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From The President's desk---



In Rotary world, "August" month is designate for Membership and Extension. Membership growth promotes the concept of new hands, new brains, new commitments and new faiths.

Our club has definitely grown in size; addition of five members has definitely added good colours, flavors to it. But we are still term as small "CLUB" in the district 3140. So let us push ourselves -----

Keep pushing – its wiser
Than sitting aside
And dreaming and sighing
And waiting the tide

Because membership is the "Life Line" of Rotary

Our club's strong point is our friendship and unity. We have wide variety of expertise, contacts in corporate sectors.

Let us follow 10 commandments to enhance our club -----

- M**ake the new comers feel special, wanted
- E**xplore potential of the club
- M**ake concrete plans
- B**reak the walls of inhibition
- E**ncompass innovative ideas
- R**each out to the interest areas of club members
- S**hare your Rotary with nears & dears
- H**elp improve stronger & closer bond between club & Society
- I**nstigate ownership feeling amongst members
- P**ick up like minded individuals to enhance membership.

I am very positive we can do it.

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We meet every Saturday at 9.00 a.m. at AOTS Halls, India Printing House, 42, G.D. Ambekar Marg, Wadala, Mumbai-400 0311

Club Programs and Activities for August

Shukriya Party, 9th August

Our Immediate Past President (IPP) Prakash Samudra hosted his Shukriya Party in the evening of 8th August 2010 at "Polestar", MIG Club, Bandra. IPP Prakash Samudra and First Lady Sandhya Samudra showered their overwhelming hospitality on the guests and the function was very well attended by Rotarians and their spouses.



Rtn. Sandhya happy with the arrangements

The unique quality of Rtn. Prakash Samudra is to reach out to people; he individually thanked all the Rotarians for their valuable contribution they made in making the Rotary Year under his stewardship, a grand success. His ability to genuinely touch hearts and minds of the Rotarians is something we must all learn from him.



Rtn. Prakash in thanks giving mood.

The party was boisterous and hilarious. Hindi songs of yesteryear were gracefully sung by Rtn. Kishore and melodious songs were sung by Namita (daughter of Rtn. Limaye).

Rotarians explained how they met their spouses. The "JAB WE MET" anecdotes, ranged from SV & Sushila's orthodox, and, conventional marriage to the bubbly and romantic alliance of Tanvi and Pushkar (keeping Vidya in surprise till the last moment). Swati also shared some hilarious moments of her marriage alliance with Dilip. Cast and creed are no barriers when GOD is willing.



Engrossed in 'Jab We Met' theme

Rtn. Uma was at her usual best. Her witty jokes and anecdotes kept the party alive at all times. The fellowship and bonding which is an integral part of our Club came to its height during this function. It was really a memorable event and we thank Prakash and Sandhya for giving us such a wonderful evening.



Busy exchanging thoughts over drinks



Lady Rotarians at the Party



IPP. Prakash with mike



Engrossed in Music

Flag Hoisting at Pragati Kendra, 15th August



"A moment comes, which comes but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new...India discovers herself again." - J.L.Nehru

On the eve of India's independence, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru famous speech "Tryst with Destiny" marked the beginning of a free India with words symbolizing hope and triumph.

India got its independence from the clutches of British rule on 15th August 1947. It was this day when India's tricolor flag was unfolded by Pandit Nehru on the barricades of the Red Fort at Delhi. Each and every patriotic soul watched with excitement and paid tribute to thousands of martyrs who sacrificed their lives for India's freedom.

Our club celebrated 64th Independence Day with Pragati Kendra School. We have been supporting this school which is for handicapped, slow learner children. This year, our club sponsored their National flag hosting function at the school. Snacks were provided to all the children & their parents.

It was attended by about 60 students, teachers and 12 Rotarians from Our club. President Rtn Vidya did the flag hoisting with teachers and invites. The students presented fancy dress in costumes of our great leaders, songs, scripts etc.



Flag Hoisting by President Vidya



Children in Costume of Great Leaders

For Private Circulation only



Students and Rotarians engrossed in the Celebration

Every one enjoyed the celebration and felt very thankful to saviors because of whom we are breathing air of freedom which does not have the elements of exploitation and repression.



Rtn. Uma giving Independence Day Message



Presenting flowers prepared by students



Invitees and Rotarians at Snacks table

Guru Purnima Celebration with Kinnar Sangeet Sadhana, 15th August



*Gururbrahmaa gururvishnuh gururdevo
Maheswarah |
Guruh-saakshaat parabrahma tasmai
shrigurave namah ||*

The annual function of Sri Guru Pooja presents a moment of introspection for us to check up how far we have progressed in this path over the last one year, and take lessons from it and resolve to march faster in the current year.

Devotional worship of the Guru - the preceptor - is one of the most touching and elevating features of the Hindu cultural tradition. The Guru in the Hindu tradition is looked upon as an embodiment of God himself. For, it is through his grace and guidance that one reaches the highest state of wisdom and bliss. "My salutations to the Guru who is Brahma, Vishnu and Maheswara. The Guru is Parabrahma incarnate"

Shri Kamalesh Kadam has been relentlessly teaching the music to poor people and the children from slum areas without expecting any remuneration at 'Kinnar Sangeet Sadhana'. Disciples of Shri Kadam (senior citizens as well as young children) organized the Guru Purnima Celebration on 15th Augst, 2010 and the function was sponsored by our club to encourage the students.

The Musical Program was presented by the students; Rtn. Uma was a comparer. It was enjoyed by all. The function was attended by more than 100 people. Our club President Vidya honoured Shri Kadam with Shawl & shreefal for his social service. Twelve Rotarians from our club attended the program & enjoyed it.



Audience engrossed in the Music



Guru Kadam felicitated by Rotarians Vidya and Uma



Guru Kadam with Rotarians



Students Presenting Musical Program



Rtn. Uma Comparing the Event



Rtn. Vidula and Rtn. Varsha enjoying the Music



Rotarians honoured with Flowers

Go Green Drive at Pune, 21st August



The former club President set the precedence by planting 10 Ashoka trees and exotic Hibiscus plants in the backyard of his Bungalow in Balewadi, Pune on 21st Aug.2010. The inaugural tree was planted by current president Rtn. Vidya and rest of the Rotarians followed her foot steps. Rtn. Prakash and Rtn. Sandhya assured that the trees will be maintained well.

15 Rotarians attended the function. Trees were planted with religious mantra chanting by all Rotarians for peace, harmony and prosperity. Rotarian SV took lead in chanting the religious MANTRAS. The team declared him as an official priest for all religious function to follow.

The auspicious occasion was followed by sumptuous lunch at Sayaji, Pune & we concluded with the Weekly meeting at Rotarian Parulekar's/ Kshirsagar's house. Going to Pune, also offered us an ample opportunity for fellowship.

Next plantation drive is planned at Rtn. Parulekar's farm house at Badalapur.

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Rtn. Venkateswaran, Priest ready for Chanting Mantras



Rtn. Sandhya engrossed in Prayer



Pres. Vidya, Rtn. Sandya, Rtn. Uma and Rtn. Shobha with new planted baby tree



Rtn Uma and Rtn. Vinayak join hands in planting the trees



Rtn. Prakash's Daughter and Grandson, Neel planting the tree



Enthusiastic Rtn. Vidula and Rtn. Varsha ensuring right support



Rotarians engrossed in Puja-Arati at Rtn. Prakash's Bungalow



Mahim Club Rotarians at Tree Plantation Site



After Tree Plantation and Puja Rotarians at Pet Puja

Medical Camp at Dhanvantari, 22nd August



Doctors and Rotarians welcoming Sr. Citizens

Your bladder, prostate, and related nearby organs are something you probably don't give much thought to - until something goes wrong. For older men, this usually means an enlarged or irritated prostate, but not always. It is very important as age advances; one should go through the checks to keep out of urology problems.

Medical camp was organized for Sr. Citizens by our club at Dhanvantari Hospital along with Ranbaxi. About 65 patients were examined for Urology problems.

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Dr. Dhaigude busy with Patient



Rtn. Vinayak with Doctors at Dhanvatari Hospital



Rtn. Vinayak, Rtn. Suryakumar with Dr. Dhaigude

A Step Towards Team Building.



Team building can be best achieved through events like B'de bash, Anniversary, House warming ceremonies, celebrating Family achievements of the club members. First such event of the year was 50th Birthday of Rotarian Kishore Parulekar. It was celebrated at his residence at Parasi colony, Dadar with great enthusiasm.

All the members (budding singers) were charged to deliver their performances and brought LIFE to the get-to-gether.



Rtn. Varsha was a perfect hostess. Every one relished the well-organized dinner party.

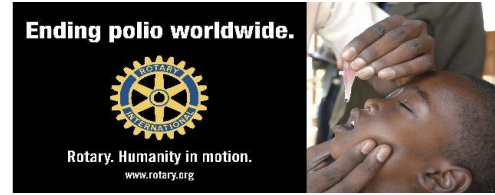


The couple was blessed by elders & gifted with auspicious wall hanging of Lord Ganesh & Laman Deep, a sign of prosperity.



District / Interclub Activities

Polio Plus Orientation, 1st August



Rtn.Dr. Lata Dhayagude and President Vidya Kulkarni attended orientation program on Polio Plus on 1st of August, at Satkar Residency in Thane. The program was hosted by Rotary Club of Mulund and Thane hills. Dr. Suhas Kulkarni, the district chairman of Polio Plus program was a key person in organizing the meet. Ms. Rajashree Birla was the chief Guest of the event. Birla group, so far has given a donation of 4million dollars for the cause of Polio eradication. Other invited guests were -

- 1) TRF trustee Mr. Ashok Mahajan,
- 2) PDG Dr. Rajeew Pradhan, TRF Alumni co-ordinator, Member Permanent Fund committee, India and member National

committee.

3) Ms. Indira Kotak, Rotary's co-traveler and District Inner Wheel chair

4) Dr. Hamid Jafary, WHO NPSP project manager.

All the guests gave very motivating speech, Dr. Jafary elaborated on the grass-root level facts and figures and how still lot needs to be done for achieving Polio free world.

The highlight of the meet was a panel discussion which involved medical officers of Mumbai and Thane area during which Polio Eradication drive was discussed and what way Rotary movement could be made more effective.

MOP Polio Immunization, 22nd August

In spite of vigorous effort to eradicate the polio at all levels, today, the wild poliovirus persists still in four countries: India, Pakistan, Nigeria, and Afghanistan. MOP Polio Immunization on 22nd August is one more rigorous step towards eradicating the Polio. Mahim club members participated in the drive and assisted in administering Polio Plus vaccine to more then 55 children at Municipal Maternity Hospital, Mahim.



Rtns. Vinayak and Venkateswaran pacifying the child



Rtn. Venkateswaran holding the child



Rtn. Venkatswaran and Rtn. Suryakumar watching Polio Dose being administered

Seminar on Service Week, 14th August

Rotary service week is declared from 28th November to 5th December. Every day is allocated to certain cause, like Polio, Youth, Environment, Health, Vocational, Blood Donation, Disaster Management and Family. Each day different events will be held and Rotarians are expected to participate. The purpose of service week is:

1. To enhance the visibility of Rotary
2. To foster better PR
3. To synergize

Logo for these events is "THINK BIGGER, BETTER, BOLDER".

Rtn. Vidya and Rtn. Sandya attended the meeting.

DAUD Program on Membership and Extension, 19th August

This year District has come up with novel idea of DAUD i.e. **District At yoUr Doorstep**, to facilitate the Rotarians to take advantage of trainings and be more knowledgeable and involved in Rotary activities. Mahim Club is grouped with Bombay Uptown, Mumbai Sion and Bombay Mandavi.

The function started with a sumptuous dinner, followed by bonding and fellowship. Rotary Club Presidents namely, Rtn. Paras Vasa of Mandvi, Dr. Natarajan of Sion, Rtn. Vidya Kulkarni of Mahim, Representative of Bombay Uptown were the principal dignitaries. Rtn. Indumati Gopinathan, District Secretary inaugurated the meeting. Two very informative lectures were given by :

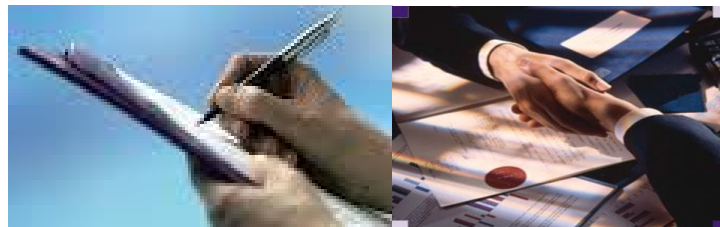
Rtn. Smruti Gulwadi (GSE Team Leader) enlightened the audience on Women in Rotary. From the statistics provided, it reveals that women participation is still low! There was a general bias against Women Rotarians till 1982. Fortunately, our Club has a high percentage of Women Rotarians (close to 60%). This was well appreciated by the audience.

Rtn. Shartad Aire talked about membership and extension and shared his experiences on how it is done at their club level. The message is, Rotary Membership has reached a Plateau. All efforts are to be put in to increase and retain membership. Ways and means to achieve the same were elaborated. One good suggestion was that existing members who bring in new members should be publicly acknowledged and appreciated for their efforts.

Overall program was well organized and informative. From our club 14 members attended the program.

Our Club takes initiative in organizing 2nd DAUD meeting on 25th September.

The subject matter is "Club Administration and Public Relations".



Rotary Membership and Extension

Month of August is specifically devoted to Membership & Extension. This is a wonderful opportunity to remember the concept or phrase the RI Board adopted a few years ago in support of membership:



This phrase emphasizes the importance of every Rotarian assuming responsibility for sponsoring new members as well as stressing the importance of retaining members.

Following questionnaire from <http://www.scoutscan.com/membership/> is from Scouts Canada. But same can be extended to Rotary membership. The questionnaire will tell us are we really working on membership growth and retention and guide us to take necessary steps.

What Are You Doing to Build Membership???

You believe in Scouts Canada and would like to see membership and involvement increase, and most certainly, you endorse Scouts Canada membership drives. But what commitment have you made to personally increase membership and involvement? Take this brief quiz to determine what you can do to foster increased membership. Respond to each statement with "often," "sometimes," or "rarely" to denote how frequently you practice the following:

1. I make a least one telephone call each month to prospective members inviting them to become involved.
2. I offer newsletters or publication subscriptions to prospective members.
3. When a member becomes involved, I make sure he or she receives thanks and recognition from our group/district/region and Scouts Canada.
4. I bring prospective members to meetings and social gatherings
5. I keep membership materials convenient and distribute them whenever the opportunity arises.
6. I educate prospective members about Scouting benefits and services and explain how to obtain them.
7. I offer ideas and advice on recruitment and retention to the membership committee.
8. I offer my own informal orientation to members I recruit.
9. I keep a record of the members' skills and talents.
10. I introduce new members at meetings.
11. I maintain contact with new members and make sure their Scouting experiences are positive ones. When I find a member who has leadership potential, I act as his or her mentor.




- 12. I ask the advice of new and prospective members on Scouting issues.
- 13. I keep my ears open for successful membership development activities of other organizations.

If you put just six of these activities into practice on a regular basis, you are doing a tremendous service to your group, and you many already are quite successful in identifying and involving new members.

If you practice these activities only rarely, pick a half dozen that you can make part of your everyday routine, and you will enlist the involvement and enthusiasm of your peers.

Celebrations



Wishing a very Happy Birthday

Rtn. Pradeep Dixit 16th August

Heartiest Congratulations

Rtn. Neelima Chavan for her **excellent** performance at **Shravan Beauty** event as a **Fashion Designer**

Points to ponder-----

- What do we live for if not to make life less difficult for each other.
- One word frees us of all the weight and pain of life: That word is love.
- Never frown because you never know who might be falling in love with you.
- A smile is a curve that sets everything straight.
- Accept the things to which fate binds you, and love the people, with whom fate brings you together, but do so with all your heart.

C & S – a thought to ponder!!

By S. Venkateswaran

As puzzling as it appears to be, this concept originates from personal experiences of most of us.

Whether in family or society, majority of conversations are the like of: - prices of vegetables going up - newspaper vendor not delivering the newspaper on time - neighbor in the next door playing loud music as a reaction to some petty quarrel that took place last week - Auto rickshaw driver not obliging to come for a short distance and so on.

There is uniqueness in these conversations in as much as every conversation is seemingly contributing to the box of '**Complaints**' or the '**C**' box.

Instead, if the conversations were the like of - managing the family budget through discreet selection of food items - getting updated on the news from internet - maintaining cordial relationship with neighbors - giving exercise to our legs by walking the short distance instead of moaning on refusal by Auto rickshaw driver.... - how beautiful and enjoyable life would be. In other words, how refreshing the situation would be if people start contributing to the box of '**Solutions**' or the '**S**' box.

Would it be worthwhile for us to do a self-check to find out if we are contributing to the 'C' or 'S' box in our Organization?

A thought to ponder!!



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