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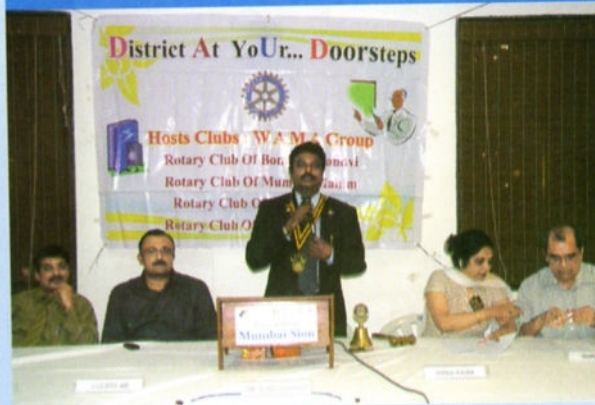


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Ray Klinginsmith	Dr. Jayant Kulkarni	Dr. S. Natarajan

ACTIVITY OF THE MONTH



DAUD - District at your doorstep

We meet every Thursday at 6.15 p.m.
at Matunga Gymkhana, Matunga, Mumbai 400 019
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- Esvee Industries
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Meetings and Activities of the Month

Thursday, 11th November 2010

Know Your Rotarian

Rtn. Omprakash Balkrishna Kothari



Soft spoken barely audible but members in the audience strained their ears to listen to his "Straight from the Heart" talk. A journey which began with his birth in Jaisalmer (Rajasthan) his education in Chennai and business in Mumbai and Dubai has now brought him to Rotary Club of Mumbai Sion. Omi

as he is known to close friends is in the business of readymade Garments and operates out of his office at Dadar. Lives at Mahim with wife, son and daughter-in-law. His only daughter is now settled in USA and has recently delivered a baby. He is a trustee of S.C.S. Kothari Trust based in Kilpank Chennai which educates young women to start their own enterprise in fields such as fashion designing, Beautician course etc.

My Experiences as a RYE Outbound Student

R/Child Shreyas Masurkar

He was the surprise package of the evening. His effort in preparing the talk and the PowerPoint could be seen and heard as he covered every aspect of his trip to Brazil.

Though initially he gave his preferences as USA and Europe in his RYE application form, he has no regrets now as his stay in Brazil has changed his life. He spoke affectionately about his three (3) host families and about his struggle coping in local



school where the language was not Greek but sounded like Latin. He impressed the members with his frank replies to all the questions asked.

Thursday, 18th November 2010

Right to Information Act

Mr. Gaurang Vora



Mr. Gaurang Vora spoke on the RTI. It was very heartening to come across a sincere, hardworking, down-to-earth and practical activist. His feet were firmly grounded on mother earth. Although he has even spent 2 days in jail for having sung the national anthem (construed as disturbing the peace) in some non-cooperative government officials cabin,

he is not bitter and disgusted with the system. He still has hope and appealed to all the members attending his talk to not lose hope but keep trying and only then would things improve. He had taken the trouble of bringing to the meeting xerox copies of his compilation of information on the RTI, which even included many FAQs on the subject which were distributed free to all the members attending.

Tuesday, 23 November 2010

DAUD - District at your Doorstep

Rtn. Neena Kalra, Rtn. Sarath Ail and Rtn. Dr. Laxmikant (Lucky) Kasat

We had the District at your Doorstep programme on TRF and Future Vision Plan with over 54 Rotarians attending. The district officers were Rtn. Neena Kalra, Rtn. Sarath Ail and Rtn. Dr. Laxmikant (Lucky) Kasat conducting the whole show.

As we were the hosts, Pres. Natarajan called the meeting to order and after the preliminary announcements handed the meeting over to Rtn. Neena Kalra.

Meetings and Activities of the Month



She introduced the first speaker Rtn. Sarath Ail. Sarath made his powerpoint presentation and explained the activities of the Rotary Foundation in detail. In the questions which followed he fielded all the questions except the ones on Polio as he explained the expert and



next speaker Dr. Kasat would attend to them in his presentation.

After Neena introduced Dr. Kasat we had a passionate and information filled presentation by Dr. Lucky Kasat. The talk by Dr. Lucky Kasat was very aptly summed up

by our PP Lalit Chadha when he said "I rank this talk as one of the very best that I have ever heard in Rotary". It was a pleasant surprise to find out that Lalit contributed to TRF a tidy sum of 10,000 US dollars during late PDG Jagdish Khanna's year as DG. He is a 7 times PHF and his wife and 2 sons are also PHFs. The appeal by Dr. Kasat was made from the heart and all those who attended will never forget "Those of us who are doctors may get



a chance to save a life (during the course of our work) but those of us who are not doctors can avail of this chance to save a life only by contributing to TRF and participating in the NID programmes". Another important point made by Dr. Lucky Kasat was that the Polio virus had

been attacked by all the efforts until now and 99% success had been achieved. But he warned that if efforts are not made to tackle the balance 1% then all the previous efforts would come to naught.

Dist 3140 Inter-Club Cricket Tournament

The first match of the year 2010-11 was played at Bhiwandi between Thane Hills and Joint team of Airport and Mumbai Sion on 27 November 2010.

The beginning was very auspicious with breaking of the traditional coconut and then distribution of barfi. As our star player Mukesh Kothari was indisposed the Sion contingent had to include even cheerleader Satish in the team. The Sion contingent comprised Dhaval Mehta (Capt.), Vijay Mody, Tushar Shinde, P.N.S. Sivan, Manish Chheda and Satish.

Dhaval won the toss and elected to field. The Thane Hills team whose average age must be 35 put up a good score of 141 in the 20 allotted overs. We, in our reply, could score only 80 in the 20 overs allotted to us.

The highlight of the match was Sivan and Vijay who were the last pair and had decided not to loose their wickets. It was a treat to watch the last 3 overs as the Thane Hills bowlers tried their best to dislodge this rock solid pair but all in vain.

The only silver lining to the game was our Dhaval getting the man-of-the-match award for his 3 wickets and 16 runs.

Our 100 Percenters

Our '100 Percenters' during November 2010

Capt. Anil Gupta
Arulprakash
Balakrishna Dever
Dinesh C. Shah
Ganesh N. Shanbhag
Mahadev K. Kulkarni
Mahendra Chheda
Manish Chheda
Narendra Valia
P. N. S. Sivan
Dr. S. Natarajan
Satish Kulkarni
Sharad Shah
Suhas Masurkar
Vijay Mody

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Poem

Twilight Savages



When scuffling becomes the way of life,

When scrutiny is the behaviour of your wife,

When it turns out to be only scribble as you write,

It is sign, you have become a useless scum.

Whenever your scud becomes a wobble,

Whenever shrill and scant are the neighbours,

Whenever your thoughts become scatterbrained,

It is sign, you have become a useless scum.

When you forget people by their first name,

When you talk about the past again and again,

When and if you are skeptical about your achievements,

It is sign, you have become a useless scum.

And if you find your old scabbard too heavy,

And if your sword works like a scalpel,

And if you hear normal talk like a saxophone,

It is sign, you have become a useless scum.

Also if today your children go out of the way to show love,

Also if they ask you about whether you have made a will,

Also if they hesitate to rush you to hospital when very ill,

It is sign, you have become a useless scum.

- Amar Mulay

Mark Your Diary

Thursday, 3rd February 2011

PP Rtn Sunil More on "Fun with Illusions"

Thursday, 10th February 2011

Samson Sequeira - Marathon Training for Every Indian

Thursday, 17th February 2011

Sebastian Audureau on "Strategic management for Non Profit Organisations"

Thursday, 24th February 2011

Smt Meenakshi Balasubramanian on "Rehabilitation of the Disabled"

Joke of the Month

Time to go Home!

During fellowship, a Rotarian kept looking in his pocket, cringing and then taking another drink. He gulps down, looks in his pocket again, cringes and takes another one.

This goes on.

Finally another Rotarian, bursting with curiosity, says, "Yaar, I know it's none of my business, but I have to ask. Why do you look in your pocket and cringe before taking another drink?"

"Well," slurred the Rotarian, "There's a picture of my wife in my pocket. When she starts looking good, then it's time for me to go home."



Many Happy Returns!



Birthdays

Rtns

Jaywant K. Shah	Feb. 9
Kishore D. Jobalia	19
Capt. Anil K. Gupta	26

R/Anns

Anuradha Gautam Dey	10
Radha Sivan	15
Deena Mukesh Kothari	17

Children

Vinit V. Mody	3
Sangeeta P. Lalwani	5
Narendra A. Puranik	8
Kartikeya B. Damany	9
Suraj B. Dever	10
Jayneel J. Vora	11
Akshay L. Chadha	12
Chintami V. Kale	14
Yasmin R. Surti	25

Wedding Anniversaries

Kishore - Sudha Jobalia	20
Tushar - Roopali Shinde	21

Our '100 Percenters' during January 2011

Arulprakash K.	Pritam Lalwani
Ashwinkumar Shetty	Rohinton Surti
Balakrishna Dever	Dr. S. Natarajan
Dr. Bharat Damany	Samvar Mavani
Dinesh C. Shah	Satish Kulkarni
Ganesh N. Shanbhag	Sharad Shah
Mahadev K. Kulkarni	Suhas Masurkar
Mahendra Chheda	Sunil More
P. N. S. Sivan	Vijay Mody
Pratap Chande	Vishnu Dingwaney
Prem Aurora	

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Natarajan's Notes



My Dear Rotarians

It is my honour and privilege to present before you yet another issue of our club's newsletter.

Selfless service alone gives the needed strength and courage to awaken the sleeping humanity in one's heart." Sathya Sai Baba

Rotarians have put Service Above Self for more than a century. Through the Avenue of Community Service, we have given back to our communities in a whole hearted manner. In my view this is a trait that sets Rotary apart from so many other organisations. From Polio eradication, water harvesting to education of underprivileged children Rotarians have touched hearts wherever they have gone.

During the service month, our club has decided to do cataract surgeries for about 50-75 patients. I am proud of our club for engaging in the mission of providing vision to the underprivileged & needy. Some of our members have already benevolently started donating on their kith and kin's birthdays for cataract surgeries. That is the spirit of our service. Looking forward to a wonderful Rotary Service Week, commencing from 28th November 2010.

Our club has planned a mega eye donation awareness rally on 19th December 2010 replete with stars to showcase the event. I request all of you to attend with your family members and make it a grand success.

We are entering the month of Christmas and New Year Eve! I take this opportunity to wish all the members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Warm regards

Rtn. Dr. S. Natarajan

"In life, nothing is as worthwhile as
The public esteem arising out of charity"

Thirukkural: 231 Chapter 24



The village 'Akhada' recognizing the support of the Rotary Clubs



DG Jayant, Rotarians and villagers under the Solar Street Light

Rotary Information

Rotary Coordinators

The purpose of Rotary Coordinators is to provide enhanced information and assistance from RI to the clubs and districts. They are to serve as trainers, motivators, coaches, counselors, and resource persons for the club and district leaders in their assigned regions. They also are to be available for assistance at Rotary Institutes, GETS, and other Zone-level meetings. They are to assist in promoting and implementing the RI Strategic Plan.



Rotary Coordinators are to be trained and knowledgeable in all aspects of RI, and they are to perform the following functions through the planning and conducting of District and Regional seminars and workshops with the assistance and support of District leaders:

- 1) Inform and motivate Rotarians about RI programs
- 2) Improve both clubs and districts by the sharing of best practices and other practical information and motivation for club and district leadership
- 3) Produce membership growth through stronger and more effective clubs
- 4) Promote the RI Strategic Plan
- 5) Promote the RI Convention
- 6) Serve as a member of the GETS training team when invited by the GETS convener

RI has appointed PDG Ulhas Kolhatkar (Dist 3140) as Rotary Co-ordinator (2011-13).

Resource Groups

A resource group is an action group of Rotarians, appointed by the RI President, that carries out specific activities to help clubs and districts achieve their service and operational objectives. There are 2 categories of Resource groups:

- 1) Service-focused groups, which help clubs and districts address specific issues and humanitarian concerns
- 2) Operational groups, which help clubs and districts operate more effectively in areas such as membership development and public relations.

Resource groups are expected to

- 1) Provide information
- 2) Offer specific and practical ideas
- 3) Make presentations at club and district meetings
- 4) Conduct workshops and seminars
- 5) Facilitate the activities of relevant Rotarian Action Group
- 6) Report their activities to the RI President

Ashwinkumar Shetty

Editorial

Us and the USA



Friends, I am in the USA for the past 5 weeks and when I look back at my 5 weeks stay here, I understand their way of life a bit better.

As you all know, apart from few cities like New York, America does not have an intrinsic public transport system. So unlike Europe, you get stranded at home unless you have an international driving license and possess the knack of driving in the wrong lane!

So the next best thing to spend your time is to watch TV. And the best channels I watched during these days were channels like 'The Court of Judge Judy', which gave me an insight into how the Americans think.

I would like to cite one case in particular, where a person who borrowed his friend's car and banged it, emphasized that he was not responsible for the damages! He was brought to Judge Judy's Court by his friend, who was owner of the car! In India, we would normally not ask our friend to pay for the damages though out of guilt, mostly, he would insist on paying.

We revere our friendships here in India and thinking about friendships, I must confess that I have already started missing you all a lot!

So I am looking forward to returning to India and be with you all by the time this Bulletin is in your hands!

See you soon!

Sunil More

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