

President connects..



Dear Friends,

Rotary in an NGO par excellent, helping community, developing fellowship and grooming leaders in the community.

During my journey as President of RC Borivli, One great thing what I have realised that all members are not Rotarians, according to me Rotarian is a distinguished person in the community, highly successful in his vocation, profession, serve with a motto service above self, making difference and embracing humanity.

As I hand over the reins of Rotary Club of Borivli I do recollect few moments of Joy, the smile of the adopted children, Diwali celebrations with Ashram shala students, Navratri with physically challenged, Full house seminars, Dance, Masti, love and care of fellow Rotarians.

Everything in this world keeps changing, Rotary wheel moves on, it is like the giant wheel theory, people get into the box, enjoy the ride for few minutes, step out, again seats are filled with new people. This cycle is very important to the Rotary clubs, because this brings new energy, new hope with the incoming leader of the club.

No more anxious moments, the preparations for the meeting, identifying the speakers, fear of fire crackers in the midst of the meeting, quality of the food, rising cost of the meetings and projects, TRF collection etc.

I thank all my team members for their excellent support, and wish incoming President Rtn. Ajay and his team very best.

Ashok.



President Ashok with DG Dr. Jayant Kulkarni at District Sukriya

Editorial...

Dear Friends,

Friends, it is time to say Goodbye. District Governor Dr. Jayant Kulkarni accorded Gold Medal with Distinction to President Ashok Shetty and Team 2010-11 at the star studded SHUKRIYA function held at hotel Tulip Star on the eve of 29th June, 2011. It speaks of the great effort put in throughout the year.

During this monsoon season I am tempted to put down this great feeling/words of a very famous gujarati author, Gunwant Shah, which are similar to my own feelings. I am sure it will definitely strike a cord in your heart.

છેલ્લા ત્રણેક દિવસથી વરસાદ નથી પડ્યો, પરંતુ હવામાં રહેલી ભીનાશ ચોમાસાની અદબ જાળવીને ફળિયામાં અટવાતી રહે છે.

ચોમાસામાં બનતી એક ખાસ ઘટનાનું મને જબરું આકર્ષણ રહ્યું છે. વરસાદ પડતો ન હોય; બપોર પણ સૂરજની ગેરહાજરીને કારણે સવારનું રૂપ ધારણ કરીને મહોલ્લામાં સ્થિર થઈ ગઈ હોય અને આકાશમાં વાદળો જામ્યાં નહીં હોય પણ અટવાતાં હોય. ઓફિસે જવાનું ન હોય અને ઘરનાં સૌ બહાર ગયાં હોય. ઓટલે અમથો, નવરો બેઠો હોઈ ને જોતજોતામાં ફળિયામાં અટવાતો પવન એકાએક જુદી ભાષા બોલાવા માંડે. એકાએક થોડુંક અંધારું છવાઈ જાય અને હવામાં ઠંડક પ્રસરી જાય. ઓટલે બેસીને આ રીતે આગળથી નોટિસ આપીને ધડાકાબંધ આવી પહોંચતા વરસાદનું (સાચા અર્થમાં) ભાવભીનું સ્વાગત કરવાનું કોને ન ગમે? વરસાદ આમ તૂટી પડવાની તૈયારીમાં હોય અને સ્ટીરિયો પરથી જગજિતસિંધને કંઠેથી વહેતી પંક્તિનો મિજાજ કંઈક આવી હોય:

બરસાત કા બાદલ તો દીવાના હૈ, ક્યા જાને:

કિસ રાહ સે બચના હૈ કિસ છત કો ભીગોના હૈ !

Hi friends ! how you all doing ? Great! Obviously! After the beautiful showers and the beautiful atmosphere around one has to be in the pink of health.

And how about my young readers? Back to school. Rainy June. Are your umbrellas and windcheater all out? Are you all ready with your paper boats to sail. Try it you will really enjoy it. Playing football in muddy water and dirtying your clothes is also a fantastic experience this season. Why only children? Our Rotarians can try it out too. Leave the responsibility of convincing the Anns to me. You can solve the *ruthna manana* problems later. Cant you?

Yes friends enjoy this wonderful blessing of nature and refresh yourselves. As I have always

વરસાદ આપણને પલાળી મૂકે એ પૂરતું નથી, એ તો આપણી અંતર-કચારીને ભીંજવીને તરબતર કરી મૂકે ત્યારે જ તો વરસાદ કહેવાય. આપણાં નળિયાવાળાં છાપરાં પરથી કે પછી પતરાં પરથી જે નેવલાં વહેવા માંડે અને મનમાં વસી જાય એવો એકધારો ધ્વનિ હવે ભાગ્યે જ સાંભળવા મળે છે. સિમેન્ટનાં ધાબાંઓએ આપણી પાસેથી વરસાદનું છાપરિયું સંગીત છીનવી લીધું છે.

ચોમાસું એનાં તમામ લક્ષણો સાથે પ્રતિવર્ષ આપણને મળાવ આવી પહોંચે છે, પરંતુ આપણા તરફથી થતો એનો સ્વીકાર લગભગ ઉમળકા વગરનો હોય છે. આપણે મન ચોમાસું એટલે ટેલિફોનની આડાઈ; આપણે મન ચોમાસું એટલે વાહન-વ્યવહારની અગવડ અને અનિયમિતતા; આપણે મન ચોમાસું એટલે ટ્રેનમાં ભીડ ઘટાવવું એક કારણ. આ ચોમાસું એક આનંદપર્વ છે એવું આપણને ભાગ્યે જ લાગે છે. ચોમાસાની માતૃભાષા છે, ડ્રાઉ.....ડ્રાઉ.

પ્રતિવર્ષ આવી પહોંચતા ચોમાસાના સગળા સુચિતાર્થો હજી આપણે જાણતા નથી તેથી એક મહોત્સવ તરીકે એને આવકારવાનું બની શકતું નથી.

સમયસરનો વરસાદ પૃથ્વીને ધનધાન્યથી ભરપૂર બનાવે છે. ધનધાન્યથી ભરપૂર ન હોય એવો સમાજ ઉધામા વગરનો, ક્ષોભ વગરનો શી રીતે હોઈ શકે? અને સંક્ષુબ્ધ હોય તેવા સમાજમાં બાહ્યશો (સજ્જનો) નિર્ભય હોઈ શકે ખરા? ગીતાએ પણ વરસાદને આવા જ વિશાળ પરિપેક્ષમાં મૂકી આપ્યો છે:

અન્નાદ્ભવન્તિ ભૂતાનિ પર્જન્યાદન્નસંભવ :

યજ્ઞાદ્ભવતિ પર્જન્યો યજ્ઞઃ કર્મસમુદ્ભવ : ।।

આમ અન્નથી પ્રાણીઓ બને, વરસાદથી અન્ન પેદા થાય, યજ્ઞથી વરસાદ અને કર્મથી યજ્ઞ ઉત્પન્ન થાય. વરસાદનો સીધો સંબંધ આપણા કર્મ સાથે ગીતાએ જોડી આપ્યો છે.

ચોમાસું એટલે શું, તે આપણે ક્યારે સમજીશું ?

- Umesh

been saying all of us deserve this. But don't forget to make the best out of it-Rotary *naraas* "Plant more trees " "Rain water harvesting "

One more cultural identity of Indians - our wonderful festivals. It is a well known act that no other country holds so many festivals of antiquity as does India. Each festival brings an episode of some remote past back to the memory. There are said to be more festivals in India, than there are days in a year.

Just go on enjoying the festivals all through the season, call your near and dear ones ,spend some quality time with them. After all the festivals are meant for that. Relax 'enjoy and thank god for giving us birth in this wonderful land of ours - INDIA !

- Sonal Chandarana

MEETINGS

1st Meeting

Our first regular meeting was on 17th June, at Granville Hotel, Borivli. The guest speakers : Mr. Sachin Dedhia, spoke on, 'Cyber Crime Dangers & its Preventions,' and our another speaker, 'Trevor Hlynski (Canada), an Inbound RYE student enlighten the members on his year in India. Emphasizing the benefits of RYE, PP Rtn Chetan introduced Trevor, who gave a video-film aided lucid account of his year as a Rotary Youth Exchange student in India.

Mr Sachin was introduced by Sargent Rtn. Jayesh Kapadia. He gave a detailed account of the various ways in which hacking of accounts was done and how to safeguard against the same. Rotaractors from Rotaract Club of Mumbai Airport attended the meeting and thanked the club for partnering them in their project at Jogeshwari.



Programs

Music Clinic For cancer Patients Jointly with Shri Ambika Yog Kutir & Saileela Trust

It was one more feather in cap of Rotary Club of Borivli. A wonderful evening and a super hit project with more than 200 attendee's coming out of the auditorium happy and with a "guru-killi" of how to stay happy forever - what more can one wish for.

DGN Lata Subraidu, the chief guest, was felicitated by PDG Bharat Pandya and President Ashok. PP Chetan Desai introduced her to the gathering and she gave a short but fitting response.

The Ambika Yog Kutir has been helping the cancer patients and survivors to reduce their sufferings through the practice of yoga. The music clinic was specially programmed by Dr Rahul Joshi to add another dimension to their recovery efforts. The chock-o-block auditorium was awestruck and spellbound with the web of music and the co-relation of the seven notes *sa-re-ga-ma-pa-dha-ni* to the 7 chakras.

After the interval the Vocational Excellence Awards were presented. The awards were received by..

Sri Harichandra Mancharkar - 80 years young ex-teacher and social worker.

Ramesh Bhorse - visually challenged physiotherapist.

Rijuta Kushalkar - cancer survivor and councillor to cancer patients.

Dr Chandrakant Lalan - Doctor and volunteer for

enucleator of eyes for our eye bank.

Janardhan Potdar - social worker and rickshaw driver.

The awardees were ably introduced by Rtns Avinash Gujarati and Mona Gyani.

Dr Rahul continued to weave the web of magic of music and all wished that it should not end but reluctantly at 11.30 pm a great evening came to an end.

Club is grateful to project chairperson, PP Chetan Desai & PP Vijay Palkar, Service Project Director-Medical, Rtn Mona Gyani, Vocational directors, Rtn Ashish Tapiawala and Rtn Lalit Jadav for a well conceived and excellently executed project and sincere thanks to Sri Vijay Patankar, Branch head of Shri Ambika Yog Kutir -Thane, (Eksar Borivli Branch) & Rtn Rajul Pathak, trustee Saileela trust, Sai Baba Mandir -Borivli and Rtn Hemant Ashar.



Save The Earth RYLA

The RYLA was jointly hosted by Rotary Club of Borivli, RC Bombay North West, RC Mumbai Dahisar, RC Mumbai Andheri at beautiful Venue - L & M Rotary Centre, S. V. Road, Malad (W), Mumbai.

Convenor IPP Manish Gyani spoke about the Purpose of program & gave his opening remarks.

The Introduction of the first speaker Mr. Radhakrishnan Pillai was given by President Ashok Shetty.

Dr. Radhakrishnan Pillai spoke on Chanakya's writings on Leadership for youth. He connected well with the audience and gave an excellent presentation.

President Jainendra Jain Introduced Chief Guest PDG Nitin Mangaldas who spoke eloquently on Global Warming and gave a lot of practical pointers to the participants for the projects that they can carry out in the community.

Co-Convenor Rtr. Niharika Purohit then took charge and the teams Agni, Jal, Prithvi, Akash and Vayu from amongst

the participants was formed. Details about activities, rules & regulations were also given by her. Two activities were compulsory - tree plantation and preparation of a poster. The teams could do any of the other activities they liked. Colorful Event T-shirts were distributed to the participants to be used during the activity.

On third day in the afternoon the concluding session was held at L & M Rotary Centre, S. V. Road, Malad (W), Mumbai.

Participants were called for their presentations. Various participating teams presented their work through PPT, on the subject Global warming and how it can destroy our mother earth. Each team made excellent presentation.

President Ashok Shetty declared the winner and other Awards as under. 2nd runner up : Team Vayu 1st Runner up Team Agni. Most Innovative: Team Jal. Winner: Team Akash.

