

Last Week

Judiciary and Media (Conflict and Co-operation) Mrs. Vinita Deshmukh spoke on this subject on 15th Dec 07 at our regular Saturday evening meeting. The subject was very topical with judicial activism having been in the news for the previous 2 to 3 weeks because a bench of 2 judges of the supreme court had discussed the issue and highlighted the fact that the judiciary was being quite fair in their judgments not withstanding the politicians feel that the judiciary had been overstepping the bounds of propriety. The politicians had in turn been highlighting the fact that in some recent judgments the judiciary had stepped into the role of executives as happened in the Delhi case, when LPG was ordered for use by select public transport vehicles in N. Delhi. It was also opined by one point of view that judiciary had created certain judgments that had a bearing on legal matters which had not been legislate upon thereby assuming the role of law makers normally the purview of politicians.

Vinita Deshmukh took upon herself the mantle of justifying the odd cases of over activism of the judiciary on the premise that executives/legislatures were tardy in their reactions and the only way to dispense justice to the complainant often in cases of Public Interest Litigations (PILs) was for judiciary to stretch their roles and thereby provide social justice within the bounds of the Indian constitution in justification of certain aspects of social justice that our constitution purports to profess.

Vinita brought out quite a few examples where the executives and legislature fell short of their responsibility and the judicial judgments happened to plug the gaps. In the meantime a three judge bench of the supreme court with the chief justice of India in the chair opined that the Indian judiciary had infact overstepped their role and such overstepping could have serious consequences in disturbing the balance of power between the 3 limbs of the government viz. the legislature, bureaucracy and judiciary.

The talk was followed by a lively discussion in the form of questions and answers which Vinita did full justice to by her cogent and precise replies.

Next Week

Next week will be Annual General Meeting of our club. Please be there in large numbers to put forth your voice!!

R I D 3130 "CONFERENCE FOR TOGETHERNESS"

The Rotary District Conference will be held on 25th & 26th January 2008 at Dream Ramoji Film City , Hyderabad. This will be the last conference for the District 3130. So it is worthwhile to attend this conference to meet fellow Rotarians from our District and pledge to keep contacts for future to maintain togetherness. Quite a few of our members have already registered. All our members are requested to attend this Conference in big numbers. Those who are interested may kindly contact PE Rtn Dr Nasir Kazi as early as possible for further information. It is necessary to register well in advance to avoid inconveniences in transport, lodging, boarding etc, as this will be peak tourist season. But still there is time to act. So ACT QUICK & FAST to avail of this opportunity!



PE Rtn Dr Nasir Kazi.

This Week

Our Dear Rtn. PP Vinay Kulkarni,



The members of Rotary Club of Pune Central are delighted by your forthcoming official visit to our Club on 22nd December, 2007. We look forward to greet you with your lovely Ann Rashmi.

This is no ordinary visit by any ordinary dignitary, we are to have District Governor of District 3130, a powerful entity to recon with. The members are keen to have an interactive session with you, hear you for the future of Rotary. At the same time, it is an opportunity for us to showcase some of our achievements in Rotary Movements.

The Board of Directors, chairpersons and the members of RCPC are a committed lot of Rotarians and will endeavor to make noteworthy contributions to the spirit of Rotary.

With Regards,
Yours in Rotary

Polly Patel
President 2007-2008

RI Board Approves 2007-2010 Strategic Plan

The RI Board recently approved the RI Strategic Plan 2007-2010, which identifies seven priorities. *Eradicate Polio

*Advance the internal and external recognition and public image of Rotary.

*Increase Rotary's capacity to provide service to others. *Expand membership globally in both numbers and quality.

*Emphasize Rotary's unique vocational service commitment. Optimize the use and development of leadership talents within RI. Fully implement the strategic planning process to ensure continuity and consistency through out the organisation.

Each priority is supported by a set of goals and measures to evaluate progress.

Board also approved Rotary's guiding principles : Service, Fellowship, Diversity, Integrity, and Leadership. In addition, the Board adopted a new mission and a vision statement : The vision of Rotary International is to be universally recognised for its commitment to Service Above Self to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace.

GML - District News and Views

Events :

23rd December is Service Projects Presentation Zone I and II and Fellowship Nite. Venue is near Chaitanya Health Club, Paud, Pune.

29th December is District Talent 3130 Pune.

29th December shall also have Inter District Cricket Tournament where teams from Pune, Bombay and Nagpur shall participate.

30th December is District Sport Event. Timings are 9.00 am to 5.00 p.m. at Deccan Gymkhana, Pune.

Our District Governor was all praise for the district polio Summit held on 18th November, 2007. He said " It was an excellent meet which has set standards of quality, choice of venue and meticulous planning". And why not ! RCPC was at the helm of affairs as main host to the event.

He has appealed to all Rotary Clubs and Rotarians to take active part on 6th January, 2008 NID. Polio can be eradicated and we must do that last 1% effort to accomplish the target.

Wedding in our Project!

December 11th, 2007 is when Rajiv Gaikwad got a wife and a life. He is one sibling that was nurtured by us under Railway Station Children Rehabilitation Programme. Railway Police and RCPC has this project going for some time now. Last year, it was a matching grant project and continues now as a club project.

Rajiv is a watchman and must be good at his work. After all, his fellow watchman gave his daughter to Rajiv.

Congratulation and wish Rajiv and Sarika a happy married life.

Shelar Wasti Project

A hemoglobin camp was arranged at Shalar Wasti. 120 men, women and children took advantage of the same. Those with low level were given prescriptions for medicines which is made available to them at 50% cost.

A blood group determination was optional, at concessional rate of Only Rs.30.00. It was heartening to see that many opted for knowing their blood group, even at a charge. We now feel that we have earned the Wasti's confidence, that we are there to give selfless service and with no ulterior motive. This should take us a long way in providing much more to them.

Rotary Foundation Thought

This week's Rotary Foundation Thought is about becoming a Benefactor. A Rotary Foundation Benefactor is a person who has notified The Rotary Foundation that he/she has made provisions in their final state plans, or made an outright gift of US\$1000 or more to The Rotary Foundation's Permanent Fund. Benefactors receive a commemorative certificate, a letter of appreciation and a blue and gold recognition insignia to attach to their Rotary or Paul Harris Fellow pin. A US\$1000 gift to The Foundation creates a legacy of helping people lead better lives around the world. There are over 68,000 Benefactors in the Rotary world today. Are you one?

2009 - 2010 RI President

John Kenny, of Rotary Club of Grangemouth, Central, Scotland, is the selection of the nominating committee for President of Rotary International in 2009-2010.

A Rotarian since 1970, Kenny served RI in Great Britain and Ireland as president and vice president. He has served RI as director, executive committee chair, RF trustee, institute moderator, district governor, convention vice chair and group leader, president's representative and committee member and chair. He has been a delegate, member at large, and parliamentarian at several Council of Legislation.

Kenny is a major Donor to The RF and a Bequest Society member and had received Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. Congratulation Rtn. John Kenny.

Christmas Party for Cancer Patients

18th December saw a fantastic Christmas Party on the lawns of Amphy Theatre for the cancer afflicted patients. Over 120 children and other patients were gathered from various hospitals and NGOs. Many were provided transport to reach the venue. Games, magic shows, entertainment and A X Mas father was there to make these less fortunates forget their sufferings, at least for a while. The show was co sponsored by Poona Club, Alfa Laval and of course, RCPC's Mistrys and BsKs.

Birthdays

RAtn Mangal Bora	15-Dec.
Rtn Anil Lamba	15-Dec.
Rtn Rajinder Mohini Malhotra	18-Dec.
Rtn Kantilal Patel	18-Dec.
RAtn Madhu Jain	23-Dec.
RAtn Rajashree Shah	25-Dec.

Anniversaries

Rtn Dr. Ashish & Dheera Das	18-Dec.
Rtn Mukundrai & Kokila Sheth	18-Dec.
Rtn Anil & Mangal Bora	24-Dec.
Rtn Anil & Gouri Indulkar	26-Dec.
Rtn Sunil & Jasma Asher	27-Dec.

CALENDAR

Today	Visit by Rotary Dist. Governor Rtn. PP Vinay Kulkarni
29 Dec.	AGM Rotary Club of Pune Central