

### President connects..

Dear friends,

December is a family month in Rotary. We have successfully celebrated two events, **Nach Baliye** and **Christmas Party**. Chairman Rtn. Narendra Shah and Rtn. Sushil Mistry deserve great compliments for the well executed events.

Christmas is celebrated as a major festival in Christian countries. There is a belief that might be 25th December is the birth of Jesus Christ and the English calendar is created.

In India too festivities of Christmas continue all through the ten days of the festival. Christians and even the non-Christian communities enjoy themselves by participating in Christmas Balls, feast and get together that are organized by Churches and societies all across the country.

Santa Claus is a messenger of peace and love. Red colour symbolises love and white is for peace.

There is great message in October 2010 Rotary News, while concluding editor Rtn T. K. Balakrishnan says, Victory in rotary means working together, making things happen.

It is very unfortunate that some Rotarians, leaders waste time in gossip, pointing out the small human errors, messing up someone else's day, polluting the friendly atmosphere in the club.

Friend's Rotary four way test is not for decorating the walls of your office or home. It is the reminder of your truthfulness and honesty. An engine developed by historians of rotary, highly valuable and ethical.

In our New Year resolution let us pledge ourselves to serve community, keeping the 4 way test idealism in true meaning and spirit.

Wish you all Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

**Ashok.**



President meets President

### Editorial ...

Dear Friends,

Wishing you a very happy new Year. May this new year bring a lot of happiness and success in your life.

A beautiful story to share with you.

### Good Samaritans

A man worked in a post office. His job was to process all mail that had illegible addresses. One day a letter came to his desk, addressed in shaky handwriting to God. So he opened it and it read; "Dear God, I am 83 years old widow living on a very small pension. Yesterday someone stole my purse. It had hundred dollars in it which was all the money I had until my next pension check.

Next Sunday is Mother's day, and I had invited my last two surviving friends over for dinner. Without that money, I have nothing to buy food with. I have no family to turn to, and you are my only hope. Could you please help me, God?"

The postal worker was touched. He thought for long and then went around showing the letter to all the others. Each of them dug into his wallet and came up with a few dollars. By the time he made the rounds, he had collected 96 dollars, which they put into an envelope and sent over to her.



Rtn. Mona Gyani receiving Major Donor Plaque on behalf of Major Donor Rtn. Manish Gyani



Past and Future District Leaders at the TRF meet.

The rest of the day, all the workers felt a warm glow thinking of the nice act of kindness that they had performed, expecting nothing in return.

Mothers day came and went, and a few days later came another letter from the old lady to God. All the workers gathered around while the letter was opened.

It read, "Dear God, How can I ever thank you enough for what you did for me? Because of your generosity, I was able to fix a lovely dinner for my friends. We had a very nice day, and I told my friends, of your wonderful gift. By the way, four dollars were missing. It was no doubt those thieves at the post office!"

**Umesh, Editor.**



## MEETINGS

### 1st Meeting

The 5th DAUD meeting of our group was hosted by RC of Mumbai Dahisar at Rotary Garden, Dahisar East, on 15th Dec.

It was a great fellowship - with members of Dahisar, Borivli East and our club and PDG Shrirang Prabhu, district stalwarts Rajendra Kinariwala, Dilip Nabar, Girish Mittal, Vijay Palkar to name a few. The quizmaster was Rajendrabhai and what a great job he did - reminded one and all of the big B. As he said in the beginning - the idea was not to test the participants but to give them further insight in rotary information.

All present participated in the first round which was a written test with 30 questions with four answers out of which the correct one was to be ticked. For a change the correction of the papers was done by the participants themselves. Two members from each club with the highest scores went into the next oral round. Our club was represented by Rtn Mona and your truly. RC of Borivli East emerged the winner, all in all it was great fun and informative DAUD.



### 2nd Meeting

**AGM - 29th December, 2010.**

The annual general meeting of the Rotary Club of Borivli was held on 29th Dec 2010 at Doctor House, Borivali (W) at 8 PM. The minutes of the last AGM was read, approved and signed and the accounts for rotary year 2009-2010 were presented and passed. The general queries of the members were answered and suggestions given were noted.

The election officer announced that for the rotary year 2011-2012, the number of nominations received were exactly the same as the number of posts and hence all were declared as elected and then he announced their names. Certain resolutions regarding circulation of minutes and collection of membership dues were also passed.

All in all a nice, interactive and fruitful AGM.

- Mudrak Lalaji, Hon. Secretary.

## PROJECTS PARADE

### Rotary Service Week



Day 1 : Polio Stickers Distributed

Day 2 : RYPEN - New Rotarian Chirag Shah was the faculty and he had inspired the young minds with his simple talk, using visualization theory.

Day 3 : Thalassaemia Awareness seminar at M. K. College. Anil Shah from THINK Foundation and Inner wheel president Surekha Punamia were the faculties, it was a nice educative programme on Thalassaemia minor for the students of T. Y. B. Com.

PUC Check up for Auto Rickshaws. Service project director Ashwin Gala arranged PUC check up for Auto rickshaws at 2 locations, one near Don Bosco and Second Near chikwadi Signal, total 428 checkups were conducted.

Day 4 : Free Thalassaemia check up and Blood Donation Drive at M. K. College. More than 114 check ups and over 48 bottles of blood were collected from the students, great response. The event was organised jointly with Inner Wheel Club of Borivli.

World AIDS Day : AIDS combat Society jointly with the Rotary Club of Borivli, R C of Mumbai Kandivli West, R C of Bombay North West and other NGO's arranged a Musical Night at Prabodhankar Thackeray, Sa Re Ga Ma Pa fame Sanjivani was the key performer with her melodious voice.

Day 5 : Career Guidance Lecture at Gokhale College. Excellent presentation by Vocational Service-I director, on the topic of Career in Computer Literacy, specially designed for students of T.Y.B. Com.

Prof S. S. Sant who was present throughout the programme said *"You have taken us into a different world; my students have benefitted immensely, looking forward to have many such events for the benefit of our students"*

Friend's great compliments to Ashish and special thanks to Rtn. Avinash Gujarati for arranging this event.



### Eye Donation Awareness programme marches ahead...

**19th December ....**

The Eye Donation Awareness Rally.

DG Jayant Kulkarni was the chief guest. Actors Akshay Oberoi and Sandeepa Dhar (starring in *Isi Life Mein*) were special guests. The rally was organised by RC of Sion with our club the lead co-host. The rally started at 9.45 am from Sion Circle.

Our Eye bank Ambulance led the rally. A band of children from the local school followed. They were followed by the VIPs, Rotarians from various clubs and members of other NGO's. The rally culminated at Arora Circle, Matunga. It was a great awareness rally.

**22nd December....**

One more programme on was organised by RC Kandivli West, at Krupalu Yoga Centre, Kewal Baug, Kandivli West.

More than 150 participants of Yoga morning class were the target audience.

Yoga teacher Kiritkumar Bhatt blessed the gathering and PP Vijay Palkar gave a wonderful presentation for nearly 50 minutes to the attentive house.

RC Borivli is grateful to President Kirit and Secretary Bharat for organising this event at early morning at 6.30am to the huge gathering.

- Rtn. Mudrak Lalaji

