

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



Really makes you think

Fellowship at its best. Last Tuesday, our club witnessed another instance of its well popular fellowship, but in a playful mode. Ann.Kawal, Ann.Anju and Rtn. Rajat donned the roles of hosts for Tambola - a game everyone at our club, I'm sure, loves playing. We had the presence of two prospective members Mr. Ghanshyam Ramani, and Mr. Dimpesh Savla. We also had two IYE students Jenny Roth (Celowna, British Columbia, Canada - hosted by Divyangbhai) and Maura Welch (uptown New York - hosted by Ajaybhai) amongst us. The meeting as usual started after some lovely finger-licking food, and everybody straightaway took their positions with two tickets in each hand waiting to try their

luck. But the day belonged to the prospective members and guests. This was quite evident from the fact that at the end of the day, all of the 9 prizes declared were bagged by just 4 people present, and only half of whom were Riversiders. After all, I guess, even fate wanted to encourage them to have long term associations with RSR. In the end, Rtn. Jugal thanked our hosts Mrs. Grover, Anju, and Rajat Vij for enlightening everybody. National Anthem was sung before everyone dispersed with sweet memories of a meeting which saw a revival of our beloved president who made it to the meeting for a short while. Let's hope that we see him in full swing very soon.

QUESTION 1:

If you knew a woman who was pregnant, who had 8 kids already, three who were deaf, two who were blind, one mentally retarded, and she had syphilis, would you recommend that she have an abortion?

Read the next question before going to the answer of this one.

QUESTION 2:

It is time to elect a new world leader, and your vote counts. Here are the facts about the three leading candidates:

CANDIDATE A: Associates with crooked politicians, and consults with astrologers. He's had two mistresses. He also chain smokes and drinks 8 to 10 martinis a day.

CANDIDATE B: He was kicked out of office twice, sleeps until noon, used opium in college and drinks a quart of whisky every evening.

CANDIDATE C: He is a decorated war hero. He's a vegetarian, doesn't smoke, drinks an occasional beer and hasn't had any extramarital affairs.

Which of these candidates would be your choice?

Decide first, and then look at the answers.

You may want to read the questions and think again...

-: The Lucky winners :-

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| • Jaldi seven | Maura Welch |
| • 4 Corners | Mrs. Ramani |
| • 1 st Line | Ann. Vaishali Chauhan |
| • 2 nd Line | Ann. Rashika (playing for Mrs. Grover) |
| • 3 rd Line | Maura Welch |
| • 1 st Full House | Mrs. Ramani |
| • 2 nd Full House | Maura Welch |
| • 3 rd Full House | Ann. Vaishali Chauhan |
| • Bumper House | Ann. Vaishali Chauhan |

Answers on last page

The First Rotary Meeting

On the evening of 23 February 1905, Harris invited three friends to a meeting. Silvester Schiele, a coal dealer, Hiram Shorey, a merchant tailor, and Gustavus Loehr, a mining engineer, gathered with Harris in Loehr's business office in Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago. They discussed Harris' idea that business leaders should meet periodically to enjoy camaraderie and to enlarge their circle of business and professional acquaintances. The club met weekly; membership was limited to one representative from each business and profession. Though the men didn't use the term Rotary that night, that gathering is commonly regarded as the first Rotary club meeting.

Founder Biographies

Paul P. Harris (1868-1947) was a Chicago attorney in 1905 when he had an idea for a club in which professionals could share "mutual cooperation and informal friendship such as all of had once known in our villages." On the evening of Thursday, 23 February 1905, Harris gathered three business acquaintances to form a group that became the Rotary Club of Chicago, initiating the world's first service organization. Harris became the first president of what would later become Rotary International, the association of Rotary clubs around the world with 1.2 million members united under the motto *Service Above Self*.

Silvester Schiele (1870-1945) was a coal dealer and a client of Paul Harris in 1905. Born in rural Indiana, Schiele liked to tell Harris interesting anecdotes of his "young pioneer" boyhood. During the course of their business dealings, Harris first shared the idea with Schiele for a new kind of club for professionals. On 23 February 1905, Harris invited Schiele for dinner to develop his ideas of a fellowship and booster club. In addition to becoming first president of the Rotary Club of Chicago, Schiele developed a close lifelong friendship with Harris.



This is an artist's drawing of what the first meeting might have looked like.

Gustavus H. "Gus" Loehr (1864-1918) was a Chicago mining engineer who lent his office on the seventh floor of the Unity Building at 127 Dearborn Street in Chicago for the first gathering of the founders of Rotary on 23 February 1905. Loehr invited Hiram Shorey to this meeting. His health later deteriorated and he left the club, but remained a supporter of Rotary until his death at age 53.

Hiram E. Shorey (1862-1944) was a merchant tailor in 1905. One of the founding four members of the Rotary Club of Chicago, he remained a Rotarian for only a short time before moving back to his home state of Maine. Upon his later return to Chicago, he rejoined for a brief time before resigning again. Despite his brief membership, Shorey was always supportive of the Rotary Club of Chicago and voiced pride at his early association with Rotary.

Dear Friends,

It is indeed a matter of pride to know that our Riverside Ripples is being liked by everyone in and around the club. It would be prudent to note that such esteemed opinion from our Rotary brethren couldn't have been possible without the support of my Co-Editor Anand Acharya. **THIS CANNOT BE A ONE MAN SHOW AS SOMEONE HAS PUT IT.**

I take this opportunity to thank him for his support and apologize to anyone whom I might have bothered or raised my expectations beyond limits.

I re-dedicate myself to strive to transform our ripples in to colossal waves which would leave a lasting impression in and around the district.

- Amit Adhiya

SEPTEMBER: NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

Dear fellow Rotarians,

September is New Generations Month. We could just as well call September "the month of our future" because investing in our youth is our future. We can take pride in the fact that we have youth programs for just about every age group with Rotarians serving as active, caring sponsors.

One of our first contacts with youth begins with Interact, a program for students ages 14-18. Interact clubs can be based in the community or in schools. The school does not "take over" entirely, but works closely with the sponsoring Rotary club to implement meetings and projects. Interact clubs support many of the same causes that Rotary clubs do. For example, Interactors have helped raise funds for tsunami victims, organize outings for poor children, and renovate homes in developing countries.

Interact serves as a natural lead-in to Rotaract, a service club for students ages 18-30. Like Interact, Rotaractors can meet either at a community establishment or at a school, usually a college or university. Rotaract clubs are able to take on more ambitious projects and work more independently. In addition to their service agenda, Rotaract clubs also focus on professional development, public speaking, and career development. One concern is that there can be a "drop off" point after members turn 30. If a club has primarily older members, the sponsor Rotary club should encourage the invitation of younger members to maintain the club's vitality and flow. Rotaractors are a connecting bridge to Rotary because they understand Rotary values and often help participate in joint projects.

While Interact and Rotaract help to develop leadership skills, there is another program devoted exclusively to this purpose: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (better known as RYLA). This training seminar is the third flower in our bouquet of youth programs. RYLA usually operates as a camp and is sponsored by multiple districts. This allows Rotarians and young people from all over the region to meet and exchange ideas. Rotarians run the seminars and incorporate recreational and cultural activities.

Perhaps the most popular program of all is Youth Exchange, which allows students ages 15-19 to experience another way of life by living abroad with a host family. He or she is often immersed in a new language, new religion, new political system, new currency, and new traditions. But most important, he or she will find friends in the host country and create a friendship that will last forever. Youth Exchange students will learn to resolve differences peaceably, not through war. You could not build a better foundation for understanding and peace, because it begins at someone's home.

Interact, Rotaract, Youth Exchange, and RYLA all build upon the goals of personal growth and leadership of youth by youth. In short, these programs build character. They also represent a wonderful source of future Rotarians, already acquainted with the ideals of Rotary International.

The old Rotary slogan "Every Rotarian an Example to Youth" is as relevant today as it was more than a half-century ago. Rotarians can help young people reach their full potential. We can instill our motto of Service Above Self at a young age and let it continue to guide Rotary through the next century.

*- Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar
President, Rotary International*

2006 INTERNATIONAL RYLA CONFERENCE

The 2006 International RYLA conference will be held 8-11 June 2006 in Malmö, Sweden, before the 2006 RI Convention. Participants will include 150 young adults ages 18-30 and Rotarian counselors who will be chosen to work with the youth and facilitate discussions and activities. Clubs are encouraged to nominate and sponsor an outstanding participant from their district RYLA in order to provide the young person a unique opportunity to hone leadership skills in a dynamic, international setting. Rotarians interested in serving as counselors must submit their applications by 15 August. Applications can be downloaded at www.rotary.org or requested by e-mailing ryla@rotaryintl.org.

Husband Shopping

A husband shopping center has just opened where a woman may go to choose a husband from among many men. The store is comprised of six floors, and the men increase in positive attributes as the shopper ascends the flights.

There is, however, a catch. As you open the door to any floor you may choose a man from that floor, but if you go up a floor, you cannot go back down except to exit the building.

So a woman goes to the shopping center to find a husband. On the first floor the sign on the door reads:

Floor 1 - These men have jobs.

The woman reads the sign and says to herself, "Well, that's better than my last boyfriend, but I wonder what's further up?" So up she goes. The second floor sign reads:

Floor 2 - These men have jobs and love kids. The woman remarks to herself, "That's great, but I wonder what's further up?" And up she goes again. The third floor sign reads:

Floor 3 - These men have jobs, love kids and are extremely good looking. "Hmmm, better" she says. "But I wonder what's upstairs?" The fourth floor sign reads:

Floor 4 - These men have jobs, love kids, are extremely good looking and help with the housework. "Wow!" exclaims the woman, "very tempting. BUT, there must be more further up!" And again she heads up another flight. The fifth floor sign reads:

Floor 5 - These men have jobs, love kids, are extremely good looking, help with the housework and have a strong romantic streak. "Oh, mercy me! But just think... what must be awaiting me further on?" So up to the sixth floor she goes. The sixth floor sign reads:

Floor 6 - You are visitor 123,456,789,012,345 to this floor. There are no men on this floor. This floor exists solely as proof that women are impossible to please. Thank you for shopping at Husband Mart and have a nice day.

Words of Wisdom

Rotary is sometimes like a big party.
Without guests, there is no party.
Without Rotarians, there is no Rotary.

- RI President *Carl Wilhelm Stanhammer* addressing the 2005 International Assembly.

CANDIDATE A is Franklin D. Roosevelt

CANDIDATE B is Winston Churchill

CANDIDATE C is Adolph Hitler

And by the way, answer to the abortion question:

If you said yes, you just killed Beethoven.

Pretty interesting, isn't it? Makes a person think before judging someone.

Remember, Amateurs built the ark, professionals built the Titanic



Birthday Bums...

07-09 Saifuddin Doola	98251 36834
09-09 Ann Neha	98244 77398
09-09 Ann Pinky	98244 00931
10-09 Bankim Vashi	98241 34269
10-09 Sunil Kapadia	98253 26373
11-09 Ann Tejal	93745 64127



☺ FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS ☺

Brainstorming

The meeting scheduled for the 2nd August is to be held on this Tuesday the 6th Sept. Our past presidents Rtn. Jayesh Dhamanwala and Rt. Ajay Bharadwaj will present in a nutshell their views on how to ensure that our club functions smoothly and does not get dragged in to a series of humdrum or just fun events. This is a very important speaker meet and it is mandatory to attend with your spouses as our better halves play an equally important role in increasing participation at individual levels and in enhancing our club's image.

Date : 06-9-05, Tuesday

Time : 8:30 p.m.

Venue: Dr. Bhacca Rotary Hall at Jeevanbharti

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Saddaam goes to God & asks when will US get defeated? God says not in your lifetime. Musharraf asks when will Kashmir belong to Pak? God says same thing & Musharraf starts crying. Lalu asks, when will Bihar be prosperous? God starts crying & says not in my lifetime.