



R.I. Dist. 3140



# Sion Fort

Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Mumbai Sion

Vol. XXXVII No. 8 Service Above Self Mar. 3, 2011

<b>R.I. President</b>	<b>District Governor</b>	<b>Club President</b>
Ray Klinginsmith	Dr. Jayant Kulkarni	Dr. S. Natarajan

## ACTIVITY OF THE MONTH



### Solar Electricity Project at Karoli village

We meet every Thursday at 6.15 p.m.  
at Matunga Gymkhana, Matunga, Mumbai 400 019  
[www.rotarysion.org](http://www.rotarysion.org)

For private circulation only

## Acknowledgements

- 199 Architectural Consultants
- Aditya Jyot Eye Hospital P. Ltd.
- Aurora Engineering Company
- A. V. Shetty & Associates
- Best Wishes from Rtn. Gautam Dey
- Bharat Shah and Associates
- Centerprise Tech (India) Pvt. Ltd.
- Classic Polymers & Resins
- Dynawall Conveying & Elevating Co. P. Ltd.
- Emerald Shipping Services P. Ltd.
- 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.
- Kad Systems
- Klean Environmental Consultants (P) Ltd.
- Mayurpankh Estate Pvt. Ltd.
- Mediaman Infotech Pvt. Ltd.
- Mosil Lubricants P. Ltd.
- Parkar Arts
- Power & Control Transformer India Pvt. Ltd.
- Sintbush (India) Pvt. Ltd.
- Sunanda Speciality Coatings P. Ltd.
- Surti Enterprises
- Swati Construction Co.
- Vijay Mody & Associates
- Vejay Electronic Corporation

## Meetings and Activities of the Month

Thursday, 3rd February 2011

Fun with Illusions

PP Rtn Sunil More



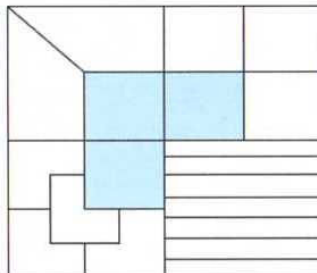
Vice President Samvar wishes PP Ashok while PP Sunil watches

PP. Sunil More, our Past President was again at his best, encouraging participation of members to bring out our natural attitudes.

In a very humorous manner he brought out how our brain works on pre-conceived opinions – attitude.

Very often brain is called 'Black Box' which stores past information. The logic of the past then gets applied for the next situation which often is different and our reaction misleads.

In a very simple manner, he involved us in dividing the squares in 2, 3, 4 and then 7 equal parts. It was a very interesting experiment which brought out our own limitations.



Very aptly summed up,

*'I was born intelligent but education spoiled me'*

Reported by PP Ashok Puranik

Thursday, 10th February 2011

Marathon Training for Every Indian

Samson Sequeira

Marathon running is not difficult, if one trains oneself through a scientific training programme to increase physical strength and stamina, informed Mr. Samson Sequeira in his address to our members.



Making possible completion of half-marathon for 72 of his trainees in the recently held 'Mumbai Marathon' Mr. Sequeira highlighted importance of commitment, discipline as well as sporting attire and especially the running shoes.

Rtn. Samvar, who was trained under Mr. Sequeira, ran and completed the half-marathon introduced Mr Sequeira whereas Rtn. Nekzan thanked the speaker.

Saturday, 12th February 2011

Solar Electricity Project

One of the important projects of our Club, 'Providing electricity to tribal homes by solar energy' got underway on 12th February, 2011 when 56 homes and 4 street lights were electrified through solar energy in Karoli village in Thane district.



It was an heart warming experience for eight of our members who were present at the function of handing over the project to the villagers who were extremely happy to have 'Light' in their lives.

The villagers expressed their happiness and gratitude by a warm traditional welcome, entertainment programme and lunch.



## Meetings and Activities of the Month

**Saturday, 12th February 2011**

### Sion-Dharavi Schools Sports Meet

Our annual sports meet of Sion-Dharavi schools was held in gusto under the able leadership of Rtn. PP Ronnie, supported by many members and anns of our Club and ever enthusiastic Darius, son of Ronnie Surti.

More than 450 children from 13 schools participated in the meet. The overall boys trophy was won by Gurunanak school whereas the girls trophy was won jointly by Gurunanak school and Little Angels school.

The award ceremony of the meet was graced by DGE Vijay Jalan who presented the medals and trophies to the winners.

Snacks and cold drinks were provided to the children during the meet.



*Emkay and Vikassini looking on as Ronnie busy with lists*



*Girls running 100 meters*



*Winners of the girls trophy*



*Our Ronnie with Gurunanak school cadets at the sports meet*



*President Dr. Natarajan with Suhas, Sivan and Darius*



*DGE Vijay Jalan with Bala, Ganesh, Ronnie and winners of one of the heats*

## Meetings and Activities of the Month

**Thursday, 17th February 2011**

### **Strategic Management for Non Profit Organisations**

#### **Sebastian Audureau**

This young French management expert met some of us at Somata PHC (Primary Health Centre) on 8th January, 2011 during the preliminary check-up of patients for the Ulhasnagar Ortho-Surgery camp.



He was associated with the NGO, Impact India and was studying their management systems to fine tune the same. On our invitation, he spoke to our Club on 'Strategic Management for Non Profit Organizations'.

He presented his ideas with a well researched power point presentation highlighting various facets of management and how the management tools, used by the corporates, can be used by the non profit organizations to make them efficient and professional.

**Thursday, 24th February 2011**

### **Rehabilitation of the Disabled**

#### **Smt Meenakshi Balasubramanian**



Life Care for the Disabled is accepted Internationally as a matter of Human Right now and in India also, two Important legislations, viz. The Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 and the National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy,

Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999, have been passed, informed Smt. Meenakshi Balasubramanian of MBA Foundation.

MBA Foundation in its own Capacity, is helping

the mentally challenged people said Smt Meenakshi Balasubramanian adding that the foundation helps such people by providing Day care services as well as facilities for life care including accommodation, food, personal and medical care. The foundation also trains such people to make self sufficient and employable in some cases.

Consultancy services are also provided which include assessment, counselling, referrals, therapy and facilitation for training and open, self or group employment. In her endeavour, she is ably supported by her husband Mr. Balasubramanian and her son Sriram.

Club Secretary PP Rtn. Ganesh introduced Smt Meenakshi Balasubramanian and PP Rtn. Sivan proposed vote of thanks.

## Congratulations!

#### **P N S Sivan**



PP Sivan has been re-elected as President of the Powder Metallurgy Association of India for a period of 2 years.

#### **Atul Gupta**

Atul, son of Rtn. Captain A. K. Gupta has won scholarship to do his Doctoral Research on Environmental Resources at the Stanford University, USA.



#### **Aman Tandon**



Aman, son of Rtn. Ramesh Tandon, who is pursuing his 2nd year of Chemical Engineering studies at ICT (earlier known as University Deptt. of Chemical Technology),

has been awarded the prestigious 'Ratan Tata Scholarship' for the current year



## Mark Your Diary

### Thursday 3rd March 2011

Mr. C.N. Vaze - Budget Highlights

### Thursday 10th March 2011

Mr. Ganesh S. Shanbhag - Effect of Budget on Investments

### Thursday 17th March 2011

Mr. Jaigopal Shukla

### Thursday 24th March 2011

Club Assembly

### Thursday 31st March 2011

Dr. Bina Wani - Automobile emissions : Health hazards and control strategies in India

## Joke of the Month



Two Rotarians were playing golf.

There were two women playing ahead of them and playing very slowly. So one Rotarian asked the other to go and ask the women if they could play through.

"Why can't you?" asked the other. "Because one is my wife and the other is my mistress," replied the first one.



So the other one went to talk to the women and came back all red in the face.

"Small world!" he said.

## Many Happy Returns!



### Birthdays

#### Rtns

Pritam Lalwani	Mar. 1
Madhukar G. Karandikar	2
Premkumar R. Aurora	2
Dinesh C. Shah	28

#### R/Anns

Swati Suhas Masurkar	2
Nita Vijay Mody	5
Dr. Saroj Bharat Damany	10
Nirmala Pritam Lalwani	21

#### Children

Shreyas S. Masurkar	22
Amit D. Shah	24
Sumet R. Khetwani	27
Richa R. Khetwani	27
Tanushree T. Shinde	28

#### Wedding Anniversaries

Pratap - Jyoti Chande	7
Om - Madhushree Kothari	8

### Our '100 Percenters' during February 2011

A K Gupta	Prem Aurora
Arjun Dingrani	Pritam Lalwani
Arulprakash K.	Ramesh Tandon
Ashok Puranik	Rohinton Surti
Ashwinkumar Shetty	Dr. S Natarajan
Balakrishna Dever	Samvar Mavani
Dinesh C. Shah	Satish Kulkarni
Ganesh N. Shanbhag	Sharad Shah
Mahadev K. Kulkarni	Suhas Masurkar
Mahendra Chheda	Sunil More
Nekzan Wadia	Vijay Mody
P. N. S. Sivan	Vishnu Dingwaney
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!

I have been giving motivation talks from 2004 titled "-You can do it". In 2009, US President Barack Obama said - Yes We Can! Since 2010 Superstar Rajinikanth says, "You also can do it". Based on all these, I gave a talk at Welingkar Institute of Management about "Rajini and Leadership". IIM, Ahmedabad has also introduced a session on Rajini and Management.

"Lead Without a Title", was a workshop being conducted by Robin Sharma in Chennai & I decided to attend the same. Lead without a Title is the name of the latest book by Robin Sharma, the Internationally renowned leadership guru. During my interaction with Robin Sharma (also author: The Monk who sold his Ferrari), he was amazed to note that this is precisely what Rotarians around the world have been doing.

Working selflessly towards universal causes like providing drinking water supply, electricity, eradication of polio, we are the leaders without a title. Our service to humanity has changed the lives of many families.

I exhort the leader in each & every one of you to stand tall & be proud of what you have achieved as Rotarians. Giving more than what is expected of us gives the greatest happiness possible. Our club's projects include rural electrification, providing artificial limbs, providing drinking water supply & many such noble projects. Let us continue to keep up the spirit.

I would like to quote Swami Vivekananda. As per his teachings, "Serving man is serving God". I feel serving Rotary is also equal to that and I am proud to be a Rotarian.

**Rtn. Dr. S. Natarajan**

"The best of all possessions is the wealth of compassion."

Tirukkural: 241 Chapter 25



*Approaching Karoli village*



*Traditional welcome to Rotarians*



*The Solar Street Light*



*The Solar Light at home*



*The Solar Panels on the Roofs*



## Rotary Information

### DID YOU KNOW ????

Even though Paul Harris wrote in 1911 that "Rotary is entirely without precedent in the history of clubdom," he later learnt that his idea was not entirely original.



A social club based on a similar vocational classification system had been organized in London, England, 200 years before Rotary's foundation in 1905. It was also similar to the classification-based Junto, established in 18th century Philadelphia by U.S. scientist-philosopher Benjamin Franklin.

Paul Harris is buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery on the South Side of Chicago in the Morgan Park community. His headstone is beside that of Silvester Schiele, his close friend, one of the first four Rotarians and the first president of the Rotary Club of Chicago. Twenty-seven months after Paul's burial, in April 1949, his casket was dug up and moved from one side of his tombstone to the other. The reason is not known.

The "trophy" office of Paul Harris is located on the 16th floor of Rotary International World Headquarters. Furnishings, photos, and memorabilia are arranged almost exactly as they were in the founder's original office.

His desk, with inlaid wood of different kinds, was a gift from Australian Rotarians. You can also see a chessboard of butterfly wings, a Rotary flag flown by admiral Byrd over the South pole, medals of honor from various nations, and Paul's favorite quotation "He who has a thousand friends has not a friend to spare".

Ashwinkumar Shetty

## Editorial



### We must learn to count our blessings!

While most of us have a tendency of focusing on what we want instead of what we have, there is a large section of Indian population, which is deprived of even the basic needs like electricity and health services.

In January 2011, when we carried out our ortho-medical camp at Ulhasnagar, we observed the meager health services available to our rural population. In February 2011, we carried out our solar electricity project at a remote village Karoli, when we realised that a facility like electricity which we take for granted in cities, was a distant dream for our brethren just 150 kilometers away from Mumbai. These villagers had not seen electricity till we provided them with solar powered street lights and electricity sets for their homes.

Apart from health and electricity, this village was also deprived of a motorable road and the people had to walk up a mountain to catch a public transport to reach the nearby town to buy their rations and daily needs.

Luckily, we have all facilities and we must therefore change our ways of feeling happy. I feel each time we notice ourselves falling into the 'I wish life were different' trap, we should take a breath and remember all that we have to be grateful for and think of those who are living without these facilities.

If we do change our ways, our life will appear better than before.

Sunil More

Editor: Rtn. Sunil More

Publisher: Rotary Club of Mumbai Sion

C/o Aditya Jyot Eye Hospital Pvt. Ltd.,  
Maj. Parameshwaran Road, Wadala (W), Mumbai 400 031

Printer: Parkar Arts, Mumbai 400 031