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Ray Klingensmith	Dr. Jayant Kulkarni	Dr. S. Natarajan

## ACTIVITY OF THE MONTH



### Teachers Award Function

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

**2nd September 2010**

### Malaria and Dengue

**Dr. Amrut Vora**



Our own doctor Dr. Amrut Vora spoke on 'Dengue and Malaria', a subject worrying the government administration, Municipal Corporation and the people at large.

He informed the causes and symptoms of these two dreaded diseases and explained the precautions that could be taken to reduce

possibilities of contracting these diseases.

PP Rtn. Mahendra Chheda introduced Dr. Amrut Vora and PP Rtn. Rohinton Surti proposed vote of thanks.

**9th September 2010**

### Teachers Award Function

The teachers award function was planned and conducted by Rtn. Dr. Ketna Mehta, ably supported

by R/Ann Ruchira and the Rotary kids, Swati Arul and Neomi Mavani. The Chief Guest at the function was Mr. Radhakrishnan Pillai, researcher, author, trainer and writer of the popular book 'Corporate Chanakya' who spoke about the rich tradition of Teachers.

Dr. Ketna explained the Indian Philosophy of expressing gratitude towards the teachers, who not only teach various subjects but also instill values of peace & harmony, environment protection, coping in times of crisis and get involved in social causes.

The following teachers were felicitated:

- Mr. Tauquir Khan, Sophia College
- Mrs. Kamini Arekar of IES New English School
- Mr. Raghunath J. Chaudhari, Karamveer Bhaurao Patil Vidyalaya
- Mrs. Mahjabeen A. Kazi, School for Remedial Education
- Mrs. Nirmala Daangat, IES New English School
- Ms. Swar Kranti, WE School

The team of doctors who helped Dr. Tushar Shinde in the dental camp in the month of September were also felicitated on the occasion.



*Awardee Teachers with our Rotarians, R/Anns and Rotary children*



## Meetings and Activities of the Month

**16th September 2010**

### Condolence Meeting

**R/Ann Pratibha Puranik**

The Club held Condolence meeting to mourn the untimely death of R/Ann Pratibha Puranik. Members of the Club recalled fond memories of her association with the club and particularly in the organisation of the ladies programmes during the district conference hosted by our club in 1986-87.

**23rd September 2010**

### Condolence Meeting

**Past Rtn. M. T. Singh**

It was a double blow for the Club, when news about the sad demise of our past Rtn. M. T. Singh was received. The Club held Condolence meeting in his memory. The club members paid rich tributes to late Mr. Singh, recalling his immediate support when our club needed help for shifting the meeting venue in the formative years of our club.

## A sad Month for the Club



**R/Ann Pratibha Puranik**

Our Club mourns the sad demise of R/Ann Pratibha, wife of Rtn. Ashok Puranik on 14th Sept. 2010 at Chennai. Late Mrs. Pratibha was the first Co-Chairperson of the Ladies wing of the District Conference hosted by our Club in 1986-87.



**Rtn. M. T. Singh**

The club also lost its past member, Rtn. Mr. M. T. Singh, who died on 17th September 2010 at Mumbai after a brief illness. Late Mr. Singh was active in club programmes related to children including joint installation of Interact Clubs.

**25th September 2010**

### DAUD - "District at Ur Doorsteps" on Club Administration and Public Relations

The second DAUD meeting was jointly organised by 5 Rotary Clubs and was held at the AOTS Conference Room, Wadala. The speakers on the occasion were Rtn. Pramod Ambekar and Rtn. Kumar Deshpande.

Rtn. Pramod Ambekar while speaking about Club Administration discussed problems of attendance and gave insight into how to improve the same.

Rtn. Kumar Deshpande expressed that though Rotarians were carrying out exemplary services and activities, these were not publicised sufficiently to attract not only the attention of the society but also the prospective interested citizens to join Rotary. He gave some ideas about how a club can carry out PR exercise to make the activities known.

**30th September 2010**

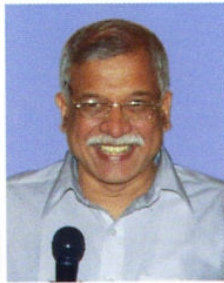
### Scholarship Awards



*President Dr. Natarajan addressing the gathering*



*Scholarship Awardees with the Chief Guest, Trustees, President and others*



Master of Ceremony, Rtn.  
PP Satish Kulkarni

The scholarship awards function was held in its usual grand style with more than 80 attendees inspite of the uncertainties on account of the Ayodhya judgement, which was delivered on the same day.

Dr. Sujata Baweja, head, Microbiology Department of the Sion Hospital was the chief guest.

Dr. Baweja spoke about the four virtues namely Education, Health, Peace and Spirituality.

It was a nice gesture on part of Dr. Baweja who readily accepted the request of the Dean of Sion Hospital and our honourary Rtn. Dr. (Mrs.) Sandhya Kamat, to represent her at a very short notice since Dr. Kamat was unable to attend the function due to an emergency.

The scholarships were handed over to 31 awardees by the Chief Guest, Trustees and the Donors themselves.

#### THE DONORS

- RC of Mumbai Sion Charity Trust
- Mrs. Rajni and Dr. Shashi Kelkar
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- Rtn. Sunil More



Club Secretary

## Shishya's Prayer & Guru's Blessings

Pres. Dr. Natarajan shares his email to his Guru Dr. S. S. Badrinath sent on Teachers' day and his teacher's reply.

"Respected Sir, on the occasion of Teachers' Day, I wish to send my sincere wishes and respects to you. Each year such important days remind all of us to re-dedicate ourselves to lead a life that was shaped and guided by our elders Matha, Pitha, Guru and Deivam. I am fortunate to have such a wonderful teacher like you who taught me, not only the knowledge of medicine but also guided me to the invaluable possession - the value of quest for education and wealth of knowledge.

The Kural 400 says that 'One's learning alone is one's indestructible and outstanding wealth; nothing else possesses the special value'. That is the wealth you have been guiding me till date and for ever. Yet another Kural 415 says that instructions flowing from learned men of righteous conduct constitutes a firm staff on slippery ground to the learner. You have given me such a support in my life, which stands firm with me and will remain with me for ever....

I once again wish to thank you for all the best things that you have given me in my life."

Dr. S. S. Badrinath replies...

"Dear Natarajan, you are a teacher on your own merits. So on behalf of Sankara Nethralaya and my personal self, I wish you a happy Teacher's day. You richly deserve encomiums as you yourself have created a cadre of ophthalmologists who studied under you and are serving our nation. Your recent venture into making Dharavi a cataract free zone is an ambitious one which shall succeed because of your intense devotion. May the Divine grace be ever present with you and your institutions.

Happy Teachers day and pranam to your father who has helped many students go up the ladder including Sankara Nethralaya.

May God bless you!"



*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



### Remembering our Teachers

Come September, we offer salutations to the most important people in our lives - Our teachers!

The status of a teacher in India from time immemorial has been next only to parents. Parents give life to a child, but it is the teacher who gives the child the wisdom to lead a noble and meaningful life. The status of the teacher is also sublime - the all pervading spirit. Devotion to teachers is the concept formed, developed and continued down the ages for millions of years.

Let us be grateful to our teachers for the role they played in making us who we are today. In today's fast paced life we hardly have time to greet our neighbours, let alone our teachers. Rotary has given us an opportunity to felicitate these important members of our society.

I would like to state here that every year I send email to my Guru Dr. S.S. Badrinath on Teachers' day and Guru Poornima day and he also acknowledges my mails. My mail and my Guru's reply are reproduced elsewhere in the bulletin.

Rotary has continued to kindle the light of education in the needy section of society by doing various health camps, elocution competitions, offering scholarships, etc. to the school and college children and we would continue to do the same in coming years.

I would like to end with the Thirukkural (Kural 221, Chapter 23):

"To give to the needy alone is charity, All the rest is investment for a return"

With Best Wishes.

Yours in Rotary,

**Rtn. Dr. S. Natarajan**

I know of no greater blessing than one's children, who grow with well-instructed discernment.

Thirukkural: 61 Chapter 7



Rtn. Ketna and R/Ann Ruchira with an awardee teacher



Pres. Dr. Natarajan thanking Chief Guest Mr. Radhakrishnan Pillai



Rtn. Dr. Tushar & his dentist team felicitated on the occasion



Rotarians, R/Anns and guests at the function



## Rotary Information

### Selecting and Planning Projects

Let us discuss today the key steps for selecting and planning a community service project. These are as under:



1. Assess the community's needs.
2. Determine the resources available from the club and community.
3. After explaining various project alternatives to the club, select a project that will be interesting and achievable.
4. Form a project committee to establish goals and objectives.
5. Include community members and Partners-In-Service (Interact, Rotaract and Rotary Community Corps) throughout the process when possible.
6. Develop a budget.
7. Create a public relations campaign to make the community aware of the project.
8. Raise funds to finance the project.
9. Evaluate the success of the program.

The rotary International Board of Directors encourages Rotary clubs to focus on the following nine priority areas when selecting a community service project :

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| ■ Children at Risk                 | ■ Literacy and Numeracy |
| ■ Intl. Understanding and Goodwill | ■ Preserve Planet Earth |
| ■ Poverty and Hunger               | ■ Health Care           |
| ■ Persons with Disabilities        | ■ Population Issues     |
|                                    | ■ Urban Concerns        |

While it is recommended that clubs choose projects areas from the Menu of Service Opportunities, each club is urged to undertake projects which best address the needs of its own community.

Community Service can extend to the World Community. You may wish to make the scope of your project international by finding a project partner in another country through the World Community Service Projects Exchange.

In the next issue we will discuss steps in developing a world community service project

## Editorial

### Reaching your Goal!



In my past two editorials, I am trying to provoke you. Provoke you to write to me. But more importantly, provoke you to writing. I know I am not really successful as yet, but I plan to keep my efforts

going! My goal is to receive your replies.

So to reach my goal, I need to take certain defined actions. First, I need to commit myself to write out my plan of action. The moment I complete this task, I have already given concrete form to the intangible desire.

With all that we have on our minds these days, if we do not rely on our minds to keep our goals and plans front and foremost, those plans are at risk of becoming buried. Even when they are there gnawing at us in an effort to get us back on track, it is easy to inadvertently bury them. And sometimes forever! I presume this must be the prime cause of my misfortune of not having received your replies!

So coming back to my desire of having you communicating with me, I need to plead, please, provoke and push you to write to me. However, it is possible that you may not follow my request and write to me.

Nevertheless, I have my goal set and my plan is ready and written down through the three editorials so far, not forgetting that the plan is a road map to my goal.

Is your plan ready? Not very difficult, Lift your pen and start writing. I am waiting.

The reward? Inclusion in the next issue of the bulletin. Fair?

**Sunil More**

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