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*"The only way to secure our future generations
is by planting more & more trees."*

Snapshots of the August meetings



5th August, Sunday 8.00 am

TREE PLANTATION

Chairperson of Community Services
PP Rtn. Jugal Shinglot leading
the way to plant a sapling for a
Greener Environment

7th August, Tuesday 8.30 pm

WELCOME & FAREWELL TO IYE

District IYE Co-ordinator
PP Divyang Parikh
& President Sanjay Pandya
according traditional Indian
welcome to Inbound IYE Students.



14th August, Tuesday 8.30 pm

INDEPENDENCE QUIZ CONTEST

Undoubtedly, we cannot find
better Quiz masters than
Rtn. Vitrag and Ann. Dimple Shah.
They were simply superb.

21st August, Tuesday 8.30 pm

FELLOWSHIP WITH GAMES

Undoubtedly, we cannot find
better Game masters than
Rtn. Ashutosh and Ann. Kavi Thakkar
They were also simply superb.





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Editorial

Dear Riverside family,

My father joined Rotary in the year I was born. So knowing Rotary culture at a young age helped me in serving Rotary after becoming a member of this wonderful organization. What imprinted my mind as a young boy was the IYE program. In the year of my father's presidentship, there was this boy from USA who came and stayed with us for nearly six months. The age difference did not matter and we jelled very well - especially because neither of us had brothers of our own. This fantastic program brings about completely new culture, attitude and priorities which you would never experience without being a part of it. What I have learnt is that inspite of innumerable differences of culture, skin or language - the core of a human mind body and soul is the same - one who needs *love, care and affection*.

- PP Siddharth Shah

President's Desk - China

Dear Rotarian Friends.

In Rotary, every year new theme comes with a certain objective and it is very challenging to find a theme. As you know this year our theme is Rotary Shares, it means sharing what we have with those around us. All of us came to Rotary to share what we have with others and to share our friendship and fellowship with other Rotarians. So friends I am going to share with you some experience of our China & Singapore trip. We had been to trip few days before, wait a moment let me clarify that 'we' means my self & my better half. Now can I go ahead? Well it was a pleasure come business trip. Firstly we landed at Beijing - capital of China. Very big Airport you can say '*apne do tin airport aur uska ek*'. With well maintained, disciplined and most important and eye catchy was what you know? It is micro clean, every part of the airport was absolutely neat and clean. Ok let's see *aage kya ha?* Everywhere you feel that it is remarkably different in all aspects City Beijing is biggest city in China. We stayed in The Great Wall Sheraton Hotel, Beijing on 68th floor with all respective luxury. We were impressed. Let's talk about something different.



Talk about Olympics it is to be held in 2008 and Beijing is the city to host this Olympic. Just have a look at their preparation of Olympics 2008. Approaching one year count down to the 2008 Olympic Games, the time has come to test everything specific to the games, certain check list and the most rigorous standards are as below:

Daily reports on food Safety: Beijing will start a daily report mechanism on food safety monitoring system designed for the Beijing Olympics. The system will monitor 10 type of information including the production, processing, sale and the cooking food, and inspected 6800 samples of 345 kinds of foodstuff so far.

Traffic control Rehearsals: They will remove about one million vehicles from the roads to rehearse traffic control measures for next year's games.

Volunteer's trained: As of May 2007, 509112 Olympic games volunteers application had been received. More than 1,10,000 people to be volunteers for urban services, 400,000 plus voluntary service at designated stations around competition venues to ensure the smooth progress of the games.

Professional Logistics Service: The logistics center is charged with reception, storage and distribution of the materials for the Beijing games, it will also engage in the materials security checks, quarantine and customs procedures, as well as transportation arrangements.

Timely and accurate weather forecasts: Beijing has installed new radar systems and new weather satellites.

One step media service: Beijing's preparations are on track and that its Olympic venues are ready for their moment in the Glow of the Olympic Torch. *"Good Luck Beijing"*

Few comparisons of China & India as New Asian Trading Powerhouses.

On the surface, things do not look all that promising when it comes to Indian development.

- India is far behind China in terms of Infrastructure development, that the democratic process hinders progress. Certain figures back up the inefficiencies. Shanghai for example, can turn a ship around at port in eight hours. In Bombay it takes three days.
- Political system:
 China- communist however with market reforms increasingly encouraging free trade and capitalist based models of enterprise in commerce.
 India- Democratic, but with a commercial system that until the late 1980s was based on the old soviet model, Bureaucracy is out of control and that corruption is rife.

Progress over the past years:

| GDP | China | | India | |
|------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| | US\$ | Year-on-year growth | US\$ | Year-on-year growth |
| 2004 | 2.09 Trillion | 10.1% | 767.0 Billion | 8.5% |
| 2005 | 2.39 Trillion | 9.9% | 875.1 Billion | 8.9% |
| 2006 | 2.70 Trillion | 10.5% | 904.2 Billion | 9.2% |

| Imports | China | | India | |
|---------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| | US\$ | Year-on-year growth | US\$ | Year-on-year growth |
| 2004 | 606.8 Billion | 35.8% | 111.5 Billion | 42.7% |
| 2005 | 709.2 Billion | 16.9% | 149.2 Billion | 33.8% |
| 2006 | 777.9 Billion | 9.7% | 181.4 Billion | 28.0% |

| Exports | China | | India | |
|---------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| | US\$ | Year-on-year growth | US\$ | Year-on-year growth |
| 2004 | 641.6 Billion | 35.3% | 83.5 Billion | 30.8% |
| 2005 | 818.6 Billion | 27.6% | 103.1 Billion | 23.4% |
| 2006 | 974.1 Billion | 19.0% | 124.6 Billion | 24.0% |

Summary:

Both countries are working together to present an Asian manufacturing and service powerhouse to service the global community.

Do you know something about "The Great Wall of China" I would like to share you.

*Longest wall on earth Length is 6,660KM,

*Three dynasties were involved to complete this huge structure.

*Only sculpture one can watch from the Moon.

Warm regards,
Rtn. Sanjay Pandya.

R.I. President's September Message

WILFRID J. WILKINSON



All of us in Rotary know that we're a part of something larger than ourselves. We know that Rotary is an organization that transcends the boundaries of religion, language, and culture. We know that it is a force for peace, goodwill, and fellowship, and we know that it is a force 1.2 million strong. But most Rotarians' involvement in Rotary is made up primarily of club meetings, community projects, and international work through partnerships with other clubs. Because of practical reasons,

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most Rotarians don't travel to distant countries when they're part of a service project abroad. What this means, though, is that for most of us, the internationality of Rotary can seem distant, and it can be difficult to fully understand. As a new member of the Rotary Club of Trenton, Ont., Canada, I was very happy being part of an organization that I saw doing so much good work locally. I might have stayed focused on that local work for years had there not been an international convention scheduled in Toronto shortly after I joined.

That first convention was what really opened my eyes to Rotary. It brought the world of Rotary, the world that stretches far beyond my own club, all together in one place. I saw how truly international an organization Rotary was, and I understood, for the first time, just what I had become a part of and just how much there was to do, to contribute, and to become.

At a convention, you start to see your own club in context, as part of a network of 32,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. You're inspired by the work that so many of these clubs are doing, and you bring new knowledge and ideas home to your own club. Most important, perhaps, are the personal connections made at a convention: the friendship and fellowship that will link your club to others for many years to come.

The 2008 RI Convention will be held in Los Angeles, a multicultural city that is a fitting site for such an event. If you've already been to a convention, perhaps you need no convincing to register for this one. Los Angeles is a city of stars, and when you come, you will see the Rotary stars, the Hollywood stars, and the stars twinkling in the sky over the Hollywood Bowl. If you've never been to a convention, then I urge you to join Joan and our whole family for a wonderful few days of fellowship and inspiration. I believe this event will change your life, as it did for Joan and me in 1964.

Wilfrid J. (Wilf) Wilkinson
President, Rotary International

Direct Talk with

MR. R. J. ASARI (IFS)
C.F. SURAT CIRCLE (GUJ. FOREST DEPT.)



Riverside Ripples: Sir, you must have done innumerable Tree Plantations. What do you feel each time?

Shri R.J.Asari: Since 1984, I am involved in tree plantations. Each time I felt that each sapling will grow to tree size and will contribute air purification; feed the numerous birds and dependants. Also it will bring rain conserve soil. The tree will bring perpetuate in nature through natural regeneration and help the perpetuation of mankind.

Riverside Ripples: What would be the scenario in next few decades?

Shri R.J.Asari: Trees have a crucial role to play for air temperature; Carbon Dioxide / Oxygen ratio maintenance and soil erosion checking as well as many other intangible benefits. After few decades, the world will be green and prosperous if present trend of tree planting efforts are continued and protection measures are strengthened otherwise nature catastrophe is not far away threatening the living world.

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Riverside Ripples: Are we doing enough?

Shri R.J.Asari: No effort is enough which yields to significant visual impact. Of course, it varies from individual to individual who have exposure to ground realities associated with problem. I feel it will be enough only when after concerted efforts one is able to create positive impact in the area.

Riverside Ripples: How can a NGO like Rotary help the Government to improve the situation?

Shri R.J.Asari: NGO like Rotary can play a vital role in development of urban forestry to keep the city green. They should create a demonstrative effect and provide a model of working to others and help the Govt. in greening Gujarat.

Riverside Ripples: And how can an individual contribute for the cause?

Shri R.J.Asari: Individual can play vital role in creation of public awareness through direct contacts or writing popular articles in leading journals, newspapers by organizing camps or tree planting. He can also associate with NGO who have focused programme for tree plantations.

PP's Column

ARVIND KUMAR (PRESIDENT YEAR 2000-01)

BEING A PRESIDENT:

The post of President in Rotary pivots on one important quality - Leadership. There are no born leaders. Leaders are made. Leadership comes by choice - the will to choose to follow or emulate another Leader.

Every one of us has an idol which is an image of what personifies a leader. Those streaks of inspiration that move us from within - propelling us to free our inhibitions. That one interaction with a person who influenced us to change our thinking is an important trigger of a leader born. But somewhere, the first step eludes us.

Why so many of us shy from taking the mantle? Why the fear within is difficult to overcome? Why the challenge looks so vast and insurmountable? These are few poignant issues that need deliberation.

Human instinct is driven by hope and fear. These two balance our approach to any issue. However, the tilt in balance determines our personality. For one, hope gives impetus to do more and more to achieve our objective whereas fear reins in our action. On a mathematical model, both are the same emotion drifting on a graphical scale from one negative end (fear) to other positive end (hope). The transition is always there. Reacting to a specific impetus, the pointer on the graph oscillates. And some reactions are more in hope and some in fear. Every different situation elicits a different mix of concoction. Each one of us reacts differently.

Leadership develops with the will to win. Leadership comes by inspiration and ability to inspire others. When we stop thinking of the result and only focus on action that the will to lead develops. When we stop thinking of failures and concentrate on our strategy to counter it is when the mind opens to take the challenge. It is all in the mind.

Rotary gives a wonderful opportunity to step in the leadership zone. Sparkles of leadership are evident much before a person is donned the collar to lead the club. These positive energies are spotted and the baton is handed. Beginning is almost always shaky but is quickly overcome. Challenges are galore but then that is the fun. The joy to lead and unite to create a synergy in club. Arranging meetings, presiding over functions, creative ideas and most important of all empowering. To empower others is the crux of being a leader. The fear to be overcome must be overcome. Then only the true spirit of a leader unfolds. The leader is born.

Empowerment of team empowers the leader. It is then that the insurmountable is demolished. From a small community service to a large matching grant, all can be achieved by empowering the team. Leadership could then bask in glory of achievement. Enlightenment Personified!

One year passes by. Time to hand over the baton. To the new leader born, ready to be President next year. And this is where the fear kicks in. Fear to lose the glory built painstakingly over the year. Withdrawal symptoms appear when one steps down. Emotions take over reasoning and clouds logical thinking. But why should that happen?

It is logical after all that someone else steps in. And change is always for the better. The new term begins. Club moves ahead to next term. The cycle starts all over again. Team 103, then 104 and so on. As many leaders born in the club strengthen it to take bigger challenges.

The lesson learnt is clear : **Change is Permanent.**
And the way ahead is: **Empower the Change.**



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-PP Arvind Kumar

Club Meetings of August

Tree Plantation Project at Vesu Panchayat School - 5th Aug.

Our commitment towards our environment "Green Surat", and strengthening our bonds with the village school at Vesu took further "roots" with our tree plantation drive along the boundary wall of the school.

It was a pleasure to see some of us who are late risers, especially on a Sunday, turn up at 8:30 am on the 5th August 2007. The ground work had been meticulously done by the community



The Rivesiders going the GREEN - Way

affairs director PP Rtn Jugal Shinglot. The entire strip along the boundary wall had been cleared of bushes and 200 saplings were ready to be planted for TEAM-103 of RSR. The ball was sent rolling by the Guest of Honour for the day the conservator of Forest, Surat Range, Shri R.J. Asari (IFS) who planted the first sapling.

The Riversiders soon joined in and were ably assisted by Annes, Annets and IYE students. We were highly inspired by the presence of veteran Rtn Tarun Dave (RC Udhna) and ADG Rtn. Sanjay Gajiwala. Our task of course was made easier by the excellent preparatory work done earlier and all of us then joined the Principal of the school Smt. Champaben Patel for a befitting breakfast of *Bhajiya* and *Chai*. It being the first Sunday of August, our club celebrated the World Friendship Day by tying friendship bands on the wrists of all IYE annets.

A good piece of work done along with an enjoyable fellowship. Keep it up RSR. Visit <http://www.rotarysuratriverside.org/gallery/index.php?cat=8> to view more images of RSR (past and current) Tree Plantations.

-Report by PP Rtn Dr. Ajay Bhardwaj

Welcome to Inbound & Farewell to Outbound IYE students - 7th Aug.

August is the month where we welcome the long-term inbound IYE students as well as bid farewell to our children who are going for the exchange program.

After the formal welcome by the President Sanjay, the ball was set rolling by District IYE co-coordinator and our own PP



Traditional Welcome to Inbound IYE Students by First Lady Ann. Preeti



**President & First Lady
Wishing the best to
Outbound IYE Students**

Divyang Parikh. He called upon one by one all the seven inbound students of Surat area to introduce themselves. Culture shock was clearly seen on their faces but they were happy to be here and said few words about their experiences so far.

Traditional welcome was done by first lady Ann. Preeti with garlands.

Then it was time to bid farewell to the outbound IYE students sponsored by our club. Annet Parita Vashi who had to leave in July was given personal farewell by

TEAM-103 at her home on 19th July.

Ms. Shruti Patel and Ms. Anvi Shah were given an emotional farewell with lots of nblessings. The girls showed little anxiety but were totally confident about their journey ahead for an year.

PP. Jugal gave the Vote of thanks. Also all Riversiders bid farewell to President Sanjay who had to go to China on Business Trip. Meeting was adjourned by Sgt. -at-arms.

Independence Day Quiz Competition - 14th Aug.

On the eve of 60th Independence of our beloved country, we Riversiders were all there to play a quiz competition. Of course the topic had to be "HISTORY- PRE and POST INDEPENDENCE" Rtn.Vitrag and Ann. Dimple were the Quiz masters.

All those who were present (more than 60 including anns and annets) were divided in 4 groups SARDAR, SUBHASH, TAGORE and TILAK. Each team had a group leader,

Sardar- Rtn. Rajesh Patel

Subhash- Ann. Sangita Acharya

Tagore- Rtn. Anand Acharya

Tilak- Ann. Rashika Bhardwaj

With stalwarts like Ann. Rashika, Ann. Rita Talwar, Rtn. Dr Kuldeep and Rtn. Amit, in the group TILAK, they were sure to win and literally dominated from the beginning and finished as the winners.

But what we really enjoyed was the way all the questions were formed and it was nice to recall the history of our country.

Undoubtedly, we cannot find better Quiz masters than Rtn. Vitrag and Ann. Dimple Shah. They were simply superb. Their thorough preparation for all the eight rounds which had visual clues too with rapid fire round made the Quiz very interesting.

Annet Janvi R. Shah recited a beautiful patriotic poem.



**Quiz Master
Rtn. Vitrag Shah**

Vote of Thanks was given by New Member Ravi Shah and also spontaneously sang a beautiful song which lifted up our patriotic spirit.
In all it was a wonderful eve spent with Riverside family.
Finally, it was time for National Anthem before the meeting was adjourned.

Fellowship with Games - 21st Aug.

There is nothing better than a good rotary fellowship meet...The first fellowship meet of our club was just that.

After dinner with lots of things to talk, our Rtn. Ashutosh Thakkar made everyone play games. As we all know he is very good at it and comes out with a lot of new and innovative games.

Everyone participated with great enthusiasm and made one of the most memorable evenings full of joy and laughter.

Also it was nice to see our President Sanjay back from his trip to China.



**Riversiders all engrossed
in the Game**

Cent Percent Attendance August Month

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Amit Adhiya | PP Jugal Shinglot |
| Asutosh Thakkar | Keyur Thakkar |
| PP Divyang Parikh | Rajat Vij |
| Garshil Lekhadia | Rajesh Jadav |
| Jatin Vaidya | Ravi Shah |
| PP Jayesh Dhamanwala | PP Siddharth Shah |

Appeal

Dear Fellow Rotarians,



As you all know we are gearing up for our annual trap to donate Blankets & Mosquito Nets along with other household utilities and clothes. You are requested to donate Cash for buying new blankets and footwear. The names of donors will be published in next issue of Riverside Ripples.

Please deposit your good condition old clothes at President Sanjay Pandya's residence at the earliest.

Polio Eradication

The case for finishing polio eradication Rotary International News

The global effort to eradicate polio has been a US\$5 billion initiative. Since 1988 it has reduced the number of polio-endemic countries to four and cleared 99 percent of the virus from the world. Rotary has led the way, with an investment of \$650 million by the time the world is certified polio-free.



Yet the goal of polio eradication remains elusive, with four countries still polio-endemic. In recent years, some in the scientific community have raised a difficult question: Can the world eradicate polio, or should we try to contain it?

According to an article by Harvard researchers, controlling the disease would be far more costly than eradicating it. The developing world can save more than \$1 billion a year by eradicating, while switching to a control strategy would condemn 10 million children to polio over the next 40 years alone.

International News

John Kenny, of the Rotary Club of Grangemouth, Central, Scotland, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2009-10. He will become the president-nominee on 1 December if there are no challenging candidates.

Kenny is a past dean of his local law faculty, a judge, and a notary.

He is active in scouting and earned the Medal of Merit for helping form new scout groups in Eastern Europe. An elder of the Church of Scotland, he's served as session clerk and presbytery elder. Kenny was also appointed deputy lieutenant of his district by Queen Elizabeth II. He is a past president of both the Forth Valley Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Federation of Scottish Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is also past general legal counsel of Jaycees International.

A Rotarian since 1970, Kenny served Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland as president and vice president. He has served RI as director, executive committee chair, Rotary Foundation trustee, institute moderator, district governor, convention vice chair and group leader, president's representative, and committee member and chair. He's been a delegate, member at large, and parliamentarian at several Councils on Legislation.

Kenny is a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation and a Bequest Society member and has received the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award.



**John Kenny is choice
for year 2009-10
R.I. President**



Birthdays

| | | | |
|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 03rd September | Annet Tarit Vepari | 10th September | Rtn. Sunil Kapadia |
| 03rd September | Annet Vrindar Banker | 11th September | Ann Reeta Shah |
| 04th September | Ann Alpa Vaidya | 11th September | Ann Tejal Shukla |
| 06th September | Annet Aakar Thakkar | 13th September | Annet Kesha Shinglot |
| 07th September | Rtn. Dharmesh Shah | 14th September | Annet Ekta Rajesh Jadav |
| 07th September | Rtn. Saifuddin Doola | 17th September | Ann Ami Adhiya |
| 09th September | Ann Neha Vepari | 17th September | Annet Mehlaam Doola |
| 09th September | Ann Pinky Jariwala | 17th September | Annet Neha Dhamanwala |
| 09th September | Annet Jhanvi Banker | 24th September | Rtn. Ajay Bhardwaj |
| 09th September | Rtn. Jatin (Joy) Vaidya | 25th September | Rtn. Rajan Talwar |
| 10th September | Rtn. Bankim Vashi | 26th September | Ann Damyanti |



Anniversary

15th September Ghanshyam-Rekha Patel

Get Well Soon

Our very own dear Rtn JPS Grover has not been keeping well. He is out of hospital and is presently in Delhi for further treatment. All Riversiders please wish for his well being and a speedy recovery.

Our sweet annet Richa Jugal Shinglot had met with an accident which resulted in fractured bones. She is ailing fast. Riverside Ripples joins everybody in wishing her a speedy recovery.

You Said It

From: **Ashok panjwani** <panjwani.ashok@gmail.com>
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Dear Pres Sanjay Pandya & Bulletin Editor PP Siddharth Shah,

Many thanks for sending me your club bulletin RIVERSIDE RIPPLES.

Please accept my heartiest congratulations for bringing out such an excellent bulletin under the able editorship of PP Siddharth Shah.

Please keep up the good work. I await further issues of bulletin as and when it is published.

With good wishes,

Ashok Panjwani

Forthcoming District Events

1) **Event** : Polio & Membership Development

Date and Venue : 16th Sept. 2007, Sunday at
Amalsad, Shree Andheshwar
Mahadev Temple Complex.

Time : 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Event Hosted by : Rotary Club of Gandevi

2) **Event** : TRF Seminar & Zonal Talent Search

Date and Venue : 30th Sept. 2007, Sunday at
Taj Gateway, Surat.

Time : 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Event Hosted by : Rotary Club of Surat West

Think a while

The Japanese have always loved fresh fish. But the water close to Japan has not held many fish for decades. So to feed the Japanese population, fishing boats got bigger and went farther than ever. The farther the fishermen went, the longer he took to bring the fish. If the return trip took more time, the fish were not fresh. To solve this problem, fish companies installed freezers on their boats. They would catch the fish and freeze them at sea. Freezers allowed the boats to go farther and stay longer. However, the Japanese could taste the difference between fresh and frozen fish. And they did not like the taste of frozen fish. The frozen fish brought a lower price. So, fishing companies installed fish tanks. They would catch the fish and stuff them in the tanks, fin to fin. After a little thrashing around, they were tired, dull and lost their fresh-fish taste. The fishing industry faced an impending crisis! But today, they get fresh-tasting fish to Japan.

How did they manage? To keep the fish tasting fresh, the Japanese companies still put the fish in the tanks, but with a small shark. The fish are challenged and hence are constantly on the move. The challenge they face keeps them alive and fresh!

Have you realized that some of us are also living in a pond but most of the time tired and dull? Basically in our lives, sharks are new challenges to keep us active. If you are steadily conquering challenges, you are happy. Your challenges keep you energized. Don't create success and revel in it in a state of inertia. You have the resources, skills and abilities to make a difference. Put a shark in your tank and see how far you can really go!

Laughter Counter

READ HER SENSE OF HUMOR . . . N NJOY



A "Mallu" female (from the heart of Kerala) Went for a job interview for the post of a SECRETARY. When the manager saw the Mallu's colourful attire and gold and well oiled uncombed jet black hair, His mind was screaming "NOT THIS WOMAN." Nevertheless, he still had to entertain the Mallu. So he told her "If you could form a sentence using the words that I give you, then may be I will give you a chance." The words are GREEN, PINK, YELLOW, BLUE, WHITE, PURPLE and BLACK." The enthusiastic Mallu lady thought for a while and said: "I hear the phone GREEN GREEN GREEN, then I go and PINK up the phone, I say YELLOW.....BLUE's that? WHITE did you say? Aiye, Wrong number..... Don't PURPLELY disturb people and don't call BLACK, ok? Thankyou." The Manager fainted...

-Contributed by Rtn Dharmesh Shah

THE FIRST ROTARY MEETING



This beautiful painting is an artist's imagination captured on canvas of how founder of Rotary Paul Harris held the first meeting.

Paul's idea was that businessmen could get together periodically in a spirit of camaraderie to enjoy each other's company and enlarge their circle of business and professional acquaintances.

Talking it over with three of his clients - Silvester Schiele, a coal merchant, Gustavus Loehr, a mining engineer and Hiram Shorey, a merchant tailor, he conceived the idea of organising a club which came into being on 23rd February 1905 when they met in GUS LOEHR'S OFFICE ROOM AT 711, IN THE UNITY BUILDING which still exists at 127, North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois U.S.A.



Meetings in September



PHILANTHROPY IN THE DANGS - 1st & 2nd September, Sat-Sun

The yearly trip to Mahal, Dangs to donate blankets, mosquito nets, used clothes etc. for the tribal people. Members are urged to donate generously in cash or kind before 30th August.

Kindly confirm your donations as well as seats for making better arrangements. Special attraction: Camp Fire & Nature Walk



IYE Presentation

11th September, Tuesday - 8:30 pm at Dr. Bhacca Rotary Hall



Presentation by our annets who have recently come back from the IYE program -
Vrundar Banker, Shivani Pandya and Nitigya Pachisiya

Speaker meet - "Humour in Life"

18th September, Tuesday - 8:30 pm at Dr. Bhacca Rotary Hall

Rtn. Amulak Savani from neighbouring club
R. C. of Surat East has accepted our
invitation to be our Guest Speaker.
The Topic is "Humour in Life."



Joint Meeting - Cricket Quiz

27th September, Thursday 8:00 pm at K.B.Marfatia Hall



Joint Meeting with RC Udhna and RC Surat Round Town
The agenda is to test everybody's Cricketing knowledge.
Each Club will be represented by their
respective teams to play a Cricket Quiz.