

Last Week

It was a cool and balmy evening made more magical by the lilting melodious music and songs sung by our many talented, very talented and almost professional, Rotarians. It started with a short meeting which started by felicitating the PDG of RC of Kandy, Sri Lanka, Rtn Vijay Kumar, who was visiting us. He also spoke a few words saying that he would like to bring a few Interactors here from Sri Lanka and would also like to take some Interactors over there. The meeting also highlighted the International Youth Day by having our IYE young student, Ms Bianca Viniski, speak a few words. Rtn. Anil Bora spoke about the Interact Installation ceremony and Dr. Nasir Kazi was felicitated for successfully conducting the emergency medical camp. Soon the meeting ended and the members were eager to start the fellowship knowing full well what was in store for them. And our more musically talented Rotarians didn't disappoint them. The many songs sung by Manjiri and Pradeep Supnekar, Dr. Shekhar Kulkarni, Sucharita Negi, Polly Patel, Shashi Talwar and Arti Bayas had the members craving for more and more. Rtn. Narayanbhai Rathi, Ebe Cheney and Dr. Anand Bhatia had the audience in splits with their jokes which were interspersed with the songs. Rtn. Arti Bayas as the MC did a commendable job in conducting the musical extravaganza. Members were most reluctant to call it an evening and go down in the hall of Poona Club Golf Course where the dinner was laid. But the sumptuous dinner was not to be missed and everybody enjoyed some more time of fellowship. The first dinner of the year was a big success and the unfortunate members who could not make it sorely missed an enchanting evening. Many thanks to the host group and the organizers!

This Week Interact Awards

With the strong network of 9 Interact Clubs sponsored by our Club, we are enjoying a leadership position in the Dist. This is duly supported by two clubs for special children for the first time in RI .

We have the AWARD CEREMONY for their performance for the year 2005-06. All the clubs have done exceedingly well. The Judges had tough time in deciding the winners.

The President of each club will be presenting their activities in brief, followed by performances from few schools . The Award ceremony will then follow with the thanks giving to the Principal, Teachers and the School management.

We also have our Early Act members as guests today for observing to perform before us on 30th Sept 2005.

Next Week

Our PDG, Dr. Mahesh Kotbagi, to speak on Membership extension and Rotary as this is the membership development month.

Induction of new members

Two new membership proposals, both proposed by Rtn Ebe Chaney have been approved by the board of directors and Membership Committee. They are

Dr Aditya Kelkar Classification: Medical Ophthalmology Retina Phaco Surgery

Mr Raman Patel Classification: Manufacture Art leather.

They will be inducted on the 26th August at our regular meeting.

Any member having any objection to the above should give their objection in writing to President Rajendra Shah or Rtn Dr Arti Khatter by the evening of Friday the 25th, August '06 positively.

Rtn Arti Khatter Hon. Secretary

Blood donation camp

A blood donation camp was organized by our club on 12th August, '06 at Rtn. Madhubhai Rathi's factory at Alandi. Like every year it was to celebrate Madhubhai's birth day. Workers from the company donated the blood and 89 bags of blood were collected. Though there were lot many enthusiastic people wanting to give more but the doctors could not process anymore blood any further. A team from the blood bank of Inlaks Budrani hospital was present. President Rajendra Shah and the director medical services Dr. Shekhar Kulkarni were present. Rtn Ramesh Arora was instrumental in organizing the camp successfully.



INDEPENDENCE DAY

This 15th August our club had its traditional flag hoisting ceremony at the jogging park along with the senior citizens club, the early act club, the interact clubs and the Rotaract club. On this auspicious day our club also had planned the inauguration of the new Name Board of 'KUMAR BUILDERS' and the kick off of the jogging park up gradation with 50 coconut tree plantation.

The function started with the inauguration of the Name Board at the hands of Ms. Kruti Jain, daughter of Rtn. Lalitkumar Jain, the generous sponsor for the upgradation of the jogging park. It was followed with the tree plantation by Ms. Kamatai Dhole-Patil, Mr. Ulhas Dhole-Patil, Ms. Kruti Jain and Pres. Rajendra Shah. Mrs. Kamalatai Dhole-Patil has been instrumental in getting Rs. 6.5 lac from PMC for the extension of the main dome. This was followed by the flag hoisting at the hands of president Rajendra Shah.

After the welcome to the dignitaries, Pres. Rajendra addressed the gathering. He acknowledged Rtn. Lalit Kumar Jain's contribution and donation to the jogging park and felicitated his representative i.e. his daughter Ms. Kruti. He also felicitated Ms. Kamalatai Dholepatil, Mr. Ulhas Dholepatil and Mr. Khaire- the Garden Superintendent of the PMC, for their support in the development of the jogging park.

In his address to the meeting Pres. Rajendra thanked all for being present in large number in spite of the rainy conditions, and stressed that without first remembering the thousands of faceless freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives and generations & gave us our freedom, one just can not start the Independence day celebrations. All the present observed one-minute silence in gratitude and in acknowledgement of the extreme sacrifice of the freedom fighters. He briefly gave details of the planned improvements for the jogging park like drinking water, toilet facilities, landscaping, proper lighting and remaking of the jogging track. etc.

This was followed by a short speech by Rtn. Prashanta Chowdhury, President senior citizens club.

Then came a variety entertainment programme put up by the early act, interact and rotaract clubs of Pune Central. This was followed by a song and dance choreographed by Rtn. Tanu Hora and Nalini of Impulzevents. The energy and enthusiasm of the children while performing had to be seen to be believed and it evoked a similar response in the audience. Encores were called for but could not be given due to lack of time.

Rtn. Dilip Chowgule gave a vote of thanks and acknowledged & offered special thanks to Rtn. PP Sukhi Kalra for putting so much of efforts to make the function such a grand success and also for sponsoring the refreshment.

The entire function was compared with great élan by Rtn Shashi Talwar.

Everyone went home after an enjoyable morning and a delicious breakfast of hot & freshly cooked Chole- bread, Onion Pakora, and Jalebi sponsored by Rtn PP Sukhi Kalra.

President Rajendra wishes to thank all the Rtns. and R Ann's, who were present and helped to make the morning a good one, viz., Rtn.: Aruna Umranikar, Dilip Chowgule, Ramesh Arora, M M Sharma, Basant Almal, Vipen Malhotra, Harish Saxena, Akhilesh Agarwal, Ajay Agarwal, Ahmed Ibrahim, Raja Kharadkar, Sukhi Kalra, Shashi Talwar, Arti Khatter, Anand Bhatia, Arjun Jethwani, Prashanta Chowdhary, Arti Bayas, Polly Patel, Muneer Chinoy, Ram Chopra, Binod Dugar, Gutam Karnik, Nazir Kazi, SP Malhotra, Bahri Malhotra, Nalin Shah, Pramod Bhalla, Rotary Anns: Arti Agarwal, Saaz Agarwal, Ranjana Bhalla, Uma Chowdhury, Surekha Chowgule, Niloufer Ibrahim, Abha Dugar, Aruna Jethwani, Sweety Kalra, Rajashree Shah. And special thanks to Ann Arti Agarwal, Ann Rajashree & Rtn. Aruna Umranikar, who did a lot of running around & ensured that everything went on precisely as planned.

Installation of President and Board of Directors of Interact Club - Anjuman-I-Islam Peer Mohamed High School, Pune

Function for installation of the President and Board of Directors of the Interact Club was held at Noorah-Al-Bassam Hall adjacent to the School premises on Bund Garden Road on August 11, 2006 at 11.30 am.

Rotary President Rajendra Shah, Chairperson Anjuma-i-Islam institutions Mrs. Nazura Sattar, Rotarians Munnawar Peerbhoy, Madan Mohan Sharma, Rotary Anns Noorjahan Kazi, Neena Talwar, and several other dignitaries including Presidents and Teachers – in – Charge of Interact Clubs of several schools also graced the occasion.

In true Rotary traditions, the meeting started with singing of the National Anthem. Head Mistress Mrs. Rehana Sayyed welcomed the Rotarians and other invitees. Outgoing President Ms. Abbasi Rahat Vaqar presented a Report on various projects carried out in the year 2005-2006. Special recognition by way of awards was given to the Best Interactor, Best Project and for 100% attendance. Incoming President Shaikh Tanzeela Ali and her Board of Directors were there after formally installed and Tanzeela then briefed the gathering on her plans for the year 2006-2007.

Rtn. President Rajendra lauded the outgoing team for the exemplary work carried out by it and committed all help for fulfillment of the plans for the year 2006-2007.

Highlight of the function was Krishna dance by the Interactors which was appreciated by a resounding applause by all present.

The function ended with a vote of thanks followed by fellowship.

Rtn Shashi Talwar; Chairperson Interact Club

Birthdays

Rtn Krishna Jhunjunwala	19 Aug
RAnn Sadhana Lachyan	20 Aug
RAnn Dr. Sheela Bhave	23 Aug
Rtn. Rajan Khinvasara	24 Aug
RAnn Kiran Mehta	24 Aug

CALENDAR

Today	Interact Award function to be arranged by Rtn. Akhilesh Agarwal Director Youth
Aug 26	PDG Dr. Mahesh Kotbagi Membership Development co-ordinated by Rtn Vipen Malhotra

IYE Student From Brazil



Ms Bianca Viniski , age 16yrs, is visiting our club this year. She arrived in Pune on 30th July. She is from RC of Recife, Dist 4500, Brazil. She is hosted by Rtn Anil and RAnn Mangal. Bianca has started going to D A V Public School at Aundh in Std X. Our club has a Interact Club in that school. She is interested in learning many Indian things like Yoga, Dance, Hindi, Cooking, Music . She has already joined a Yoga class and is enjoying it.

She attended the Dist Orientation Prog with other 21 IYE students last Sunday. She also joined the picnic at Mahabaleshwar last week and had lots of fun .

Bianca has one brother and sister studying back home. Her mother is a Rotary member of RC of Recife and her classification is Geology. Her father is in the business of Refrigeration. Her hobbies are dancing, reading, listening music and travelling.

She is looking forward to a wonderful experience with our club and will be hosted by few other Rtns namely Rtn Tulpule, Lalit Vij, Ajay Dubey.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CAMP

A medical camp was organized on a very short notice to check & treat the street children under our care in the project of 'The Children of Lesser God'. They were reported to be ill, because of the incessant rains in the last fortnight. This camp was held on Saturday, 12th August 2006 at 10.00 AM at the Railway Station Police Chowkey. A group of senior doctors from ZVM General Hospital, Azam Campus, organised this camp under the guidance of Rtn. Dr. Nasir Kazi. 39 children were examined and blood was collected from 25 children for hemogram, blood group & HIV tests. The sick children were given the required treatment. Rtns. Harish Saxena, Madan Mohan Sharma, Polly Patel, Nalin Shah, Rita Negi & Arti Bayas attended this camp to help the doctors.

Rtn. Dr. Nasir Kazi

Rotary Information

Honorary Member

On 5th Aug. our Director Membership Rtn. Vipen Malhotra gave us insight of the classifications. As he explained, now there are only two types of memberships exist in Rotary. First, Active Member, as we all are and second Honorary Member.

What is Honorary Member ? This type of membership is the highest distinction a Rotary Club can confer and is exercised only in exceptional cases to recognize an individual for unusual service and contributions to Rotary and Society.

Honorary member cannot propose new members to the club, do not hold office, are exempted from attendance rules and club dues.

Many distinguished heads of state, authors, musicians, public leaders had been honorary members of Rotary Clubs in different parts of the world. Some of the prominent Honorary members were King Gustaf of Sweden, King George VI of England, King of Belgium, King of Morocco, Sir Winston Churchill, Sir Edmund Hillary, Thomas Edison, Walt Disney, Actor Bob Hope, British PM Margaret Thatcher and some of the presidents of USA. These are the personalities who have done much for the community and also to further the ideals of Rotary.

Earlier our club conferred Honorary Membership to prominent personalities of Pune like Dr. Banu Koyaji, Mr. Atur Sagtani, Mr. Navalmalji Firodia, Dr. K. H. Sancheti. Now it is time for us to find an Honorary member who has done exemplary work for the benefit of society.

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