

# 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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### EXERCISE YOUR GREY CELLS

#### ROTARY QUIZ

1. Can a club decide to automatically terminate a member who remains absent for four consecutive meetings?
2. Can a District Governor remove a Rotarian from club membership?
3. Can a Rotarian telephonically inform the President or a BOD-member, his objection to inviting someone as a new member of the club?
4. What is the minimum number of members that an existing Rotary club must have?
5. What happens if the President elect of a club is not able to assume charge (for any reason whatsoever) on July 1"?
6. Can a Rotaractor be a Rotarian as well?
7. Can two districts jointly send a GSE team?
8. Can two districts jointly have a district conference?
9. Can a matching grant project take place between two clubs in the same Rotary district?
10. Persons elected or appointed to public office are not eligible for active membership in a Rotary club but what happens when an existing member is elected or appointed to public office?
11. Can you donate a crate of premium whisky to The Rotary Foundation?
12. Can a trustee of The Rotary Foundation resign?
13. Who is the general secretary of The Rotary Foundation?  
> 10 Correct - A Rotary Wizard  
> 7 Correct - On your way to Rotary Knowledge  
< 6 Correct - Why don't you attend Rotary meetings?.

### Last week at our club

**O**ur honorable DG has been kind enough to have considered Prez Divyang's request to reschedule his club visit - which was to be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> - owing to the ill health of the President himself. This gave a good breather to everyone who chilled out at the last meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of Aug and transformed in to fellowship a meeting which was called to plan out the District Governor's visit to our club. Members though in not a very large number, enjoyed a very sumptuous meal while wishing for the early recovery of Prez Divyang. And friends, the good news is that his health is improving and we'll soon have him back amongst us.

### District News

**RC WADHWANCITY**, RI District 3060 conducted a ten-day training camp for the school children of Wadhwancity, in Visavadar. The children in the age 12 to 20 were trained in boating, gardening, yoga, karate and self-defense. This would help the students to develop their faculties in various vocations.

### Who said English is easy?

*Fill in the following blank with Yes or No*

a) \_\_\_\_\_ *I don't have a BRAIN.*

*Who said English is easy?*

## *A wonderful article on India. Hope you enjoy it.*

### BEYOND THE EDGE

by Masood Hasan.

(The writer is a Lahore-based columnist and a well-known journalist)

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The sight of Indian actress Urmilla on the rooftops of the old city of Lahore is a sight for sore eyes any time of the day. This week another 270 delegates from India among which are Naseeruddin Shah and Shabana Azmi, are expected to cross over into Pakistan. As both countries take a series of steps, gingerly to start with, there is just that little light at the end of the dark and endless tunnel that has held us "prisoners of our own device" - as The Eagles put it in the famous number Hotel California. Will these measures lead to peace is a question for which even Tauqir Zia has no answers. All we can do is hope, pray and contribute in whatever way we can to normalise relations and bury the many hatchets that we have brandished for the last half-century.

Travelling last week on the Wazirabad-Sambrial road towards Sialkot, the potholes and bumps on that narrow ribbon strip road began to revive memories of long forgotten journeys made on that same road. I could have, after a few violent and rib-shaking miles, sworn these holes and craters were the same when one was in Kindergarten. Nothing seemed to have changed except that the dust was thicker, the pollution dismal and the people in numbers too large to comprehend. Perhaps in most of India the situation is not very much different and our much-touted smirking observations that India has huge problems might have given us years of self-induced smugness, but things across the divide are changing at a speed that baffles the mind. Some years ago, an Indian said to a Pakistani, "It is true we are both in the gutter. The difference is, we are looking at the stars. You are looking at the gutter." Many of us associate India's new progress with its IT revolution and it is partly true. An unknown Indian company has export figures of only compact diskettes to the tune of Rs. 1,000 crore - Indian rupees I might add. This firm sells data-storage products to seven of the world's top 10 CD-R producers.

There is another unknown. Tandon Electronics. Its hardware exports are Rs. 4,000 crore. There is more depressing data, all of it quite true and impartial.

15 of the world's major automobile makers are obtaining components from Indian companies. This business fetched India \$375 million last year and in 2003 the number will be \$1.5 billion. In half a decade, they will reach \$15 billion. Hero Honda with 17 lakh motorcycles a year is now the largest motorcycle manufacturer in the world. The prestigious UK automaker, Rover is marketing 1 lakh Indica cars made by Tata in Europe, under, wait a minute, its own name.

Bharat Forge has the world's largest single-location forging facility. It produces 1.2 lakh tonnes per annum and its clients include Honda, Toyota and Volvo among others.

Asian Paints now owns 22 production facilities over 5 continents and is the market leader in 11 of these countries. Hindustan Inks has the world's largest single stream fully integrated ink plant of 1-lakh tones per annum capacity and 100% owned subsidiaries in USA and Austria. Essel Propack is the world's largest laminated tube manufacturer with presence in 11 countries and a global marketing share of 25% already. Ford has just presented its Gold World Excellence Award to India's Cooper Tyres.

Other industries are winning equally prestigious awards all the time. While on cars, Aston Martin has contracted prototyping its latest luxury sports car to an Indian-based designer and is set to produce the cheapest Aston Martin ever. Suzuki, which makes Maruti in India has decided to make India its manufacturing, export and research hub outside Japan. Hyundai India is set to become the global small car hub for the Korean giant and will produce 25,000 Santros to start with. By 2010 it is set to supply half a million cars to Hyundai Korea. HMI and Ford.

India are leaping ahead, posting astonishing results in the global markets from Brazil to China.

The Indian pharmaceutical industry is blazing ahead too. At \$6.5 billion and growing at 8-10% annually, it is the 4th largest pharmaceutical industry in the world. Its exports are over \$2 billion. India is among the top five bulk drug makers and at home, the local industry has edged out the MNCs whose share of 75% in the market is down to 35%. Trade of medicinal plants has crossed Rs. 4,000 crore already. As for technology, India is among the three countries that have built supercomputers on their own. The other two are USA and Japan. Not a bad club to be in, is it?

India is among six countries that launch satellites and do so even for Germany and Belgium. India's INSAT is among the world's largest domestic satellite communication systems.

Here are more depressing facts. India is one of the world's largest diamond cutting and polishing centres. About 9 out of 10 stones sold anywhere in the world, pass through India. With China, India's arch enemy, trade has grown by 104% in the past year and in the first 5 months of 2003, India has amassed a surplus in trade close to half a million dollars. In the recession-hit West, Indian exports are up by 19% this year and the country's foreign exchange reserves stand at an all-time high of \$82 (Now over 100) billion. India is dishing out aid to 11 countries, pre-paying their debt and loaned IMF \$300 million!!

And since we think banning fashion shows is the way ahead, it might be interesting to know that Wal-Mart sources \$1 billion worth of goods from India - half its apparel, GAP about \$600 million and Hilfiger \$100 million.

These success stories are not propaganda and haven't happened overnight or by good fortune. The Indians have the same bureaucracy and many of the politicians simply play politics, the infrastructure creaks and poverty abounds, corruption flourishes and there are huge pockets of inefficiency and walls that block meaningful progress. Sure, it has an army that is not bursting with power-grabbing and subjugating its people every few years, but India's success can no longer be denied and the gap between us and them grows wider by, if I may use my childhood idiom, leaps and bounds. What makes them tick?

The answers are not simple and require great space and analysis by minds far superior to that of a weekly hack, but Cost and Brains are two factors. Add to that, a determination to rise above what faces you everyday, a vision of the stars as the man said. India provides IT services at one-tenth the price. No wonder more and more companies are basing their operations in India. An Indian MBA costs \$5,000. An American MBA \$120,000. Development of an automobile in the US costs \$1 billion. In India, less than half. A cataract operation costs \$1500 in the US. In India, \$12. Bypass in the US anywhere up to Rs 6 lakhs. In India, it is Rs 40,000.

Over 70 MNCs have set up R&D facilities in India in the past five years. 100 of the Fortune 500 are now present in India vs 33 in China. Intel's Indian staff strength has gone up from 10 to 1,000 in four years. GE with a \$60 million invested in India employs 1,600 researchers, while it has only 100 in China. With better systems comes efficiency. The turnaround time in Indian ports is down to 4 days from 10 and its telecom infrastructure in 1999 provided a bandwidth of 155 Mbps. Today, it is 75,000 times more and with fibre optic networks in 300 cities, it will change the face of business. Mobile phones are growing by about 1.5 million a month. Long distance rates are down by two-thirds in five years and by 80% for data transmission. The facts go on and on.

So what are the answers? They lie in the way we look at things, our discourse, our vision, our ability to look ahead and our desire to genuinely put our country on the right road. The people of the subcontinent are naturally talented and bright. When will we unleash the great potential of our people that lies dormant, crushed by the forces of evil that stop our progress for their personal agendas?



## *The story behind 'Rotary Anns'*

Wives of Rotarians around the world originally were and sometimes still are called "Rotary Ann," as in, "Meet my Rotary Ann, Christine." With the spread of feminism and an increasingly negative attitude against the all-male movement, some considered "Rotary Ann" a demeaning term. But it had an interesting genesis and when coined was a term of endearment.

In 1914, California, USA, Rotarians chartered a train to the International Convention in Houston, Texas. It had not yet become customary for wives to accompany their husbands to Rotary Conventions, and among the large contingent of Rotarians from 13 West Coast clubs, there was but one wife of San Francisco club president Henry J. "Bru" Brunnier. As the train left the station and the Rotarians who were used to greeting one another by their first names met her on board, one of them said, "I don't want to call you Mrs. Brunnier; what is your first name?" She replied, "Ann." The festive group immediately nicknamed her "Our Rotary Ann," and she became so popular during the long train journey that Bru joked he never had to buy her a meal because she was always a guest at another group's table.

## Answers to Rotary Quiz

1. The provision of automatic termination was removed from the standard club constitution but the ability to do so is still within the powers of the board of directors of a club. Even otherwise, the BOD can treat such an absence as a request to terminate membership and if it feels that the absence was not for a good cause, terminate the membership with a majority vote.
2. No, the DG has no powers to do so. This is vested solely in the BOD of the Rotarians' club which can follow the prescribed procedure and remove a Rotarian from membership.
3. When the mandatory notice is circulated after the BOD of a club decides to accept a new member, objections if any have to be submitted in writing - citing reasons thereof.
4. There is no minimum number (of members) prescribed for an existing club though as approved in the latest COL, the club will have to pay dues for a minimum of ten members.
5. The serving President has to continue as the President of the club until a successor is nominated.
6. No! Such dual membership is not permitted.
7. Yes! They can, with prior permission of TRF.
8. Yes! They can, with permission of RI.
9. Yes of course, provided the clubs are situated in different countries. There are indeed many such "international" districts in the Rotary world.
10. The members so elected or appointed to public office need not be terminated and can continue to retain their classification.
11. Of course you can. TRF however converts all such "gifts in kind" to cash.
12. Yes! A trustee can resign even verbally and the resignation takes effect immediately, without any formal procedure being followed.
13. The general secretary of TRF is the general secretary of Rotary International. He is responsible for implementation of trustees' decisions apart from being in charge of matters regarding general management and administration of TRF.

Treasurer Jugal Shinglot wants to remind those members who have not yet paid their club dues to do so at the earliest.

You can deposit either Rs. 6500 as full term fees or Rs. 3250 as half yearly fees to the President or the treasurer before the next meeting.

## Can you read this?

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## Upcoming District Events

*Rotary Club of Ankleshwar is hosting a Rotary Foundation seminar on 4<sup>th</sup> September, Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Rotarians should not miss out on such opportunities and are requested to attend in large numbers. Anyone interested can contact President Divyang Parikh.*

## Birthday Bums...

20-08	Ann Nishrin	9825136834
20-08	Ann Rashida	2226648 / 3941152
24-08	Ann Manisha	9898055294
30-08	Rtn Mdyen Lokhandwala	9825238069
01-09	Ann Preeti Jariwala	9825983049



FORTHCOMING MEETING



## Fellowship with a difference

Let's get in to some playful mood this week. Our regular meeting this time is scheduled to have a game of Tambola. Ann Anju and Rtn. Rajat Vij are all set to take us back in our childhood as they host this game. Please make it a point to reach in time and enjoy a delicious meal before the game begins

Date : 30-8-05

Time : 8:30 p.m.

Venue: Dr. Bhacca Rotary Hall at Jeevanbharti