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<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



**DG Dr. Jayant Kulkarni at the OCV**

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

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- Swati Construction Co.
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## Meetings and Activities of the Month

**Thursday 7th April 2011**

**Official Club Visit of the District Governor,  
Dr. Jayant Kulkarni**

DG Dr. Jayant visited our club on the occasion of the official club visit and held closed door meeting and President, Hon. Secretary and incoming President to discuss the affairs of the club and the future vision plan.

During his visit, he also met partners in service to know activities undertaken by them. He had interaction with members of our club. He expressed that, our club being one of the senior clubs of the district, should undertake larger projects and also



*Incoming President Rtn. Sivan proposing vote of thanks*

tap the funds through global grants. While praising the club, he also appealed to members to develop the future vision plan.

After incoming President Rtn. Sivan proposed vote of thanks, members and R/Anns had great fellowship during dinner.

**Thursday 21st April 2011**

**Stars in the Limelight**

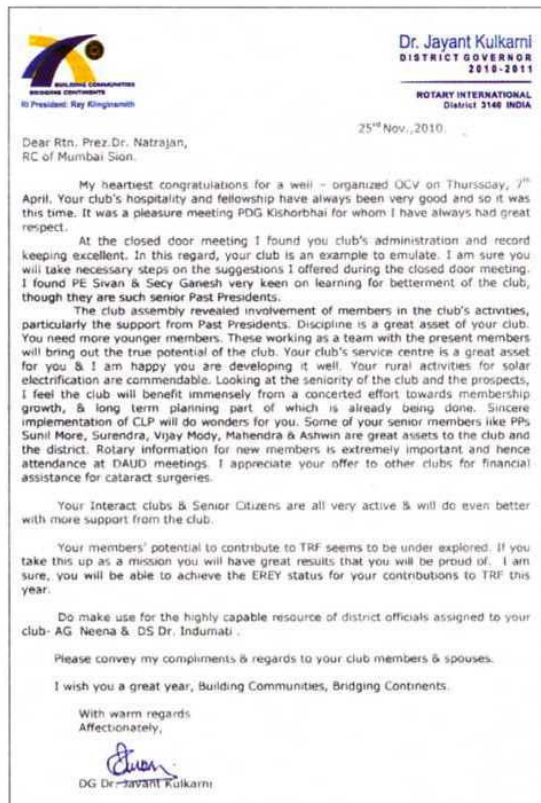
**Mr. Suhas Naiksatam**



*Rtn. Suhas Naiksatam taking members through the Universe*

The complexity of the solar system the galaxies and the Universe was the subject, Rtn. Suhas dealt with during his presentation on the Stars in the Limelight.

He first explained characteristics of the Sun and the various planets of the solar system. After introducing the solar system, he took the members on the journey of our galaxy and then through the Universe.



*Letter of appreciation received from DG Dr. Jayant Kulkarni*



## Meetings of the Month

There was an intense question-answer session when members wanted to learn about formation of the Universe, black holes, our civilization and possibilities of civilizations on other planets.

PP Sivan welcomed Rtn. Suhas and Rtn. Sunil proposed the vote of thanks.

**Thursday 28th April 2011**

**"The Sentinels of Surgery - The Anaesthetists"**

**Dr. Vasumati Divekar**

The presentation by Dr. Vasumati Divekar took members and R/Anns 2,500 years back when she surprised the audience with information that Anaesthesia was perhaps introduced to the world by India as documented in the medical opus 'Sushruta' of around 500 BC.



Through different photographs, Dr. Divekar chronicled the history and advancement of the science of Anaesthesia.

Amongst many captivating incidents, it was interesting to know that perhaps the first lady Anaesthetist of the world was Roopa Bai Ferdunji in 1889 at the Afzalganj Hospital, Hyderabad.

PP Satish welcomed Dr. Divekar while Rtn. Vikkasini proposed the vote of thanks.



*Our guest Dr. Radhika, who herself is an Anaesthetist, informing that Dr. Vasumati Divekar had been her external examiner*

## Musings

### Relationship - The Pillar of True Love

My husband is software engineer by profession, I love him for his steady nature and I love the warm feeling when I lean against his broad shoulders.

Two years of courtship and now, five years into marriage, I would have to admit, that I am getting tired of it. The reasons of me loving him before, have now transformed into the cause of all my restlessness.

I am a sentimental woman and extremely sensitive when it comes to a relationship and my feelings. I yearn for the romantic moments, like a little girl yearning for candy. My husband is my complete opposite; his lack of sensitivity, and the inability of bringing romantic moments into our marriage has disheartened me about love.

One day, I finally decided to tell him my decision, that I wanted divorce.

"Why?" he asked, shocked.

I am tired. There are no reasons for everything in the world! I answered.

He kept silent the whole night, seemingly in deep thought. My feeling of disappointment only increased. Here was a man who was not able to even express his predicament, so what else could I expect from him?

And finally he asked me; "What can I do to change your mind?"

Somebody said it right. It's hard to change a person's personality, and I guess, I have started losing faith in him.

Looking deep into his eyes I slowly answered: "Here is the question. If you can answer and convince my heart, I will change my mind.

Lets say, I want flowers located on the face of a mountain cliff and we both are sure that

picking the flower will cause your death. Will you do it for me?

He said: "I will give you your answer tomorrow."

My hopes just sank on listening to his response.

I woke up next morning to find him gone, and saw a piece of paper with his scratchy handwriting underneath a milk glass, on the dining table near the front door, that goes....

My dear, "I would not pick that flower for you, but please allow me to explain the reasons further.

This first line was already breaking my heart. I continued reading.

"When you use the computer you always mess up the software programs, and you cry in front of the screen. I have to save my fingers so that I can help you to restore the programs.

You always leave the house keys behind, thus I have to save my legs to rush home to open the door for you.

You love traveling but always lose your way in a new city. I have to save my eyes to show you the way.

You always have the cramps whenever your "good friend" approaches every month. I have to save my palms so that I can calm the cramps in your tummy.

You like to stay indoors and I worry that you will be infected by infantile autism. I have to save my mouth to tell you jokes and stories to cure your boredom.

You always stare at the computer and that is nothing good for your eyes. I have to save my eyes so that when we grow old, I can help to clip your nails and help to remove those annoying white hairs. So I can also hold your

hand while strolling down the beach, as you enjoy the sunshine and the beautiful sand and tell you the colour of flowers, just like the colour of the glow on your young face.

Thus, my dear, unless I am sure that there is someone who loves you more than I do, I could not pick that flower yet, and die."

My tears fell on the letter, and blurred the ink of his handwriting and as I continue on reading. "Now, that you have finished reading my answer, and if you are satisfied, please open the front door for I am standing outside bringing your favorite bread and fresh milk.

I rushed to pull open the door, and saw his anxious face, clutching tightly with his hands, the milk bottle and loaf of bread. Now I am very sure that no one will ever love me as much as he does, and I have decided to leave the flower alone.

That's Life and Love. When one is surrounded by love, the feeling of excitement fades away, and one tends to ignore the true love that lies in between the peace and dullness.

Love shows up in all forms; even in very small and cheeky forms. It has never been a model. It could be the dullest and most boring form.

Flowers and romantic moments are only used and appear on the surface of the relationship. Under all this, the pillar of true love stands and that's life.

## Condolences

Mrs. Komal Chheda daughter-in-law of Rtn. PP Mahendra left for her heavenly abode on Sunday, 10th April 2011.

We share the grief of our dear Mahendra, Niru, Ruchir and family and pray to the almighty that her soul may rest in peace.



## Mark Your Diary

### Thursday 5th May 2011

Vincent D'silva on "Business Etiquettes & Leadership Skills"

### Thursday 12th May 2011

Deep Kapadia – "Right to Education to Rotary to Education"

### Thursday 19th May 2011

Dinesh Jogani on "Ek Sham Shahiri ke naam"  
– Ladies Evening

### Thursday 26th May 2011

Jaigopal Shukla on "Process of Unlearning"

## Joke of the Month



After the District Conference in Europe, few Rotarians were returning back home by Train. One such family consisted of the Rotarian, his wife and two small kids of 6 yrs and 4 yrs old.

On arriving at the Station, the Rotarian, still having the hangover after the fellowship, went to the ticket counter, put his hand inside and told, "Give me 4 tickets, two large and two small!".

The clerk at the counter asked him, "Are you a Rotarian returning from the conference?". The Rotarian was surprised. "How did you find out?" he asked.

Smilingly, the clerk replied, "I am receiving lot of such requests today for such tickets!"



## Many Happy Returns!



### Birthdays

#### Rtns

Vinay M. Parekar	5
Vijay P. Mody	10
Dr. Amrut Vora	23
Ashwinkumar V. Shetty	25

#### R/Anns

Sudha Kishore Jobalia	1
Vaijayanti Girish Jawle	4
Niru Mahendra Chheda	25

#### Children

Amrita Parekh	3
Krishma K. Mody	7
Sameer S. Khire	7
Mitali M. Karandikar	9
Vineet J. Vora	10
Aditya R. Tandon	11
Spenishta N. Wadia	13
Sanjay P. Lalwani	16
Priya P. Lalwani	16
Vinit K. Shah	17
Sonal S. Shah	21
Prachi M. Kothari	25
Kavil M. Chheda	26

#### Wedding Anniversaries

Dr. Meena - Dr. Amrut Vora	6
Parul - Kamlesh Shah	12
Katy - Rohinton Surti	16
Nilima - Madhukar Karandikar	19
Anuradha - Gautam Dey	22
Anagha - Sunil More	23
Niru - Mahendra Chheda	25
Bharati - Sharad Shah	31

### Our '100 Percenters' during April 2011

Capt. Anil Gupta	Narendra Valia
Arjun Dingrani	Dr. S. Natarajan
Arulprakash K.	Pratap Chande
Ashok Puranik	P. N. S. Sivan
Balakrishnan Dever	Rohinton Surti
Dr. Bharat Damany	Samvar Mavani
Ganesh Shanbhag	Satish Kulkarni
Gautam Dey	Sharad Shah
Kamlesh Shah	Suhas Masurkar
Lalitkumar Chadha	Sunil More
Mahadev Kulkarni	Vijay Mody

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 has been a fantastic month with the Official Club Visit of the DG being a phenomenal success."

I quote from his official report.

"At the closed door meeting I found you club's administration and record keeping excellent. In this regard, your club is an example to emulate. I am sure you will take necessary steps on the suggestions I offered during the closed door meeting. The club assembly revealed involvement of members in the club's activities, particularly the support from the past presidents. Sincere implementation of CLP will do wonders for you. Your Interact clubs and senior citizens are also very active. Please convey my compliments and regards to your club members and spouses"

I congratulate each and every member for making OCV a grand success. I appeal to your charitable streak for the TRF contributions for the year as requested by the DG. Always remember, the joy of giving is the door to happiness for it allows one to help another to support a cause.

I have just returned from a trip to Israel for a 3 day International Retina meeting as an invited faculty by the University there. I was fortunate to visit Bethlehem and Jerusalem. I went to the Church of Nativity, the holy site of the Christians. In Jerusalem, I visited the Holy Wall of the Jews, walked the path by which Jesus was taken for his crucifixion and also the holy shrine of the Muslims. I visited the holocaust museum and came back deeply disturbed.

I am grateful for the times we live in and the resources we have at our disposal. I am filled with a renewed sense of purpose to serve the society that we live in.

**Rtn. Dr. S. Natarajan**

There is no pleasure, in this or in the other world, equal to the joy of being helpful to those around you.

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*President Dr. Natarajan welcoming DG Dr. Jayant Kulkarni*



*DG Dr. Jayant Kulkarni addressing Club members*



*DG Dr. Jayant Kulkarni addressing Club members*



*DG Dr. Jayant and Club members with Interactors*



## Rotary Information

### DID YOU KNOW????

When Rotarian in Walnut Creek, USA, found it difficult to attract young professionals to the area's morning and afternoon clubs, they set out to establish a new club that would accommodate busy, on-the-go schedules.



The Rotary Club of Diablo View (Walnut Creek), chartered in 2009, meets in a local brewery at 5.30 p.m. every Thursday. Club president Jennifer Beeman says the club sets aside time each week for socializing before turning to club business, and that the relaxed atmosphere appeals to younger members.

Beeman was only 24 years old when she became a charter member of the club, and she's now one of the youngest female club presidents in Rotary. The club has 26 members, 90% of them between the ages of 25 & 40.

"Because we have younger members, our attitude is different. People have told us how refreshing it is to have young faces behind Rotary," Beeman says.

She says the club carries out many projects in the community so that members have an opportunity to do hands-on service. Every month, for instance, it plans an outdoor project, such as cleaning up nature trails. Younger Rotarians usually have more time than cash at their disposal, she says, so they contribute by volunteering.

The club recruits new members through social media like Twitter and Facebook, and has a mentoring program to help retention. New members are assigned a mentor, who spends extra time with them outside regular meetings.

"The modifications we've made have helped our club appeal to younger professionals and retain them," Beeman says. "They've created a high-energy club."

Beeman says clubs must be willing to make a few changes to attract younger members. Here are some examples of what other clubs are doing :

- The Rotary Club of Crawley, Western Australia, Australia, started a mentoring program that helps new members transition into the club. The club's average is now in the 30s.
- The Rotary Club of Bricktown Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, USA, meets in a tavern. First-time guests are treated to two free beverages, compliments of the club.

Ashwinkumar Shetty

## Editorial



### 'Think Big' is DG Dr. Jayant's Message!

We had the most important event of the Rotary Year during the last month – The Official Club Visit of the District Governor, Dr. Jayant Kulkarni.

DG Dr. Jayant, apart from reviewing the activities undertaken by the Club during the year and making various suggestions, also talked about creating a strategic plan so that our club can concentrate on continued activities over longer periods rather than holding activities on year-to-year basis.

While complementing our club for many things, he pointed out that our Club should now be taking up mega projects and serving community more effectively.

Few thoughts which came to mind immediately while sitting at the OCV were centered round having a place of our own in our locality where we can start vocational training activities. Medical Center could be another such project. We can also think of adopting a village for an inclusive growth.

For all such activities my friends, we require some dedicated members, who will be able to devote time and energy on a continuous basis to ensure successful start and subsequent continuation of such projects.

So friends! Let us all put on our thinking caps and start exploring what we can do together, to create an impact on the lives of some people, who are otherwise deprived of the facilities and pleasures, which we all take for granted.

Any thoughts?

Sunil More

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