

LAST WEEK

ROTARY FOUNDATION DAY

There was a great celebration of Rotary Foundation Day. President welcomed all Paul Harris Fellows who had come in big numbers wearing their Pins and Collars / Ribbons. He presented roses to Major Donors and those Paul Harris Fellows who joined this prestigious group in the current year. P.P.Raja Kharadkar had arranged for a Panel Discussion participated by him and P.P. Kailash Monga from Rotary Club of Poona and P.P. Swastik Sirsikar from Rotary Club of Poona Airport. The aforesaid 3 active Rotarians have been DRFC Chairmen for 3 consecutive years. They were also joined by P.P.Madhu Rathi. In his opening remarks Raja Kharadkar briefed the members about Rotary Foundation and mentioned about highest 4-Star rating awarded by Charity Navigator, the premier charity evaluation service in the United States to Rotary Foundation for sound fiscal management. He raised specific questions on current issues which were discussed in detail by Panelists. Questions were asked about the money given for PHF and its credit given to the donating Rotarian which were answered by the panelists.

The programme was followed by Cake cutting by major Donors and Mini Fellowship. The members had great fellowship and lot of enjoyment.

M.M.Sharma

This Week



Our esteemed DG Rtn. Dr. Hari Prasad Somani is visiting our club this week. He will first go to our club office for inspection and then be present for our meeting to speak a few encouraging words to our Rotarians.

Dr. Hari, is the District Governor of our R. I. District 3130 for the year 2006-07.

Born in a middle class family at Latur, has been awarded many coveted degrees in various faculties. After completing his P.P.C. from Marathwada, he completed B. Pharm from Shivaji University.

He did M. Pharm from University of Mysore. He got the Doctorate from Punjab and Diploma in Marketing Management and Diploma in Business Management from Bombay University. He also got Diploma and Master's Degrees in Naturopathy. Presently he is planning to study and get Degree in Law.

After M. Pharm., he served as a lecturer in a Pharmacy College at Mumbai and then changed gears by joining Johnson & Johnson Ltd.. He started his business with a

meager sum of Rs. 5,000/- and brought out his first consumer product "Tooth Powder" in the market. Hari has a "Nirmal" mind, "Nirmal" temperament, "Nirmal" work-ethic and home also named "Nirmal". All his products are therefore branded "NIRMAL".

Dr. Hari's struggle, experience, consistency, persuasion, perseverance, deliquesce, hard work, and sober nature made his products popular through out Marathwada, Vidharbha, border are of Karnataka and beyond in very short span of time. He was soon awarded "The Best Entrepreneur's Award" by Government of Maharashtra. He was University Representative in his college days. He joined Rotary Club of Latur in 1986-87 and was president in the year 1996-97. He served on many posts at District level as Avenue Chairman, Assistant Governor and District Secretary on District level very successfully. His leadership applauded at all levels and that is why he is chosen to lead our District 3130 as District Governor for the year 2006-07.

A good orator, voracious reader and studious individual with command on five languages. His life partner is Nirmala and she was a very successful District Chairman of Inner Wheel District 313 during the year 2003-04. She is an ideal home maker, loving wife, dedicated mother and affectionate daughter-in-law. They are blessed with an energetic son Aashish and two daughters Namrata and Shweta. Rtn. Dr. Hari is a well known citizen of Latur and actively associated with almost 25 different social, cultural, religious, educational and political organizations.



Next Week

Next week will be Nomination Committee Selection led by President Elect Rtn. Polly Patel.

ROTARY SERVICE WEEK

It has been seen that we as Rotarians do really good work taking an active part in social service for the upliftment of society at large. In fact a lot of our community service activities are aimed at the poor and the needy, be it legal aid, medical help, care of the aged, etc but all of us are sadly lacking in one department - making the public aware of the tremendous efforts put in by Rotarians and Rotary.

With this in mind, DG Rtn Hariprasad Somani has come out with an excellent idea - have a ROTARY SERVICE WEEK - starting from Friday, 1st December, 2006 and ending on Thursday 7th December, 2006.

Various activities planned are as under:

a. 1st Dec - AIDS Awareness in Colleges during which students will be shown a feature film on this and their questions and answers will be handled by our Rtns Dr M V Jaipal and Dr Shekhar Kulkarni.

b. 2nd Dec- Talk on toxin free food wherein we are planning for a talk to students of agriculture at the Agricultural College on Ganeshkhind Road. Even though our Rotarians are not agriculturists, in case we come across a speaker who can put his views on this topic in an interesting manner, then we may have our Saturday meeting of 2nd December on this. This is being looked after by Rtn Ramesh Arora.

c. 3rd Dec- is scheduled for 'Family of Rotary' and Vice President Rtn Neeraj Handa is in charge of this. We are planning a family picnic to Empress Gardens on this Sunday where all Rotarians, spouses, their children and the parents of our Rotarians will be invited and all of you can look forward to an entertaining morning.

d. 4th Dec- Water Management- In this two activities are being planned- one is talk and display of water management techniques in one of the Housing Societies near Wanowrie (this project is being looked after by Rtn Capt Rajan Vir) and the second is painting/poster competition in schools on the topic 'Save Water'. Rtns Vipen Malhotra and Akhilesh Agarwal will be looking after these projects.

e. 5th Dec- Population Control- Rtn PP Aruna Umranikar is planning a felicitation ceremony at KEM Hospital of those couples who have gone for sterilization after the birth of a girl child. These are the couples who are setting an example for others to follow.

f. 6th Dec- Pollution Control- Rtns Polly Patel and Akhilesh Agarwal are organizing the distribution of face masks at a large scale. These masks filter out a lot of pollutants and possibly they may be distributed among factory workers and/or traffic policemen. Western India Automobile Association would also be asked to be involved in this project.

g. Again also on the same day we are having Pollution control project by organizing 'Project Footpath' in association with a social organization AAMHI NUMAVIYA. More than 300 students of 9th standard are participating in this project and Pune municipal commissioner Dr Nitin Kareer is inaugurating the project on 6th Dec at 10 AM at Good Luck chowk, Deccan Gymkhana. The students and Rotarians and volunteers will then move on to Jungli maharaj road, Bhandarkar road, and Fergusson college road from where they will appeal to the pedestrians walking on the carriageway to use the foot path. They will also do awareness about traffic rules and pollution. ALL the Rotarians from our club are requested to join this very important activity as far as the future of Pune traffic is concerned

h. 7th Dec- Missing Daughters of India- President Rtn Rajendra and Rtn Ramesh are planning to get Deep Griha Society involved in this wherein the crime of female foeticide will be highlighted among the slum areas. This will create a large scale awareness of 'Saving the Girl Child.'

Thus you can see that a number of projects have planned for the first week of December, 2006 and it is earnestly requested that all Rotarians and their families take an active part in all the projects. Let us show everyone the true mettle of RCPC.

Notice

The name of Mr. Girdharilal Sakhrani has been proposed for membership by Rtn. Jinendra Munot. Classification: Manufacture Electrostatic Systems. He will be shortly inducted. If anyone has any objection to the above, please contact the Secretary or the President in writing by 25th November positively.

Rotary Information

(Source : MOP)

The Governor of the Rotary District is an Officer of RI nominated by Clubs of a District. The Governor's term of office begins on 1st July and continue for one year. The Governor is functioning under the general control and supervision of RI Board. In the exercise of the responsibility for direct supervision of the Clubs in the District, the Governor is charged with the particular duty of furthering the object of the Rotary and is personally responsible for :

1. Organizing new clubs;
2. Strengthening existing clubs;
3. Promoting cordial relations between clubs in the district and between the clubs and RI;
4. Planning for and presiding at the district conference and assisting the governor-elect in the planning and preparation for the presidents-elect training seminar and the district's assembly;
5. Visiting every club in the district;
6. Issuing a monthly letter to each club president and secretary in the district;
7. Reporting promptly to RI as may be required by the president or the RI Board
8. Supplying to the governor-elect, prior to the date of international assembly, full information as to conditions of clubs in the district with recommended action for strengthening clubs;
9. Transferring continuing district files to the governor-elect;
10. Performing such other duties and responsibilities as are inherent as the officer of RI in the district

Rtn. PP Raja Kharadkar
Chairman – Rotary Info. Cmt.

INCOMING G.S.E. TEAM FROM FINLAND

The team consists of a lady Rotarian Leader, three lady members and one male member. The team will land at Pune in the morning on 12th January, 2007 and leave Pune after breakfast on 15th January, 2007. TRF Committee expects following actions from our club:

1. To identify five host families having a clean separate room with attached toilet
2. To provide our routine food but without spices and chilli.
3. To provide mineral water
4. To accompany guests for sight seeing and vocational and club visits and meetings.

While planning their day to day programme, please remember that the guests have come here to know and have experience of our lifestyle, our food habits, family relations and our rich culture.

Those Rotarians who are kind enough to host the guests are requested to give their names to Dr Polly Umranikar, Chairperson, G.S.E. or me by 25th November, 2007 to enable us to plan the details of their programme.

Rtn M.M.Sharma
Director, Rotary Foundation

Wither Polio, Wither Eradication

The Central Turf screamed at me that our "First National Immunization Day" on Sunday 12th November 2006. The mind raced and visualized that FIRST will be followed by SECOND, THIRD and so on. How long will this go on?

There are two ways of solving such problems.

1. Music and Devotion (Let me call it Qualitative)
2. Medication and Medical (Let me call it
3. Quantitative)

Let us for the moment dwell on the first and concentrate on second. What do the numbers tell us. That since 1985 we are at it and proudly announced that by 2000 Polio will be eradicated from the face of the Earth. Has it? NO, in fact we seem to be compromising on the DATE. Now the proposal is to continue the campaign till 2015.

Is Polio eradication our first priority? It does not seem to be so because before the start of this campaign every year we had 20000 polio patients and some

500 deaths. At the same time there were 1.5 crore TB patients and every year some 4 lakh deaths. Experts lead us to believe that there is apparently no improvement in these numbers. India, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria are the four Rogue states who harbour polio patients.

Polio spreads through contaminated Food and Water and there is no country immune from the attack. Such is the expanse and the spread of Polio. No wonder that it is a worrisome to the leaders of all nations. And therefore attention is always focused to the meditative and medical solutions.

There are two types of vaccines for Polio. OPV and IVP : Oral Polio Vaccine and Injectable Polio Vaccine. Currently the use of OPV is dominant. IVP is expensive way of tackling the problem. But then what a few thousand crores for the UN and especially to this sub continent which is riddled with thousand-crores- scams. Use of IVP and OVP TOGETHER is the answer available at the moment.

And then, there is the matter of mind and mindset. Experts like Dr. Anant Phadke wants us to believe that Europe and USA who are declared Polio free wants this global campaign to be active because without it Polio is the source of danger to them and to their population. The sub continental attitude of White is supreme, apparently abates this urge. This whiteness permeates all stratas of society. Just read matrimonial advertisements for proof. Its now reaching men also.

The moral is that let this misery be over one-way or the other. And also of the families affected by the miseries. Rotarians should not mind and consider the present situation in any of its hues but lend their support in mind and in person to the effort of eradication of Polio from the Earth. That should be our prime concern and nothing else matters.

Rtn Mukund Rajopadhye

FIRST N.I.D. OF PULSE POLIO

The first National Immunization Day of Pulse Polio was inaugurated by President Rajendra Shah on 12th November 2006 at 8:30 am at Cantonment General Hospital, Pune, amidst unprecedented large attendance and great enthusiasm of our members.

A large number of our Rotarians and Anns led by Director Rtn. M.M. Sharma, ten district officials led by PP Rtn. S.K.Jain, five members of newly founded Rotary Club of Pune Camp led by President Dhanesh Mehta, Inner Wheel members led by President Neelima Borawke and staff of the hospital led by the Chief Medical Officer Dr. Mahajan were present on this occasion. To add authority to the function, CEO of Pune Cantonment Board, Dr. Saldhana was also present.

After the national anthem was sung, the President Rajendra Shah declared the inauguration of N.I.D. He then led the CEO for giving the inaugural doses of polio vaccine to the waiting children. After this, our members went to supervise the working of 15 booths in different parts of the camp area. They reported short comings if any, present at the booth to Rtn. Dr. Kazi and the necessary action was taken by him. After ensuring that the booths are working in a smooth way, the volunteers returned and enjoyed the sumptuous breakfast arranged by Rtn. Ramesh Arora and Dr. Polly Umranikar. It was really a great day in the annals of RCPC. Keep it up friends, in the subsequent programmes also.

The credit for the success of this programme goes undoubtedly to the untiring efforts of Anns Anjali and Noor. Rotarians present were Basant Almal, Ramesh Arora, Arti Bayas, Nani Desai, Prashant Deshpande, Ashok Ghia, S.K.Jain, Arjun Jetwani, Dr. Nasir Kazi, Dr. Arti Khattar, Dr. Shekar Kulkarni, Polly Patel, Mukund Rajyopadhya, Abhay Shah, Rajendra Shah, M M Sharma, Chandrakant Tulpule, Dr. Aruna & Polly Umranikar, Capt. Rajan Veer and Manjula.

Anns present were Anjali, Kokila, Noorjahan, Rajeshree, Savita, Sudarshan & Dr. Ujwala.

**Rtn. Nasir Kazi, Chairman,
Pulse Polio Committee**

Inter Rotary One Act Play competition

RCPC participated in the Inter Rotary Marathi One Act Play competition held on 7th -10th November at Bhartiya Natya Mandir. It was organized by rotary club of Shivaji nagar This was the first time RCPC took part in this competition though it is being held for last six years.



About 16 members from our club took part in the play named MY MARATHI.

It was scripted by our Rtn. Dr. Shekhar Kulkarni and Directed by Rtn. Pradeep Supnekar. About 25 members from RCPC came to cheer the team. As a fellowship and assimilation activity, this was a huge success. Incoming DG

Mr Jagtap, in his speech, specially mentioned the name of RCPC and appreciated our presence. And winning the prize topped it all.

Best playwright prize in the Inter Rotary One Act Play competition Rtn Dr Shekhar Kulkarni was awarded the BEST PLAYWRIGHT prize in the One Act Marathi Play Competition held on 7 8 9 and 10th Nov 2006.

Be proud of our city - PUNE

1. Pune has the impeccable record of highest growth within a span of 20 Years
2. Pune has highest number of pubs in Asia .
3. Pune has highest number of cigarette smokers in India .
4. Pune has the highest number of software companies in India-212, followed by Bangalore - 208, Hyderabad - 97. Hence called the Silicon Valley of Maharashtra
5. Pune has 21 engineering colleges, which is highest in the world in a given city. Pune University has 57 Engineering colleges affiliated to it, which is highest in the world.
6. Pune is the only city in the world to have commercial and defense Airport operating from the same strip.
7. Pune has highest number of public sectors and government Organizations in India .
8. Pune University has highest number of students going abroad for higher studies taking the first place from IIT-Kanpur.
9. Pune has only 38% of local population (i.e. Marathi) .Hence a true cosmopolitan with around 20 North Indians, 10% Tamilians, 14% Telugites, 10% Keralites, 8% Europeans (Koregaon Park), 5% Africans, 2% Bangalis, and 6% a mixture of all races.
10. Pune police has the reputation of being second best in India after Bombay .
11. Pune has the highest density of traffic in India .
12. Pune has the highest number of 2-wheelers in the world.
13. Pune is considered the fashion capital of east comparable to Paris !!
14. Pune has produced the maximum international sportsmen in India for all sports next to Mumbai & Delhi.
15. Pune has produced the maximum number of scientists considered for many high profile Prize nominations.
16. Pune has produced the highest number of professionals in USA almost 60% of the Indian population abroad is from Pune (except Gulf).

District Polio Meet

Our Club is honoured to be hosting the District Polio Orientation & Planning Meet on the 26th of Nov. 2006. Registration charges of Rs Rs. 250/- per person include tea, refreshments and a sumptuous lunch. The Meets starts at 9 am.

All the Rotarians are requested to get registered with spouses. It is our Club function and it is our responsibility to make it a grand success. Come forward and participate by sharing whatever work that you may find to your liking. You can contact any of the following Rotarians for the further information & participation:

Abhay Shah: Convener & registration - clubs outside Pune

Rajendra Shah: Registration - Pune City
Manjula Viswanathan : Registration -Le Meridian on 26th

Narendra Shroff: Folders etc.

M M Sharma- Bal Rajurkar: Accounts - Registrations and expenses

Prakash Gurbaxani: Stage, LCD projector, screen

Ramesh More: Reception

Mukund Rajopadhye: Club visits

Advertisement: Ebe Chaney

Mukesh Dougall: Refreshments, tea & Lunch at Le Meridian.

Pres. Rajendra Shah

Birthdays

RAnn Aruna Rathi	18 Nov
Rtn Anil Bora	19 Nov
RAnn Anagha Shah	19 Nov
Rtn Nani Desai	20 Nov

Anniversaries

Rtn Nalin & Ilaben Shah	21 Nov
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CALENDAR

Today	DG vist
25-Nov.	Nomination Election to be co - ordinated by P.E. Rtn. Poly Patel Mini fund raiser
2-Dec.	SPEAKER Singing doctors by Medical Director Dr.Shekhar Kulkarni
9-Dec.	Factory visit - Poonawala waxing factory, arranged by Rtn.Ramesh Arora
16-Dec.	Know Your Rotarian By Rtn Aruna Umranikar
23-Dec.	X'mas Dinner Group Leader Rtn.Ajay Agarwal
30-Dec.	Club A G M by President