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# Riverside Ripples



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## ROTARY SURAT RIVERSIDE (RSR)

Club No. 31734 Charter Date : 26-06-1996 R. I. Dist. 3060

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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### SANTA CLAUS'S JINGLING VISIT TO RSR

Christmas though being the biggest Christian festival and mostly celebrated in the Western countries, it is now celebrated with equal zest in other parts of the world including India. The birth of Jesus Christ is observed on every 25th of December and folks exchange Christmas greetings with their friends and relatives far away. Saint Nicholas, better known as Santa Claus is a favourite icon among children as they wait for their stockings to be filled with sweets & gifts by him on the night before Christmas.

December being the Rotary Family Month, our club too decided to make merriment with family as children had holidays in school. President Amit Adhiya took the initiative and organised a fun-filled get together on Tuesday the 29th Dec. with a dress code of Red. President Elect Neena Sinha & other Anns decorated the Jeevanbharti Hall with balloons & ribbons. A beautiful Christmas Tree (courtesy PP Mukund Jariwala) with wreath, bright red bubbles, festoons & bells just gave the right festive touch to the decor. Soothing X'mas Carols being played with a changed menu of Sandwiches & Pizzas spread a very pleasant aura in the air. Cold Cocoa sponsored by Rtn Divyesh Gandhi served the purpose of dessert.



SANTA CLAUS DISTRIBUTING SWEETS & TOYS  
CHILDREN DANCING THE CHRISTMAS POLKA

After President Amit briefed everybody about the Cricket Match and the District Indoor Sports results, Annets Neha Dhamanwala & Dhvani Jariwala took over the stage. Together with PE Neena, the game masters made all members, anns & annets play various games. President (DJ) Amit kept everybody's feet tapping on bollywood hits when suddenly Sanjay Vijay dressed as Santa Claus appeared on the scene with his characteristic Ho..Ho..Ho. Children gathered around Santa Dada and followed him all over the place as he distributed gifts, sweets & toys from his big red bag. Then Santa Claus cut the plum Christmas Cake which everybody savoured.

Dance, music & masti continued till the last annet held the centre stage on the floor. The excellent signature family-fellowship of RSR witnessed presence of many members after a long time. Everybody dispersed after exchanging New Year wishes in advance.

## YAARANA CUP - RSR'S WINNING STREAK IN THE QUARTER FINAL

After getting a wonderful hospitality on the earlier night by the host club Rotary Club of Rajkot Mid-town, team RSR was charged up for the big quarter final with the well matched host team on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December. The day started on the wonderful lush green ground of SNK International School, Rajkot (one of the best grounds seen in Rotary matches). The host won the toss and elected to bat, a stunning catch by keeper Sunil off Joy's out going delivery dismissed the danger man Sameer on a single digit score. Best fielding was done by Jayesh & the ball too knew always where he was standing. Few good wickets in quick successions by Asutosh, helped tab the run rate of the host. Substitute Bankim did a great job too. As for the opponents, wonderful cricketing sense shown by captain Dinesh, Hemal and Naresh helped them reach a respectable score of 181. Wonderful bowling performance by Ashutosh and Rajesh Maroo dismissed the opponents with 3 balls to spare in the 30 over side.



CAPTAIN RAJU HITTING A STRAIGHT DRIVE

With runs needed at 6 per over, RSR was fully concentrated and not in a hurry to finish the game. But the fall of openers Sunil and Joy sure created a bit of tensions to the captain. Ashu played his bit but could not optimise it at the right time and gave way to Ravi. In fact RSR is now longing to see Sunil, Asutosh & Joy play a good long innings. Captain Raju told me to pad up in the 6<sup>th</sup> over, just in case of a quick fall of wicket. But luckily it was not needed by the wonderful partnerships that followed. Ravi's game was different then what RSR sees and the application was great with lots of patience. But sixes cannot stay away from his bat and so do boundaries. Dhruv too played a waiting game and hit some great boundaries and a wonderful six. Both did a great job without worrying of the run rate and stuck on to the crease, saving the wickets. Raju gave the match his much needed captain's knock with playing to the merits of the game. With the field spread all over, Divyesh Butti (a-la-Md Kaif) with Raju kept the score board ticking with single and much needed boundaries. Patience paid and things were going bright when we lost Butti, who was replaced by versatile Siddharth. His knock of 14 in 9 balls and Raju's 34 in 22 balls brought RSR to a great patient victory with 2 balls to spare.

Last 5 overs were running neck to neck, but application at field and cheering up and boosting by the scorer Bankim and Pres. Amit helped the players on field to apply themselves full heartedly. But the cheering could've been even more if more members had travelled to Rajkot with the team. Request all to be with the team when we play our semi final match. One small request to the captain from my side.... Please tell me to pad up from the first ball so that we can win with 2 overs to spare and not just 2 balls.

The match was sure a great fellowship with the spirit of the same and rotary ethics in focus. Team RSR is eagerly waiting for the semi-finals and to give in its best.

-Report by Rtn Mihir Shukla

### SCOREBOARD

ROTARY RAJKOT MIDTOWN				ROTARY SURAT RIVERSIDE			
Dinesh	lbw	b. Asutosh	51 (60)	Sunil	c. Dinesh	b. Amit	11 (19)
Sameer	c. Sunil	b. Joy	8 (18)	Joy	c. Diensh	b. Amit	6 (08)
Dipak	run out (Butti)		0 (11)	Asutosh		b. Hemal	14 (19)
Bharat	c. Siddharth	b. Raju	18 (26)	Ravi		b. Sameer	24 (34)
Amit	lbw	b. Asutosh	6 (07)	Dhruv	lbw	b. Dipak	18 (37)
Hemal	st. Joy	b. Maroo	32 (28)	Butti		b. Sameer	23 (30)
Raju	run out (Dhruv)		2 (02)	Raju	N.O.		34 (22)
Naresh	lbw	b. Maroo	35 (29)	Siddharth	N.O.		14 (09)
Bhavesh		b. Asutosh	0 (01)	Mihir	DNB		
Vimesh		b. Asutosh	3 (06)	Maroo	DNB		
Jignesh	N.O.		1 (01)	Jayesh	DNB		
Extras (b3, lb5, nb2, wd15)			25	Extras (b5, lb6, nb2, wd25)			38
Total (in 29.3 overs, All Out)			181	Total (in 29.4 overs, for 6 wickets)			182

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S JANUARY MESSAGE

January is the month the Romans associated with their two-headed god Janus: one head looking backward to the year that has just passed, and the other looking forward to the year ahead.

In Rotary, January is the halfway point of our year of service, and it is also a time for us all to look at both the past and the future. It is the time of year to take stock, to review the goals that we have set for ourselves, and to evaluate how well we have fulfilled those expectations. It is a time to look honestly at our progress and our challenges and to consider the steps we will need to take to complete our planned service successfully.

I am sure there is much you can be proud of achieving in the last six months. In my travels, I have already seen how much Rotarians can accomplish when they are determined to do so. You have helped bring safe, pure water to those who lacked it, provided food and shelter to those who needed it, and assisted in the educations of those who could not read or write. You have promoted the ideal of service within a context of fellowship, friendship, and high ethical standards.

Rotarians are able to make changes that will shape the course not only of the months but of the years and decades that lie ahead. This is our privilege. It is also our duty as Rotarians – as caring members of society who are in the fortunate position of being able to help those living in conditions we can barely imagine.

So there is much to be done these next months. Do not waste a moment of that most precious commodity: time.

We are all volunteers serving in a volunteer organization. None of us was compelled to become a Rotarian; each of us chose, and was chosen, to become a member. Every year, every day, each of us chooses to continue the task we have begun, and to continue to put Service Above Self. It is not always the easy path, but I know it is the right one.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the Rotary service you have given, the service you are giving, and the service I know you will continue to give in the future.

The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands.  
John Kenny  
President, Rotary International

### RSR FAMILY NEWS

Ann Sejal and Rtn Tejash Barfiwala have been blessed with a baby girl on 12th October 2009. We welcome the new arrival - Annet Dhriti Barfiwala into RSR family.



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### DISTRICT INDOOR SPORTS

The District Indoor Sports event was held on 26-27 December 2009 at the Surat Tennis Club, Athwalines. As usual, Riversiders represented our club in most of games and came out with sparkling results.

**Tennis Singles:** 1st- Sameer Shroff (Surat West)  
2nd- Jayesh Dhamanwala (RSR)

**Carom Singles:** 1st- Dilip Patel (Vapi Riverside)  
2nd- Raju Mehta (Surat Riverside)

**Carom Doubles:** 1st- Raju Mehta/Siddharth Lakhotia (RSR)  
2nd- Dilip Patel/Hiren Madia (RVR)

**Snooker:** 1st- Sameer Shroff (Surat West)  
2nd- Siddharth Lakhotia (RSR)

**Table Tennis:** 1st- Sameer Shroff (Surat West)  
2nd- Miheer Thakkar (Surat East)

**Badminton:** 1st- Naresh Mandlewala (Udhna)  
2nd- Tapan Bhatt (Baroda Airport)

**Chess:** 1st- Chintan Shah Baroda Airport  
2nd- Kishor Kheni (Surat East)

**Volleyball:** 1st- Udhna  
2nd- Surat West

Other players who represented RSR were: Dhruv Trivedi (Badminton), Mukund Jariwala (Tennis), Divyesh Gandhi / Sujal Maniar (Table Tennis), Asutosh Thakkar (Carom-Semifinal). RSR missed its star players of TT - Mdyen Lokhandwala and Dr. Ajay Bhardwaj

## LAUGHTER CORNER

### Hearing problem... a short story

A man feared his wife wasn't hearing as well as she used to and he thought she might need a hearing aid. Not quite sure how to approach her, he called the family Doctor to discuss the problem. The Doctor told him there is a simple informal test the husband could perform to give the Doctor a better idea about her hearing loss.

Here's what you do," said the Doctor, "stand about 40 feet away from her, and in a normal conversational speaking tone see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet, and so on until you get a response.

"That evening, the wife is in the kitchen cooking dinner, and he was in the den. He says to himself, "I'm about 40 feet away, let's see what happens." then in a normal tone he asks, "Honey, what's for dinner?" No response. So the husband moves to closer to the kitchen, about 30 feet from his wife and repeats, "Honey, what's for dinner?"

Still no response. Next he moves into the dining room where he is about 20 feet from his wife and asks, Honey, what's for dinner?" Again he gets no response so; He walks up to the kitchen door, about 10 feet away. "Honey, what's for dinner?" Again there is no response. So he walks right up behind her.

"Honey, what's for dinner?" ; ; ; ; "James, for the FIFTH time I've said, CHICKEN!"

Moral of the story:

The problem may not be with the other one as we always think, could be very much within us..!

-Contributed by Dharmesh Shah

## UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

### DISTRICT CONFERENCE

DATE: 29-30-31 January 2010  
DAY: Friday-Saturday-Sunday  
VENUE: Daman Ganga Valley Resorts, Silvassa  
HOST: RC of Surat East, Vapi, Dhule Cross Rd & Rajkot.  
ENTERTAINERS: Pankaj Udhas (29th) & Udit Narayan (30th)  
SPOT REGISTRATION: 1700 (s) & 2700 (c)

## CLUB GREETINGS

### BIRTHDAYS

01-Jan	Janak Pandya	98241 49498
04-Jan	Hiren Vepari	98241 03900
06-Jan	Manisha Gondalia	99133 55000
07-Jan	Sp.Kamlesh Bachkaniwala	98240 53066
15-Jan	Jayesh Dhamanwala	98251 11799



### ANNIVERSARIES

01-Jan	Jasbinder & Kawaljeet Kaur	98241 49498
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## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

### AG VISIT (CLUB ASSEMBLY)

Date: 05-01-10 (Tuesday)  
Time: 8:30 pm  
Venue: Rotary Hall,  
Jeevanbharti

Our half yearly Club Assembly is scheduled this Tuesday. Assistant Governor Sachin Shah will take account of the activities done so far and guide us on the path for future plans of the club. This is a 'members only' meeting so spouses please excuse us.

### MUSICAL EVENING

Date: 09-01-10 (Saturday)  
Time: 8:30 pm  
Venue: Bhatia Farm House,  
(Rtn. Haresh Mahadevwala)

Live music by Ami Orchestra will help bring out the singer inside you. Please rush your entries to Ann Ami on 9879113545 (first come first preference in case of coinciding songs). To conclude the show well in time, we're allowing maximum 1 Solo & 1 Duet song per member.

### SPEAKER MEETING

Date: 12-01-10 (Tuesday)  
Time: 8:30 pm  
Venue: Rotary Hall,  
Jeevanbharti School

Mr. Ramesh Shah (Ohio, US) who has over 3 decades experience in Global Marketing and Global Entrepreneurship will be amongst us to share his knowledge with Dr. Sunita Didi Chandak of SEARI. Request everybody to remain present in large numbers.