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Cover Story

Club Assembly

After knowing our fellow members better last week, our club got its act together for some serious business on 18th July when Assistant Governor Rtn. Ratan Goel visited our club. The regular club venue was buzzing with members (only) flocking in on right time for the assembly meet. Sumptuous dinner was savoured by all to the heart's content.

The meeting was called to order by Sgt.-at-arms Rtn. Ashutosh Thakkar followed by the four way test recitation by IPP Rtn. Divyang Parikh. Prez. Rajesh welcomed the A.G. and thanked everyone for being present in large numbers as he briefed the audience about the purpose of the assembly. Shri Ratan Goel was greeted with flowers by IPP Divyang before Rtn. Jugal introduced the chief guest in his own lucid style for which he is well known. While addressing the house, A.G. Rtn. Ratan Goel wasted no time in explaining the importance of such business gatherings which help a club in drafting an action plan and subsequently evaluating them during the year. Our directors were no lesser keen to throw light upon their plans for RY 2006-07.

Club Service Director - Rtn. Mihir Shukla started on a positive note by outlining his strategy to increase attendance of members from the present 65%. We shall continue to have family meets except the board and assembly so that the families are well knit and active. Eminent speakers shall grace our club time and again in

conjunction with the designated months. We plan to enhance our public image with Rtn. Jugal chairing the Committee of Public Relations. Picnics and other entertainment programmes are also in the pipeline to imbibe more participation amongst Annes and Annets. We have also devised tactics to repeat the practice of family meets (in smaller groups) in the month of December. This will help to commit each individual towards a more homogenous RSR. Here the A.G. pointed out that besides involving the members' families, the club should try and involve the family of Rotary comprising of the interactors, rotaractors, rotary volunteers and past IYE, GSE teams. We will definitely keep your suggestion in mind, sir.

The Vocational Service Director - PP Rtn. Ajay Bharadwaj was next to brief about his aim to entwine the recommendations made in the district goals and the fundamentals of Vocational Service. We have traditionally been giving Vocational Awards to a person who we feel is not in the limelight and yet has done outstanding job in his/her capacity. The chairperson Rtn. Anand Acharya has plans for 2 such awards - one for a public figure and one who is not so well know & yet is deserving. The Vocational Awareness chairperson Rtn. Brij Pachisia will be organising one talk in the Vocational Awareness month - October. This will be addressed by 5 different members of our RSR family who will enlighten the rest on what their vocation entails. The 4-Way Test

Promotion chairperson Rtn. J.P.Singh will be making a small wooden plaque with the 4-way test engraved to be given to all the members for display on their workstations. In the past, our club has sent 2 doctors abroad for assignment in polio corrective surgery and cataract relieving operations. Similarly more information for registering Rotary Volunteers will be taken from keynote Rotarian speakers who will address the club. Rtn. Jigesh Mehta who is chairing the Career Guidance Committee shall organize a seminar in the Rotary Literacy month of April-May. Emphasis will be on class 10 students who may get an opportunity to know more about Non-Science & Non-Commerce careers.

The Community Service Director - Rtn. Bankim Vashi had sent his regret for not being able to come due to unavoidable circumstances. But his concrete yet basic ideals aspired to be accomplished were revealed by PP Rtn. Siddharth Shah. We have a few environmental projects in mind like awareness of lesser use of polythene bags and recyclable waste. We wish to take up a community and provide safe drinking water to them. The community is already identified and the initial data collection procedure is in progress. We wish to bring in young guns from the existing RSR sponsored interact and Rotaract clubs in the main stream of Rotary. We are also very much inclined towards taking up literacy projects. Our club, which has been active in small service projects like clothes distribution and food packet distribution in rural areas of Dang and Mandvi, shall continue its splendid work. We have many other projects for the social order and would like to join hands with all available organizations to make the community a more liveable society.

Rtn. Siddharth as the Youth Service Chairman continued to highlight the targets in his area of service. He promised the A.G. about our club's participation in all major events that will be hosted during the year. We shall take part in not only the district but also the inter-district RYLA events like every year. Apart from that, we plan to rejuvenate our Partners in Service - the Interact Club of Sheth Dhanjisha Rustomji Umrigar Memorial School and the Rotaract Club of S.P.B. College of Commerce. We also wish to add a new interact club in one of the most active schools in the city. Not stopping at this, the past

president also announced his desire to launch a anti smoking and drug abuse awareness campaign amongst the youths.

The Director for International Services - PP Rtn. Vishal Sinha took to the podium last. He committed the club's involvement in all avenues so as to achieve the various district goals outlined in the district directory. The club will participate in Polio Plus projects under the chairman Rtn. J.P.S.Grover. We have also sketched out plans to arrange for a fund raising program. RSR shall help the club members understand the internationality of Rotary by continuing its tradition of not only proposing but also hosting IYE & GSE members. Shri Ratan Goel stressed upon adhering to the EREY program. He also insisted on participating in the Rotary Friendship Exchange program. The club will search for the possibilities of registering new Rotary Volunteers in addition to re-enrolling the current volunteer doctors. Attempts will be targeted on explaining the TRF activities to the local as well as the corporate sector so as to convince them to mobilize funds towards worthy causes. Our able Public Relations Officer Rtn. Jugal Shinglot will look after this committee.

The assistant governor was surprised at the mega plans that our club has drafted out under the young leader Rtn. Rajesh. Though he did not forget to mention (in a fatherly tone) how he would have preferred the directors calling the committee chairpersons on stage to announce their respective groundwork. Nevertheless, he vowed to lend a hand to the President and the club whenever his guidance is required. Prez. Rajesh too acknowledged his presence and support with a token of memento.

Hon. Secretary Rtn. Kuldeep quickly announced the weekly greetings and the agenda for the next meeting making way for our most popular member (refer Bulletin Vol. 03) Rtn. Sanjay Pandya. The '*kooldest one*', as our President Elect is popularly known, thanked AG Rtn. Ratan Goel for sparing his valuable time and for guiding us to serve humanity better. Everybody's support by way of large presence was also acknowledged. The house dispersed after the National Anthem with firm determination to *Lead The Way* towards a brighter tomorrow.

WHY I AM A ROTARIAN

I had occasion years ago to make some statements as to why I am a Rotarian. One statement was that Rotary provides a vehicle for fulfilling that natural instinct in people of goodwill everywhere to care and to volunteer time for the needs of their neighbours. Another was our worldwide fellowship.

As the years have gone by, I find that my conclusions are being reinforced in my club, in the district and in our Rotary world.

The fellowship that abounds at club meetings generates true friendship. The friendship has a way of spreading to the local community. Civic responsibilities are enhanced and community needs are met.

The same fellowship is present in all the clubs in the District, at District conferences, Rotary Institutes and Conventions. Some of the best friends are made not only in the local clubs but also in the district, Zones and indeed around the world.

Rotary makes me feel as much at home in Nigeria as it does elsewhere. In all the places, I am surrounded by Rotarian friends. I am in company of a global community united by common values; delightful members old and young of the Family of Rotary.

As Rotarians we define those values and reflect upon them in a number of ways: the object of Rotary, the Rotary International Mission Statement, the Annual President's theme, the Declaration of Rotarians of Businesses and Professions and the Four Way Test.

But for most of us or indeed all of us, it comes back to the three simple words "service above self", otherwise translated as "Lend a Hand". For me, Rotary is one great gateway that leads to many doors - the chance to meet great people you would otherwise never meet, to learn about cultures you never knew existed, to break bread with otherwise total strangers and so break down the barriers of ignorance and intolerance, to support a strong Rotary Foundation and its programs and participate in a crusade for building world understanding and peace.

An organization with a track record of 100 years of humanitarian service, a catalyst and supporter of global effort to eradicate polio and architect of the Rotary Centers for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution commends itself for membership.

Whereas nations and governments carry out programs for their citizens in fulfillment of obligations to do so, Rotarians execute projects that meet the needs of people no matter where, not because of their gain or a duty to carry out the project. Their joy is the ability to volunteer and their benefit is opportunity to serve.

Jonathan B. Majiyagbe
RIPP 2003-04
TRF Trustee

-Contributed by Rtn. Dharmesh Shah

A TRUE STORY

This lady has changed her habit on the hand phone after her handbag was stolen.

Her handbag which contained her mobile, credit card, purse..etc...was stolen. 20 min later when she called her hubby, telling him what happened, husband says "I've just received your SMS asking about our Pin number. And I've replied a little while ago". When they rushed down to the bank, the bank staff told them all the money had already been withdrawn. The pickpocket had actually used the stolen hand phone to sms "hubby" in the contact list and got hold of the pin number. Within 20 mins he had withdrawn all the money from the bank account.

Morale of the lesson :

Do not disclose the relationship between you and the people in your contact list. Avoid using names like Home, Honey, Hubby, Sweetheart, Dad, Mum etc..... And very importantly, when sensitive info is being asked thru SMS, CONFIRM by calling back.

THIS IS HILARIOUS

AN EX-WIFE'S REVENGE

She spent the first day packing her belongings into boxes, crates and suitcases.

On the second day, she had the movers come and collect her things.

On the third day, she sat down for the last time at their beautiful dining room table by candlelight, put on some soft background music and feasted on a pound of shrimp, a jar of caviar and a bottle of Chardonnay.

When she had finished, she went into each and every room and deposited a Few half-eaten shrimp dipped in caviar, into the hollow of the curtain rods.

She then cleaned up the kitchen and left. When the husband returned with his new girlfriend, all was bliss for the first few days. Then slowly, the house began to smell. They tried everything; cleaning, mopping and airing the place out.

Vents were checked for dead rodents and carpets were steamed. Air Fresheners were hung everywhere. Exterminators were brought in to set off gas canisters, during which they had to move out for a few days, and in the end even paid to replace the expensive wool carpeting.

Nothing worked. People stopped coming over to visit. Repairmen refused to work in the house. The maid quit.

Finally, they could not take the stench any longer and decided to move. A month later, even though they had cut their price in half, they could not find a buyer for their stinky house. Word got out and eventually even the local realtors refused to return their calls. Finally, they had to borrow a huge sum of money from the bank to purchase a new place.

The ex-wife called the man and asked how things were going. He told her the saga of the rotting house. She listened politely and said that she missed her old home terribly, and would be willing to reduce her divorce settlement in exchange for getting the house back.

Knowing his ex-wife had no idea how bad the smell was, he agreed on a price that was about 1/10th of what the house had been worth, but only if she were to sign the papers that very day.

She agreed and within the hour his lawyers delivered the paperwork. A week later the man and his girlfriend stood smiling as they watched the moving company pack everything to take to their new home....

.....including the curtain rods.

I LOVE A HAPPY ENDING, DON'T YOU?????



LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

WONDERFUL MACHINE

A redneck family from the hills was visiting the city and they were in a mall for the first time in their life. The father and son were strolling around while the wife shopped. They were amazed by almost everything they saw, but especially by two shiny, silver walls that could move apart and then slide back together again.

The boy asked, "Paw, What's 'at?" The father (never having seen an elevator) responded, "Son, I dunno. I ain't never seen anything like that in my entire life, I ain't got no idea'r what it is."

While the boy and his father were watching with amazement, a fat old lady in a wheel chair rolled up to the moving walls and pressed a button. The walls opened and the lady rolled between them into a small room. The walls closed and the boy and his father watched the small circular numbers above the walls light up sequentially. They continued to watch until it reached the last number and then the numbers began to light in the reverse order. Then the walls opened up again and a gorgeous, voluptuous 24-year-old blonde woman stepped out.

The father, not taking his eyes off the young woman, said quietly to his Son, "Boy, go git yo Momma...."

BIRTHDAY BUMS

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01-08	Divyang Parikh	98251 21344



FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

ASHUTOSH SPECIAL

Come one, come all on this SUNDAY morning to enjoy a 'Ashutosh Special' meet. Those who had been to the picnic last year know very well what lays in store for them. As for the rest, I assure you a meeting you'll remember for long. PP Rtn. Mukund Jariwala has been kind enough to sponsor this lunch meeting. Please note the date, time & venue.

Date : 30th July, Sunday

Time : 11:30 a.m.

Venue : Honest Restaurant, B/s Rajhans, Dumas Rd.