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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Dear friends,

Seasons Greetings and A Happy New Year.

We are only a month away from the biggest event of the year and our DISCON chairman Vijay Lazarus and Secretary Gautam Gandhi have been sending us periodic updates of the fixtures. As can be seen from the weekly bulletins, our major concerns of speakers, sponsors and entertainment have firmed up as per plans and we are in for a great time with Ashoka Ajmera confidently in control on the execution front. Sanjay is being assisted by Asim in a fantastic support for promotion, having gained major ground with conference registration. All in all, it is satisfactory on all counts except that our in house registrations though coming in are yet not fully subscribed. While I make this final appeal to you through Inspiration, I wish to clarify that the pending 20 odd registrations or expected funds thereon are not as important because we have about 7000 Rotarians in the District to pursue to make up our numbers rather than repeatedly coming back to you. BUT it is our desire that RCBN turnout as hosts is in full strength, taking pride in supporting a once in 3 decades honour of fielding a District Governor; to ensure

that we the hosts do not miss out on an opportunity to witness a spectacular show which some of our members have been dreaming, planning, toiling using their personal time and resources to create. Whether to appreciate the efforts or savour a quality programme or relish the fellowship or refresh Rotary Inspiration or show solidarity; it is suggested that we become a part of the celebrations which we are promoting to the district. It is only befitting that we participate with enthusiasm & passion; if not resident but preferably with spouse, offering to lend a hand to make the event successful. It's OUR club event and we have assumed the responsibility so let's make the most of it.

A well-attended AGM ratified the decision to raise the contributions to RCBN Charity fund from Rs. 2,000 to Rs. 5,000 from the following year. Rural project is under implementation with orders placed for Solar lights. FCRA approval is in progress with active investigations and correspondence paving way for grant aided by RC of Baltimore project. Taxi drivers vision project is scheduled to commence on 16 January and WWC & Skin projects are on track.

December witnessed the addition to the RCBN membership with induction of Shaila Vora, Ashish Ganatra, Hitesh Sharma, Om Prakash Goenka; a very warm welcome to them with their

spouses Piyush, Rupal, Renuka and Kiran respectively. Heartiest congratulations to our youngest couple Akanksha and Harsh as we wish them a blissful wedded life and hope to see them more often. The festive season had more to offer with Suresh Gandhi and family celebrating their newest addition to the family; Nafisa & Habil with their family hosting us with their warm hospitality at their residence. A big thank you to hostess of the month Rasilaben. On a sad note, our heart goes out to Palep family for the loss of Pratham and to Dinaz for the loss of her dear father; with our prayers to grant them courage & forbearance.

In the last issue, I had taken the liberty to pose questions to you for yourself assessment of your Rotary Involvement and I am keenly awaiting for your response by email or otherwise.

The parting words- "As we come to the close of the year, and the birth of a new year, re-examine that to which you aspire. Do you need different goals? Or perhaps the same destination, but a better way to get there?"

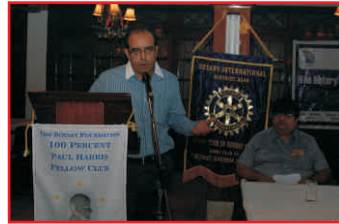
Wishing you fulfilment of your aspirations.

Yours in Rotary-
Ajeet

Images from the Lecture by Consulate General, the Republic of Korea, Dr. Seo-Hang Lee on 10th December on “India Korea Relations “



Images from the talk by Future Capital on 24th December 2011 on “Current market scenario”



OBITUARY

These past two months, we lost some dear members of our Rotarian families.

Dr. Paul Anand - member

Dr. Hanumantrao Palep's grandson and Dr. Ashutosh Palep's nephew left for his heavenly above.

Dinaz Delvadawala's father and Jamshed Delvadawala's father-in-law left for his heavenly above.

May the departed souls rest in peace and we pray to God to give strength to their families to bear this irreparable loss.



Paul



Palep



Delvadawala

Some powerful thoughts – Contributed by Rtn'anne Leela Agarwala

Prayer is not a “spare wheel”, that you can pull out when in trouble but it is a steering wheel that directs the right path through out.

Do you know why a car window shield is so large and the rare view mirror so small?
Because our past is not important as our future. Look ahead and move on.

Friendship is like a book. It takes a few seconds to burn but takes years to write. Old friends are gold while New friends

are diamonds If you have diamonds, do not let the gold go. Because to hold a diamond, you always need a base of Gold.

Often when you loose hope and think, this is the end; God smiles from above and says. “Relax sweetheart; it is just a bend and not the end.”

When God solves your problem, you have faith in His ability, when God does not solve your problem; He has faith in your abilities.

A blind person once asked Swamy Vivekanand, “Can there be any thing worse than losing eye sight?”. Swamy replied.”Yes, loosing your vision.”

When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them. When you are blessed remember that some one has prayed for you.

Worrying does not take away, tomorrow's troubles, it takes away today's peace.

The Mouse Trap – Contributed by Rtn. Chandru Thadani

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package.

"What food might this contain?" The mouse wondered. He was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap. Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed this warning: "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it."

The mouse turned to the pig and told him, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The pig sympathized, but said, "I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured you are in my prayers."

The mouse turned to the cow and said, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The cow said, "Wow, Mr. Mouse. I'm sorry for you, but it's no skin off my nose."

So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's mousetrap. Alone.. . That very night a sound was heard throughout the house -- the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey. The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it. It was a venomous snake whose tail was caught in the trap. The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital. When she returned home she still had a fever. Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup. So the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient: But his wife's sickness continued. Friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig.

But, alas, the farmer's wife did not get well... She died. So many people came for her funeral that the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them for the funeral luncheon. And the mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness.

The next time you hear someone is facing a problem and you think it doesn't concern you, remember –

When one of us is threatened, we are all at risk. We are all involved in this journey called life. We must keep an eye out for one another and make an extra effort to encourage one another.

Each of us is a vital thread in another persons tapestry. Our lives are woven together for a reason.

Programme list for January 2012

14th January 2012 – Mr. Harish Motiwalla – Topic “Role of Nominee in Public Limited Company.”

21st January 2012 – Mrs. Pravin Dhaneshwar – Topic “Tour and Travel Opportunities in Iran.”

28th January 2012 – Mr. Jay Chinai – Topic “Reform and Judiciary”

BIRTHDAYS/WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR PERIOD 16th JANUARY TO 15TH FEBRUARY

Dinaz Delvadavala	18 th January
Gulam Husein Tayebali	18 th January
Hitesh Sharma	22 nd January
Chandrika Girish Shah	23 rd January
Rohini Dipak Himatsingka	26 th January
Ravindra Somani	28 th January
Sarla Suresh Mittal	31 st January
Jamshed Delvadawala	8 th February
Rasila Paresch Jhaveri	10 th February
Dr. Chandru Purandare	12 th February
Sakina Mamaji	13 th February



Padam and Manu Sacheti	16 th January
Dinesh and Jyoti Toprai	20 th January
Pradip and Malini Shroff	24 th January
Asim and Tasneem Nagree	7 th February
Akshay and Rooplaxmi Shah	7 th February
Mahendra and Mala Kothari	9 th February

“Do consider contributing whatever you feel appropriate on your birthdays and wedding anniversaries to "Rotary Club of Bombay North Charity Trust." Your contribution will go a long way in our doing the Services to the community, we serve – **Ajeet**

MASKATI CORNER

Two lawyers had been lifelong friends; they were partners and shared everything, including their hot-blooded secretary. One day the secretary announced she was pregnant. They told her not to worry and assured her that they would pay all medical costs and would act as co-fathers when the child

was born and provide all expenses thereafter.

The day of delivery arrived. Both the lawyers were at the hospital pacing the floor in the waiting room, Finally one of them said, "I can't take this, I'm going down to sit in my car and wait there. Please come down and tell me as soon as

the child is born!" The partner agreed to that.

About an hour later, the partner approached the car with a very grave look on his face. "What happened?" asked the waiting car occupant. The other partner announced, "They were twins and mine died!"

FROM THE EDITORS DESK

My dear RCBN family,

Greetings for the new year. Hope all of you had great holidays and look forward to more festivals later this month with Makar Sankranti and Republic Day.

This month I am narrating two short stories which our thought provoking –First - A man found a cocoon of a butterfly. One day a small opening appeared. He sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could, and it could go no further. So the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily. But it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings.

The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time. Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. It never was able to fly.

What the man, in his kindness and haste, did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the

butterfly to get through the tiny opening were God's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon. Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our lives. If God allowed us to go through our lives without any obstacles, it would cripple us. We would not be as strong as what we could have been. We could never fly!

Second - A well known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a Rs. 20 note. In the capacity room, he asked "What is this piece of paper and is it worth anything?" "It is a Rs. 20 note, which can be cashed in the market for its quoted value?" replied one of the many participants who raised their hands. The speaker proceeded to crumple up the Rs. 20 note using both his hands until it became a bundle of wrinkled paper. He then unfolded it again and making an unsuccessful attempt to keep it straight he asked, "Would you still be able to negotiate it for its quoted value?". " Yes !!" was the echoing reply from the participants.

Then he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, which was now all crumpled, dirty, defaced and not easy to recognize from a distance. "Now will some one like to trade

it for its quoted value?" Many hands went in the air. "I think that piece of currency is still holding its quoted value" replied a participant in an unsure voice. "This bill can still fetch goods worth "Well," he said, "Looks like I haven't done enough! What if I do this?" And" said the other participants. Everyone agreed.

"My friends, there is a very valuable lesson in this exercise that we are just through with. It may have appeared to some of you, that I was able to deshape, deface, mutilate & alter the Rs. 20 note during the process as the effects were quite visible". "However, No matter what I did to this piece of paper, you still upheld its negotiability because you were sure in your mind that my actions did not actually decrease its value. It was still a currency note worth Rs. 20.

"Many times in our lives, we feel as though we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and/or the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. It may also appear to onlookers as if it has really happened to a certain extent. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, please remember you never lose your "Value".

Till next month,

Akshay

A THOUGHT CONTRIBUTED BY RTN. GULAB MEWANI

"Keep in mind that the true measure of an individual is how he treats a person who can do him absolutely no good" – E Friedman"