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ACTIVITY OF THE MONTH



Eye Donation Awareness Rally

We meet every Thursday at 6.15 p.m.
at Matunga Gymkhana, Matunga, Mumbai 400 019
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- Esquire Timber
- Esvee Industries
- Excellent Marine Services Pvt. Ltd.
- Fixo Lite Industries
- Goodwill Group
- In-Coach Builders (Bus and Coach Builders)
- Jaljyot Offshore Supply & Services
- Jayvin Vora Construction Pvt. Ltd.
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Meetings and Activities of the Month

Thursday, 2nd December 2010

During the Rotary Service Week, our Club organised an Eye Screening and Cataract Surgery Camp at the Aditya Jyot Eye Hospital from 2nd to 4th December 2010 under the guidance of our Pres. Dr. S. Natarajan.



More than 50 patients attended the camp and 42 surgeries were conducted till date.

The cataract surgeries will be continued in the new year and should soon reach the target of 80 set for this project.

Thursday, 2nd December 2010

Discourse on Ethics

H. H. Swami Atmananda Saraswati

The District, under the leadership of Avenue Chairman Dr. Surendra Manjrekar, had arranged the discourse on ethics by H. H. Swami Atmananda Saraswati at IES School Auditorium, Bandra.

This learned leader spoke on the need for ethics in the modern day. He explained that ethics means morality. Philosophers and thinkers deal with moral philosophy, and it involves systematizing, defending and recommending concepts of right and wrong behaviour.

This meeting was a joint meeting and our club was one of the co-hosts for this meeting.

Thursday, 9th December 2010

Parent - Child Relationship

Rtn. Vishnu Dingwaney

PP Vishnu spoke on Parent - Child Relationship and how the same can be nurtured and enhanced. Samvar with the youngest children in the Club was the most attentive and proposed the vote of thanks after extensive question - answer session.



Thursday, 16th December 2010

Annual General Body Meeting

The AGM was attended by a good number of members where the team for 2011-12 was declared elected. Members congratulated Pres.-Elect Sivan and his team. Pres. Dr. Natarajan took stock of the activities conducted until now and spoke about future programmes.

Sunday, 19th December 2010

Eye Donation Awareness Rally

Our Club, in association with 5 other Rotary clubs of Seacoast, Worli, Thane Hills, Uptown and Borivali organized an impressive rally to raise awareness on eye donation and blindness prevention. The rally held on 19th December 2010 morning, from Sion Circle to King Circle, Matunga. was flagged off by Dr Deepak Sawant, Hon'ble MLC, Govt of Maharashtra, and DG Dr Jayant Kulkarni.

Dr. Sawant appealed for supporting the cause and donating eyes after death. Our President, Dr. Natarajan, who is also the managing trustee of Aditya Jyot Foundation for Twinkling Little Eyes, appealed to people, particularly those living in slums, to make use of the free eye care services available in Dharavi, run by the Foundation.

DG Dr. Jayant Kulkarni shared the fact that Rotary Cubs are the pioneers in eye care services all

Meetings and Activities of the Month



over the World and are well known for the polio eradication campaign, water and sanitation projects in India and in the World.

Several voluntary organizations and schools also participated with the band played by Amulakh Amichand School children. The rally was also attended by film stars Mr. Akshay Oberoi and Ms. Sangeeta Dhar from the film 'Isi Life Mein'. Nearly 1,000 people participated in the rally.

Thursday, 23rd December 2010

Experience of US visit

R/Ann. Mamatha Shetty

R/Ann. Mamatha Shetty, who recently visited USA with the principal and 3 students of Bombay Scottish School on an exchange programme, spoke on her experience of the visit.



She talked about the educational systems existing in the US as compared to those prevailing in our country. Being a very good teacher, she explained the subtle differences in the systems and advantages of the same. She was all praise for the choices available to the children studying in the US.

She was introduced by Rtn. Dr. Ketna and vote of thanks was proposed by Rtn. Shashi.

Thursday, 30th December 2010

New Year Eve Bash

Rotarians, their families and friends had a great time at the New Year Eve Bash thanks to Bala and his team. Some snippets of the evening



Kudoes

Dr. Natarajan felicitated

On 5th December 2010, our President, Dr. S. Natarajan, received Dr. F. P. Antia Oration Award for his immense contribution in the field of Ophthalmology.



This Award is given by the Mumbai branch of the Indian Medical Association to a prominent medical specialist with laudable contributions in that particular field. This year Dr. Natarajan was the privileged one to get the award.

Dr. S Natarajan was also bestowed with the Late Dr. Sandeep Wagh Memorial Award for his splendid contributions in the field Ophthalmology on 5th September 2010.

Akash Khetwani

Master Akash Khetwani, grandson of our Radhakishinjee was selected to participate at the national level MaRRS International Spelling Bee 2010 competition held in Maharashtra and at Science City, Kolkata. He also came 3rd in the 3rd Junior Mumbai Upnagar Throw Ball Championship 2010-11.



Musings

ORDER! ORDER! to Guzaarish

What are we Indian audiences being subjected to by the entertainment industry these days? On the one hand, Rakhi Sawant is driving someone to death in a crass manner; and Sanjay Leela Bhansali endorses death in a sophisticated style!



Instead, if you watch the classic old movie 'The Miracle Man' inspired by the true story of Morris Goodman, who became a quadriplegic due to a flying accident but his will power, spirit and rehabilitation enables him to leave the hospital on his own legs. Morris' body was totally broken and all he could do was blink his eyes, once for yes and twice for no.

But Morris Goodman had his brain and Morris knew that "Man becomes what he thinks about." In short, human potential is tremendous, each one of us has the capacity to convert adversities into opportunities.

There is the classic case of Stephen Hawking the renowned physicist, who has a debilitating disability, motor neurone disease. If his parents had undergone amniocentesis (to detect any abnormalities in the womb) and aborted him, imagine what a big loss it would have been to this universe.

My own spinal injury, due to an accident, did not stop me from achieving my doctorate. Disability does not mean life comes to a stop. Every crisis is potentially a stimulus to the positive side of one's personality; it's an opportunity to start afresh.

We truly wish that Mr Sanjay Leela Bhansali had avoided the misleading copy in their advertisements and promotions.... 'Come fall in love with life....' However, the movie is not celebrating life, but ending a celebrated life!

Dr Ketna Mehta,
Founder, Nina Foundation

Mark Your Diary

Thursday, 6th January 2011

Mr. Sachin Kulkarni - Solar Project

Thursday, 13th January 2011

Mr. Sunil More - Fun with Illusions

Thursday, 17th January 2011

DAUD - District at Ur Doorstep

Thursday, 20th January 2011

Cancelled due to District at your Doorstep

Thursday, 27th January 2011

Ms. Minoo Jokhi - Mathemagic Show and Memory Development Seminar

Joke of the Month

Thank you Rotary!



During an 'Eye Camp' organized by a Rotary Club, a doctor was examining and testing eyes of a patient, who asked, "Doctor, will I be able to read after wearing glasses?"

"Yes, of course" said the doctor, "Why not!"

"Oh! How nice it would be," said the patient with joy. "I have been illiterate for so long!"

Many Happy Returns!



Birthdays

Rtns

Arjun Dingrani Jan. 1

R/Anns

Hansa Narendra Valia 6
Shailaja Sharad Khire 6

Children

Shalini R. Khetwani 2
Namrata S. Kulkarni 9
Mira K. Jobalia 10
Aditi D. Shah 12
Namrata K. Jobalia 13
Mayank Omprakash Kothari 25
Aditya A. Gupta 31

Wedding Anniversaries

Amarendra - Leena Mulay 5
Radhakishin - Jyoti Khetwani 16
Sharad - Shailaja Khire 28

Our '100 Percenters' during December 2010

Capt. A. K. Gupta	Omprakash Kothari
Arjun Dingrani	P. N. S. Sivan
Arulprakash	Pratap Chande
Balakrishna Dever	Prem Aurora
Dr. Bharat Damany	Rohinton Surti
Dinesh C. Shah	Dr. S. Natarajan
Ganesh N. Shanbhag	Satish Kulkarni
Mahadev K. Kulkarni	Suhas Masurkar
Mahendra Chheda	Sunil More
Narendra Valia	

Rtn. Rohinton Surti was also a 100 percenter in November 2010.

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



My Dear Rotarians

Hello and warm greetings for the New Year!

It has been unusually cold in Mumbai this month and I am sure all of us are enjoying this weather with the chance to don our woollens. The New Year is upon us and brings with it the promise of things to come.

We have had a good 2010 with excellent programs and enthusiastic participation from our members. The camaraderie and bonding has been tremendous and portrays a great beginning for the years to come. I would like to urge you all to keep your spirits flying high. I believe and live by these words - Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery and today is a present. Enjoy it!

Dr APJ Abdul Kalam says "I like waves not because they rise but because every time they fall, they rise again."

Let us resolve to continue our spirit of service with a touch of forgiveness, benevolence and abundant love. Our possessions are not earthly but only the blessings and good wishes of the people whose lives we have touched and transformed.

I once again quote Tiruvalluvar, the poet saint from Tamil Nadu...

*"What more does a man require than virtue,
which ends the cycle of births,*

*And also confers contentment through wealth
and fame."*

Wish You all a very Happy New Year !!

Warm regards

Rtn. Dr. S. Natarajan

"Just like the earth, which supports the men who dig it, Men of virtue bear with those who heap scorn on them."

Thirukkural: 141 Chapter 16



The rally moving from Sion Circle to Arora Cinema



Rotarians at the rally



Pres. Dr. Natarajan with actors, Ms. Sandeepa & Akshay



Amulakh Amichand School Band added colour to the rally

Rotary Information

DID YOU KNOW?

- **The significance of 23rd February -**

It is the anniversary of Rotary's birth. It is also observed as "World Understanding and Peace Day".



- **The General Secretary of Rotary International and Rotary Foundation is the same person -**

Edwin H. Futa, East Honolulu, Hawai, U.S.A. His contract is till 2011.

- **The official magazine of Rotary International - "The Rotarian."**

Rotary News (English) and Rotary Samachar (Hindi) are the local Rotary magazines for India. It is mandatory to subscribe to any one of them.

- **The officers of any Rotary Club -**

President, President Elect, Immediate Past President, Vice President/s, Treasurer and Sergeant-at-Arms.

- **The Quorum required for Annual Meeting (to be held before 31st Dec) & regular meeting of the Club -**

1/3rd of the total membership.

- **The voting strength necessary to pass an amendment to Club Bye Laws -**

2/3rd of all members present provided Quorum is present.

- **A member must**

(1) Attend or make up at least 50 percent of Club regular meetings in each half of the year.

(2) Attend or make up at least 30 percent of Club's regular meetings in each half of the year.

- **Club Assemblies should be held once in two months (recommended 6 in a year) and**

Board of Directors - once in a month. A majority of the directors shall constitute a Quorum of the Board.

Ashwinkumar Shetty

Editorial

Welcome 2011!



The year 2011 is a very special year as Vijaybhai informs through the first SMS I received on the eve of the New Year, the highlights being the recurrence of '1' during the year. See for yourself. The year starts with 1.1.11, followed by 11.1.11, then 1.11.11 and finally, 11.11.11!

Perhaps this SMS triggered gray cells in the brains of some more Rotarians, who sent some interesting SMSes! And what could be a better way than to share some of these beautiful messages with you all to wish you a Happy New Year! There were many, but the following two are the gems!

Bharat was spiritual in his message and said, *'keep the smile, leave the tear, think of joy, forget the fear, hold the laugh and leave pain.'*

Our own Mukesh was unusually philosophical when he in his message wrote,

*Nothing changes really except for the date.
And yet, we are convinced that
this is an opportune time to restart our lives.
If that is really so, then nothing changes,
except the change we ourselves cause.
May, the year, 2011 be a year where
each of us makes things change - for the better.*

How true! We make so many promises to ourselves on the New Year Eve, only to forget them a few days later. If only we could change ourselves! The world will be so different.

Can we all change ourselves this year?

On this note, I wish you all 'A very happy, healthy and successful year.'

Sunil More
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