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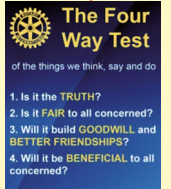
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THE EDITORIAL TEAM WISHES ALL THE MIDTOWNERS A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025!! LETS ALL HAVE A GREAT YEAR OF GOOD HEALTH, PROGRESS, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE.
OUR DG 'S OCV IS SCHEDULED ON 31ST JANUARY.. ALL MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND IT. DRESS CODE LADIES.... SHADES OF.. GREEN (COLOUR OF THE DAY, SALWAR KAMEEZ OR SAREES... PREFERABLY SAREE)
GENTLEMEN... FORMAL SHIRTS AND PANTS.. AND BLAZER



MEETING DETAILS

DATE : 10th January 2025

DAY : Friday

VENUE & TIME : DPMC Lalitalay, 8.30 pm onwards

PROGRAM : We will be honoured, as MP Purushottambhai Rupala Saheb shall be present amongst us and will be addressing the club during this meeting. Rotarians and Anns do attend in large numbers



BLOW CANDLES ON - Many many happy returns of the day!!



Darshanbhai Bhatt
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CLUB NEWS

1. MEETING MEIN: NYARI mein ek Pyaari Sunday ki subah

Nature Trail with the Midtowner shenanigans, the pelicans, the breathtaking landscapes and the changing hues of the sky...just mesmerising!!

The Rayleigh scattering in the sky made for a sight with colours so diverse...it would be a dream for an artist to put on the canvas.

The chirps and cheers and the tweets and rattles made by birds' syrinx would definitely give the human larynx a stiff competition.

Mr. Gaurav Vadher was a of source of knowledge and helped familiarising the Midtowners with the flora and the winged fauna of the region.

As the dawn progressed to morning, the Midtowners were welcomed at Acrolawns for a splendid breakfast!!

Thus, Midtowners turned to budding Ornithologists and aptly celebrated "National Bird Day" on 5th January 2025 with this meeting. Special thanks to President Divyeshbhai Aghera and Dr Nishithbhai Sanghvi for this meet.

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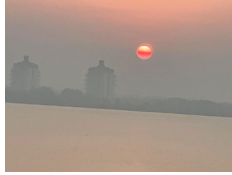
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SERVICE PROJECTS

1. JOY OF GIVING -

RCRM and Gujarat Pariyavaran Trust had their monthly project of distribution of ration supplies at Gujarat Pariyavaran Trust, Tirupati Apartments. About 225 women were provided monthly ration supplies, breakfast and transportation fares. Rtn. Dhavalbhai Sheth sponsored the cause by donating Rs.11,000/- on the occasion of Kritikaben's birthday. Rtn. Virendrabhai Sanepara donated Rs. 10,000/- for the noble cause too. Attendees were PP Anilkaka Jasani, Shaileshbhai Desai and Bharatbhai Kotecha.



2. BLOOD DONATION CAMP BY T. N. RAO COLLEGE ROTRACT CLUB :

On 2nd January 2025, a blood donation camp was organised by our enthusiastic Rotractors. The Life Blood Bank had collaborated for this project. President Divyeshbhai Aghera, Twinkleben and Nishithbhai Mehta were present at the venue.



3. PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT, READING HABITS AND LIFE SKILLS SESSION AT LBS SCHOOL :

was held on 3rd January 2025. About 120 students of classes 11 and 12 were present at the LBS, Shastri Maidan campus. First lady Ms. Sheetal Aghera delivered an effective talk focusing on self-confidence, communication, and positivity. Rtn. Rita Chauhan offered valuable guidance on enhancing reading habits. Rtn. Trusha Vora was also present at the event.



DISTRICT NEWS

Congratulations to the dynamic duo President Elect Jigneshbhai Kamdar and Secretary Elect Akashbhai Parekh for attending their Pre PELS and Pre SELS at Jetpur. DS 2025-26 Jigneshbhai Amrutiya and AG 2025-26 Lalitbhai Joshi also attended the event.



ACHIEVERS AND ACCOLADES

Many congratulations to Dr. Devangiben Vaishnav for completing 34+years of services as a Chief Physiotherapist at the prestigious G.T Sheth Orthopaedic Hospital, Rajkot. Kudos to her for the persistence and relentless service.



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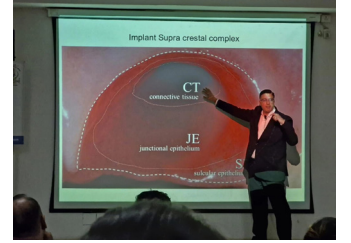
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Congratulations to the young super talented Dhvani Vachrajani for being awarded the Shri Ravji Patel award. It is an award presented every year to music artists of Gujarat. The award will be presented by Pujya Morari Babu along with cash prize of Rs. 51,000/- The event will be organised by Vidyaguru Foundation, Savarkundla on 16th January 2025. Kudos to our 'Midtowner Nightingale' for this prestigious recognition.

Dr. Nigam was invited to oldest and reputed dental Institution of India - KLE VK Dental College, Belgavi. He shared his views on soft & hard augmentation around implants with PGs and Faculties of Perio- Prosthodontics - OS. Many congratulations!!



FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

પ્રાણ, પરિણ, પ્રલય Etcetera

Kabhi kabhi romance kar ne ke liye shaadi karni padti hai, shaadi karke romance karne walo ko 'kaarigar' kehte hai!

Webster, Britannica, Cambridge, Oxford will define marriage as a legally and socially sanctioned union, 'USUALLY' between a man and a woman that is regulated by laws, rules, customs, beliefs and attitudes that prescribe the rights and duties of the partners and accords 'OFFICIAL' procreation and status to their offsprings(if any!). That's a deadly devil definition. These definitions sound good only in dictionaries but can neither be remembered nor be regarded. Considering the complexities and confusion of human nature and feelings, it is well nigh impossible to give a definition to compass, comprehend and consummate a weirdo called marriage. Marriage will never come of age.

Marriage is actually an attempt to solve problems together which you didn't have when you were in your own. Most often, we end up in addition and addition of those problems. જે વીર-વીરાંગનાને લગનની લગન લાગી હોય, એ ઝટ લાગણી, પટ લગાનના લાગમાં લપસે છે!

The secret of a happy marriage almost always remains a secret. The wedding is always happy, it is the marriage which is a rage, a mirage, a baggage, a barrage! લગનનો ઉત્સાહ અને ઉત્તેજના ટૂંક સમયમાં ઉત્પાત અને ઉત્પતિ માં જ પરીણામે છે! Happily married is as much oxymoronic as moronic! Married couples know how to be miserable and happy at the same time- Chris Rock. Yet, if you go on to believe that the sun rises and shines for you from the same 'a.s' - you better stick around with that person!

Bryan Adams love anthem- "Everything I do, I do it for you" - includes આપતી દીવાળીએ માળીયાનો ગઢ ચઢવાનો, બાહુબલીની જેમ ગેસના સીલીંડરના ગીલીંડર થવાનું, કુકરની સીટી વગાડવી, ઢોસા-ઈડલી-ઉત્તપમના ખીરાંના રાસાયણિક ફેરફારો, કચા ડ્રેસ સાથે કચા દુપટ્ટાનું matching થશે— વિગેરે વિગેરે!

The most difficult question- " આ ડ્રેસ-સાડીમાં હું જાડી લાગું છું? " She can never ever be fat. Period. (even by mistake don't mention the plural! It's a no entry zone! Any which way!) Answer at your own risk. And then the tie-breaker- "આજે રાત્રે જમવામાં શું બનાવું? Don't even venture. It's a trap. Kahaan goli hai, kahaan nahi, hame kuchh nahi pata! Wifi nowadays is more predictable than the wife.

The entire eon is a quiz time- where you are asked questions which are either out of syllabus or have no answers or have boomerang questions! ઊ અંટાવામાં અંટા આવી જાય કે અંટાઈ જવાય - marriage માં ભલભલા પુષ્પા fire માંથી flower થયાના દાખલા છે. મેં સંજવાળી-પોતા કે લીચે ઝૂકેગા સાલા! The majority 'હસ-બંધ' resemble orang-utans trying ઊટપટંગ adventures.

જે ગણઝ જવાનના રોમ-રોમાં રોમાંસનો રોમાંચ રમી રહ્યો હોય, એના રામ રમી જતા વાર ન લાગે. પ્રેમ પાંગરે, wedding લાંગરે - છેવટે marriage ગાંગરે!

Abraham Lincoln said, marriage is neither Heaven nor Hell, it is simply purgatory(no-no, not like Cremaffin nor Dulcolax nor Isobgol— it's a cathartic concoction of all together)

Marriage is all about sharing dreams, remotes, Netflix movies and blankets. It is fighting about soaps, sops and SOPs yet investing in SIPs. It is always about keeping away from each other's phone photo libraries and WhatsApp chats. Sharing Jobs' Apples are forbidden fruits for Adam and Eve even today; same goes for passwords and Google search histories- unanimously prohibited. Trespassers will be stress-parked!

The understanding that you require after marriage is about fan speeds and toilet seats and getting used to nasal and anal noises of various frequencies and intensities. Catherine Zeta Jones confesses, for a marriage to be a success, the woman and the man should have her and his own separate bathrooms respectively. It sounds so true, especially for Hollywood where marriage is a success when it outlasts milk brought from the supermarket.

Here in India, marriages are always about 'understandings' ; Marriages are never about misunderstandings - it is only about 'Mrs.- understanding'. Regarding love in marriage- પરિણય પહેલાં પ્રણય હોય કે નહીં- પરિણય પછી પ્રણય પરાણે થવો ફરજીયાત છે- નહીં તો પ્રલય થાય!



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To us mere mortals, Made for Each Other is equal to Marriage. In our કુપમ્બુડ society, once you are married, you are પરાણે- જોડે, સજોડે,કજોડે Made for Each Other. I totally agree with the romantically inclined Hindi terminology- ‘हम suffer’!!! Made for Each Other has got nothing to do with love; in fact love is the first thing to evaporate after marriage- that’s the bitter chocolate truth! Harshadbhai, in the marriage kind of shares-stocks, “Ishq hai to risk hai” ! How one adjusts and adapts (absconding is not an option) is the best way to understand each other. Man proposes, woman disposes and both gain adiposes. It is certainly not roses all the way, yet marriage is a dil garden garden phenomenon.

Marriage is about Live and Let go. It is about patience and compromise. If the woman is Shakti, man is obviously the Sahan-Shakti.

It is about accepting that one likes Aubergines and the other likes Aishwarya Rai. Marriage is knowing the differences between light cream and dark cream colours and learning the fat percentage of Amul Taaza, Shakti and Gold Milks. It is about knowing “ It’s ok” is not OK and “It’s fine” means you will pay a fine eventually! It is about smelly socks and belly blocks, thrown towels and bombing bowels; boil-overs becoming melt-downs, roars becoming snores and chores, outlaws becoming in-laws and vice versa; fragrant candles and exotic perfumes turning to Tiger Balms and Vicks Vaporub. The jhuki jhuki palkon ki chhaon becomes the eye of the storm and an eye-sore, the bewitching smile becomes a witchcraft, the reshmi zulfein

It’s symbiotic sledging a la Tom and Jerry and squabbling a la Maya and Indravadan Sarabhai. Yet, they live happily ever after. Marriage is rest and arrest in peace and raw war- all together!

Marriage has no guarantees, you are anyways not buying an iPhone or a car battery— this one needs charging and changing oneself constantly. No Chat GPT can reproduce the sweet little nothings and chats over chaats of a marriage- which is an amazing maze(and mess!) And no AI can define the quirkiness and quaintness of a spunky natural marriage. It’s an innate invention. By the way, the institution of marriage is almost 4350 years old; the first known marriage transpired in Mesopotamia in 2350 BC. Oh wow!! That’s genuinely an ancient antique.

So what is the ideal age for marriage? Biologically it is 16, legally 18-21, socially 22-25, culturally 26-28, economically after the age of 30. But logically- NEVER. Does that mean we should learn to live with live-in relationships? The ideal promotion of ઘડી detergent ટિકિયા - “પહેલે ઇસ્તમાલ કીજિર, ફિર વિશ્વાસ કીજિર “! Live -in is still considered taboo in India though it is gaining acceptance and even practical social license of baptism by fire. Legally, it seems an imbroglia as of now, but as the courts court more sensibilities and sensitivities, it may ultimately allow this as a romance reinforcement trial which can go on to become a trail.

That brings me to Romance- stand alone! Marriage or no marriage! God has made all humans as die-hard romantics. We all do keep on falling and rising in love and romance. It is a panacea. It is a જડીબુટ્ટી, a રામબાણ ઈલાજ. It is magic. We, as the Bollywood timeline goes would fall in the Bachchan biosphere between the two eternal romantics RK (Rajesh Khanna) and SRK. So even our romance was/is ધીર-ગંભીર or angry young man style- “ Behen, tum pyar karti ho ya nahi?” As orthopaedic surgeons, a ‘no-woman’s land’, “Girlfriends ko pakadna mushkil hi nahi, namumkin tha”. The domain was ઉજ્જડ પેરાન રણ - where physiotherapy was the oasis લીલોત્રી therapy! (Ask Devangi!) Truck driver-cleaner also had better luck- “દેલો, મગર પ્યાર સે” was also a ‘no-touch technique’ as an ortho surgeon. Katrina જેવો કેફ- zara zara touch me was considered બદ સમાજમાં વ્યભિચાર- પ્રેમી પંખીડાં અડપલાં કરતાં ઝડપાયાં. Huggies were diapers, dates were ખજુર and Tinder was ડીટીયાં વગરના ટીડોરા! Candle-lit dinners were clandestine sinners. Holding hands was a crime as illicit as having sex. Rishi Kapoor was able to sing, “ khullam khulla pyar karenge” ; it was such an irony because we could just say, “લુખખ-લુખખા પ્યાર કરેગો” . How much did we love the tennis scores of ‘love all’ ! To the extent that we fell in love even with - “ Prem naam hai mera, Prem Chopra” .

Love levitates, marriage gravitates!

Love is a quest, the wedding is a conquest, marriage is then an inquest! Love is the icecream you love to lick and linger and the marriage is the cone which holds on to it!

Love is a rollercoaster with thrills and chills, marriage is the seatbelt which restrains you with grills and drills. Love is a fire burning with passion and desire, marriage is that cozy fireplace which keeps the flame alive and keeps you warm as well. “Shaadi is dal chawal forever; arey, life me thoda bahut to hakka noodles, misal pav, samosa chhole bhi hona chahiye na”— એવું Ranbir Kapoor બોલે તો ચાલે! If you and I speak that, we would be ostracised! Ishq can be કમીના, કમબક્ત but shaadi is always a seedhi-saadi straightforward jalebi.

Love is the salt- spice which you need to use સ્વાદાનુસાર, live-in is the nimboo-mirchi to give the tangy flavour to life whilst marriage is like શેડ બ્રધર્સ નું કાયમ સુરણા— ‘ પાછળથી પસ્તાવો થાય’ એના કરતાં પેટ સાફ આવે અને શરીર તરોતાજા રહે...

Whether it be love, live-in or marriage— it is a certainty, “ Andhere me kisi ka haath-saath ho to andhera kam lagta hai” and of course that ballad of eternal togetherness reverberates -

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