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Today's Programme: RTN. PDG MADHAV BORATE ON - COL- COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION)

INTERACT INSTALLATION

Installation of two Interact Clubs took place at Wadarwadi on Sunday 12th July 2010. In view of the overwhelming response from both boys and girls, we decided to start one more Interact Club Of Pandavnagar (provisional name) in the same locality. 22 girls and 27 boys were present on the occasion.

President Karthiki handed over charge to young and dynamic Meenakshi Patil as President of Interact Club Of Wadarwadi. Nilesh Khedekar was installed as the President Of Interact Club Of Pandavnagar. President Ravi Gosavi presided over the function. PP Chandrashekhar Agarwal, Ann Meenakshi, IPP Ulhas Joshi, Ann Suman, PP Bhai Pandit, Rtn. Jatinder Singh, Ann Veena, Rtn. Joe Deshpande, Ann Sulekha, Rtn. Deepak Thakker were present.

Interact Chairman Chandrashekhar informed the new members that the primary aim of Interact is overall development of personality of all the members. President Ravi informed the gathering about the Interact movement and its importance. He promised them all help in projects they undertake to improve their tomorrow.

The interactors have decided to concentrate on two goals.

1. Spoken English – They see it as their biggest handicap in the modern world and want to see that each member of their club is able to speak English.

2. Computer Literacy- They are extremely grateful for a computer donated by us last year and are extensively using it. But one computer is not sufficient for 45 children. They need atleast 3 or 4 more computers.

Rtn. PP Chandrashekhar Agarwal

WOMEN'S ROLE IN A MAN'S WORLD

Last week Padmashree Lila Poonawala began her talk by gently chiding man's arrogance calling our world "a man's world"!

Men and Women compliment each other. The reality, however, is a patriarchal society encouraging deep rooted bias against the girl child, even by women themselves dominated as they are by traditions developed over generations.

In this gloom was a shining ray of light: the Lila Poonawalla Foundation (LPF) which supports the Total Development of the rural girl child concentrating in a vertical focus inside Pune District. Leela Poonawala herself is personally involved in all aspects of development of the girl child: mentoring, education, and etiquette needed to work progressively with men. Many of her rural wards started out not knowing English, lacking direction and ambition and without material resources. One could sense the deep pride in Lila's voice when she spoke of these minor girls today grown up, educated, poised, many living in the USA, supporting their siblings and parents back home in rural India. Last but not least these young women had found husbands! Nothing against us men folks!

After the talk we all felt the same pride felt by Lila Poonawala in achieving her ambitious goals. This is the true sign of a leader. Bravo Lila Poonawala! Wish you come again, talk and motivate us to work with you.

contributed by Rtn. Ramesh Mahindra

NEW POLIO ERADICATION PLAN LAUNCHED

Sudhir Gupta, a member of the India PolioPlus Committee and past governor of District 3100, immunizes four-year-old Sivi Sen against polio at the Moradabad railway station in Uttar Pradesh.

Photo by Allison Kwesell

The World Health Organization and UNICEF cohosted a meeting with Rotary International and other stakeholders in Geneva on 18 June to launch the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) Strategic Plan 2010-12.

The new plan comes at a critical time for the GPEI. Key endemic countries are witnessing historic gains against the disease. Nowhere is progress more evident than in Nigeria, which has reported just three cases in 2010 as of 6 July compared with 333 cases for the same period in 2009. India has reported 22 cases compared with 107 cases. Across Africa, 10 of the 15 previously polio-free countries reinfected in 2009 have stopped their outbreaks.

In May, the World Health Assembly welcomed the new plan while expressing deep concern about the substantial funding gap over the next three years. The shortfall is a serious risk to ending polio and highlights the need for Rotary to reach its goal of raising US\$200 million.

WHO Director-General Margaret Chan called on the international funding community to stand tall for polio eradication. "The next three years, and especially the next 12 months, are critical to the

polio eradication initiative and, by extension, the entire international public health agenda."

An essential element of the plan is the bivalent oral polio vaccine, which is being used effectively against wild poliovirus types 1 and 3 in all four endemic countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. (Type 2 poliovirus has been eradicated.)

The plan also focuses on known polio migration routes, which have made outbreaks of the disease largely predictable. Aggressive synchronized immunization campaigns are now being used to help prevent and stop outbreaks.

The partners of the GPEI are exploring every option to secure fresh funding and are managing existing cash flow to limit any threat to the eradication effort. The risk of not stopping polio in endemic countries was made clear when a large outbreak occurred in Tajikistan, caused by poliovirus that had spread from India in early 2010. The outbreak has paralyzed 334 children as of 29 June. Tajikistan had been polio-free since 1997.

"The complete eradication of polio is an absolute goal, and it requires absolute commitment from us all," says UNICEF Executive Director Tony Lake. "Rotary believes the new strategic plan provides the blueprint to achieving the goal of polio eradication," says Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar.

By Dan Nixon

CYCLE DONATION PROJECT

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Rotary Club of Pune Deccan Gymkhana has a cycle donation project for last couple of years. We donate these refurbished cycles to poor students of various schools. This year we have selected students from Zilla Parishad School, Kurkumbh, Tal:Daund as beneficiaries.

I appeal to all club presidents & their members to give us unused cycles for this project. The cycles will be refurbished by us before handing them over to the deserving students.

I look forward to your enthusiastic support.

Warm regards

Rtn.Dr.Mandar Paranjpe

President, RC Pune Deccan Gymkhana

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Here is a poem which was nominated as best poem of 2009 by UN, written by 8 year old African kid.

When I born, I black
When I grow up, I black
When I go in Sun, I black
When I scared, I black
When I sick, I black
And when I die, I black

And you white fellow
When you born, you are pink
When you grow up, you white
When you go in Sun, you red
When you scared, you yellow
When you sick, you green
And when you die, you gray
AND YOU CALLING ME COLORED?

Contributed by R/Ann Mridula Deshpande

FORTHCOMING DISTRICT PROGRAMMES

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

During the first half of the year, we always have a number of district activities & forums on various subjects. I appeal all of you to attend these programs which combine a lot of Rotary information & fellowship.

Please note that attendance is granted to all members who attend these forums.

The directors, committee chairpersons & especially new members should attend these district events.

District Events in August:

Day	Date	Event Details
Sunday	1 st August	Dist. Membership Seminar Venue VITS Orchid Hotel - Balewadi Host: R/C of Pimpri Town
Wednesday	4 th August	Distance Education Seminar Host R/C Pune Katraj
Saturday	7 th August	NGO Conference with MCCIA Host: R/C Pune – Tilak Rd.
Sunday	8 th August	Women in Rotary Forum Host: R/C Pune – Shaniwar Wada
Sunday	15 August	Rotary Recreational Fellowship –Cycle Rally
Sunday	29 th August	Dist. Fellowship Meet Host: R/C of New Panvel

Kindly contact Rtn. Jnt. Secretary – Dipak Thacker to participate in any of the events above.

Rtn. President Ravi Gosavi

BRILLIANT IDEAS, HINTS AND TIPS

1. Is your baking powder fresh? Scoop ½ tspn of the powder into a tea cup and pour in 60 ml hot water. If it bubbles up, its fine to use, if it barely fizzes, its time to replace it.
2. If your soup is too salty add a bit of Sugar.
3. If a curry is too spicy, a spoonful of pureed apple will cool it down.
4. Freeze Onion for 10-15 minutes before slicing them. The cold helps to minimize the fumes that causes tears.
5. Make an easy substitute for sour cream by blending 225gm cottage cheese, 40ml butter milk and 1 teaspoon lemon juice, until smooth.
6. Crush digestive biscuits for pie crust by putting them in a bag and running a rolling pin over it.

7. Use a plastic bag as a glove when the phone rings and your hands are greasy or covered in flour.
8. Shine stainless steel by sprinkling it with soda lueach and rubbing with a damp cloth.
9. Freshen both the look and smell of a stained greasy chopping board by sprinkling it with salt and rubbing the board with the cut side of half a lemon.
10. Drop a few denture cleaning tablets into the thermos and fill it with water. Let it sit for an hour or so, then wash, rinse and dry.
11. You can polish tarnished silverware with the inside of a banana skin or plain old toothpaste.
12. To keep brass looking golden and shining, sprinkle well a slice of lemon with bicarbonate of soda and rub on the brass

contributed by R/Ann Meena Latey

AN OBITUARY PRINTED IN THE LONDON TIMES

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as: Knowing when to come in out of the rain; why the early bird gets the worm; Life isn't always fair; and maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding

an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She

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The RI president's monthly message

July 2010

Winds of Change

What an amazing world! Advances in technology are happening so quickly that they cause constant changes in our businesses and professions. Yet about one-third of the world's population is still living at a subsistence level with little change in their lives. It is a stark contrast and a cause for concern.

Rotary has both a distinguished heritage and a bright future. My primary task as president is to enhance the vitality and viability of Rotary clubs and to enable them to succeed in the midst of societal changes. This is an important task because it is the clubs that address and alleviate the root problems of society and thereby make the world a better place.

Wind of change was a new and significant phrase when I was a Rotary Scholar in South Africa in the early 1960s. It is serendipitous that the phrase that was first publicized in my host city of Cape Town is now applicable to Rotary as we contemplate the changes in society that dictate some corresponding changes in our organization. The phrase is now better known as *winds of change*.

We are currently enjoying a culture of innovation at Rotary International. We have the ability to look at all of our programs and practices to see if they can be improved, even as we steadfastly maintain our core values. I hope many Rotarians will take advantage of this opportunity to identify and implement improvements in their clubs and districts as well.

Rotary lives and breathes in our 33,000 clubs, and it is the clubs that improve lives by *Building Communities – Bridging Continents*. If we succeed in helping clubs to become Bigger, Better, and Bolder in the next year, then it will be clear that the best days of Rotary are still ahead. We are fortunate to be Rotarians! Together, we can make the world a better place!

Rtn. Ray Klingensmith
RI President 2010-2011

FORTHCOMING PROGRAMMES

26th July Budget Meeting + Mini Fellowship
2nd August Sanjay Malik and Bakakrishan from Dubai
Excellence in Education through Action
Environment - An exercise in Awareness
Building
9th August Rtn. AG Dr. Deepak Shikarpur
"In the Wonderland of Information Technology".

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

R/Ann Renu Gupta - 19th July
Rtn PPJamshed Khursigara - 20th July
Rtn Ramdas Raykar - 20th July
R/Ann Rajinder Kaur Ghai - 22nd July
R/Ann Lalita R Bora - 25th July

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

All members are requested to check their Roster entries for accuracy, copy is with Ex. Secretary Mr. Shreedharan. Please also submit latest Photographs of Yourself and Ann if not done till now

It is also proposed to add the Blood Group of all members and Anns in the Roster, please give this information immediately so it can be incorporated in the final Roster which will be otherwise be published with available information and photographs / without photographs.

Rtn. PP Kant Dabholkar

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spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents Truth and Trust, by his wife Discretion his daughter, Responsibility, and his son Reason.

He is survived by his 4 stepbrothers;

I Know My Rights.

I Want It Now.

Someone Else Is To Blame.

I'm A Victim.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing

Last Week

Our Members present - 42
Actual attendance percentage - 50.00%
Computed percentage - 58.33%
Our Anns present - 21
Our Visitors - —
Total - 146