

Last Week

Last week, the GSE team selected by our district for visiting Finland came to our club to have a rehearsal of their presentations and get feedback from the club members. The presentations were very comprehensive and covered a wide range of topics about India, including culture, traditions, history, geography, economy, lifestyles, etc. Several members came forward and offered valuable suggestions which will help the GSE team in making their presentations more effective. Rtn. Pramod Bhalla also offered the help of the professional team from his company to the team. We wish all the best to the GSE team and hope that they will be successful in projecting a good image of our country to the clubs in Finland.

Congratulations!!

Dr. Harish Saxena has been appointed as International Service Chairman RRVF in RID 3130 for 2007-08.

This Week

Vijay Kumar Nanda will speak on Ecological bank balance.

Vijay Kumar Nanda, B.A. (Eco) LLB., has over 20 yrs experience in business operations at top management levels. Effectively managed the full business cycle from strategic planning to implementation, ending at benefit realization.

He established Brand Image and Marketing Strategies for brands unknown in Indian context. He has been Managing Director - Bajaj Ventures (Bajaj Black & Decker), CEO - Bajaj Electricals Chakan and CEO - Bajaj Electricals Matchwell

He is also an active Rotarian, and Past President. He has his own farm and practices eco friendly agricultural methods. He has been varsity level Sportsman, Athletics, Boxing, Swimming and Diving.

Next Week

A fun filled extravaganza which is surely not to be missed!! In the month of International Women's Day, the women have for once completely taken charge from the men and have relegated them to the back seat. A surprise treat in store for everybody!

Notice

A new member has been proposed by Rtn. Ashok Ghia – Mr. Armin Wagner. If any member has any objection to the above person joining the club, he must present it in writing to the Hon. Secretary or the President within seven days positively.

Low attendance may lead to Membership termination

Over the last several months, the Attendance Committee and the Membership Committee have been contacting members with less than 60% attendance, urging them to either make up attendance elsewhere or start attending Club meetings regularly. While the Club has tried to accommodate exigencies of various members to the extent possible, it is important to realize that the purpose of Rotary and why one becomes a member of the Rotary Club is not adequately served if there is continuous absence from the Club activities. Fellowship too suffers and members with poor attendance actually end up discouraging members who are regular.

May I urge all members with less than 60% attendance (*you can get to know your attendance from Mr. Mani*) to not only start attending Club meetings regularly but participate wholeheartedly by getting involved in various projects being undertaken by the Club. To facilitate this, a list of such members is being provided to Directors who are undertaking field projects, so that such members can be invited to participate and make up shortfall in attendance.

In the event the attendance still continues to be poor, the Club shall be left with no option but to regretfully terminate Membership, as happened in the case of Dr. Rajendra Shimpi.

Rtn Vipen Malhotra
Director Membership Development



Rotary Theme for year 2007-08

The 2007-08 theme Rotary Shares will act as a daily reminder of what ordinary people can accomplish through the extraordinary work of Rotary, said RI President-elect Wilfrid J. Wilkinson at the 2007 International Assembly's opening session.

"What makes Rotary great is our expressing the love in our hearts through the work of our hands and our minds," said Wilkinson. "As Rotarians, we don't just sit back and talk about loving other human beings. As Rotarians, we demonstrate that love, and we share that love, through helping each other."

Almost everything Rotary does involves sharing, Wilkinson told more than 500 district governors-elect gathered at the meeting in San Diego, California, USA. "We share our time, we share our talents, and we share our money with others who need our help."

Furthermore, he said, "In Rotary, sharing doesn't mean giving away what you have to spare, what you don't need for yourself. Sharing means giving of yourself, selflessly, for the good of others." And Rotarians don't need to do this alone. They know that when the need for service in their community can't be met by one club alone, they can call on Rotarians from around the world to help, said Wilkinson.

More than a theme, Rotary Shares is a call to action. As the incoming governors begin preparing for the year ahead with the training, leadership, and inspiration they receive at the International Assembly, Wilkinson asked them to focus on sharing their leadership, skills, and dedication to making clubs and districts stronger.

Sharing Rotary does more than strengthens Rotary; it ensures that Rotary continues a second century of service. Rotary Shares means inviting people to join their local Rotary clubs. "Rotary will only be able to continue sharing if it continues to grow," said Wilkinson. To help Rotary grow, Wilkinson requested that all of the incoming governors ask their club presidents to bring in one new club member during their year in office.

"Without new members, nothing else matters," he said. Without our youth and new members, "it will only take a few decades for Rotary to disappear, and we've already seen that happen in other service clubs." In addition to the crucial job of welcoming new club members, the president-elect said Rotarians should not forget their past. He asked them to reach out to former club members, including club members' widows and widowers.

Wilkinson reminded the audience that the opportunities they'll have to help may not come their way again. "This year is your chance to be a district governor, to help your clubs, to guide them, to share your strengths and your love." In the year ahead, a great deal will be asked of Rotarians, said Wilkinson.

"I ask you all, this year, to share Rotary freely and fully. Work hard, and work with love. And remember that everything you do in service to others is part of the magic of Rotary, the magic that allows ordinary people, like you and me, do absolutely amazing things."

Rtn. Ramesh Arora

MANTHAN '07-An executive meet

"When great minds meet and opinions overflow it is bound to envelope the surrounding environment with ever augmenting creativity thereby giving rise to newer ideas."

The above quote aptly summed up the atmosphere at Bharati Vidyapeeth Medical College auditorium on 24th February, 2007.



The event being organized by Rotaract Club of Pune's Yuva, BVP College of Engineering second year in a row was MANTHAN-An executive meet and the topic of discussion was "Impact of IT Boom on Manufacturing Sector". The event sponsored by Kanbay Software and Reliance Energy saw the presence of many personalities from the software as well as the manufacturing industry. Among those present were **Mr. Ignacio Vera (CEO HSBC GLT)**, **Mr. Akhilesh Agarwal (Vice President Kanbay)**, **Mr. Raman Nanda (President-Sales and Marketing TACO)** and **Mr. Gurbans Chatwal (Vice President-Pune Delivery Centre Kanbay)**. Over 350 students from more than 8 colleges in Pune were part of the meet.

The event took off with brief presentations by Mr. Gurbans Chatwal and Mr. Raman Nanda. It was followed by an interactive session moderated by Mr. Akhilesh Agarwal which gave the students an opportunity to ask questions one on one with the executives thereby paving a way for them to clear away their doubts. Some of the most common questions by students were those asking about whether one should join software companies because they give heavier pay packages or to go in for core companies. Others asked about what the manufacturing sector was doing to check the flow of talented manpower to the software sector due to the IT boom. The executives handled all the volleys thrown at them with élan.

All in all, it turned out to be a very invigorating session for the students which in spite of answering all their questions left the audience asking for more.

Sankalp Khanna, Secretary - Rotaract Club of Pune's Yuva

Notices

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Birthdays

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Rann Radhika Shroff	19 Mar
Rann Rima Dougall	20 Mar
Rtn Raja Kharadkar	21 Mar

CALENDAR

Today	Talk Rtn Vijay Nanda on Ecological Bank Balance.
24-Mar.	Ladies Night to be Co-ordinated by Rtan Neelima Borawake, Rtan Uma More & Rtan. Prema Rathi, Venue - New Club
31-Mar.	Business Meeting President
7-Apr.	Magazine Month - Rotaract Day To be co-ordinated by Rtn Akhilesh Agarwal
14- Apr.	FELLOWSHIP DINNER Group Leader Rtn.Munir Chenoy