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ACTIVITY OF THE MONTH



Ortho-surgeries and Jaipur Foot Project

We meet every Thursday at 6.15 p.m.
at Matunga Gymkhana, Matunga, Mumbai 400 019
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- Emerald Shipping Services P. Ltd.
- Esquire Timber
- Esvee Industries
- Excellent Marine Services Pvt. Ltd.
- Fixo Lite Industries
- Goodwill Group
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- Jaljyot Offshore Supply & Services
- Jayvin Vora Construction Pvt. Ltd.
- Kad Systems
- Klean Environmental Consultants (P) Ltd.
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Meetings and Activities of the Month

Ortho-surgeries and Jaipur Foot Project



Continuing our initiative under the Matching Grant Project, our club organised Ortho-surgeries at K.E.M. Hospital and Parel Hospital during the month. These surgeries were carried on different dates during the month considering the convenience of both the doctors and the patients as well as availability of the operation theatres and the medical staff.

The Rotary International, considering the importance of the project and its progress so far, has been kind enough to grant an extension to the project till June end of this year and also agreed to include Parel Hospital in the list of hospitals where the ortho-surgeries can be carried out.

The club also provided Jaipur Feet to a number of amputees at the Mahavir Vikalang Sahyata Samitee Centre at Parel. Some crutches were also given.

The project leader, Dinesh is confident of utilising all the funds allocated for this project within the stipulated time.



Rtn. PP Dinesh Shah informing members on the progress of the Matching Grant Project

Thursday, 3rd March 2011

Budget Highlights

C. N. Vaze

Immediately following the presentation of the Union Budget by the Hon'ble Finance Minister, Mr. Pranab Mukherjee we had Mr. Vaze explaining the finer points of the same.



He informed the audience that the budget did not have any major changes like introduction of GST etc. He also explained the changes in the corporate and personal taxation rules and benefits. His very knowledgeable and studied presentation kept the audience engrossed. He was introduced by Vishnu Dingwaney and thanked by P.N.S. Sivan.



President Dr. Natarajan receiving Rotary Flag from a visiting Rotarian from USA

Thursday, 10th March 2011

Effect of Budget on Investments

Ganesh Shanbhag

Following the presentation on budget highlights in the previous week, we had Mr. Ganesh Shanbhag

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addressing on the subject of "Effect of Budget on Investments".

While opening his address, he talked about the budget intricacies, small prints in the budget and later delved upon the implications of budget on the investments and how the budget provisions can be effectively used in

increasing the returns on the investments in stocks, bonds and mutual funds.

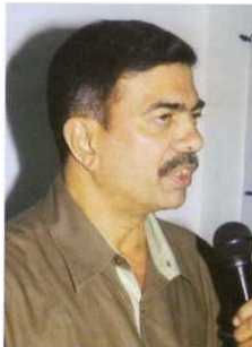
While explaining the reasons for sector specific movements of the stocks, he gave insights on some of the stocks which have capacity to move upwards during the year to follow.

Mr. Ganesh Shanbhag was introduced by our Ganesh and thanked by Sunil More.

Thursday, 17th March 2011

Cyber Crime

Mr. Ravindra Bhide



In today's world the sphere of crime is not limited to real world where a person can harm you physically and financially, but has spread into the virtual world through the advancement of internet technology and misuse of the same by the unscrupulous elements in the society.

The wily criminals of the present era are invisible and engaged in stealing your money and even identity causing great stress and fear in the people whose accounts are attacked.

Mr. Ravindra Bhide, an erstwhile officer of the Cyber Crime Branch of the Mumbai Police and now a Cyber Crime Consultant, had all the rotarians spell bound with his stories and anecdotes about the modus operandi of the criminals which is primarily targetted at the human instinct of greed and getting easy money. He emphasised that there is no free lunch available anywhere and people should not fall a prey to the schemes of these tricksters.

He was introduced by Satish and thanked by Samvar.

Thursday, 24th March 2011

Pre - OCV Club Assembly

We had our Pre - OCV Club assembly under the able guidance of our Assistant Governor Ms. Neena Kalra.

Hon. club secretary Ganesh Shanbhag briefed the AG of the various activities undertaken by the club during the club as well as explained to her the preparations made for the official club visit of the District Governor Rtn. Dr. Jayant Kulkarni.

AG Neena Kalra praised the report prepared by the club for the OCV, enquired about some of the initiatives and guided the club by making some suggestions.

Condolences



Smt. Tanima Dey, beloved mother of our PP Rtn. Gautam Dey left for her heavenly abode on Saturday, 26th March 2011.

We share the grief of our dear Gautam, Anuradha and his family and pray to the almighty that her soul may rest in peace.

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Thursday, 31st March 2011

Automobile Emissions: Health hazards and control strategies in India

Dr. Bina Wani

This scientist from BARC made a powerpoint presentation with facts and figures to drive home the point that in Mumbai we have some of the highest levels of pollution.



The audience was surprised to know that the levels of pollution in some parts of the city were extremely high and dangerous for the health of the population.

She felt there was urgent need for NGOs like us to join forces to bring about radical and sometimes unpalatable rules and regulations to tackle this menace.

She was introduced by Ashwinkumar Shetty and thanked by P. N. S. Sivan.

Musings

As we rush through life!

In Washington, DC, at a Metro Station, on a cold January morning in 2007, this man with a violin played six Bach pieces for about 45 minutes.

During that time, approximately 2,000 people went through the station, most of them on their way to work.

After 3 minutes: The violinist received his first dollar. A woman threw money in the hat and, without stopping, continued to walk.

At 6 minutes: A young man leaned against the wall to listen to him, then looked at his watch and started to walk again.

At 45 minutes: The musician played continuously. Only 6 people stopped and listened for a short while. About 20 gave money but continued to walk at their normal pace. The man collected a total of \$32.

After 1 hour: He finished playing and silence took over. No one noticed and no one applauded. There was no recognition at all.

No one knew this, but the violinist was Joshua Bell, one of the greatest musicians

in the world. He played one of the most intricate pieces ever written, with a violin worth \$3.5 million dollars. Two days before, Joshua Bell sold-out a theater in Boston where the seats averaged \$100 each to sit and listen to him play the same music.

This is a true story. Joshua Bell, playing incognito in the D.C. Metro Station, was organized by the Washington Post as part of a social experiment about perception, taste and people's priorities.

This experiment raised several questions:

1. In a common-place environment, at an inconvenient or inappropriate hour, do we perceive beauty?
2. If so, do we stop to appreciate it?
3. Do we recognize talent in an unexpected context?

Learning: If we do not have a moment to stop and listen to one of the best musicians in the world, playing some of the finest music ever written, with one of the most beautiful instruments ever made... how many other things are we missing as we rush through life?

Contributed by PP Satish Kulkarni



Mark Your Diary

Thursday 7th April 2011

Official Club Visit of the District Governor
Dr. Jayant Kulkarni

Thursday 14th April 2011

No Meeting

Thursday 21st April 2011

Mr. Jaigopal Shukla on "Unlearning -
The Japanese Way of Management".

Thursday 28th April 2011

Dr. Vasumati Divekar on "The Sentinels of
Surgery - The Anaesthetists".

Joke of the Month



Service above Self!

A Rotarian and his friends were in a bar, when they found that one customer, who was over drunk, after settling his bill, stood up to leave and fell flat on his face. He tried to stand one more time; but could not stand properly and was falling down.

Our Rotarian and his friends decided to help him. With great difficulty, they found his home address from him, got him in the car and virtually carried him to his house and pressed the calling bell. A lady opened the door.

She introduced herself as the wife. Our Rotarians explained the whole thing and handed over her husband to her. She thanked them profusely and enquired, "What happened to his wheel chair?"



Many Happy Returns!



Birthdays

Rtns

Ramesh Tandon	April 4
Ashok G. Puranik	13
Rupal Dhaval Mehta	17
Bala Krishnan Dever	18

R/Anns

Veena Ganesh Shanbhag	2
Leena Amarendra Mulay	24

Children

Kaushalya A. Shetty	2
Poulomi B. Damany	2
Hiren P. Chande	6
Manasi A. Vora	7
Darius R. Surti	25
Misty Inderpal Singh Plaha	27
Viraj K. Shah	30

Wedding Anniversaries

Girish - Vaijayanti Jawle	4
Bharat - Saroj Damany	25
Ramesh - Sangeeta Tandon	25
Vijay - Nita Mody	25
Ashwin - Mamatha Shetty	28
Pritam - Nirmala Lalwani	28
Bala - Kavita Dever	29
Lalitkumar - Richa Chadha	29

Our '100 Percenters' during February 2011

Arulprakash K.	Rohinton Surti
Balakrishna Dever	Dr. S Natarajan
Bharat Damany	Samvar Mavani
Ganesh N. Shanbhag	Satish Kulkarni
Mahadev K. Kulkarni	Suhas Masurkar
Mahendra Chheda	Sunil More
P. N. S. Sivan	Vijay Mody
Pratap Chande	

We would like to see your name in the '100 Percenters' list and request you to sign the attendance register as well as mention in case you have done 'Make Up' elsewhere.

Our apologies if your name is missing from the above though you have attended all meetings or made up for the same. Let us know and we will correct the error.

Natarajan's Notes



Dear Rotarians

It is that time of the year of the calendar which all Rotarians eagerly await, the Official Club Visit of the DG!

Our entire team has prepared itself for this august event and I am glad each and every one of our Club has contributed time and energy towards this event.

I am very glad to say that this year too we have applied for the District Grant for the solar project, which will provide electricity to several villages.

I also plan to garner attention towards menace of diabetes and its impact on the society. The loss to society because of its ill effects on vision of the earning segment of society is enormous. After the impact of the Rotarians' crusade against Polio, I hope to make a beginning with the crusade against diabetes and diabetes related vision loss.

The District Leadership seminar which will be held at the Rotary Centre, Malad on Sunday, April 3, 2011 from 9.00 am to 1 pm promises to be very interesting and I would exhort you all to definitely attend.

I will be keenly looking forward to meeting you all on the 7th of April, the Official Club Visit of the District Governor Dr. Jayant Kulkarni.

We will certainly be celebrating the victory of the Indian Cricket team at the world cup finals. So make it to the OCV to join us in raising a toast to our national team.

Rtn. Dr. S. Natarajan

"To be able to suffer pain and to refrain from inflicting it on other beings form the substance of penance".

Tirukkural: 261 Chapter 27



Patient operated on left leg at Parel Hospital



Jaipur Foot patients at the Mahavir Vikalang Sahyata Samiti

Rotary Information

Dignitaries in Rotary

Following international dignitaries have been active or honorary Rotarians.



1. Neil Armstrong, First man to walk on the Moon, USA (RC Wapakoneta, Ohio).
2. Asgeir Asgeirson, President Iceland (RC Reykjavik)
3. Eusebio Aylala, President Paraguay (RC Asuncion)
4. Fernando Terry, president, Peru (RC Lima)
5. Frank Borman, Astronaut, USA (RC Space Center, Houston, Texas)
6. Sir Winston Churchill, Prime Minister, England (RC London; RC Wanstead & Woodford)
7. Max Cointreau, owner of Cointreau liquor enterprises, France (RC Paris)
8. Michel Debre, Prime Minister, France (RC Amboise)
9. Walt Disney, Animation Filmmaker, USA (RC Palm Springs, California)
10. Thomas Edison, Inventor, USA (RC Orange, NJ)
11. Sir Hudson Fysh, founder, Qantas, Australia (RC Sydney)
12. King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden (RC Stockholm).
13. Warren Harding, President, USA (RC Washington, DC)
14. Sir Edmund Hillary, Explorer and Mountaineer, New Zealand (RC Auckland)
15. John F. Kennedy, President, USA (RC Hyannis, MA)
16. Abdulla Khalil, Prime Minister, Sudan (RC Khartoum)
17. Chung Yul Kim, Prime Minister, Korea (RC Hanyang)
18. Churci Kouatly, President, Syria (RC Damascus)
19. Thomas Mann, Novelist and Noble Prize laureate in literature, Germany (RC Munich)
20. Guglielmo Marconi, Inventor and Noble prize laureate in physics, Italy (RC Bologna)
21. Raul Sapena Pastor, Prime Minister, Paraguay (RC Asuncion; past RI District Governor)
22. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh (RC Edinburgh, Scotland; King's Lynn and Windsor & Eton, England)
23. Prince Rainier III of Monaco (RC Monaco)
24. Franklin D. Roosevelt, President, USA (RC Albany, NY)
25. Walter Scheel, president, Germany (RC Bonn)
26. Albert Schweitzer, Physician, Philosopher & Noble laureate, Gabon (RC Colmar, France; Passau, Germany)
27. Prince Tsuneyoshi Takeda of Japan (RC Tokyo-North)
28. Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister, England (RC Westminster East, Greater London)
29. Claude Vuitton, owner of Vuitton luggage enterprise, France (RC Paris Nord)
30. Chia-kan Yen, President, Rep. of China-Taiwan (RC Taipei)

Ashwinkumar Shetty

The list is a selective sampling and by no means complete.

Editorial



Hold my hand please

The day after we had our Club's Board of Directors Meeting last Thursday at the Matunga Gymkhana, I had to visit our Dr. Tushar. The visit was not for fellowship but for medical help as I had a nasty fall in the compound of our building while returning from the BOD, resulting in breaking one and shaking some of my teeth.

Some of my friends in Rotary blamed me for my not having had any spirits and being sober on the day. But that's another story!

While sitting horizontally, with great difficulty as one would in a dentist's chair, I wondered about the advancements in technology as Dr. Tushar worked with his deft hands on my broken teeth plastering and bringing it back to its original shape and colour with some ceramic powder.

While sitting in his waiting room before the treatment, I happened to read an apt story pasted on his bulletin board. This story was of a little girl, who was crossing a bridge with her father. Her father was kind of scared so he asked his little daughter, "Sweetheart, please hold my hand so that you don't fall into the river." The little girl said, "No, Dad. You hold my hand."

"What's the difference?" asked the puzzled father. "There's a big difference," replied the little girl.

"If I hold your hand and something happens to me, chances are that I may let your hand go. But if you hold my hand, I know for sure that no matter what happens, you will never let go of my hand."

How I wished, somebody was holding my hand that day when I fell down.

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