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IMPRESSIONS OF PETS

Our Club's President Elect, **Rtn. Rajen Mata** had just come back after attending the 3 days Presidents Elect Training Seminar (PETS), aptly christened "**AVISHKAAR**" held at Agra on 15th, 16th and 17th April 2011.

Addressing members of our Club at regular meeting held on 21st April 2011, giving his impressions of **PETS**, Rajen said, **PETS** was indeed a great learning experience for me. The incoming Dist. Governor, DGE Asit Mittal has given a new District Theme for our R.I. District 3010 for the coming year 2011-2012, "**Enjoy While You Serve**". I feel it is a very good theme and we must enjoy all our activities while serving the community. I learnt a lot at **PETS**. I have attended many District Conferences, District Assemblies and other District Intercity Meets in the past, but the kind of experience one gets at **PETS** is something unparallel to describe. The knowledge and experience you get at **PETS** is different from earlier learnings.

At **PETS** we were just like school children dressed in uniform of Grey Blazer, Black Pant, White Shirt, Rotary R.I. Theme Tie and a Scarf. Our day started early in the morning at 7.30 am and went upto 7 or 7.30 pm.

We had two motivational speakers who made highly inspiring presentations. In the inaugural session on the first day on 15th April Rotary International Director Elect, Rtn. Yash Dass in his highly inspiring, motivational, thought provoking and memorable address

gave ten words to the Presidents Elect to be a successful leader.

1. **I**—Avoid it
2. **We**—Use it
3. **EGO**—Kill it
4. **LOVE**—Value it
5. **SMILE**—Keep it
6. **RUMOUR**—Ignore it
7. **SUCCESS**—Achieve it
8. **JEALOUSY**—Distance from it
9. **KNOWLEDGE**—Acquire it
10. **CONFIDENCE**—Trust it

On the second day in the morning session we had another highly motivational and inspiring speaker, Prof. Harinder Shrivastava who charged us with his words of wisdom and made us energetic. We are here today evening, a very small group in our club meeting but at **PETS** there were more than 300 people listening to him. He motivated the Presidents Elect, the incoming leaders, how to become successful leaders. He talked of the very ordinary people becoming extraordinary in their lifetime because of their leadership qualities. Giving examples, he said, Vivekanand, Tagore, Gandhi, Subhash Bose, Paul Harris (founder of Rotary), were all born as very very ordinary persons and had humble beginning but they all became extraordinary powerful world renowned luminary leaders over a period of time.

In age I was perhaps amongst the older group of Presidents Elect, but we had a mix of all kinds of Presidents Elect, Young and Old including 15 Lady Presidents. 20 or 30 were very

very Young Presidents, may be in the age group of about 28 to 35 years. Some Presidents were repeating and having 2nd or even 3rd innings. There were all kinds of clubs. Some were active clubs while many were inactive clubs.

Our Club, Rotary Club of New Delhi has lot of respect in our District 3010. There may hardly be about 10 Top Most Clubs in our Dist. out of a total of 124 Clubs and our Club RCND is one of these top 10 Clubs of our R.I. District 3010. This is the status of our Club in our District for which we all must feel proud of.

There were about 10 to 12 PDGs who were members of the faculty to provide us exhaustive training on various subjects or topics. I was very impressed by PDG Rtn. H.D.S. Malhotra who was very active and energetic even at the age of 82 years. The message he was delivering was his passion and commitment to Rotary. This was something which was very important for me to learn during past 6 years of my Rotary life.

We were told there are 5 Avenues of Service—Club Service, Community

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 28th April 2011
Time : 5.45 p.m.
Ashok Hotel, New Delhi

**SPEAKER
WILL BE INFORMED**



Service, Vocational Service, International Service and New Generation or Youth Service Avenue. Under Club Leadership Plan there are five statutory or standing committees which every Rotary Club must have. These five committees are: Membership, Club Public Relations, Club Administration, Service Projects and The Rotary Foundation. Additional Committees can be formed as may be needed by any club. By and large we should have continuity of leadership in appointing Chairpersons for various committees. This should be done in consultation with President, President Elect and IPP who should work together to ensure continuity of leadership and succession planning. Whenever feasible, committee members should be appointed for three years to ensure consistency and continuity.

It was emphasized that we should use technology as much as possible and reduce paper work. Everything about Rotary information is available online. We should send messages thru' SMS or E-mails. Use **Rotary.org** as much as you can. All members can get access to **Rotary.org** thru' Member Access registration.

DGE Asit Mittal's speech at PETS, Agra and R.I. President Elect Kalyan Banerjee's speech at Rotary International Assembly at San Diego, USA are both on YouTube.

Our member, Rtn. Vimal Gupta was there at PETS from our club and he brought out Daily PETS Newsletter which was delivered in our rooms early in the morning before we woke up.

DGE Asit Mittal has planned all his major functions well in advance. Our Club's installation function has been finalized and fixed for Thursday 7th July 2011. We will finalise details of our installation programme soon.

The first District Intercity Meet of 2011–2012 will be held on Saturday 9th July 2011 which will be the formal installation of DG Asit Mittal in the august presence of Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee. We shall also be felicitating and honouring Kalyan Banerjee at this Intercity Meet on his assuming the Office of R.I. President, the third

Indian to occupy this highly coveted and extremely prestigious topmost position in Rotary, and on his first visit to our R.I. District 3010 as Rotary International President. The District Assembly is scheduled on 15th May and the Secretaries Elect Training Seminar (SETS) will be held at the Jim Corbett Park on 21st and 22nd May 2011. Rotary Foundation Ball will be sometime in November 2011 and the District Conference in February 2012. Asit Mittal has a big agenda for next year and appears to be in full gear.

On Sunday 17th April the Day 3 of PETS commenced with one to one meeting of Presidents Elect with DGE Asit Mittal at 7.30 am over breakfast. DGE urged all PEs to ensure that each and every member of all the Rotary Clubs in our District must contribute something to The Rotary Foundation (TRF). If every Rotarian contributes ₹ 12 everyday to TRF in a *Gullak*, it will make a sizable amount by the end of the year which could be equivalent to about US \$100. Thus, you will be able to contribute approx. \$100 to TRF under EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) scheme of TRF.

Rajen then informed about R.I. President Elect Kalyan Banerjee's Theme for Rotary Year 2011–12—“**Reach within to Embrace Humanity**”, and read the following excerpts from the speech which RIPE Kalyan Banerjee delivered while unveiling his Theme at the International Assembly held in January 2011 at San Diego, USA.

Excerpts:

“In the year ahead, we will Three Emphases in our Rotary service: to strengthen our family, to continue what we do best, and to change whatever needs to be changed.

Our first emphasis in this Rotary Year will be the **family**. The family is where everything begins: All our service, everything we wish to achieve in our world, begins here. The mother and the child are at the core of every family; when we begin there, we can carry our work forward through individual lives and throughout the community.

Our second emphasis will be on **continuity**, on finding the things that

we do well and taking them to the next level. Each of us has found success in Rotary service, and we should build on those successes, expand on them, so that we can help even more people in the future. We must continue our work for cleaner and safer water, mitigating disease and illness, spreading literacy, working with and for the new generation, and striving for peace.

At the same time, we also know that there are things we could be doing better and things which we should be changing. We must have the courage to see these, to identify them, and to work to make the changes we need to make.

Mohandas Gandhi said, “You must be the change you wish to see in the world.” In Rotary, we endeavour to live ethically and honestly to share friendship and goodwill, to see the true worth of every human being. We are not interested in the lowest common denominator, for Rotary is anything but common and Rotarians are uncommon people. That is why we work to elevate ourselves and, thereby, to elevate the world.

All of us in Rotary are looking to change the world, for why else would we be Rotarians? We believe that our world can be happier, healthier, and more peaceful. We believe that the future can and will be better than the past. We are idealists, and we bring our ideals to life through our Rotary service.

And so, our third emphasis in 2011–12 will be **change**, and we start by being the change we wish to see in the world. If we wish for peace, we start by living in peace ourselves, in our homes and in our communities. If we wish for an end to Polio or to any other disease in the world, if we wish environmental degradation to stop, if we wish to reduce child mortality, to spread literacy or to prevent hunger, we must be the instrument of that change and recognize that it must start within each of us.

Let us **Reach Within to Embrace Humanity**. And in peace, harmony, and friendship, let us bring change and a more joyful future for us all”.

Rajen thereafter had an interactive session with the Club Members. □

TRIP TO VAISHNO DEVI BY ROTARACTORS



Truly adventurous, spiritual, delightful, and fun-filled was our trip to Mata Vaishno Devi. The President of The Rotaract Club of Sri Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce, Rtr. Nishtha Sharma; after almost an year full of hard work and activities, organized a trip for her members, in order to help them seek the blessings of the Goddess and spend some time of leisure with each other.

The trip was organized from April 5th, 2011 to April 8th, 2011, a 2 days and 3 nights trip for the divine darshan of Mata Vaishno Devi, and that too in the time of the auspicious Navratras. In all 27 people were on board, including 3 college teachers. We left Delhi on April 5th in a train to Jammu Tawi at 22.30 hours, reaching there at around 07.15 am. There we boarded the hotel bus which would take us to our hotel in Katra.

During the journey we played dumbcharads, antakshri, stopped for the Pratham Darshan, underwent a security check and admired the beautiful landscape before reaching our hotel, Hotel Durga Palace. We relaxed there and changed and quickly got out for some lunch. The excitement was on for starting the yatra. We had our lunch at Sagar Ratna, and began on our path to the starting point. In between some of us bought sticks for easy climbing, though our President (Ms. Nishtha Sharma) considers them to be oldies, and some accessories to be worn during the climb.

At the start we distributed ourselves in three groups of 9 each, as per the requirement of the entry tickets, and soon further disintegrated as per the respective speed and interests. We decided our meeting points in between the climb for everyone to gather and begin again with a break. In between each one of us enjoyed by clicking pictures, having fun through playing or teasing each other. But one thing was common for sure, i.e. our frequent

chanting of 'Jai Mata Di' in a voice that can shake the mountains.

It took us 5 to 6 hours to reach Bhawan. Then, we just went in to our rooms and changed, refreshed with some icy-cold water (It was really very-very cold!). After that there was the endless turmoil in search of cloak rooms and in wait for our turn for the 'Darshan'. It was the best experience for all of us to be inside the cave leading to the image of Mata Vaishno Devi.

All exhausted, we had our dinner after that at around 1 am, and parted with those who can't go on further and went ahead for the further climb to the Temple of Bhairon Baba. This time we preferred using the stairs and climbed in all 956 stairs to reach the top (Yes! I took clear notice of the number of the stairs we were climbing).

The climb back down was not that enjoyable, which one can really understand why. We were fully tired, exhausted and feeling very very sleepy. We all tried hard to come down as early as possible and then rushed in to our rooms for the loveliest nap we could ever take. We woke up after nearly 2-3 hours sleep, freshened up and checked out for having lunch and waited for our bus back to Jammu.

On our way back to Jammu Tawi, we stopped at Raja Hari Kishan Palace and spent around half an hour, clicking snaps. On the railway station, all of us bought food for the journey. The journey back was even better than the previous one. This time all being good friends, enjoyed and played even more, and just slept for the sake of sleeping. And finally after deboarding, all of us had one question in mind, "When is the next trip?"

Completely charged up with the blessings; we are all geared up for our final exams and the next Rotaract session with great plans and enthusiasm. May God bless all, *Jai Mata Di*.



Reporting: Rtr. Sharat Jain

TRF MATCHING GRANT PROJECT 72725 ACCOMPLISHED WITH ROTARY CLUB IN ITALY



The TRF Matching Grant Project 72725 to provide Solar Photovoltaic Power to SGRS International School, GARH was accomplished on Sunday 24th April 2011 when Solar Panels installed on the roof of the School with 16 Batteries and a PCU (Power Condition Unit) were handed over to the school authorities in the distinguished presence of Mr. Marco Zaccara from Italy. Marco Zaccara is son of Rtn. Fedele Zaccara, Imm. Past President of Rotary Club of Potenza-Ovest, Italy. Marco Zaccara has especially come to India to see this project through under instructions from his father Rtn. Fedele Zaccara and as a representative of Rotary Club of Potenza-Ovest, Italy, R.I. Dist. 2120. From our Club PP Rtn. Satinder Narang, PP Rtn. Vimal Gupta and Jt. Secretary Rtn. Vinod Gupta were present on the occasion. Rtn. Vinod Gupta coordinated the entire programme and arranged all necessary equipments from Tata BP Solar Power to ensure the successful accomplishment of the project. The project will provide Solar Power to the school to run its Computer Lab comprising of 15 Computer Monitors, 10 Laptops and 24 Ceiling Fans, when the power from the Electric Grid is not available in this village school. The Solar Power will be a big boon to the school in such a situation, since there are frequent power failures in the village and power comes only for a few hours sometimes in the day and sometimes in the evening.



MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

1. The 293rd weekly regular meeting of the Club held on 21st April 2011 at Ashok Hotel was called to order by President, Rtn. Pratap Burman.
2. National Anthem was led by PP Rtn. Kamal Bhambhani.
3. President extended a warm and cordial welcome to visiting Rotarian, Rtn. P.R. Chawla, a senior member of Rotary Club of Delhi. President also welcomed R'ann Neeraj Puri, Wife of our recently inducted new member, Rtn. Rajesh Puri. A special welcome was accorded to Rtn. C.P. Sharma, who has just come back after a trip to Brazil in South America. President also acknowledged the presence and welcomed Mr. Manish Jha, who is a prospective member.
4. We had a very successful Blood Donation Camp on 16th April 2011 at Green Park Market and collected 52 units of blood. There were 37 cases of rejections on various medical grounds. Out of these 37 rejections, 19 cases were rejected on account of high alcohol content. Rtn. Kashish Chandan as usual put in outstanding efforts in motivating the donors and was applauded for her extraordinary contribution. The Green Park Association has promised to hold a blood camp every six months in association with our club.
5. Sunday 24th April is Polio NID. Members were requested to lend a hand to Rtn. Surendra Singh in Polio eradication efforts.
6. The Cancer Awareness District Intercity Meet, **SAMVEDNA** has been postponed from 23rd April to 7th May at the same time and same venue. This meeting on Cancer will now be held on Saturday 7th May 2011 at 2.30 pm at NCUI Convention Centre, (Near Siri Fort Auditorium next to PHD House) Khel Gaon Marg, New Delhi.

H.E. the High Commissioner of Canada will be the Chief Guest at **SAMVEDNA**. The meet will be followed by High Tea. All members are invited to join this meeting with their spouses.

7. President also requested members to contribute generously towards the Cancer Foundation under Adopt-A-Cancer Patient Scheme for which appeal letters have already been sent to all the members alongwith donation form and invitation for attending **SAMVEDNA**.
8. President requested President Elect, Rtn. Rajen Mata who has just returned from Agra after attending the Presidents Elect Training Seminar (PETS) to give his impressions of the three days of grilling experience of the exhaustive training under hectic schedule.
9. PE Rtn. Rajen Mata made a highly interesting and informative presentation on all what happened during the 3 days of PETS at Agra on 15, 16, 17 April 2011.
10. Vote of thanks was presented by PP Rtn. Kamal Bhambhani who said it was a great talk and absolutely a concerned presentation. Rajen was thorough in his candid, lucid and informative talk. We are definitely going to have a great year under Rajen's Presidentship in 2011-12.
11. Rtn. C.P. Sharma, who had just returned from Brazil was invited to speak very briefly about his Brazil visit.
12. President greeted PP Rtn. Sunil Charla on his Birthday and Rtn. Pran Mehta on his Wedding Anniversary, both in absentia.
13. Sunshine of ₹ 1615 was collected by Rtn. Prashant Sahgal.
14. Next meeting will be held as usual next Thursday on 28th April 2011 at Ashok Hotel. Speaker will be informed.
15. President concluded the meeting by narrating the joke of the week and declared the meeting adjourned.

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Many Happy Returns

BIRTHDAY

PP Vandana Agrawal May 2

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

PP Rtn. Yadav Bhargava May 1
President Rtn. Pratap Burman May 3

POLIO NID POLIO RAVIVAR SUNDAY 24th APRIL 2011

Sunday 24th April 2011 was the Polio NID. As usual we were required to provide vehicles for transporting Polio Vaccine. Vehicle support was provided by following members:

1. President Rtn. Pratap Burman
2. PE Rtn. Rajen Mata
3. VP Rtn. Ashish Makhija
4. Secy., Rtn. Surendra Singh
5. Treasurer, Rtn. Pankaj Rai
6. Rtn. Sourabh Kalia

In the evening our Medical Co-ordinator, Dr. Madan Narain informed that a total of 3321 children were administered the two life saving Polio drops in the area allotted to our club on Polio NID on 24th April 2011.

The next Polio NID is scheduled for Sunday, 22nd May 2011.

Reporting: Rtn. Surendra Singh

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