

LAST WEEK

Last week at Turf Club part of our regular meeting was conducted by Rtn Vipen Malhotra and Rtn PP Nani Desai on Classification. It was an eye opener. My compliments to Rtn. Vipen Malhotra, Director – Membership, for a very well made presentation on classification. Though classification is a dry subject, Rtn. Vipen in his own style made a remarkable power point presentation with charts, graphs etc. New classifications are opened as per the need of the community and emerging professional / business scenario. Surprisingly, number of members showed lot of enthusiasm and interest by asking interesting questions on classification. For example, questions were asked on maximum members that can be taken under each classification - limits of 10% etc. Rtn. Vipen explained that now there are only two classifications - ACTIVE and HONORARY. All other classifications as additional active, senior active, etc. are eliminated. Hence, now Rotary Clubs can accept maximum 5 members from each classification. These changes have come into effect after approval of last Council of Legislation. However, basic principle of classification is to maintain well balanced membership in each club.

The second part of the meeting was given to the revised bye-laws. It was conducted by Pres. Rajendra, who explained a new amendment which would have to be made to the revised bye laws viz., on page 7 Article iv Section II line 3 – the word “and” was to be deleted and “District dues as applicable as well as the” to be inserted.

The revised bye laws with this one amendment were passed by a majority.

President Rajendra also asked for approval for

a) a proposal by Rtn Lalit Kumar Jain of Kumar Builders as to where they would pay Rs 2.5 lakhs per annum for a minimum period of 3 years so that their name could be displayed on the main gate of the Joggers Park.

b) a proposal to look for other sponsors who would be able to advertise on the display boards facing the river.

Both these proposals were passed unanimously.

Rtn. PP Raja Kharadkar and Rtn. Arti Khatter

Next Week

Interact Award function will be held for the eight Interact Clubs. The various Awards have been chosen after deliberation of 3 days by various judges. The Clubs will also make a presentation on their last year's activities.

This Week

Today is our first Fellowship Dinner of the year at Poona Club Golf Course. It will be an evening full of music/songs / antakshri / jokes by our own club members.

Program: 7.15 pm to 7.45 pm Fellowship

7:45 pm Meeting to start

9.30 pm onwards Dinner

Fellowship Group:

1. Sunil Asher 2. Ramesh Arora 3. Bhojwani Vasudeo 4. Dr. BSKS Chopra 5. Dr. Ram Chopra 6. Ravi Chopra 7. Dr. Ashish Das 8. Binod Dugar 9. Sunder Gidwani 10. Dr. Jaipal Moopil 11. Arjun Jethwani 12. Dr. Krishna Kewal 13. Dr. Rohit Mehta 14. Pranay Patwardhan 15. Dr. Chaityanand Koppiker 16. Arti Bayas 17. Dr. Rajendra Shimpi
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NEW BOARD OF INTERACT CLUB OF A. U. BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

The Aunglo-Urdu Boys' High School, Azam Campus, Pune, had organized the installation of the New Board of Directors of the Interact Club for the year 2006 – 07, on Wednesday, 9th August 2006. It was a very punctual, well organized & disciplined function. The outgoing President Miss Nishat Sayed spoke about the various projects undertaken during last year. Besides the usual projects, there was one which attracted everybody's attention was 'The survey of literacy in women & dropout rate of girl students in the slum area of Kashewadi'.

The incoming President Miss Tanjila Shaikh, in her speech, gave an outline of the future projects. She then inducted & introduced the new directors. On this

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occasion, the President Rtn. Rajendra Shah, in his speech, appreciated the good projects done by the Club and explained to the members how the Interact Club activities shape them to become leaders of our society & the nation. This program was followed by an excellent performance of a dance based on a TAMIL song!

The function was graced by the presence of First Lady Ann Rajashri, Rtn. Dr. Nasir Kazi & Ann Noorjahan, Rtns. Munawar & Shashi Talwar. Thanks to all of them and sincere request to our members to attend these functions in large numbers, just to see how these activities are transforming the lives of the underprivileged children of our society!
Dr. Nasir Kazi, Chairperson

RCPC Film DRISHTI appreciated by prominent citizens

Our film on eye donation DRISHTI was shown at a gathering of prominent persons from Pune city on 25th July 2006 at the conference hall of H V Desai Hospital. Rtn. Dr. Shekhar Kulkarni was invited to show the film and talk about our projects. Many Rotarians from various clubs, industrialists and prominent social persons were present. The film was very well received. Few of the persons present were

Nitinbhai Desai, Kumarbhai Shah, Pradeep Munot, Indra Kumar Jain, Dr. Deshpande, Dr. Gogate, Kishorbhai Vohra, N P Pandya, Oswal Arun.

Many of them congratulated our club and offered to project the film at various social gatherings. There was an offer from one member that he will make hundreds of copies and distribute them free to various rotary clubs.

DISTRIBUTION OF CANCER CARE POSTERS

In a meeting of the general practicing doctors of kothrud area, the posters informing about the cancer care project and the other medical projects of RCPC were distributed. About 65 doctors were present. All of them have promised to put the posters in their clinics at a prominently visible site. The doctors were impressed with our ongoing projects. They have promised to help us in whichever way possible. The meeting took place at the hotel SENATOR on 21 July 9 pm. Rtn. Dr. Shekhar Kulkarni spoke to the gathering and informed them about the activities of RCPC.

Documentary on Corneal Transplant

We are very lucky to have famous actors like **Vikram Gokhale** and **Deepa Shriram** taking part in our documentary on Corneal Donation. Contribution of Rtn. Dr. Shekhar Kulkarni, R'Ann Dr. Neha Kulkarni and their lovely daughter Anurati who acted so well is also gratefully acknowledged.

The entire efforts costed us 1.5 Lakhs. The generous donations from many members and organization made it possible. Their names are given below:

Rekha & Rishad Tobaccowala, Malcolm Rickards & Raju Vora, Basant & Savita Almal, Sanjeev Kumar, Aarti Khatter, Dr. K.V. Krishnamurthy, Anil Lamba, S.R. Lunkad, Abhay Shah, Madan Mohan Sharma

Rotary Club of Pune Central, Dr. Saxena & Associates, Trimar Exports Pvt. Ltd.

Shri Ganapati Netralaya, Man Kanhaiya Public Charitable Trust, National Institute of Ophthalmology, Grant Medical Foundation, Fresenius Kabi India Pvt. Ltd., Hogan's India Ltd.

Incidentally, all the work done so far on I.O.L / Corneal Transplant has been funded by either the Volkart Foundation or the Rotary Foundation (MG's) with very little if any coming from our club. Due to this effort from our club over 3000 persons can see now and go about their work and lead normal life. Great Satisfaction – Rotary stands for "Service to Mankind".
Rtn. PP Dr. H.C. Saxena

MG # 58895 Inaugurated by Rtn. Arti Bayas

The above mentioned MG with RC Simi Sunrise and RC Waukee was inaugurated by Rtn. Arti Bayas on June 3, 2006.

Work has already started on this project at 8 Eye Banks and the IOL Implants will be done at Shirwal (100) and Jalna (50) for the poor of the poorest. Rtn. Dr. H.C. Saxena and Rtn. Sanjeev Kumar are responsible persons for this Matching Grant. Completion date for this Matching Grant is December 2006 by which time hopefully another Matching Grant will mature.
Rtn. PP Dr. H.C. Saxena

नेत्रदान

नन्ही आँखे खुली जब
दुनिया देखी खुबसूरत
समझ आयी ऊसको जब
आँखोसे देखी ममताकी मूरत

आँखोने देखा रंगोका त्योहार
नेत्रहिनने पाया अंधकार
आँखोका यह अद्भूत चमत्कार
दृष्टी दिखाएँ सृष्टीकी बहार

आँखे है दर्पण मनका
कभी बन जाए दर्या अशर्कोका
कभी करे इशारा प्यारका
कभी उमडे लाव्हा गुस्सेका

आँखे करती है कभी वादा
छा जाएँ कभी झूठका परदा
यही आँखे बोले सच्चा इरादा
बहता है कभी खुशियोंका झरना

आँखोकी देन बडी अनमोल
उनके बीना जीवन कंगाल
मृत्यूके बाद भी रखेंगे जिंदा दिल
'नेत्रदान' करके होंगे बेमिसाल

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Notice

Please note Ashok Ghia's mail id
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Birthdays

RAnn Kanwal Mohini Malhotra	12 Aug
RAnn Surekha Chowgule	13 Aug
RAnn Madhu Rathi	13 Aug
RAnn Manjulika Kapil	15 Aug
RAnn Kokila Sheth	15 Aug

Anniversaries

Rtn. Munawar & Mumtaz	
Peerbhoy	12 Aug

CALENDAR

Today	Fellowship Dinner-Group Leader Rtn. Ramesh Arora / Rtn. Sunil Asher
Aug 19	Interact Award function to be arranged by Rtn. Akhilesh Agarwal Director Youth
Aug 26	PDG Dr. Mahesh Kotbagi Membership Development co-ordinated by Rtn. Vipin Malhotra