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FUNCTION OF THE MONTH



Ek Sham Shairi ke Naam

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Meetings and Activities of the Month

Thursday 5th May 2011

Business Etiquettes & Leadership Skills

Vincent D'Silva

The guest of the evening gave an insight into the upper echelons of the corporate world. He explained in great detail every aspect which a person has to be aware of in dealing with clients and customers.



Right from the way you greet a person, the way you address a person in a formal letter to the way you should be dressed and even the way to hand over or present your visiting card.

He even dealt with the finer aspects of meeting a client over lunch or dinner and the way you should be having your soup. The talk was interspersed with some humour and the audience enjoyed every bit of the evening.

Mr. D'Silva was introduced by Rtn. PP Vishnu Dingwaney and thanked by Rtn. PP Pritam Lalwani.

Thursday 12th May 2011

Right to Education

Deep Kapadia



Every child has statutory right to education, averred Rtn. Deep Kapadia during his address, mentioning that though the law says so, in reality very little was being done by the government to ensure its implementation.

Rtn. Deep expressed that the NGOs should come forward to take up the cases, where discrepancies were observed.

He cited few examples of how government machinery can be mobilised by submitting public interest

litigations. In one case, he said the government had to build a bridge over a river for children to attend the school during monsoon. In another case he said the court instructed the government to provide water and electricity to the school.



Rtn. Vikkasini introducing Rtn. Deep Kapadia

Rotarians greatly appreciated the presentation. Rtn. Vikkasini introduced Deep and Rtn. PP Satish Kulkarni thanked the speaker.

Thursday 19th May 2011

Ek Sham Shairi ke Naam

Dinesh Jogani

This evening which had been aptly titled "Ek Sham Shairi ke Naam" was devoted to Shairis began in a very different way.

First of all it was at the North Indian Association and then we had our ace cricketer bowling the first over by introducing the speaker. Not only were all the Sion members thrilled to see Mukesh do such an excellent job, it was so good that even the guest of the evening Mr. Dinesh Jogani could not help but comment on.

The speaker had come very well prepared with the Shairis divided in 3 parts - Friends, General and then Love. What was unusual was after the speaker had finished we had our PDG Kishore get up and serve some more Shairis and as if this was



Meetings of the Month

not enough we even had our R/Ann Dr. Ruchira Manjarekar come up and then deliver few more.

At this point our editor was getting seriously worried of missing his flight to the US, as he had come with his Ann, on the insistence of the Sergeant-at-Arms.



Gautam and Anuradha being wished by President

Members wished Rtn. PP Gautam and R/Ann Anuradha as well as Rtn. PP Sunil and R/Ann Anagha on the occasion of their wedding anniversaries.

After this delightful and entertaining programme, we had PP Lalitkumar Chadha proposing a hearty vote of thanks before we broke for dinner.

Thursday 26th May 2011

Process of Unlearning

Jaigopal Shukla



During our lifetime, we learn many things and form our own opinions and beliefs.

It is difficult to unlearn some of the learnings which may have become redundant and unuseful. Mr. Jaigopal Shukla explained the process of unlearning and

gave members some important tips to unlearn some of the unwanted beliefs.

This speaker was introduced by Rtn. Vishnu Dingwaney and vote of thanks was proposed by Rtn. PP Sivan.

Musings

Making a difference

As Mrs. Thompson stood in front of her 5th grade class on the very first day of school, she told the children a lie. Like most teachers, she looked at her students and said that she loved them all the same. But that was impossible, because there in the front row, slumped in his seat, was a little boy named Teddy Stoddard.

Mrs. Thompson had watched Teddy the year before and noticed that he didn't play well with other children, that his clothes were messy and he constantly needed a bath. And Teddy could be unpleasant. It got to the point where Mrs. Thompson would actually take delight in marking his papers with a broad red pen, making bold X's and putting a big "F" at the top of his papers.

At the school where Mrs. Thompson taught, she was required to review each child's past records and she put Teddy's off until last. However, when she reviewed his file, she was in for a surprise.

Teddy's first grade teacher wrote, "Teddy is a bright child with a ready laugh. He does his work neatly and has good manners. He is a joy to be around."

His second grade teacher wrote, "Teddy is an excellent student, well liked by his classmates, but he is troubled as his mother has a terminal illness and life at home must be a struggle."

His third grade teacher wrote, "His mother's death has been hard on him. He tries to do his best, but his father doesn't show much interest and his home life will soon affect him if some steps are not taken."

Teddy's fourth grade teacher wrote, "Teddy is withdrawn and doesn't show much interest in school. He doesn't have many friends and he sometimes sleeps in class."

By now, Mrs. Thompson realized the problem and she was ashamed of herself. She felt even worse when her students brought her Christmas presents, wrapped in beautiful ribbons and bright paper, except for Teddy's. His present was

clumsily wrapped in the heavy, brown paper that he got from a grocery bag.

Mrs. Thompson took pains to open it in the middle of other presents. Some children started to laugh when she found a rhinestone bracelet with some stones missing, and a bottle that was one quarter full of perfume.

But she stifled the children's laughter when she exclaimed how pretty the bracelet was, putting it on and dabbing some of the perfume on her wrist.

Teddy Stoddard stayed after school that day just long enough to say, "Mrs. Thompson, today you smelled just like my Mom used to." After the children left she cried for at least an hour. On that very day, she quit teaching reading, writing, and arithmetic. Instead, she began to teach children.

Mrs. Thompson paid particular attention to Teddy. As she worked with him, his mind seemed to come alive. The more she encouraged him, the faster he responded.

By the end of the year, Teddy had become one of the smartest children in the class and despite her lie that she would love all the children the same, Teddy became one of her "teacher's pets."

A year later, she found a note under her door, from Teddy, telling her that she was still the best teacher he ever had in his whole life.

Six years went by before she got another note from Teddy. He then wrote that he had finished high school, third in his class, and she was still the best teacher he ever had in his whole life.

Four years after that, she got another letter, saying that while things had been tough at times, he'd stayed in school, had stuck with it and would soon graduate from college with the highest of honors. He assured

Mrs. Thompson that she was still the best and favorite teacher he ever had in his whole life.

Then four more years passed and yet another letter came. This time he explained that after he got his bachelor's degree, he decided to go a little further. The letter explained that she was still the best and favorite teacher he ever had. But now his name was a little longer -- the letter was signed, Theodore F. Stoddard, MD.

The story doesn't end there. You see, there was yet another letter that spring. Teddy said he'd met this girl and was going to be married. He explained that his father had died a couple of years ago and he was wondering if Mrs. Thompson might agree to sit in the place at the wedding that was usually reserved for the mother of the groom. Of course, Mrs. Thompson did.

And guess what? She wore that bracelet, the one with several rhinestones missing. And she made sure she was wearing the perfume that Teddy remembered his mother wearing on their last Christmas together. They hugged each other and Dr. Stoddard whispered in Mrs. Thompson's ear, "Thank you Mrs. Thompson for believing in me. Thank you so much for making me feel important and showing me that I could make a difference."

Mrs. Thompson, with tears in her eyes, whispered back. She said, "Teddy, you have it all wrong. You were the one who taught me that I could make a difference. I didn't really know how to teach until I met you."

Please remember that wherever you go, and whatever you do, you will have the opportunity to touch and/or change a person's outlook.



Contributed by Rtn. Om Kothari

Mark Your Diary

Thursday 2nd June 2011

No meeting since postponed to June 4th

Saturday 4th June 2011

Joint Meeting with Rotary Club of Mahim for Seminar on Global Warming at Welingkar Institute.

Thursday 9th June 2011

PP Vishwas Kale on ??

Thursday 16th June 2011

Shukriya function

Thursday 23rd June 2011

Special General Body Meeting

Sunday 26th June 2011

Charter night and installation function at MIG, Bandra

Thursday 30th June 2011

No meeting since preponed to 26th June

Our '100 Percenters' during April 2011

Ashok Puranik	Dr. S. Natarajan
Dinesh Shah	P. N. S. Sivan
Ganesh Shanbhag	Rohinton Surti
Mahadev Kulkarni	Satish Kulkarni
Suhas Masurkar	

We would like to see your name in the '100 Percenters' list and request you to sign the attendance register as well as mention in case you have done 'Make Up' elsewhere.

Our apologies if your name is missing from the above though you have attended all meetings or made up for the same. Let us know and we will correct the error.

Many Happy Returns!

Birthdays

Rtns	
Sohil Narendra Valia	June 16
R/Anns	
Jyoti Pratap Chande	3
Kavita Bala Dever	7
Children	
Vivek L. Chadha	5
Manish R. Khetwani	5
Shantanu A. Mulay	9
Wedding Anniversaries	
Swati - Suhas Masurkar	7
Deena - Mukesh Kothari	15
Kumud - Dinesh Shah	30



Joke of the Month

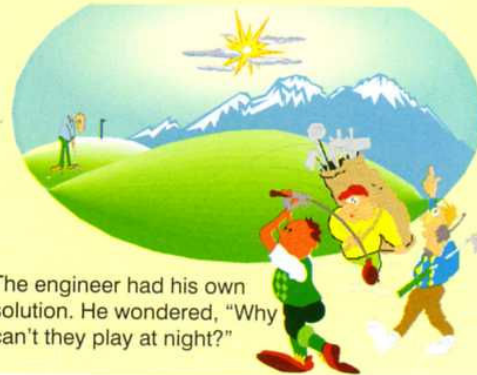


Blind Golfers

Three Rotarians, a doctor, a priest, and an engineer were playing golf together one sunny summer afternoon when they found themselves trapped behind a group of very slow players.

They complained to the manager, but he told them that this group deserved special consideration. They were blind. And not only were they blind, but they were former fire fighters who had been blinded fighting a fire that had threatened the very golf course on which they were playing.

The doctor felt embarrassed and said, "Well I have a few friends that are ophthalmologists. I'll ask them if they can do anything to help." The priest, also feeling ashamed offered, "I'll make sure we pray for them at Mass this Sunday."



The engineer had his own solution. He wondered, "Why can't they play at night?"

Natarajan's Notes



Dear Friends

I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude and accomplishment as I complete my term as President. Gratitude to all of you who accepted me with open arms and helped me make my small contribution to humankind through the innumerable activities we have been involved in. Accomplishment as I look back at all the events and activities that were successfully carried out by our club.

This last year has further strengthened my faith in TEAM effort - Together Everyone Achieve More, and the impact it has made on thousands of people.

*"Coming together is a beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success."*

~Henry Ford

The happiness on the faces of the villagers who benefitted from our solar project, the school children whose talents were appreciated, the patients whose vision improved after cataract surgery are just some examples.

I have also tried to bring to you the vast learnings from the south through the Tirukkural quotes I have been using in my various communications. Also the attendance has begun to improve and I am sure will continue to do so as our incumbent President and his team is highly committed and enthusiastic. I wish them the very best in all their endeavors.

*Do all the good you can, at all times and places,
And in all the ways possible.*

- Tirukkural 33

Yours in Rotary

Rtn. Dr. S. Natarajan

When you detach yourself from things of the world, one by one, each step will be a relatively painless process.

Tirukkural: 341 Chapter 35



Rtn. Mukesh introducing Dinesh



PDG Kishore reciting few shairis on members' request



R/Ann Ruchira adding few more on demand from members



Rtn. Lalitkumar Chadha proposing a vote of thanks

Rotary Information

DID YOU KNOW ??

Paul Harris started Rotary for fun and fellowship, and like the Wright brothers, he had no idea where it was going. Today, there is no part of the globe that an airplane cannot reach in a day, and there is no part of the globe that has not in some way been touched and improved by Rotary.



As we enter the second century of Rotary service, it is natural to look back and ask, "Why?" Why has Rotary succeeded? Why is the ideal of service so compelling? And as we turn our glance from the view over our shoulder to the present, we ask, "Is Rotary relevant and necessary today?"

England's Bill Huntley, who was RI president in 1994-95, believes Rotary has succeeded for three reasons :

1. "We cross boundaries. Look at District 1160 - there is one district for all of Ireland, where strife has boiled for generations.
2. "We talk at all levels because of the quality of our members - kings, government officials, and business leaders. We have entrée into the U.S. White House Oval Office and the United Nations. Local club presidents can talk to city councilors. Rotary has a say in affairs of the community.
3. "We're trusted. Our history covers more than 100 years of faithful community service, and our badge has become the emblem of integrity. In Istanbul, Turkey, for example, Rotarians were called in as the arbiters in industrial disputes."

Rotary has also succeeded because it has given men and women the opportunity to enjoy the trust and fellowship of one another while always reaching out. They reach out to their communities. They reach out to help young people and the elderly. They reach out far beyond their own borders to those in need. And they do so in an organization that teaches them to broaden their thoughts and minds culturally, with a desire for world understanding and peace.

Ashwinkumar Shetty

Editorial

The 4-Way Test



I was about to start writing this editorial, when the news about police intervention in Baba Ramdev's 'Fast unto Death' agitation was being flashed on the TV screen. While watching the news, the train of thoughts led me to realize how the

4-Way Test of Rotary could resolve most, if not all, issues facing our country.

You may be aware that some 80 years back, one Mr. Herbert J. Taylor who, while surveying the way his company did its business, which was the sale of aluminum pots and pans, observed that the nature of the industry was fraught with unethical business practices.

To bring the business out of bankruptcy, Mr. Taylor knew that he had to change the way business was conducted and ultimately he developed a very simple business philosophy that all employees were to follow in all of their business dealings with customers, suppliers and associates. The philosophy changed the business, turned the business around and ultimately brought it out of bankruptcy.

This business philosophy is a simple four step decision making tool. It didn't tell people what to do or how to think, but it did give them a tool to use in all of their business dealings. The tool is now well known to all those who have ever associated themselves with Rotary International. It is simple - the 4-Way Test, which says;

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and better friendships?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

The tip is to use this simple decision making tool in our life and see if it makes a difference. As people, we must all stand by our personal honesty and integrity. Let us give it a try in our life. With each one of us trying, the National problem might get reduced in its proportion.

By the way, this tool made Herbert Taylor a multimillionaire in the 1930s. So it's also a very profitable way of doing business.

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