

Last Week : District GOV Visit

THE GENTLE CONQUEROR

On Saturday, 18th November, 2006, District Governor Rtn Hari Prasad Somani visited our Club on his official visit. A person of rare humour he really won over the hearts of all the Rotarians who heard him in the evening. He explained the concept behind the Rotary Service Week (planned from 1ST December onwards) and the need to make Society aware of the really good work done by Rotary.

His talk peppered with numerous stories, he gave various examples where a Rotarian learns to form the habit of giving- be it \$1 or be it \$ 1000 – to the extent that the Rotarians enjoys giving. Recounting the story of a child who felt that a new Rotarian was God for helping out his mother in hospitalization, the DG kept the audience spellbound with his anecdotes comfortably switching over from English to Hindi to the extent that he had the rapt attention of all the listeners.

DG Rtn Hari Prasad Somani was introduced by the Assistant DG Rtn Usha Poonawala who recounted that such was the commitment of the DG that he got up at 3.00 am on that day and drove down all the way from Hyderabad to Pune to be with us on that day. He came across as a simple soul with no airs about him and at the end of the meeting the audience spontaneously honoured him with a standing ovation.

Vote of thanks was effectively given by Rtn Neeraj Handa and the customary Mini Fellowship followed. DG's parting remark was that not only our Club was of a very high standard even the Fellowship among the Rotarians was superb.

Rtn Ramesh Arora

THIS WEEK

The election for the nomination committee will be held to day Incoming Rotary Presided Polly Patel will co-ordinate the same

26th of November : Important Date

District Pulse Polio orientation & planning Meet at Le Meridian at 9 am. About 140+ Rotary clubs are going to participate in the Meet. The charges for the registration are Rs. 250/- per person that includes –tea snacks- and the sumptuous lunch. The meet will be followed by lunch.

Our club is the host club for this mega event. It goes without saying that each one of you should take active interest and shoulder without any hesitation whatever responsibility is given to you. The first thing to do is to get the spouse & yourself registered for the Meet, without any loss of time, contact PP. Abhay Shah and offer your services for any work/assignments that he may have for you.

Friends, you just cannot remain absent for the above meeting

Rajendra Shah, President, RCPC

CLUB ASSEMBLY

The 2nd Club Assembly was held on the 18th November at Turf club House on the occasion of the DGs visit to our club. It was well attended by the Board of Directors and their committee chairmen and chairpersons.

This was a club assembly with a difference!

Since the DG had already gone through the report of the clubs projects and plans, handed to him by President Rajendra, he felt it would be better if he addressed the Assembly and gave us his ideas on certain issues.

He then held us enrapt with his talk and free floating ideas on Rotary, viz., membership, public relations, and how RI is now concentrating on Literacy, Water Management, Family of Rotary, Health and Hunger. These were some of the subjects touched upon by him. The club Assembly was followed by our regular meeting which was also addressed by the DG.

NEXT WEEK

Talk by Dr. Ritu Joshep. This talk has been arranged by Dr. Shekar Kulkarni

A 'Thank You' to Rotarian friends from the Senior Citizen's Club

This year many of the evening meetings of our Senior Citizen's Club were made both enlightening and interesting by some of our Rotarians who have taken the dais on a variety of topics.

➤ Rtn Mukesh Dougall who spoke on the useful subject of how the Union Budget will impact the earnings and savings of the senior citizen. *continued on page 2*



KNOW YOUR ROTARIAN

Kawaljit is an Electrical Engineer with more than 30 years of diverse experience in managing profit centers, marketing and sales management, finance and investments including company restructuring. Before joining ACSI, Mr. Broca has worked for ABB, Fenner India Limited, Advani Oerlikon Limited and IL&FS Venture Corporation.

In his present assignment as the CEO of Automotive Composite Systems (International) Ltd., (ACSI), Kawaljit has set up the operations of the business, including the search for a suitable Technology partner and getting into the Technology Transfer Agreement and grown the market for Hi – Technology Automotive Composites in India. In the past five years ACSI has grown at a CAGR of 43% under his leadership.

I. He has been on the Board of Directors of the following companies which includes Joint Ventures with world renowned companies:

- Ø CG Igarashi Motors Limited for 4 years.
- Ø National Standard Duncan Limited for 2 years. (GP Goenka group)
- Ø Indo Balzer Coatings Limited - during the start up phase.

II. International Exposure - Foreign Posting: Selected for extensive work experience (> 1 year) at Brown Boveri Europe – training at Germany, Switzerland, Norway and Oslo

III. Familiarity with Foreign Countries :

Europe Most of the countries like Germany, France, Belgium, Italy, UK, Scandinavian countries and USA– China Shanghai – Korea – Participated in Auto Exhibitions in Korea and India

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know that there is a system in our constitution, as per the 1969 act, in section “49-O” that a person can go to the polling booth, confirm his identity, get his finger marked and convey the presiding election officer that he doesn’t want to vote anyone!

Yes such a feature is available, This is called “49-O”.

Why should you go and say “I VOTE NOBODY”... because, in a ward, if a candidate wins, say by 123 votes, and that particular ward has received “49-O” votes more than 123, then that polling will be cancelled and will have to be re-pollled. Not only that, but the candidature of the contestants will be removed and they cannot contest the re-polling, since people had already expressed their decision on them.

This would bring fear into parties and hence look for genuine candidates for their parties for election. This would change the way, of our whole political system...

it is seemingly surprising why the election commission has not revealed such a feature to the public....

.. Seems to be a wonderful weapon against corrupt parties in India... show your power, expressing your desire not to vote for anybody, is even more powerful than voting... so don't miss your chance. So either vote, or vote not to vote (vote 49-O)

“we, the people of India , can really use this power to save our nation”. Use your voting right for a better INDIA

ROTARY INFORMATION

Last weekly meeting was DG's visit and our Chairman of Rotary Information Rtn. PP Raja Kharadkar asked three questions to the Rotarians each having three options:

1. What % of contributions given to Rotary Foundation goes to the world fund ?
a. 50% b. 40% c. 25%
2. How much money one has to give the Rotary Foundation to become foundation benefactor ?
a. USD 500 b. USD 100 c. USD 0
3. How much funds are collected in last Rotary Year from all over the world by Rotary Foundation ?
a. 81 Million USD b. 111 Million USD c. 121 Million USD

The correct answers are 1. a 2. c 3. b

Rtn. PP Ramesh More answered first question correctly. To become Foundation benefactor one has to give only declaration that in his / her will or in estate plan USD 1000 are provided for the Rotary Foundation. Last year USD 111 Million were collected by Rotary Foundation and this year target is to collect USD 120 Million

Rtn. Vipen Malhotra, Director – Membership

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➤ Rtn. Sunil Asher who gave guidance on low risk investment opportunities available to the members.

➤ Rtn PP Dr. Harish Saxena who conducted an inter-active session on the contentious issue of ‘reservations’

➤ Rtn Rita Negi who sang lilting songs from memory lane and received a standing ovation from the members who did not want her to stop singing.

➤ Rtn. Shashi Talwar who will shortly be singing Talat songs.

Another Rotarian who took exceptional initiative to conceive and choreograph a fashion show of Senior Citizen’s ‘The Glamorous Grandparents’ is Rtn Tanu Hora. The Senior Citizens fondly remember her efforts.

A big thank you to our Rotarians for helping our Senior Citizen’s Club.

Rtn Prasanta Choudhury
President - Senior Citizen’s
Club of RCPC

Birthdays

Rtn Lalit Vij	26 Nov
RAnn Homai Mistry	1 Dec

Anniversaries

Rtn Dr. Ashok & Dr. Sheila Bhave	26 Nov
Rtn Narendra & Kamini Sanghvi	27 Nov
Rtn Yogesh & Paulomi Veghani	27 Nov
Rtn Ajay & Rooma Dubey	28 Nov

CALENDAR

Today	Nomination Election to be co - ordinated by P.E. Rtn. Poly Patel Mini fund raiser
2-Dec.	SPEAKER talk by Dr Rita Joseph
9-Dec.	SPEAKER Talk by Rtn.Ajay Agarwal “Current & future Perspective of Modern Retail in India”
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