the age bracket of 16-18 and compare Mithila's presentation with that of your own life and one would immediately realise as to what change this last 12 months

must have brought to her life.

In its last issue, *Riverside Ripples* had emphasised on the miracles that the IYE program can do in grooming the individuality of our bubbling youth talent. This was apparently evident from the buoyancy shown by annet Mithila Jariwala who'd been a good ambassador of the club.

She is planning to pursue her under graduation in Mass Communication at Bangalore and intends to do her Masters at USA. Our Best Wishes to her and Congratulations to Rtn. Preeti Jariwala & Naresh for being such a supportive Parents. RSR is

proud of **both** of their IYE students of last year and we have two more ready to take us to higher planes next year in the form of Annet Vasundhara Bharadwaj & Annet Harsh Parikh. We wish them both a great year ahead.



### UMEED SE DUGNA



*There is good news for everyone. Treasurer Jugal Shinglot has announced that the last date for the lucky draw entry has been extended by popular demand by one more week. Members can still enroll themselves for a chance to get their next year's half term fees waived by*



### AAJ KA SMS



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HAPPY FRIENDSHIP DAY - ANAND ACHARYA



### Apology



We, the people, at most of the NGOs, Institutions, Work Places, Families, etc. take certain things (& people) for granted and that is more prevalent when going is much smoother than even expected. That, probably, is the greatest folly among us THE HUMAN BEINGS.

We apologise on behalf of the Editorial Team of *Riverside Ripples* as we just forgot the services of MoC Ann Ulka & Rtn. Hiren Vepari for a wonderful & flawless job they have done at the First Elocution Competition of our Club this Rotary Year.

## Message from Charter President PP Jayesh Dhamanwala

**O**ur club is now actively participating in the International Youth Program of Rotary International since last couple of years and I would thus like to appraise the Rotarians, Anns and Annets of our club about some guidelines given by RI in reference to this Program.

This is not with an intention to criticize or offend anyone. It is to bring a certain level of awareness to the RSR family of the duties and commitments to the inbound students, which will help make their stay a memorable one.

1. They have to be properly received and welcomed upon their arrival. Normally, the first host Parent or Family go to Mumbai to receive the student. But after their arrival in Surat, it is most important duty of the president, secretary, chairman of international service avenue, chairman of the youth service avenue etc to go to the first host family's house and meet and welcome the student in a day or two of their arrival. Talk with them, give them details about whom to contact for any difficulties that may occur. Make them feel at home and also give them ample time to adjust to the home, the city and the school, as more often than not, it is a big culture difference shock to them.

2. When they come to our rotary meeting, accord them a formal welcome and the first host parent should introduce the student to the club and help them meet all the Rotarians, anns and annets.

All the Rotarians, Anns and Annets should effectively communicate with them to make them comfortable and help them to merge in our society as our own children.

3. It is advisable to make advance plans about which three or four families are going to host the student during the course of the year, so that the student can start communicating with all of them prior to their arrival in India and that will prepare them in advance about what to expect.

4. If anything is expected of them, tell them nicely and frankly. Don't talk behind their backs.

5. Courtesy requires that every Rotarian family of the club should invite the student to their house for a couple of times in a year, treat them to a nice dinner at home or maybe at a nice restaurant. Take them out for movies, picnics,

marriages, social functions, etc.

This is most necessary because this is what is accorded to our children abroad, and, I am sure all the Rotarians would at some period of time, would like their children to participate in IYE program and want their children to be so treated.

This is a very small, but meaningful gesture and I think everyone should do it. If every Rotarian family invites the student twice in a year, it's going to be like 90 to 100 days of invitation for the child and that's going to make a lot of difference to them than to us. This will help them carry fond memories of all the good times they had in our club.

On the contrary if suppose a student is staying with one host family, and no other Rotarians, anns or annets communicate, talk or take them out, then it reflects very badly of our club and of Rotary as a whole, and the memories of this wonderful, once in a lifetime chance of being an IYE student to India / Surat / RSR would be a very bitter one. This would be particularly so, if even the board members and parents of children who have participated in the IYE program in past or at present fail out on these duties.

6. If any family is going out for vacation, it is desired that they can ask the student to accompany them so that they can have a chance of touring the country as well as build meaningful friendship with that Rotarian Family.

7. For effective participation it is necessary that the club timely pays the pocket money to the student directly. Let not the host parents pay. They as it is, will be spending much for the maintenance / well being of the student.

This will also help more Rotarian families to agree to host inbounds.

8. There certainly will be expenses in the club as regards pocket expenses of the students and various other related activities. I suggest that the club should ask parents of the outbound IYE students to contribute certain amount to the club for this purpose.

This is a prevailing practice in the majority of the club.

THANK YOU.



## LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE



A Sardar and an American are seated next to each other on a flight from Los Angeles to New York. The American asks if he would like to play a fun-game.

The Sardar, tired, just wants to take a nap, so he politely declines and rolls over to the window to catch a few winks. The American persists and explains that the game is easy and a lot of fun. He says, "I ask you a question, and if you don't know the answer, you pay me \$5, and vice versa." Again, the Sardar declines and tries to get some sleep. The American, now worked up, says, "Okay, if you don't know the answer, you pay me \$5, and if I don't know the answer, I'll pay you \$500."

This gets the sardar's attention and, figuring there will be no end to this torment, agrees to the game.

The American asks the first question, "What's the distance from the earth to the moon?" The Sardar doesn't say a word, reaches into his wallet, pulls out a \$5 bill and hands it to the American.

"Okay," says the American, "Your turn." So the Sardar asks, "What goes up a hill with three legs and comes down with four legs?" The American thinks about it. No answer.



### FOOD FOR THOUGHT



#### HOW A CHILD LEARNS...

If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn.

If a child lives with hostility, she learns to fight.

If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy.

If a child lives with shame, she learns to feel guilty.

If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient.

If a child lives with encouragement, she learns confidence.

If a child lives with praise, he learns to appreciate.

If a child lives with fairness, she learns justice.

If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith.

If a child lives with approval, she learns to like herself.

If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, he learns to find love in the world.

"Speak in anger and you'll give the greatest speech you'll ever regret." Anonymous

-Contributed by rtn. anand acharya.



### Birthday Bums...



16-08 Pankaj Gandhi 9898069124

19-08 Rajesh Patel 9824100970

19-08 Rajat Vij 9825477260



### FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS



#### PREVIEW OF THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT

As we are all aware, our DG is visiting our club on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August. Our next meeting is targeted at preparing ourselves beforehand so as to be well armed to present the club, its activities, and future plans in front of the Governor. All members, especially the service avenue directors are requested to be present at the meeting without fail.

Date : 16-8-05

Time : 8:30 p.m.

Venue: Dr. Bhacca Rotary Hall at Jeevanharti