

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



Twenty-eight not out!!! What a heartening attendance score for the last assembly meet of Sept 13 held in the forum hall of Hotel Holiday Inn which saw the presence of many a lost (but never forgotten) faces. Our ever dedicated members - after showing quite a long dormant phase recently in our first decade of existence - turned out in large numbers to prove that they are still proud Riversiders and meeting agendas do not make a difference to them.

Yet, the vacuum created was a cause of concern for everyone and it called for a heavy brain storming (part two) in the form of a questionnaire prepared by PP Rtn. Ajay Bhardwaj and PP Rtn. Mukund Jariwala which was circulated to all the members. This was a sure shot remedy for a much required "*Soul Searching*" amongst the members who came out with their honest reasons for the recent slump and suggested the possible means to revive the club.

The following is the gist of the questionnaire circulated:-

A.) 19 persons, (68%) of the 28 present were satisfied with the current venue of the meeting. However, they were ready to pay more for occasional changes in the venue.

B.) 23 persons, (82%) were satisfied with the quality of food.

C.) As regards to the quality of the meetings conducted, 61% expressed their satisfaction. However, some changes are required here before it becomes a routine affair.

D.) It was found that 50% of the members had attended only half of the meetings in the current year. About 36% of the members have attended more than 80% of the meets, while the rest, unfortunately, have not bothered to attend even 30-40% of the meetings.

E.) 71% of the members are ready to organize/conduct a meet if given a chance, which shows that the enthusiasm of the members in taking leadership position is definitely high. Almost 79% wanted to play a more pro-active role in the functioning of the club.

F.) Cent percent of the members agreed to the suggestion of beginning and concluding the meeting on time. We received a few suggestions though from the members coming from the retail segment to serve the dinner from 8:45 to 9:00 and respectively schedule the meeting ahead.

G.) Sunday lunch proposal for the meet was supported by 54% of the members, which requires to be further analyzed or experimented.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

When we are consumed with remorse over the dead past and with sorrow concerning the unborn future, let us visualise Sri Krishna saying to us, "You are worrying unnecessarily."

When an event is past, do not nurse its memory. Cremate it and forget it. Otherwise it will decompose in the mind and stink. Do not worry about the future, for tomorrow will bring its own problem and the problem will have its own solution, just as yesterday's and today's problems had.

There is a distinction between thinking and worrying. Thinking is essential; worrying is unnecessary-it actually prevents thinking.

Constructive thought is the first step to contemplation and eventual cessation of divisible thinking. It is made possible when the inner awareness is freed from past (which exists but as memory) and future (which exists but as worry, a mixture of fear and hope). Only the present is. It is a present (gift) from God.

-: Swami Vivekanand :-

- Contributed by Siddharth Shah

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The reasons for poor attendance during the speaker meets cited by members may be summarized as follows:-

1. Lack of commitment, interest, awareness, utter negligence.
2. Meetings not starting and ending in time (speakers not given time limits).
3. Lack of good speakers and interesting subjects.
4. Speaker meets being conducted at the same venue
5. Speaker meets given lesser importance as compared to fellowship and entertainment programs.
6. Hypocrisy in members; who assume themselves to be intellectually full.
7. Other important engagements.
8. Time constraint.
9. Speaker meets are not clubbed with other good clubs.

The following were the suggestions by the members to activate the club and increase fellowship:-

1. Timely commencement and conclusion of the meet. To induce punctuality.
2. Change of venue, type of food.
3. Members should value Rotary and its membership
4. Commitment through project involvement
5. Members to organize meetings by rotation
6. The meetings should be made more interesting and varied. The programs committee under the club services avenue should look into the matter.
7. Every member should be involved in the club activities. To pursue them to get involved in community services.
8. To involve the families of the rotary members.
9. Active participation of the board members in the running of the club.
10. Members should stand as one unit, leaving behind any personal animosity.



Hon. Treasurer would like to proudly announce the names of the members who have already paid their dues. The list goes as follows:

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| ● Rtn. Divyang Parikh | ● Rtn. Amit Adhiya |
| ● Rtn. Jugalkishor Shinglot | ● Rtn. Bankim Vashi |
| ● Rtn. Dr. Ajay Bhardwaj | ● Rtn. Saif Doola |
| ● Rtn. Mukund Jariwala | ● Rtn. Vijay Chauhan |
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| ● Rtn. J.P.Grover | ● Rtn. Anand Acharya |
| ● Rtn. Rajat Vij | ● Rtn. Arvind Kumar |
| ● Rtn. Rajesh Patel | ● Rtn. Siddharth Shah |
| ● Rtn. Amish Malji | |

Treasurer Jugal still needs lot of support. Friends, make up for the lost time to pay your fees.

TEST YOUR GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. Who was the first author to submit a typed manuscript?
a.) Vikram Sheth b.) Drashya
c.) Mark Twain d.) Hillary Clinton
2. Who's the prime minister of England?
a.) Tony Blair b.) Manmohan Singh
c.) Jon Dicky d.) Darsh Patel
3. Ansh is shorter than both Anil and Saloni. Asav is shorter than Anil but taller than Saloni. Who is the tallest?
a.) Ansh b.) Anil
c.) Saloni d.) Asav
4. Which is middle letter of the alphabets?
a.) K b.) L
c.) M d.) N
5. How many states are there in USA?
a.) 45 b.) 49
c.) 50 d.) 52
6. Which is world's biggest continent?
a.) Asia b.) Antarctica
c.) Africa d.) Australia
7. What is the capital of Brazil?
a.) Vancouver b.) New York
c.) Brasilia d.) Kathmandu
8. What is the Doppler Effect?
a.) The fading and loudness and softness of a sound as it gets farther and closer.
b.) Sound under water.
c.) The speed of lightening.
d.) How high the sound barrier is.
9. What is the symbol of Sodium?
a.) So b.) Sa
c.) Na d.) C1
10. What is the value of pie?
a.) 2.14 b.) 4.13
c.) 3.14 d.) 1.34
11. Is 111 a prime number?
a.) Can not say b.) Insufficient
c.) Yes d.) No
12. How many states does India have?
a.) 31 b.) 29
c.) 28 d.) 25
13. Newton's third law states that action equals reaction.
a.) True b.) False
c.) Can't say d.) Insufficient
14. The first law of thermodynamics is almost equal to the law of entropy
a.) True b.) False
c.) Can't say d.) Insufficient
15. The name of the National Anthem of Australia is.....
a.) Land of Kangaroo
b.) Land of Hope
c.) Advance Australia Fair
d.) Jana Gana Mana Adhinayak

Answers on last page...

THE BOSS

Scientists at the Rocket Launching station in Thumba, were in the habit of working for nearly 12 to 18 hours a day. There were about seventy such scientists working on a project. All the scientists were really frustrated due to the pressure of work and the demands of their boss but everyone was loyal to him and did not think of quitting the job.

One day, one scientist came to his boss and told him - Sir, I have promised to my children that I will take them to the exhibition going on in our township. So I want to leave the office at 5:30 pm. His boss replied - O K, You are permitted to leave the office early today.

The Scientist started working. He continued his work after lunch. As usual he got involved to such an extent that he looked at his watch when he felt he was close to completion. The time was 8:30 p.m. Suddenly he remembered of the promise he had given to his children. He looked for his boss, He was not there. Having told him in the morning itself, he closed everything and left for home.

Deep within himself, he was feeling guilty for having disappointed his children. He reached home. Children were not there. His wife alone was sitting in the hall and reading magazines. The situation was explosive; any talk would boomerang on him.

His wife asked him - Would you like to have coffee or shall I straight away serve dinner if you are hungry. The man replied - If you would like to have coffee, I too will have but what about Children???

Wife replied- You don't know - Your manager came at 5:15 p.m and has taken the children to the exhibition.

What had really happened was: The boss who granted him permission was observing him working seriously at 5:00 p.m. He thought to himself, this person will not leave the work, but if he has promised his children they should enjoy the visit to exhibition. So he took the lead in taking them to exhibition.

The boss does not have to do it every time. But once it is done, loyalty is established.

That is why all the scientists at Thumba continued to work under their boss even though the stress was tremendous.

By the way, can you hazard a guess as to who the boss was?????????

He was A P J Abdul Kalam.

-Contributed by Amit Adhiya



NEWS MAKERS

Our Sporting Talent Rtn. Mdyen Lokhandwala is very active these days with his Table Tennis activities. Annet Utkarsh Bhardwaj is one such candidate we have as future star in making (Table Tennis).
Well done both of you.

PLENARY HIGHLIGHTS

"The strength of Rotary in the future will depend on how well we keep our project relevant to the needs of the communities we serve in the days ahead."

-2004-05 RI President Glenn.E.Estess Sr.

☺ LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE ☺

An essay was written by a Bihari Candidate. I hope, You'll forget your English by the time you finish reading this. This is a true essay written by a Bihari candidate at the UPSC (IAS) Examinations. The candidate has written an essay on the Indian cow:

Indian Cow

HE IS THE COW. "The cow is a successful animal. Also he is 4 footed, And because he is female, he give milks, [but will do so when he is got child.] He is sacred to Hindus and useful to man. But he has got four legs together. Two are forward and two are afterwards. His whole body can be utilised for use. More so the milk. Milk comes from 4 taps attached to his basement. [horses don't have any such attachment]

What can it do? Various ghee, butter, cream, curd, why and the condensed milk and so forth. Also he is useful to cobbler, watermans and mankind generally. His motion is slow only because he is of lazy species. Also his other motion.. gober] is much useful to trees, plants as well as for making flat cakes [like Pizza], in hand , and drying in the sun. Cow is the only animal that extricates his feeding after eating. Then afterwards she chew with his teeth whom are situated in the inside of the mouth. He is incessantly in the meadows in the grass. His only attacking and defending organ is the horns, specially so when he is got child.

This is done by knowing his head whereby he causes the weapons to be paralleled to the ground of the earth and instantly proceed with great velocity forwards. He has got tails also, situated in the backyard, but not like similar animals. It has hairs on the other end of the other side. This is done to frighten away the flies

RI PROGRAMMES

July is currently designated as "Literacy Month on the Rotary calender. Noting that July is not the best month for literacy-related events and projects, since it is the first month of the Rotary year, and northern hemisphere schools are on vacation that time, the Board agreed to move "Literacy Month" to March starting in 2006-07

Answers to Question on Page 2

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| 1. C | 6. A | 11. D |
| 2. A | 7. C | 12. B |
| 3. B | 8. A | 13. A |
| 4. C | 9. C | 14. B |
| 5. C | 10. C | 15. C |



Birthday Bums...

24-09 Ajay Bhardwaj 98251 26426
26-09 Ann Damyanti 98251 18634



☺ FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS ☺

SPEAKER MEET

Our next meeting on the 20th of September is a much awaited speaker meet. Shree Janak Naik - A noted writer and columnist in *Gujaratmitra* shall enlighten us with some untouched aspects of "*Sukh*". Members are requested to pour in large numbers just as they did in the last assembly meet.

Date : 20-9-05 Tuesday

Time : 8:30 p.m.

Venue: Dr. Bhacca Rotary Hall at Jeevanbharti

What's new at www.rotary.org

New Generations Month: How does your Rotary club support the development of youth and young adults? Check the home page on 1st September for stories of clubs involved in mentoring tomorrow's leaders and get inspired to initiate your own projects.

Meet the fellows: After 1st Sept., follow the link on the home page to read bios of the newest class of Rotary World Peace Fellows embarking on studies throughout the world.

2006 RI Convention: Read what's in store for the 97th Rotary International Convention in Malmö-Copenhagen. Download forms and preliminary information by clicking on the Events link.