

Last Week

It is a special day in the Rotary Year when the DG comes visiting our club. That was the day last Saturday. Our DG Rtn. Vinay Kulkarni and Ann Rashmi visited our club and it was visit to remember. A report of all our Projects was prepared specially for the DG and was presented to him by the Pres. Polly Patel. There was a Club Assembly first in the dining room of the Turf Club at 5.30 pm when the Directors and Chairpersons of various Committees presented their projects report to the DG. He understood the various projects that our club was undertaking and appreciated all of them. He added that we should seek more money from the Rotary Foundation to do projects on a bigger scale and that there should be more participation from our club in the District events.

The club assembly was followed by our regular fellowship and meeting. Rtn. Kulkarni gave a very inspiring presentation on the need for helping the poor and less fortunate people in this world. He reminded us through statistics that how fortunate each one of us are as compared to more than 95% of the world and encouraged us to contribute generously towards the cause of uplifting others. Rtn. Kulkarni has set an example by personally contributing \$250,000 to Rotary foundation. He had set a target of a contribution of \$500,000 from the district, which has already been achieved. He has now raised the target to \$1 million, which will make our district the second largest contributor from India. His talk inspired Rtn Giri Sakhrani to become a Major Donor. Moreover, RAnn Dr. Shashi Saxena committed to become PHF and PP Rtn. S.K. Jain committed to make his grandson Dhruv Agarwal a PHF.

It was a highly enjoyable meeting which was followed by a mini fellowship. DG Kulkarni and the club members got a chance to mingle and get to know each other little better. It was a houseful night and our members had shown up in full strength. DG Kulkarni also commented on our bulletin being excellent!

DG Kulkarni's visit was a highly successful event which was greatly enjoyed by all.

This Week

This Week will be Annual General Meeting in which Pres. Elect Rtn. Nasir Kazi will introduce the new Board of Directors for 2008-09. Pres. Polly will discuss the plans and projects of this year.



Next Week

Club Birthday Dinner at Riverview Restaurant, 81/82, North main road, Koregaon Park, Pune at 7:30 pm. It will be preceded by a short meeting.

From the President's Desk

At the Board Meeting held on the 21st December, following fresh project proposals were considered and approved. One is to provide a set of artificial limbs to a lady aged 41 years, named Saeeda Sheikh. She stays alone and has no legs and only one hand.

Her current artificial limbs are worn out. Our team headed by VP Sanjiv Kumar went to her residence and checked on the details. It was determined that the case is genuine and warrant our assistance. The cost of new set of limbs costs Rs.18,000.00. The Board approved the help to this needy woman from the available funds.

President's cursory talk with one of the Rotarian members resulted into that member sponsoring the costs of artificial limbs. The Rotarian agreeing to undertake the costs is Rtn. Ajay Agarwal. Thank you, Ajay. Another important work on matching grant was approved by the Board. With this approval, our Club this year should be participating in three out bound matching grant projects.

The Board agreed in principal to offer US\$ 1,000.00 to RC of Kandy towards financing The Center for the Handicapped in Sri Lanka. This country has a very large number of amputees due to many reasons, many are very poor and even children. The provision of artificial limbs shall enable these persons to integrate into the society. Second out bound matching grant is agreed to RC of Rwanda in Central Africa. Our share to be US\$ 1,000.00. The grant goes towards setting

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up a pilot veterinary service to improve welfare of cattle raisers in Rwanda. This will ensure well being and protect socio - economic interest of the cattle raisers. This MG shall be done in coordination with RC of Stanford La Hope Corringham, U.K.

Polly Patel

Bali : UNFCCC

This article looks at the FALL OUT of IPCC deliberations (IPCC : Inter governmental Panel for Climate Change which recently received a Nobel Prize and is headed by our own R. K. Pachouri.)

1. Venture capital firms have for the first time entered the Credit business.
2. Tourists head for the threatened part e.g. Grey Glacier in Southern Chili.
3. A Taiwanese's firm has marketed a laptop encased in Bamboo.
4. India teams with China and Pakistan at Bali.
5. Australia has now become active pro Kyoto Protocol.
6. Scientists argue that Bio-fuel are killing forests adding to the world hunger.
7. India leads in Green Technology.
8. Rich countries would compensate developing countries for a forestation drive and for avoiding the deforestation.
9. The developed countries accepted to provide Buffer Fund in combating ill effects of climate changes.
10. Several viable products are available for those who are looking at the Sun for cleaner energy to run house hold devices.
11. The world's oceans which absorb about a 3rd of Carban Dioxide emitted by burning fossil fuels are becoming more acidic which is affecting marine life increasingly.
12. The current phase of negotiations under UNFCC C is therefore uniquely significant opportunity to correct the ills of the current pattern of development globally. India must take lead says R.K. Pachouri Chairman of ICC. "Be the change that you want to see in the world" said Mahatma Gandhi.
13. France has now banned smocking in cafes, restaurants and night clubs.
14. Researchers are developing commercially viable fuel out of plentiful accessible and low cost feed stalks and other agri products. Chicken fat could be a source of Green Energy.
15. Sea cucumber would be a potential weapon to fight against the spread of Malaria parasite.

Rtn. Mukund Rajopadhye

My Choicest Quotes

- [1] Don't marry the person you want to live with, marry the one you cannot live without, but what ever you do, you'll regret it later.
- [2] You can't buy love, but you pay heavily for it.
- [3] Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote.
- [4] Laziness is nothing more than the habit of resting before you get tired.
- [5] Marriage is give and take. You'd better give it to her or she'll take it anyway.
- [6] My wife and I always compromise. I admit I'm wrong and she agrees with me.
- [7] Those who can't laugh at themselves leave the job to others.
- [8] Ladies first. Pretty ladies sooner.
- [9] A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person.
- [10] You're getting old when you enjoy remembering things more than doing them.
- [11] It doesn't matter how often a married man changes his job, he still ends up with the same boss.
- [12] Real friends are the ones who survive transitions between address books.
- [13] Saving is the best thing. Especially when your parents have done it for you.
- [14] Wise men talk because they have something to say;fools talk because they have to say something.
- [15] They call our language the mother tongue because the father seldom gets to speak!

Rotary Foundation Thought

This week's Rotary Foundation Thought is about what US\$100 can help provide:

- Textbooks for one elementary school in Zambia
- Hearing aids for children in Pakistan
- De-worming tablets for over 100 children in the Philippines
- Three cataract surgeries in India.
- A gift of US\$100 or more changes and saves lives every minute of every day. As we strive to achieve a US\$100 per capita goal, it is vitally important that Every Rotarian, make a gift to the Annual Programs Fund, Every Year. When every Rotarian participates, our Foundation will be able to sustain and grow the great work we do around the world and be prepared for future challenges in the years to come.

Laugh

When a wife was asked: What book do you like the best?

She answers: My husband's cheque book..

Girlfriend: And are you sure you love me and no one else?

Boyfriend: Dead Sure! I checked the whole list again yesterday.

Waiter: Would you like your coffee black?

Customer: What other colors do you have?

My father is so old that when he was in school, history was called current affairs.

Teacher: Now, children, if I saw a man beating a donkey and stopped him, what virtue would I be Showing?

Student: Brotherly love.

Birthdays

Rtn Bahari BR Malhotra	31-Dec.
RAnn Ruby Jhunjunwala	3-Jan.
Rtn Katayun Shroff	3-Jan.

CALENDAR

Today	AGM Rotary Club of Pune Central
5th Jan	Club Birthday (Fellowship dinner)
12th Jan	Rotary Awareness program Rtn Neeraj Handa Director membership development
19th Jan	External speaker - 'Lt Gen N. Thamburaj'
26th Jan	Holiday (Republic Day)