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BULLETIN OF ROTARY CLUB OF UDHNA

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Next Meeting

Friday, March 05, 2021

Program : **CHARTER NITE**
CELEBRATION

Time: 7:00 pm

Venue: Agam Bunglow Lawn, Vesu

Note: Change in meeting day. No meetings on Thu., March 04.



Kudos to President Rtn. Vishal Merchant.

Birthdays

- March 02 Rtn. Ketan Shah
- 07 Ann Shetal Paras Mehta
- 10 Rtn. Kishore Gohil
- 12 Ann Vibha Pavan Sharma
- 13 Rtn. Sachin Shah
- 14 Rtn. Nisreen Lokhandwala

Manish Patel receives his Doctorate Certificate...



Brainy, witty & the live wire of our Club, Proram Committee Chair **Rtn. Dr. Manish Patel** received his Doctorate Certificate at the recently concluded Convocation of VNSGU, Surat. Proud of you Dr. Manish.

Water Tank & water bore @ Udhna RPF colony

Serving the community after knowing their needs & catering to the same is the goal of R. C. of Udhna. We donated Stands for drying clothes in the residential colony of Udhna Railway Police Force. The colony where there already is the First Urban Forest of Indian Railways, prepared by Heart At Work Foundation under the leadership of GreenMan **Mr. Viral Desai**. Our Club joined the endeavour and also decided to help the residents with a water tank and a bore well fixed with submersible pump and its necessary accessories.

Our hilarious but a silent crusader senior Rotarian **Bhalchandra Desai & PP. Rtn. Manish Naik** visited the site to monitor the same. The Community service man of our Club **PP. Rtn. Prakash Patel and PP. Rtn. Manish Naik** monitored the bore-well and submersible pump installation. Our gratitude to **PP. Rtn. Devang Munim** for the donation of submersible pump, control panel and cables for the said project.



PP. Rtn. Dharmesh Chorawala – Chairman, Prime Co-op. Bank Ltd. Receives Award



PP. Rtn. Dharmesh Chorawala who is currently Chairman of Prime Bank received 2nd Best trophy & award for organizing maximum Voluntary blood donation camps in 2019-20 at the AGM of Surat Raktadan Kendra & Research



Centre by the worthy hands of Dr. Pradeep Desai (Founder Trustee).

ADDENDUM

In continuation to the report of District Governor's Official visit following requires special mention:

The Vocational Awards were presented to the Corona Warriors. The zeal, perseverance and untiring efforts of our Club Vocational committee Chair the suave **Rtn. Keyur Mehta** deserves accolades which includes the team of **PP. Rtn. Devang Munim, PP. Rtn. Prakash Patel, IPP. Rtn. Manish Naik and Rtn. Chetan Desai**.

Valentine's Day celebration...

Sunday, February 14 marks the day of sharing & caring, love & affection, friendship & admiration. We at R. C. of Udhna celebrated the same with pomp and splendor in the lush green lawns of Aagam Heritage Bungalows where our President **Rtn. Vishal Merchant** resides. Lighting, décor, ambience, music, sumptuous food all arrangements were made for fun & frolic for the family of Udhna. The host couple **Ami & Vishal Merchant** were dressed to conquer with a spirit to enjoy the evening to its fullest. All those who had chance to see the short video clip on WhatsApp of the President & the First lady dancing will surely adore them. But, that was not all, we also celebrated birthday of the charming, talented and vibrant **Ann Nirali Niraj Choksi**; while the proud husband **Rtn. Neeraj Choksi** sponsored the Dinner for the Night – Thank you the CHOKSIS. All the games were planned & executed by **Ann Ami Merchant, Ann Nirali Choksi, Rtn. Nirali Naik, Rtn. Hiral Desai & Rtn. Rakhi Desai**.

Though, the pictures below speaks it all but the spirit of family of Udhna was at its best; senior Rotarians, new Rotarians and the Anns – all enjoyed, participated and cheered the Celebrations.



Balancing Personal & Professional Life...Mr. Vinay Madrasi

Thursday, February 18, 2021 on virtual platform we had a businessman who has dedicated to Heartfulness Institute from a member to Trainer to Co-ordinator of Surat Centre – **Mr. Vinay Madrasi**.

President **Rtn. Vishal Merchant** called the meeting to order and accorded warm welcome to all present and the guest speaker after which he declared Birthday & wedding anniversary greetings.

In our endeavor to know our Rotarian better; it was **PP. Rtn. Bilal Memon** who after initial education in Mumbai shifted to Surat in 1970 when the total population of the City was around 8 lacs. He joined his father's Power looms unit but then through his business acumen set up a Crimping unit, followed by Dyeing & Printing unit, a Sizing machine unit, a Texturising factory to Dyes & Chemicals unit to an Ice factory and also a Plastic factory in Dubai. In 1992 – 93 started trading – textile export. Is active in various Business Associations and became President R.C. of Udhna in 1992 -93. He also had a private flying licence.

After the announcement by Hon. Secretary **Rtn. Chetan Jariwala**; one more business magnet member of our Club, young & dynamic **Rtn. Jay Randeria** introduced the guest speaker as a Trainer who dedicated his life to Heartfulness Institute.

Mr. Vinay Madrasi introduced Heartfulness Institute with the help of AV presentation and informed of his long association of 15 years with it. Describing the Institute as Non profitable spiritual Institute, he said that it has its wings in 160 countries with 50 lacs + practitioners with 13000 Certified Trainers and 250 Meditation Centres. The Institute which completed its 75 yrs of existence has a prime Centre in Hyderabad known as “Kanha Shanti Vanam” which has a facility of a Meditation hall accomodating 80,000 persons. In his address he informed that a person on an average has 60,000 to 80,000 thoughts per day as humans jump from one thought to the other; he added, “Mind is like a Monkey”. He talked about various facets of human emotions from Anger to Communication to Space to Pause. Meditation gives pause; Experiencing he said is believing. A practical Meditation session was also conducted online.

The Rotarian with a rich, lucid voice and clarity of thoughts **PP. Rtn. Zubin Chichgar** proposed vote of thanks. Meeting was adjourn for online fellowship.

DCP Mr. Prashant Sumbe speaks on Surat traffic...

President Vishal Merchant welcomed the gathering and then showered wishes for Birthdays and wedding anniversaries to the family of Udhna celebrating in that particular fortnight.

Program committee Chair Rtn. Dr. Manish Patel introduced DCP Mr. Prashant Sumbe who started his career as Banker and then served as Asst. Commissioner - Income Tax, after clearing UPSC joined the Police Force. Since October 2019 serving as Surat DCP Traffic. Learning is his passion who continued his studies. Completed Currently, pursuing Master in Arts in History.

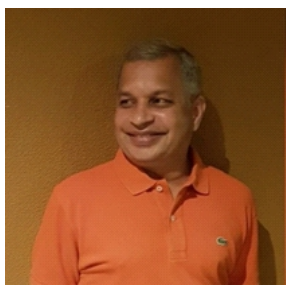
DCP Mr. Prashant ji expressed his pleasure speaking to such an elite audience which would help Police force help Citizens better. Surat City Police Commissioner area is larger than SMC area. It is divided into four zones headed by ACP who are Region ACP's. Total traffic Police Traffic force has 715 persons & around 1500 Traffic Regulation brigades are also working. Catering to 70 lacs population and around 34 lacs vehicles is in itself a challenge. Motive is increase road safety & to save travel time. Challenge is man power shortage as Surat has around 110 flyovers and each has road junction at the bottom. Another challenge is resources have to work with limitations. Infrastructure like road designing, traffic signals etc. are also one of the many problems. Old RTO junction is closed for cross vehicular traffic for last few months but that has saved time of people commuting on this road; it is done under "no stoppage" policy. "Enforcement" is a very debatable point like on one junction Police is stopping people for not wearing mask, seat belt while on the other we are strict on street vendors etc. Strategy is Educating citizens which includes designing traffic circle; currently we are re-designing around 40 traffic circles. Feel proud to inform that by closing old RTO traffic junction & Sai circle in Dindoli area there is not a single accident case thereafter at these junctions. Urged for the co-operation of citizens. There are two major issues that have come forward; Parking in No Parking zones – we are dealing with it while other issue is of wrong side driving – to tackle this we have started taking strict action from January 01 and we have requested RTO to suspend around 2000 driving licence of such drivers which also includes talking on mobile phone while driving. Both these issues are also highlighted in the queries & concerns received from members of R.C. of Udhna. The other concern received was of Police on main road stopping the vehicle and taking the same on one side and than asking for fine for various reasons; DCP Mr. Prashant ji replying to the same said that E-Challan system in Surat started from 2013 and based on the statistics from 2013 to 2019 the fine amount of E-challans issued was appx. 120 crores as against which the recovery is only of 9.5 crores; but from October 2019 till now we have recovered appx. 8 crores. The other question bothering many is, when Police stops the vehicle for any reason there tone of talking is very aggressive; in regards to the same DCP Sir replied that we always instruct our staff to talk and deal with everyone with dignity and to manage their stress we are also guiding them. He added that I have more expectations from Citizens like you, you are elite of the Society, so we expect you to perform, obey rules and and help us with also giving suggestions for the betterment of traffic. He then opened the forum for Question – Answer session. Questions included : about Sachin highway where small / multi speed breakers is not convenient and a divider is installed on the road in front of SMC South Zone office - the road is only 40ft.. In respect to Sachin highway he replied that the same is to stop fatal accidents; inconvenience is regretted. As regards the SMC South West zone road divider the same will be taken care of. Also, queries were raised about parking issues in front of ATM & Banks; on purchase of vehicle we pay road tax / municipal tax and than we need to pay on road parking known as "Pay & park" – why not free parking as we have already paid tax; traffic Police stand on middle of road stopping vehicles for violating of rules but also obstructing the general traffic; Police busy on mobile at signals; in regards to Sachin highway multi speed breakers instead can we not have multi speed breakers at turning of road towards villages; on road to Khajod to Sachin and Gabheni road where road repairs is in progress – the gate to Sachin gate no.2 should be open; BRTS road speed breakers needs repair; can we not have a monthly pass for Pay & Park; Star Bazar circle invites more traffic jam because of Police enforcing / regulating rules. DCP Mr. Prashant ji then gave information about Traffic Brigade.

PP. Rtn. Prakash Patel congratulated DCP Mr. Prashant ji and then introduced his guest.

PP. Rtn. Kshitij Desai proposed vote of thanks. Special thanks to Rtn. Chetan Desai for inviting such a dignitary as guest speaker.

Meeting was then adjourn.

Know Your Rotarian



Smart & suave Rtn. Paras Mehta hails from Bhavnagar where he did his schooling. Graduated as B.E (Chemical / 1988-1992) from M. S. University of Baroda after which he did MBA (Finance) form the same University. Rtn. Paras is into manufacturing of Specialty Chemcials at Orgo-Chem and exporting them to China, Europe, USA. He is Ex-Chairman and Director, Globe Enviro Care Ltd, Common Effluent Treatment Plant, Sachin GIDC, Surat; Jt. Managing Director of Veer Infra Pvt. Ltd. & Vistas Designers Pvt. Ltd. - a Turnkey Projects and Project Management Company. Clients include Pizza Hut, Dominos, ICICI Bank, Axis Bank, DBS Bank 7 many more. He is Vice-Chairman, Confederation of Indian Industry, South Gujarat Council. Also, a Patron Member, Jain International Trade Organisation. Rtn. Paras is happily married to the cheerful Ann shetal; the couple is blessed with the talented duo - two sons Dhruv & Prasham

FROM MY ARCHIVE... Rtn. Paras Mehta

Over and above the education and professional details, I would like to add few personal details /interests, which are :

1. I like to learn and read Jain philosophy.
2. I love reading (now more of non-fiction) and try and listen to books on audible.
3. I like to read technical literature on chemistry, develop greener processes and learn processes and products that improve environment.
4. Travelling is another hobby. I have extensively travelled to Europe, US, New Zealand, Malaysia, China, Singapore, Thailand, Scandinavian countries and Maldives.
5. I maintain a Facebook page on Jainfood - Dedicated to modern & food loving Jain travellers.

On writing this note, I would like to remember our past Rotarian, Arunfua, who had great influence on my development and personality.

From the small collection of literary jewels, I am sharing 2 nice ones.

<p>સમડી ની ઉડવાની ઝડપ જોઈને ચકલી ક્યારેય ડીપ્રેશનમાં નથી આવતી...!</p> <p>*****</p> <p>કેંક ઇચ્છ્યો અધૂરી હોય છે, જિંદગી તોયે મધૂરી હોય છે.</p> <p>દ્રાક્ષ ખાટી દર વખત હોતી નથી, જીભ પણ ક્યારેક તૂરી હોય છે.</p> <p>લીમડાના પાન મેં પણ ચાખ્યા છે માણસના બોલ કરતા તો મીઠા લાગ્યા છે...</p> <p>જિંદગી રોજ મને શીખવે કે જીવતા શીખ, એક સાંધતા તેર તૂટશે, પણ સીવતા શીખ...</p>	<p>ન સમझो अभी मित कितना अंधेरा ? जभी जाग जाओ तभी है सबेरा ।</p> <p>गयी सो गयी मत गयी को बुलाओ, नया दिन हुआ है, नया डग बढ़ाओ । न सोचो न लाओ वदन पर मलिनता, तुम्हारे करों में है कल की सफलता ॥ जली ज्योति बनकर ढलेगा अँधेरा । जभी जाग जाओ तभी है सबेरा ॥</p> <p>पीओ मित शोले समझ करके पानी, दूःखों ने लिखी है सुखों की कहानी । नहीं पढ़ सका कोई किसमत का खाता, नहीं जानता कब पलट जाय पासा ॥ कल जो मिला मंजिलों का बसेरा । जभी जाग जाओ तभी है सबेरा ॥</p> <p>व्यथायें मिलें तो उन्हें तुम दुलारो, प्रकृति प्रेम से मिलें तो पुकारो । दूःखों की सदा उम्र छोटी रही है, सदा श्रम सुखों के ही, (बीज) बोती रही है । सदा पतझरों ने बहारों को टेरा, जभी जाग जाओ तभी है सबेरा ॥</p> <p>गुरुदेव के द्वारा नया दिन मिला है, जो निधियाँ बिखरती वो लूटो हमेशा । अनेक ग्रन्थ मन्थन से 'हीरा' निकला...! तुम 'जौहरी' बनके कर दो उजाला । जभी जाग जाओ तभी है सबेरा ॥</p> <p>जरा भुल की तो, नरक में बसेरा...! जभी जाग जाओ तभी है सबेरा । अभी जाग जाओ तो अभी सबेरा...!!!</p>
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