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BULLETIN OF ROTARY CLUB OF UDHNA

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Next Meeting

Thu., May 20, 2021
Program : Entertainment
Evening

Note : It will be a Zoom Meeting.

Forthcoming Meeting

Thu., May 27, 2021
Program : The moment of Life...
Participants : Family of Udhna

BIRTHDAYS

May 17 Annet Raj Desai
18 Ann Priyanka Harshal Desai
21 Ann Parvin Mehernosh
Todiwala
21 Rtn. Bhalchandra Desai
23 Rtn. Mitul Shah
26 Rtn. Bankim Dave
27 Rtn. Ami Desai
27 Rtn. Jay Randeria

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

May 15 Shanta & Manu Chheda
17 Nirmala & Nandkishor
Chorawala
18 Smruti & Dipesh Shah
22 Aruna & Manher Dakoria

RYLA...

Rotary District 3060 PIMA ACE
VIRTUAL RYLA
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
Host Club
RC Vapi Riverside
Registration
Rs. 250
28, 29, 30 MAY
5:30 PM to 8:30 PM

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District Openers

R.I. EXCHANGE RATES...

Please find below **May 2021** RI Exchange Rate for various currencies used in South-Asia region:

Country	Monetary Unit	Currency Per US \$1.00
*India	INR	75.00
*Nepal	NPR	119.00
*Sri Lanka	LKR	195.00
Pakistan	PKR	154.00
Bangladesh	BDT	85.00

*indicates rate change from the previous month

Toddlers to Teens ...they steal the show...

It was Thursday, May13, 2021 at the regular weekly meeting on Zoom we invited all Kids to come forward to perform and what a response...Dada – Dadi, close relatives all in full action and the participation list had prompt “add-Ons”.

After the welcome address by President Rtn. Vishal Merchant, Greetings and an announcement on behalf of Ann Sumita Shah; it was the vibrant and dynamic Rtn. Ami Desai who took charge of the program and conducted with ease & simplicity. She invited the participants of whose 2 min. Video was sent in advance which were presented by our techno-savvy Program Committee Chair the live wire of our Club Rtn. Dr. Manish Patel.

Prahi Shah – 7 months (Grand-daughter of Bina & Paresh Shah) presented her “moments of growing”.

Nischay Patel – 10 months (Grand-Son of Pratibha & Prakash Patel) also showed the way he is nurtured.

Zeisha Modi – 11 months (Grand-daughter of Hon. Rtn. Gayatri & Rajesh Jariwala) performed few actions of Garba

Riyaan Timbawala - 1yr. 8 months (Grand-Son of Veena & Rajani Timbawla) presented video of their moments together.

Meera Desai – 2yrs. 8months (Grand-daughter of Reena & Bhalchandra Desai) recited rhymes with action and also performed a dance on a song.

Anoushka & Aaryansh Pandhe – 8yrs & 10yrs. resp. (Grand-Children of Tejal & Devang Munim) presented a video showing the kids interaction with grandparents in Surat wherein PP. Rtn. Devang – the Dada interviewing the Children titled Surat Premier League.

Anaya (Grand-Daughter of Panna & Bhupendra Bhatt) who performed an excellent dance on a English song.

Prisha Chorawala - 10 yrs. (Grand-Daughter of Bhavna & Yogesh Chorawala) who performed a befitting dance on a hindi song.

Anushree Merchant – 20yrs. (Daughter of Ami & Vishal Merchant) who performed a melodious tune on a piano.

Devagna & Tanveera – both 14 yrs. (daughter & niece resp. of Priyanka & Harshal Desai) performed a dance on a English song.

Emillie Bhatt – 8yrs. (Grand-Daughter of Harshida & Prafull Bhatt) played a Spanish tune on piano.

Ghata Desai – 19 yrs. (Daughter of Prasanna & Pranav Desai) in her lucid voice and playing guitar presented a Hindi song.

Heer Shah - 15 yrs. (Daughter of Smruti & Dipesh Shah) showed few Taekwondo actions & steps as she is already a black belt of the same.

Nishka Shah – 9yrs. (Grand-Daughter of Bhavna & Ketan Shah) who while playing Guitar sung a melodious song.

Rhea Desai – 6 yrs. (Grand-Daughter of Reena & Bhalchandra Desai) who performed a nursery rhyme on piano.

Parvashi Naik – 22 yrs. (Daughter of Nirali & Manish Naik) who performed a fusion of classical dance and also played a complete Drum set.

Anshou Bhatt – 12 yrs. (Grand-Son of Harshida & Prafull Bhatt) who played a beach party tune on piano.

Vishrut Desai – 13 yrs. (son of Rakhi & Kashyap Desai) – a footballer who presented his skill by showing few techniques and his work out routine.

Rishi Desai – 9 yrs. (Grand-son of Rina & Bhalchandra Desai) who played our National Anthem on Piano.

Siddhit Sharma – 6 yrs. (Grand-Son of Vibha & Pavan Sharma) who introduced himself first and then recited few shlokas / Vandana offering to Lord Hanumanji.

Ann Pratibha Prakash Patel in her utmost honesty, ease & clarity expressed thanks by refering it as Abhinandan vidhi then aabhar vidhi.

Meeting was adjourn.

BLOOD DONATION CAMP...jointly with all Rotary Clubs of Surat area...

A massive Blood donation camp was jointly organized by Rotary Clubs of Surat area at different venues from April 30 to May 03, 2021. Total 222 blood units were collected.

Our Club centre was at Parle point where we worked in co-ordination with R.C. of Surat NextGen & R.C. of Surat R.T. where we collected 34 blood units.



OUR EFFORTS CREATE GREEN CORRIDOR – a FOREST...

Behind Udhna Railway station within the RPF colony; the Green man **Mr. Viral Desai** planned to create a Forest and his efforts were on when we visited the site for a different Community project. At that time there was a dire of water and there was no source. Our Club once again took up the challenge; got the water bore done, installed a pump and other requisite equipments and made it a full-proof water source. The dream of creating a forest in the otherwise dry area started becoming a reality. Today in the same area there iisa green corridoe – Forest; the pictures speaks it all. A letter from Mr. Veeral Desai is reproduced hereunder. Our thanks to R.C. of Udhna Community service man **PP. Rtn. Prakash Patel & PP. Rtn. Manish Naik** for their sincere efforts, **PP. Rtn. Devang Munim** for his involvement both in terms of time and donation and ofcourse our visionary **President Rtn. Vishal Merchant** for his prompt actions.

આદરણીય પ્રકાશભાઈ,

એક સરસ મજાના સમાચાર શેર કરવા છે. આપણા અર્બન ફોરેસ્ટ 'શહીદ સ્મૃતિ વન'માં તમે બોરિંગ કર્યા પછી હવે ત્યાંની કાયાપલટ થઈ ગઈ છે. આપણા માણસો અને ત્યાંના જવાનો ત્યાં સવાર સાંજ પાણી આપે છે અને દરેક વૃક્ષોને જરૂરિયાત મુજબનું પાણી મળી રહે છે, જેને કારણે વૃક્ષોનો વિકાસ અત્યંત ઝડપી તેમજ આશ્ચર્યજનક થઈ રહ્યો છે.

આપે છે અને દરેક વૃક્ષોને જરૂરિયાત મુજબનું પાણી મળી રહે છે, જેને કારણે વૃક્ષોનો વિકાસ અત્યંત ઝડપી તેમજ આશ્ચર્યજનક થઈ રહ્યો છે.

વૃક્ષોના વિકાસ માટે આપે જે અનન્ય યોગદાન આપ્યું એ બદલ અમે આપના આભારી છીએ. આપના પ્રયત્નો અને ઈચ્છા થકી જ આ લીલેરો જાદૂ શક્ય બન્યો છે. આ બદલ હું, અમારું ફાઉન્ડેશન, અનેક વૃક્ષો અને જેમના માનમાં આ વૃક્ષો રોપાયા છે એ શહીદો પણ આપના ઋણી છે. પ્રકૃતિના આશીર્વાદ આપના પર બરકરાર રહે.



NJ INDIA BRINGS PRIDE FOR ENTIRE GUJARAT...

PROUD OF YOUR RTN. NIRAJ CHOKSI & MR. JIGNESH DESAI...



સુરતનું એનજે ઈન્ડિયા હવે મ્યુચ્યુઅલ ફંડ હાઉસ ચલાવશે

નાણાકીય વર્ષ ૨૦૧૯-૨૦૨૦માં રૂપિયા ૭૭૭ કરોડની કમાણી સાથે એનજે ઈન્ડિયા ઈન્વેસ્ટમેન્ટ એ ફક્ત ભારતની સૌથી મોટી મ્યુચ્યુઅલ ફંડ વિતરણ પ્લેટફોર્મ હોવાના હોવાના વિષયમાં નથી. હવે તે ટૂંક સમયમાં જ પોતાનું મ્યુચ્યુઅલ ફંડ હાઉસ શરૂ કરશે. ક્રેડિટલ માર્કેટ રેગ્યુલેટર, સિક્યોરિટીઝ એન્ડ એક્સચેન્જ બોર્ડ ઈન્ડિયા (સેબી)એ એનજેને પોતાની એસેટ મેનેજમેન્ટ કંપની (એએમસી) શરૂ કરવા માટેનું લાઇસન્સ આપ્યું છે.

ડિસ્ટ્રિબ્યુશન હાઉસનું પોતાનું મ્યુચ્યુઅલ ફંડ હાઉસ શરૂ કરાવવાનું આ પહેલું ઉદાહરણ છે. એનજે ઈન્ડિયા હવે રોકાણકારોની સંપત્તિ માટેના અન્ય ૪૧ જેટલા ફંડ હાઉસિસ સાથે સ્પર્ધા કરશે.

૯૦ના દાયકાના મધ્યમાં જ્યારે ખાનગી કંપનીઓ એમએફ ઉદ્યોગમાં પ્રવેશ કરી રહી હતી, ત્યારે એનજે ઈન્ડિયાના સહ સ્થાપક નીરજ ચોકસી અને જિગ્નેશ દેસાઈએ જૂન ૧૯૯૪માં એનજે ઈન્ડિયાની શરૂઆત કરી હતી અને સુરતની ઓફિસમાંથી મ્યુચ્યુઅલ ફંડ યોજનાઓનું વિતરણ કરવાનું શરૂ કર્યું હતું.

આ કદના રાષ્ટ્રીય ડિસ્ટ્રીબ્યુટર માટે એસેટ મેનેજમેન્ટ બિઝનેસમાં ભાગ લેવાનું ભાગ્યે જ બને છે. જો કે, ત્યાં ઘણાં બેંક દ્વારા પ્રાયોજિત મ્યુચ્યુઅલ ફંડ ગૃહો છે, શુદ્ધ

UNDERSTANDING CORONA THOROUGHLY...

At our regular weekly meeting on Thursday, April 29, 2021 we had a veteran medical professional, a social worker and a very noble lady **Dr. Vikas ben Desai** to address the gathering on the subject of Corona. President **Rtn. Vishal Merchant** called the meeting to order and welcomed all present with a special mention of the guest speaker. Calm & composed always, the adorable **Ann Sejal Chetan Jariwala** introduced the guest speaker as a gracious lady of mettle, dignity & knowledge.

Dr. Vikas ben Desai in her address cautioned against the spread of the current Corona virus and how the different strains have varied characteristics; latest being air borne. Talking about the social distancing, washing hands frequently and sanitizing; she appealed that we are elites of the Society and we must set an example by practicing the said protocols. Unnecessary meetings and attending parties and events she said is also the major cause. In the Q&A session; few Doctors recommend FabiFlu as a treatment for Corona patients while few Doctors do not prescribe the same; in reply she said that follow the Doctor's prescription in whom you have faith. But, recommended steam inhalation as a regular routine.

The informative talk was followed by Vote of thanks by the ever smiling and pulsating Ann **Nirali Niraj Choksi**. Hon. Secretary **Rtn. Chetan** made announcement. Meeting was then adjourn.

A MUSICAL RIDE...by FAMILY MEMBERS OF UDHNA...

Thursday, May 06, 2021 on the virtual platform all who attended enjoyed the lucid, melodious and ear pampering songs sung by members of family of R. C. of Udhna. The evening one more brain child of our Program committee Chair **Rtn. Dr. Manish Patel** with the able support of our Club's singing sensation **PP. Rtn. Dharmesh kachiwala** who also conducted the entire program immediately after the welcome by President **Rtn. Vishal Merchant**. Participants were requested to send max. 02 min. recorded audio of the song sung of their choice which Rtn. Dr. Manish Patel uploaded one after the other as requested by PP. Rtn. Dharmesh Kachiwala. Only one entry per family was allowed but the response was awe-inspiring. Passion for Hindi language and a true patriotic PP. Rtn. Dharmesh Kachiwala – host of the show started reciting a couplet and conducted the entire program flawless in his inimitable Hindi. Following songs and participants enthralled the gathering :

01. Rtn. Praveen Kakkar offered a prayer, *"Mat kaho khudase meri mushkile badi hai"*.
02. Ann Jigisha Dharmesh Chorawala, *"Kabira maan ja tu..."*
03. Ann Priyanka Harshal Desai played a track on Guitar – *"Jadu teri Nazar..."*
04. Rtn. Nilesh Shah, *"Bahut pyar karte hai tumse sanam..."*
05. Ann Ami Vishal Merchant sung Gujarati song, *"Vehalamji avo ne..."*
06. Group of Ann Tejal Devang Munim, Pooja, Aaryansh & Anouska, *"Zindagi ek sfar hai suhana..."*
07. President Rtn. Vishal Merchant, *"Kahi dur jab din dhal jaye..."*
08. Duo Rtn. Rakhi Desai & Ann Nirali Niraj Choksi, *"Dil hai chhota sa, chooti si asha"*.
09. Prisha Chorawala presented English song.
10. Rtn. Anil Jariwala, *"Tumse mil ke, aisa laga tumse mil ke..."*
11. Ann Nisha Dharmesh Kachiwala, *"Kitna sohna tenu rabne banaya..."*
12. PP. Rtn. Pragnesh Bandaria, *"Abhi mujme kahi baki hai thodi..."*
13. Rtn. Pranav Desai, *"Hardum humdum..."*
14. Rtn. Chetan Desai, *"Jina yaha marna yaha iske siva jana kaha..."*
15. Rtn. Bhupendra Bhatt, *"Ek din bik jayega, mati ke mol..."*

It was a program which provided moments of joy and acted as a stress reliever for all doing these difficult times. A well attended meeting, calls for more such events / program.

Hon. Secretary Rtn. Chetan Jariwala made announcement.

The now official poet of our Club **PP. Rtn. Paresh Shah** proposed vote of thanks in the most poetic way.

Meeting was adjourn for online fellowship.

Kudos to Program Chair Rtn. Dr. Manish Patel & PP. Rtn. Dharmesh kachiwala.

Tailpiece...

Today I woke & kept my fingers crossed,
Chirping & sunny day kept me engrossed.
Today I imbibed confidence in me,
Adding a bit of hope, as a key.

Today I smiled & thou replicated the mirror,
And there I found a company dearer.
I giggled & danced an extra step,
With vigor & will after a quiet gap.

Today I entertained with what I had,
And believe me wanted nothing to add.
And what had seemed like me – caved,
Resonated with positivity engraved.

Today I cheered a little more,
And decided to be happy with a roar.
Forgetting the agony, pain and lone,
Re-bounce the only motto & sermon.

TWO STORIES...ROTARY...

A Bug in a Rug...

There is a Persian legend about a Bug who spent his entire life in the world's most beautifully designed Rug. The only thing he ever saw were the tufts in the rug over which he would climb to pick up crumbs on which he fed. He did not see anything over & above the tufts. He never saw the whole rug. The tragedy of the bug in the rug was that he lived & died in the world's most beautifully designed rug & never once knew of its glorious pattern.

Rotary too has a glorious pattern & Rotary has beautiful design of its own but most Rotarians around the world have a limited view of the concepts of Rotary, of the programmes of Rotary, of the opportunities for Service in Rotary.

Faith... Trust...

A Child sent a letter to the Post office; addressed to GOD. A postman, not knowing exactly what to do with it, gave it to the local Rotary Club. The letter written by that child read, "Dear GOD, my name is Jay. I am a school boy. My class-mate is very poor & has no money to pay the fees. Would you please send me Rs.500/- to pay for his fees?"

The Rotarians were touched and decided to pitch in few rupees each and send whatever they collected to the boy. They were able to raise Rs.300/- which they sent. Couple of weeks later, a second letter from the same child Jay was received; the postman once again gave it to the Rotary club. The letter read, Dear GOD, thank you for Rs.300/- but may I request you next time please deliver the money directly to my home & not through Rotary Club? Because if, you send through Rotary Club they deduct Rs.200/-"!!!

The boy had faith in GOD but the act of benevolence not conveyed properly by Rotarians created ill feeling for them.