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BULLETIN OF ROTARY CLUB OF UDHNA

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Next Meeting

Thursday, August 06, 2020

Subject : Water Conservation in
Ancient Surat.

Speaker : Mr. Mitul Trivedi

Time : 8.30 p.m.

Forthcoming Meetings

Note : All meetings shall be virtual on
zoom / Google meet till further
instruction.

. Thursday, August 13, 2020

Subject : Understanding Health
Insurance : Myths & Truths.

Speaker : Mr. Ashlesh Vachhani
Insurance Head, SAFEinvest
Rtn. Vishal Bandhara

. Sunday, August 16, 2020

(Shifted from Thursday, Aug. 20, 2020)

Program : Yog Garba : Combining Indian
Cultural Activities for Health Benefits.

Conducted by : Mr. Anish Rangrej
IAGD Institute

Time : 8.00 am to 9.00 am

Thursday, August 27, 2020

Program : Quiz : Famous Personalities.

Curators : Annets

Birthdays

Aug 02 Ann Jayshree Amit Nanavati
02 Ann Bhakti Tushar Shah
11 Ann Prasanna Pranav Desai
12 Ann Salma Bilal Memon
13 Ann Nirmala Nandkishore
Chorawala
14 Rtn. Praveen Kakkar

ROTARY AT A GLANCE (as on June 16, 2020)

Rotarians : 1,213,465

Clubs : 36,246

Districts : 525

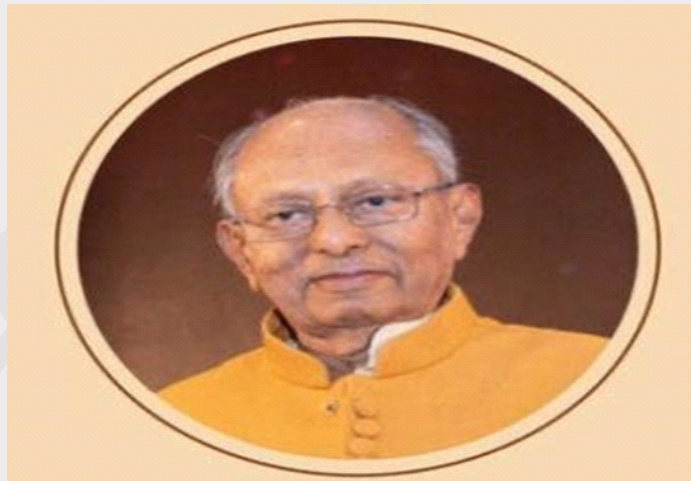
Rotaractors : 175,735

Clubs : 10,602

Interactors : 340,377

Clubs : 14,799

THE ROTARY UDHNA STUPEFIED ON HIS SUDDEN EXIT...WE LOST A JEWEL...



PP. RTN. RAVINDRA CHOKSI (13-12-1941 to 25-07-2020)

Parting is always sad but part one must and that is the law of nature. Succumbed to the same HE left for heavenly abode – our very dear friend RAVINDRA CHOKSI.

“Ever has it been that love knows not its own depth until the hour of separation”;
said - Khalil Gibran.

Is it not that in life we always crave NOT for the Best Person but for the Best HUMAN BEING? Ravindrabhai, was the Best Human Being whose deeds and way of life reflected and taught people to be “BEING HUMAN”.

Simple, humble, soft spoken yet very dynamic and versatile; his Rotary career was enviable. Many of us had the rare opportunity to work with him in Rotary very closely sharing joys, sorrows, challenges and moments but Ravindra bhai never ever lost modesty instead he carried one thing permanently and that is his captivating smile. Wherever, he went; he won hearts and gained accolades by his down to earth nature – which was his true charismatic personality.

Dear Minooben, GOD Almighty too desires to have the best jewel in his enviable galaxy but the BEST was with the CHOKSI's. In his search for the Kohinoor GOD Almighty picked up our jewel in form of our dear RAVINDRA BHAI. We are with you Nirmay, Nirali, Niraj, Urvi & Niharika.

Let us all look up the sky; the scintillating star that now you can see in the galaxy is our loss – GOD's gain – our RAVINDRA BHAI.

- PP. Rtn. Bankim Dave – Editor
On behalf of Rotary Udhna Family

President Rtn. Vishal Merchant...

“If you want to shine like a Sun. First burn like a Sun”.

Humble tribute to the core worker, a Community person who lived, breathe & practiced Humanity; symbol of simplicity, person with determination, suave businessman, a family icon, mesiha to the Needy, Institutions spearhead and a Rotarian whose career blended with life path is worth emulating.

To me he was a Father, to me he was a Family, to me he was Almighty's blessings.

For me “Merchant – Choksi” is synonym; in losing Pujya Ravindra bhai I have lost a Father, a humanitarian and a benevolent Rotarian.



PP. Rtn. Tarun Dave...

મંગલ મંદિર ખોલો, દયામય મંગલ મંદિર ખોલો,
 જીવન વન અતિ વેગે વટાવ્યું, દ્વાર ઉભો શિશુ ભોળો,
 મંગલ મંદિર ખોલો...

“પારિજાત ના મધમધતા ફૂલો જેવી વીતેલી ગઈકાલ અને ભીતરમાં ભીનો ભૂકંપ
 અને સ્નેહસંતુથી પરોવાયેલું મોતી એટલે રવિન્દ્ર ચોકસી”

એક પ્રભાવશાળી વ્યક્તિત્વ અને સ્વમાની મિજાજસભર વ્યક્તિ એટલે રવિન્દ્ર, રવિન્દ્ર એટલે હુંફાળું વ્યક્તિત્વ, રવિન્દ્ર એટલે લાગણી ની ભીનાશ, રવિન્દ્ર એટલે સ્નેહનું ઝરણું અને સબંધો ના તાંતણે વણાયેલું વ્યક્તિત્વ..

રવિન્દ્ર એટલે હંમેશ હસતો એક ચેહરો, મૃદુ તમે અને તમારી વાણી, મનભેદને ને નેવે મૂકી, મનમેળને સ્વીકારનારો; એવા રવિન્દ્ર ને સત સત વંદન...

PDG. Rtn. Devendra Shastri...

Ravindrabhai – Epitome of simplicity; joined Rotary club of Udhna in 1969 and served with distinction as Club President in the Rotary Year 1989-90, the year in which Club's Silver Jubilee Celebration kicked off.

Two important landmarks that I remember are; Mammoth Eye Camp at Village Vankal, near Kosamba(60 Kms from Surat) under the leadership of PP Rajani Marfatia in which more than 200+ Eye surgeries took place. The team spirit of the club was enviable as Rotarians and Anns shuttled from Surat to Vankal in turn.

Club's Silver Jubilee celebration was held with pomp and dignity at late PP. Suryakant Patel's home and the Chief Guest was RI Director (1987-89) Sudarshan Agrawal who came all the way from Delhi. PRIP Kalyan Banrejee and many PDGs attended the sitting Banquet which will be remembered for a long time.

In the passing away of dear friend Ravindrabhai, we have lost a dear friend with whom our friendship was more than 50+ years old. We have shared the finest moments of our life with Ravindra bhai in Rotary as well as in our regular potluck dinners with likeminded friends. He had a distinct personality of a simple, down to earth, helpful and warm hearted friend. Our heartfelt condolences to Smt. Minooben, Niraj, Urvi, Nirali and Choksi family. May the departed soul rest in eternal peace. Om Shanti.



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PDG. Rtn. Prafull Bhatt...

If someone would ask me to define a quality Rotarian I would without hesitation ask them to look at our PP Ravindra Choksi a shining example of a perfect Rotarian. In him we had an active dedicated person who served community without any expectations of position or appreciations. A person, ready to forgive everyone, hurt no one, & friendly to all, rare qualities of a good human being. Ever smiling, cool and composed was an able businessman. Silver jubilee year President of our Club, RI theme of the year was “Put life into Rotary Your Life” he lived up to this theme by absorbing service as part of his life with outstanding community service & International service projects. Whenever calamities like flood and other adversities struck our city he was always in the forefront supporting relief activities. He continued to serve Rotary thereafter as GGR at District level and supported The Rotary Foundation not only by being a Paul Harris Fellow, but also created an endowment fund of US \$25,000. Niraj son of Ravindra is also a very active Rotarian of Udhna with remarkable contribution to Literacy activities and is a successful businessman, this is part of his family legacy. This goes to prove that he with his wife Minooben nurtured a fine family. Not having Ravindra with us now is a big loss not only to Udhna Rotary Club but also to Rotary at large. We will continue to miss his humble and friendly gesture at our future club meetings, a void that will never get filled.



@ Rotary Dist. Conference, Mt. Abu
Hosted by R.C. of Udhna; DG. Devendra Shastri
Ravindra bhai was Co-Chair Accommodation Comm.



Rtn. Ravindra Choksi President R.Y. 1988 -89

PP. Rtn. Rajanikant Marfatia...

A Pious soul amongst us has left us all; a gentlemen down to the core and the most unassuming person is no more. His performance has dignified Rotary. I am happy to have invited him to join our club.

The then R.I Director Rtn. Sudarshan Agarwal inaugurated the year, and the Club presented him with Rs.2,57,000/- as Polio Plus contribution. Few of the activities need special mention; Rotary District Assembly, I.Y.E orientation

camp, R.V.C club at Karadava. A Double Decker medical van designed by Dr. Pravin Shah and Dr. Maltiben Shah, was brought into service (the bus was promoted by Rotary club of Surat Round town). The eye camp was hallmark of the year; where intra ocular lens were given free of charge.

Ravindra was connected with Lok Bharti educational trust, Vishwa Karma trust and many other social activities trust. May God give eternal peace to his soul and courage to his family members and to all of us for baring this loss.

As a Rotarian, he had fully assimilated himself, be it Medical Camps, Blood Donation Programme, tree plantation project, Rotary dispensary works, Polio Plus eradication programme, Rotary Foundation collections etc. The Club was happy to have him as the President for the Silver-Jubilee year of the club.



PP. Rtn. Nandkishore Chorawala...

દોસ્ત રવિન્દ્ર ચોકસી હવે આપણી વચ્ચે નથી રહ્યાં. ઈશ્વર રવિન્દ્રભાઈનાં પવિત્ર આત્માને શાંતિ આપે તેમજ એમનાં કુટુંબીજનોને આવી પડેલ દુઃખ સહન કરવાની શક્તિ આપે એવી પાર્થના.

નખશીખ સજ્જનતા, અત્યંત સરળ સ્વભાવ, આડંબરરહિતતા અને હસમુખાપણું - આવી લાક્ષણિકતાથી તેઓ મિત્રો વચ્ચે જિંદગી જીવી ગયા. લાંબા સમયથી કથળેલ સ્વાસ્થ્ય દરમિયાન પણ એમનું ભીતર મિત્રો માટે હંમેશા વસંતમય રહ્યું. ધર્મ અને સંગીત અંગેના તેમનાં વિચારો અમને માણવા ગમતાં હતાં. પોઝિટિવ થિંકીંગ માણસને પ્રસન્ન રાખે છે અને પ્રસન્નતા રોગને દૂર રાખે છે એ અમને આ દોસ્ત રવિન્દ્રએ શીખવ્યું. દોસ્તનાં આ મિજાજને સલામ! એમને સૌ મિત્રોની અક્ષુભીની વિદાય.

“ दर्द इसका नहीं कि आप मिल नहीं पाएँगे

फिर तो सिर्फ़ इस बात कि हे कि हम भूल नहीं पाएँगे “ . — गुलज़ार

PP. Rtn. Bilal Memon...



રવિન્દ્રભાઈ ચોકસી ને હું ૧૯૮૨ થી જ્યારથી રોટરી મા જોડાયો ત્યારથી ઓળખાણ થયેલ તેઓની ફેક્ટરી ઉધનામાં અને મારી ફેક્ટરી પાંડેસરામા . બપોરના સમયમાં અમે ઉધના તેમની ફેક્ટરી પર અવાર નવાર જતા કાયમ હસ્તા જ હોય કદી તેમને રડતા જોયા જ નથી લોકો મદદ માટે આવતા હોય કે ફોન આવે બધાને મદદ કરવા કાયમ આતુર હોય - જયસિંહ ભાઈ વેદ -અનિલભાઈ પણ આવતા , તેમજ પછીથી દેવેન્દ્રભાઈને ત્યાં ઉધના ફેક્ટરી પર સાંજે ભેગા થતા જેમાં નિર્ભય- અનિલ - જયસિંહ – હું. રવિન્દ્રભાઈ તેમજ સ્વ. હસમુખભાઈ દોશી મળતા. બધા દીવસો ૧૯૮૨/૮૩ થી ૧૯૯૪ દરમિયાન ની યાદી કરુછુ. હાલ શ્રાવણ માસ ચાલે છે જેમ અત્યારે અમે દેવાગને ત્યાં ભેગા થઈએ છીએ ત્યારે અમે રવિન્દ્રભાઈને ત્યાં પારલે પોઇન્ટની આગળ સરગમ શોપીંગ આગળ તેમનો સરસ મજાનો બંગલો હતો ત્યાં અમે મળતા , રમતા અને જમતા

. મીનુબેનના હાથની બહુ રસોઈ ખાધી છે અને તેઓ પણ કાયમ હસ્તા હોય ધીમું બોલે અને પ્રેમ થી જમાડે.

લોકોની મદદ માટે કાયમ તત્પર રહેતા રવિન્દ્રભાઈનું હસ્તુ મોઢું ભુલાય તેમ નથી ઈશ્વર તેઓ ને સારામાં સારો બદલો આપે સ્વર્ગમાં સારામાં સારુ સ્થાન આપે તેમજ ઈશ્વર મીનુબેન , દીકરી ઉર્વી બેન, દિકરા નિરજભાઈ , નિરાલી બેન , તેમજ ઘરના બધાને રવિન્દ્રભાઈની ખોટ સહન કરવાની શક્તિ અને સબ્ર આપે આમીન

PP. Rtn. Nirbhay Desai...

1984-85 District Conference at Abu was immediately after I Joined Rotary Club of Udhna, when I became friend with Ravindra bhai. He always was good friend & guided me in my Rotary activities. I enjoyed fellowship with Ravindra bhai at his Neeraj bungalow, when I was staying at Udhna Udyognagar. Shilpa & myself with few other Rotarians were always welcomed by Minooban & Ravindra bhai at his bungalow. My daughter Milauni, son Pruthul recalls the journey to ShreeNathji with him. There are lot man memorable Rotary events like Eye Camps, Polio Immunization drive & many more where his active participation motivated me. I shall never forget him. I pray to the almighty to give him eternal peace and enough strength to the family members.

PP. Rtn. Devang Munim...

“No two people get on or get along all the time. Our Dear Ravindra bhai would get along with everyone, young & old, 100%. This was unique of Ravindra bhai with his witty humour, his light hearted jokes, his words of wisdom, encouragement & his jovial nature. He has never said “No” to a person in need. He will be truly missed as a part of my family & as a part of our larger Rotary Family. May his soul rest in peace. him. I pray to the almighty to give him eternal peace and enough strength to the family members.

PP. Rtn. Sachin Shah...

Rotary Club of Udhna has lost one of the finest human being in Ravindrabhai. My association with Ravindrabhai goes back many years , first as an annet and then Rotarian . The society has lost a genuine philanthropist and may his divine soul rest in peace.

PP. Rtn. Prakash Patel...

Coping up with Covid 19 stress was difficult & suddenly exit of a fatherly figure to me – Ravindra bhai was a blow with left me with wet eyes. The person who helped me to be what I am today. I will always be indebted to him & Minooben for their love, affection, help & support extended in my life. Our life is comfortable & liveable by their blessings only. Once again I pray to almighty God to rest his soul in eternal peace.

PP. Rtn. Paresh Shah...

શ્રી રવિન્દ્રભાઈ ની સાથે અમારો પરિચય લગભગ છેલ્લા ૩૦ વર્ષ થી હતો, પરંતુ આ પરિચય વર્ષો ના વર્ષો થી હોય તેવી અનુભૂતિ જ્યારે પણ તેમને મળ્યા ત્યારે થતો.. તેઓ એવા વ્યક્તિ હતા જે બીજા ના ચહેરા ઉપર ખુશી લાવવાની ક્ષમતા ધરાવતા હતા, તેઓ પોતે ઓછું બોલતા, પણ તેમના કામ ઘણું બધું કહી જતું , સુરત ની ઘણી બધી સંસ્થા માં તેઓ આગળ પડતા હતા અને હું કહી શકું કે, દાન નો સંપર્ક પૈસા થી નહિ તેમને હૃદય થી કરેલ છે.

શ્રી મીનુબેન, નીરજ, નિરાલી અને ઉર્વી, તેમની યાદ આપણને બહાદુર અને બળવાન બનાવે તેવી પ્રભુ ને પાર્થના.

PP. Rtn. Tushar Shah...

A gentle soul, a noble soul, a smiling soul & to sum up a simple soul. I humorously referred him SSB – Sailing in the Same Boat; because of the fact that both of us as President were not given recognition by our respective Governors. Alas my colleague of the Boat has left leaving remembrances. Stay blessed Ravindra bhai.