

# 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



#### EK SHAAM ROTARY SURAT RIVERSIDE KE NAAM

LIGHTS... SOUND...  
CAMERA... ACTION!!!

It was all like a star studded ceremony in the happening. Everything - from the venue (Shreeji Party Plots - Dumas Road), the decor (a huge stage with ample lighting), the atmosphere (a breezy winter night), the band (the famous Ami Orchestra), and the performers (stars of RSR) - was perfectly customised. Nobody could have asked for anything more to watch a scintillating musical nite on the 12th January. The pleasantly cold Thursday night was witness to one of the highest attended meets in recent times.

The event was declared well in advance and surprisingly, members like Ann Rashika and Rtn.Dr.Ajay Bhardwaj, who are not quite known for their musical inclination were the first ones to register their names. Whereas other enthusiast singers like the *man of the match* of last year's musical nite - Rtn. Sunil Kapadia had to be wooed into participation. The compilers of the show - your bulletin editor had received a paltry 9-10 registrations till the deadline, but a sudden rush to enlist songs on the last day had me scampering to manage the playlist.

Ann Ami set the musical notes flowing in the air with a divine incarnation of Lord Ganesha and continued with the melodious "*Damadam Mast Kalander*". After that, there was no looking back. Preeti Pandya, Jayshree Dalal, Asmita Desai, Rashika Bhardwaj, Bankim Vashi, Anand Acharya, Ashutosh Thakkar, Sunil Kapadia, Sanjay Pandya, Mihir Shukla, Mdyen Lokhandwala, Prez. Divyang Parikh and myself tried to satisfy our singing appetite solely, while there were some duets (including a male duet by your editorial team) in the offering too. The child artists of our club - Shivani Pandya, Shweta Dhamanwala and Bharg Mehta too aired their talents amidst lot of cheer. Tarj Shroff displayed his skills on his little keyboard and Saifuddin was at his best with his vocal music. Even as the Karaoke (Mukund Jariwala) family performed on original soundtracks from their laptop, the Big B of our club - Sanjay Pandya had to repeat his song (*once more*) on public demand. Two group performances - one from Bankim-Sanjay-Mihir and the other from *the seven wonders* band of our club (no pun intended) comprising of Ulka & Amish Malji, Nirupa & Rajesh Shah, Samar Zaveri, Neena Sinha

and Mihir Shukla highlighted our club's inherent bonding feeling with the number *zindagi milke bitayenge*. The 2.5 hrs show which extended beyond control ended not before Ann Ami had tested everyone's dancing verve with some non-stop rocking sequencies.

An attendance sheet of above 90% saw some highly missed (but never forgotten) faces. The fact that extra sitting arrangements had to be rushed for, was sole testimony to the overwhelming response.

Prez. Divyang thanked Rtn. Ketan Shroff for his superb arrangements of the venue and Chirag Thakkar (Ann Ami's brother who could not attend the meet) for the live band. He also acknowledged the artists of Ami Orchestra by presenting them a memento. The unanimous *moral of the story* was that we can do with some more get togethers like these.



## DISTRICT CONFERENCE "ANANDAM"

The 36<sup>th</sup> annual district conference of R.I. dist. 3060 jointly hosted by R.C. of Vapi Riverside and R.C. of Silvassa was successfully planned and organized at the Daman Ganga Valley Resort at Silvassa on the 6th, 7th and 8th January. The lovely ambience of the place and the serene atmosphere of the valley resort added flavour to the charged atmosphere as delegates started pouring in one after the other from places as distant as Amreli, Jamnagar, Rajkot, Porbander, etc.

One needed to go to the conference venue to admire the architectural planning of the makeshift stage and the Shamiana, covering a huge open space and accommodating as many as 2000 delegates under its cover with sufficiently large LCD screens not more than 20 ft away from the sight of any person. This made the presentation job of the dignitaries & speakers easier and recognizable.

The conference commenced with the welcome address of the district governor Ashis Roy who in his inimitable style recognized the presence of the Past R.I. President Rtn. Bichai Rattakul and the present R.I. President's representative Rtn. David Rinett. This was followed by the march past of the torch bearers (Presidents) of the clubs who took the acknowledgement of those dignitaries present on the dais. Then came the announcement of all the individual recipients of major donors to the TRF and those clubs who have qualified for the silver, gold and the platinum trophies upon donating US \$2000, 3000 and 5000 respectively to the TRF. Clubs were also recognized for US\$ 100 and Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY). All dignitaries and learned speakers present were quite astonished and pleased at the benevolence of the Rotarians of the district.

Water management and literacy are the thrust areas for Rotary to tackle in the years to come after having successfully helped in the task of eradicating POLIO from the world. The PRIP and PRI's representative had some unique and practical ways of managing water resources and enhancing literacy levels of the community around. Those absent from the conference had reasons to repent for having lost the opportunity of experiencing the invigoration of the mind by the speeches of those learned speakers. All thanks to the conference organizing committee for a heart throbbing inaugural session.

The Banquet and the Luncheon committee of the conference added jewel to the crown as the arrangements for the happy hours and the dinner to follow showed the members' relentless enthusiasm in making the conference a great success. One need not be present to relish the mouth watering items served for all the three days of the conference.

During the plenary session on 7<sup>th</sup> morning, panel discussions were arranged in topics concerning the Rotary World like community services, vocational services etc. Participants came out with some beautiful ideas on the different avenues of services.

In one of the panel discussions "Is Media Invading the Privacy of Individual", celebrities like Milind Soman, Ms. Dolly Thakore, Ms. Amy Fernandes, and Ms. Bachi Karkariya participated and came out with their own ideas and views on the present day media society interaction.

IYE students' presentation under the able guidance and leadership of the experienced Dist. Chairman Rtn. Devang Munim was the highlight of the evening's sequence of program. As many as 20 IYE students [both from the long term and short term] participated and performed in absolute harmony to the tune of Hindi songs. The ability of the students to catch up with the regional languages was quite apparent when they described about their experiences in Gujarati and answered in Hindi some of the questions posed to them. Congratulations to the entire IYE team.

Award giving ceremony for all the good work done during the last R.Y. 2004-05 was enjoyed too by the participants, as the club members came one after the other upon being recognized by the Past District Governor Rtn. Ashok Kapadia to the stage amidst the thumping and clapping of the crowd.

The incoming Dist. Governor Rtn. Bipin Vadhar showed to the conference crowd how enthusiastic he is and the clubs of Saurashtra in organizing the conference "AASTHA" at Jamnagar exactly a year from now and wholeheartedly invited everybody to the place which gets a rare opportunity to host such a big event.

The conference came to the conclusion with the Dist. Governor Rtn. Ashis Roy exchanging pleasantries with all those present and expressing his deep sense of gratitude for the success of the conference which was made possible only by their gracious presence. The whole ceremony was compered by Mr. Anil Dharkar.

This annual event needs to be attended by more and more Rotarians of the club and district in order to imbibe the true Rotary spirit and to be one amongst the practising Rotarians. OH GOD! Please foster this sense of belonging in each of the Rotarians of the District. LONG LIVE ROTARY.

## USE MEMBER ACCESS TO MAINTAIN 2005-06 DATA

**N**ow that we are well in gear in the Rotary year 2005-06, new Rotary officers are encouraged to log on to the Member Access area to take care of Rotary business now through 30 June 2006. Rotary officers for the 2004-05 year are reminded that access to the system is limited to those who took office effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005.

The member access area of the Rotary International Web site is a password-protected information-management tool for all Rotarians. In particular, Rotary officers in numerous capacities including club presidents, secretaries, district governors, and district-governors elect, can manage data, records and reports.

Officers holding titles of district governor or district-governor elect for the 2005-06 year also have access to special forums available to them via the Member Access area.

To take advantage of the Member Access area, you must be aq registered Rotarian. For those who have not already registered in Member Access, this one-time registration requires a district, club, member ID number, and a valid e-mail address. Your club president or secretary can provide you with this information, which they can find in the semi-annual report. (For RSR members, the first two numbers is always available from the Riverside Ripples header, while it would be hard to find someone without an e-mail address). Subscribers to The Rotarian or Rotary World can also find their member ID on the mailing label. This number, directly above the name on the label, is six to eight digits long. In addition, you can also request your ID numbers by contacting the Department of Data Services (or your President / Secretary).

New users can find helpful information in the Member Access sections's Frequently Asked Questions page.

From [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

## WORK ATTITUDE - A GREAT LESSON

*An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer-contractor of his plans to leave the house-building business and live a more leisurely life with his wife enjoying his extended family. He would miss the paycheck, but he needed to retire. They could get by. The contractor was sorry to see his good worker go and asked if he could build just one more house as a personal favor. The carpenter said yes, but in time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to Shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials. It was an unfortunate way to end a dedicated career. When the carpenter finished his work the employer came to inspect the house. He handed the front-door key to the carpenter. "This is your house" he said, "my gift to you."*

*The carpenter was shocked! What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently.*

*So it is with us. We build our lives, a day at a time, often putting less than our best into the building. Then with a shock we realize we have to live in the house we have built. If we could do it over, we'd do it much differently. But we cannot go back. You are the carpenter. Each day you hammer a nail, place a board, or erect a Wall. "Life is a do-it-yourself project" someone has said. Your attitudes and the choices you make today, build the "house" you live in tomorrow. Build wisely!*

## THEY SAID IT

### **On Rotary's public image-**

"Who the hell are you, and what do you want?"

*-Sinclair Lewis, Rotary critic, when visited by Leland Case, editor of The Rotarian*

"Dear Mr. Case: It was a pleasure to see you here and you made me approve of Rotary."

*-From a letter Lewis sent after the visit.*

### **At the UN chartering-**

"The invitation to R.I. [As a consultant at the UN Charter Conference in 1945] was not merely a gesture of goodwill and respect towards a great organisation. It was a simple recognition of the practical part Rotary's members have played and will continue to play in the development of understanding among nations."

*-U.S. Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius*

### **On Rotary's purpose-**

Rotary works to encourage and foster the advancement of goodwill, understanding, and friendship, not only among its members, but among all the peoples of the world. To attain its ideal of service to humanity, Rotary seeks all that which brings people together and it avoids all which separates them."

*-Entertainer Eddie Cantor, on his radio show in 1949*

😄😄😄 THIS IS HILARIOUS 😄😄😄

Much as I tried to stay away from the popular Santa-Banta in our Riverside Ripples in order not to target any particular community, I couldn't avoid them this time. This particular joke won an award for the best joke in a competition organized in Britain.

Banta Singh walks into a bar in Ludhiana & orders three glasses of Beer and sits in the back of the room, drinking a sip out of each one in turn. When he finishes them, he comes back to the bar and orders three more.

The bartender asks him, "You know, beer goes flat after I fill it in the glass; it would taste better if you bought one at a time."

Banta Singh replies, "Well, you see, I have two brothers. One is in Dubai, the other in Canada, and I'm here in Ludhiana.

When they left home, we promised that we'd drink this way to remember the days when we drank together." The bartender admits that this is a nice custom, and leaves it there. Banta Singh becomes a regular in the bar, and always drinks the same way: He orders three Beers and drinks them in turn.

One day, he comes in and orders only two Beers. All the other regulars notice and fall silent.

When he comes back to the bar for the second round, the bartender says, "I don't want to intrude on your grief, but I wanted to offer my condolences on your great loss."

Banta Singh looks confused for a moment, then a light dawns in his eye and he laughs. "Oh, no," he, says, "Everyone's fine - both my brothers are alive".

" Only thing is... Its me who quit drinking" !!!

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24-01	Sidharth Shah	98241 00013



QUESTIONS THAT MAKE YOU GO Hmm...

- If Fed Ex and UPS were to merge, would they call it Fed UP?
  - Do Lipton Tea employees take coffee breaks?
  - If olive oil comes from olives, where does baby oil come from?
  - If people from Poland are called Poles, why aren't people from Holland called Holes? Hehehe.....
  - Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery? Oopps...
  - Why the man who invests all your money is called a broker?
  - If horrific means to make horrible, does terrific means to make terrible?
  - Why is it called building when it is already built?
  - If a book about failures doesn't sell, is it a success?
  - If you're not supposed to drink and drive, then why does BARS/PUB have parking lots?
  - If you take an Oriental person and spin him around several times, does he become disoriented?
  - If vegetarians eat vegetables, what do humanitarians eat?
  - If working hours are meant for working, then why are you reading this???
- Oopps...

DEADLY PJ

What is the plural of Sharukh Khan??

Answer:- ICICI

How??

(Sharukh says) Main Hoon Na .....

(ICICI says) Hum Hai Na .....

🧠 FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS 🗣️

JOINT MEETING WITH R.C. UDHNA

Our next meeting is a joint meeting with Rotary Club of Udhna on the coming Friday. The matching grant co-ordinator of R.I. Dist. 6000 IOWA (U.S.A.) Rtn. Bill Ashtein shall speak on matching grants and their advantages. Kindly note the change in the venue:

Date : 20<sup>th</sup> January, Friday

Time : 8:00 p.m. sharp

Venue : K.B. Marfatia Hall

Vanita Vishram, Adarsh Soc.