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BULLETIN OF ROTARY CLUB OF UDHNA

Next Meeting

Thursday, July 02, 2020

Program : Installation meeting
(Virtual)

Time : 6:30 p.m.

Chief Guest :

Mr. Jignesh Desai (NJ Group)

Installing Officer :

DGN. Rtn. Santosh Pradhan

Forthcoming Meetings

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

- Thursday, July 09, 2020
Program : Magician (Mr. Shardul)
- Thursday, July 16, 2020
Program : Diet Concept (Mrs. Kruti Desai)
- Thursday, July 23, 2020
Program : Tree Plantation (Details will be sent separately)
- Thursday, July 30, 2020
Program : Chintan Shibir

Birthdays

July 02 Rtn. PDG. Prafull Bhatt
02 Ann Maitry Mitul Shah
04 PP. Rtn. Nirbhay Desai
07 Rtn. Pavan Sharma
10 Ann Jigyasa Manish Shah
10 Rtn. Mehernosh Todiwala
14 Rtn. Chetan Jariwala
14 Annet Vishwa Janak Jariwala
15 Ann Urvashi Manish Patel
15 Ann Harsha Nilesh Shah
15 PP. Rtn. Bilal Memon

Anniversary

July 10 Jigyasha & Manish Shah
15 Urvashi & Manish Patel

My Journey – A Banker to Club President

Dear Family of R.C. of Udhna,

It is an immense pleasure for me to become the President of our club, which frankly I had never thought of.

I was born in the middle-class family about 46 years ago in a family of four; Parents, younger brother & me. My father was a Banker who also had a small textile business but when I was 18, I lost him; the first heartbreaking event that happened in my family.

Due to the sudden death of my father, the family responsibilities came on my shoulders; which forced me to take interest in family finance. During my science graduation, I started deep diving to understand Accountancy with the help of my accountant & tax consultant.

In 1995, I completed my graduation & took a job as a banker in one of the leading co-operative banks of Surat. Life was simple without any specific purpose; but I involved myself in a couple of small activities side by side, i.e. cloth manufacturing & trading, then yarn trading and lastly automobile spares trading.

1998 was the hallmark year for me. A person came into my life as a Mentor & he changed my life completely. In fact, he actually "CRAFTED" & "NURTURED" me. And today, you are seeing a different version of me. It also happens to be the year of my marriage with Ami. So, the year was the most memorable one for me.

The year 2000 brought joy in my family with the birth of my daughter Anushree. But, in 2002 I lost my mother even after our sincere efforts to save her life.

The journey of my entrepreneurship started in March 2003 as a Financial Advisor & today after 17 years the SAFEinvest emerges as the most trustworthy brand in the Financial Services & is serving 2300+ families.

Friends, on 2nd July, 2020, I will be taking charge as club President for the RY 2020-21. My very purpose of joining Rotary is to give back to Society and our RCU has put trust in me & given me an opportunity to fulfil the same. So, wholeheartedly I will put all efforts to make the RY 2020-21 successful & interesting. I appeal all of you, lets make it happen collectively...

Thanking you with warm regards.

Rtn. Vishal Merchant.

President, RY 2020-21.

THE YEAR THAT WAS....

It was Thursday, June 25, 2020 and venue – oops...all sitting back home relaxed in their own comfort zone, either on lap top or I-pad or even mobiles to convey gratitude to the outgoing President of our Club Rtn. Manish Naik.

Smartly dressed two couples seen on screen, both happy, first lady Ann Nirali Naik & President Rtn. Manish Naik at the residence of incoming leader for R.Y. 2020 – 2021 Rtn. Vishal Merchant with Ann Ami; one satisfied for having served with distinction, having worked in all avenues of services and for having added laurels to the Club kitty while the other happy as he with his vision & enthusiasm have planned for R.Y. 2020 – 2021.

Rtn. Vishal Merchant – President R.Y. 2020-21 welcomed all present and congratulated President Rtn. Manish Naik for taking the Club to newer heights. He then requested young & talented Hon. Sec. Rtn. Yayati Desai to present AV presentation of activities of the R.Y. 2019 – 2020.

Rtn. Vishal Merchant then invited PP. Rtn. Janak Jariwala, Rtn. Ami Desai, Rtn. Niraj Choksi, PP. Rtn. Bankim Dave, PP. Rtn. Kshitij Desai, Ann Mahrukh Chichgar & PP. Rtn. Rajanikant Marfatia; all spoke about the various all round activities & projects done under the leadership of a very simple, humble and down to earth leader President Rtn. Manish Naik & the rock solid support of the suave first lady Ann Nirali Naik. Community service projects from the Literacy project at NavNirman School to the Deaf & Dumb school continues projects to the care & nurture of Aanganwadis were very much appreciated while the number of fellowship events delighted the family of Udhna.

Ann Nirali Naik in her address requested each & every member to come forward and support and take up responsibility of one or the other activity.

In his address to the virtual gathering President Rtn. Manish Naik in all his modesty accepted that writing speeches was the toughest job as President for which he had to be dependent but he added that, “today he has decided to speak in Gujarati and the speech was solely written by him straight from heart”. Speaking in his colloquial style President Manish thanked family of Udhna but more explicitly PP. Rtn. Prakash Patel & Rtn. Neeraj Choksi for Community service projects while he was overwhelmed by the dynamism of Rtn. Dr. Manish Patel as Chairman, Program committee. Talking of Rotary protocols & procedures Rtn. Manish conveyed gratitude to Past Presidents Rtn. Bankim Dave, Rtn. Devendra Lalwala & Rtn. Janak Jariwala; while he was thankful to all Anns & Rotarians who supported even in the smallest way; he expressed his indebtedness to his brother in law & business partner PP. Rtn. Kshitij Desai for all help.

It was a well attended meeting which concluded with vote of thanks by President Elect Rtn. Vishal Merchant.

KNOW YOUR ROTARIAN...



Rtn. Nisreen Mustufa Lokhandwala, a very vibrant and dynamic lady runs an educational institute under the name of Amber IELTS Academy wherein she edifies young minds through IELTS trainings and her articles on different social media platforms. She is the recipient of three National Awards in the Education category in 2019. She is passionate about solo traveling, environment and writing. She has joined Rotary in January 2020.

Her husband is Mustafa aged 55. Her family comprises of two children Fatema, 26, who is a practicing psychologist in Pune and one son, Abbas, 24, who is CFA and currently working as a start up profile analyst.



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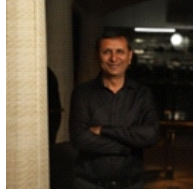
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**President
Rtn. Vishal Merchant**

Joined Rotary on Jan. 01, 2012; Vishal is B.Sc.

(Chem) & a Certified Financial Planner. With INR 950+ crores of asset under management; SAFEinvest is a Wealth Management Company with 17 yrs. Standing. Their domain is in Investment, Insurance & real Estate Management. Married to AMI; the couple is blessed with daughter Anushree.



IPP. Rtn. Manish Naik

Joined Rotary on Dec. 01, 2010; Manish runs Authorised service & is

sales Partner for S. Guj. of Vertiv (Formally Tata Liebert) dealing in UPS & Data Center Solution since last 20 years. His contribution alongwith Ann Nirali for upliftment of Aanganwadis is worth emulating. Manish has taken our Club to an enviable heights by number of Community service projects. The couple is blessed with daughter Parvashi.



**President Elect
Rtn. Manish Shah**

Joined Rotary on July 28, 2013;

Studied Strategic Marketing from IIM Ahmedabad. He is authorized dealer for Trucks & Buses - VE Commercial Vehicles Ltd. for Bharuch & Narmada District since 2007 & Construction Equipment - Doosan Bobcat India - for Gujarat. Treasurer – S. Guj. Automobile Dealers Association. Married to Jigyasha; the couple is blessed with daughter Dhvani & son Dhairya.



**Vice President
Rtn. Yayati Desai**

Joined Rotary on Aug., 17, 2017;

Internationally Certified Coach for Entrepreneurs & Athletes to take their lives & business to the next level. India's 1st Certified Accelerated Evolution Coach, Podcast Host of the "Transform with Yayati" Show. Married to Nidhi.



**Hon. Secretary
Rtn. Chetan Jariwala**

Joined Rotary on Dec., 08, 2016; Chetan is

Textile business, manufacturer of different types of Fabrics like Polyester, Viscose & blended fabrics. Chetan loves Gyming & loves to make friends. Married to Sejal; the couple is blessed with daughters Ria & Bhavi.



**Treasurer
Rtn. Harshal Desai**

Joined Rotary on July 11, 2013;

Harshal is in the business of lighting products and also trading in smart home and smart office products. A person who speaks softly; is a man of action. Married to Priyanka; the couple is blessed with daughters Devagna & Anugna.



**Rtn. Kshitij Desai
Club Director –
Chairman
Membership
Committee**

Joined Rotary in Aug., 2009; Kshitij is Past President. Partner of Akshini Systems. Dealing in UPS, Data Center, Automation, Home Theater and conference room products. Kshitij is active member of BNI. Under his leadership Club won several District Awards. Married to Hiral; the couple is blessed with daughter Paridhi.



**Rtn. Nilesh Shah
Director –
Vocational Service**

Joined Rotary on Dec. 08, 2016; Nilesh is a

famed structural & Civil Engineer & IBBI registered Valuer – also registered US 34 AB for Wealth tax. By qualification, Nilesh is MTech(Civil, IITK); BE(Civil); MSc (REvaluation); FIE; FIV; FIAstructE. He is currently President of Institute of Civil Engg. & Arch., Surat & The Surat Tennis Club. Married to Harsha; the couple is blessed with son Jashan.



**Rtn. Ami Desai
Director –
Community Service**

Joined Rotary on Oct. 26, 2015; Ami is in the

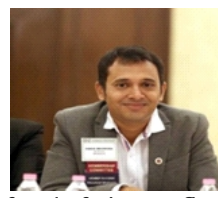
business of IT Hardware Solutions, Products & Service Provider, Software Development, Product & Project base development & 'Effezzient' – CRM & Workflow management tool. She runs the Firms – CPS Technologies & Inspiro Infotech with his husband Ashish. The couple is blessed with son Miraj.



**Rtn. Pranav Desai -
Director – International Service**

Joined Rotary on Oct. 15, 2015; Pranav is Senior Dy. General Manager in L&T-MHPS Turbine Generators Pvt. Ltd.

at Hazira, Surat; company manufactures Ultra Super Critical Turbine & Generators upto 1070 MW for Coal Based Power Plants in India & overseas. Won IMTMA-ACE Micromatic Productivity Championship National Award 2018 for company Improvement Project at competition held in Chennai. Married to Prasanna; the couple is blessed with daughter Ghata.



**Rtn. Vishal Bandhara
Sargeant At Arms**

Joined Rotary on Dec. 13, 2019; Vishal is Insurance & Mutual Fund Advisor. Vishal is fond of playing flute which is his passion.

NOTES FROM A TRAVELER - by Rtn. Nisreen M. Lokhandwala

“Beyond the horizon I looked upon,
 Standing at the end of the shore I wondered at the dawn,
 With the rustling waves and the crashing waves my soul was drawn,
 Could not help but travel, to explore what memories would be born”

With a zillion things to do, we hardly find ourselves giving a break in the pattern of our monotonous life. We tend to forget that a simple getaway from our “auto-pilot mode” life nourishes us emotionally, mentally and physically too. There are various means of looking out for an escape – some find it in nature, and others find it in the muse of art.

Today, I'll focus on TRAVEL as a therapy in general, and specifically 'SOLO TRAVEL.' The reasons why people travel are varied and subjective. Since I am a solo traveller, I can testify how solo travelling transforms our perceptions on life at large. Solo traveling has the power to completely make you a different person, with a fresh approach and a new view at things – from personal viewpoints to professional attitude.

Backpacking travel with friends sounds fun, right? It is definitely popular in the millennial age but it is still very hard to have a solo back-packer trip. But, as they say, “That a man who goes alone can start today, but he who travels with another must wait till that other is ready”!

So, here are my TOP 5 REASONS on being a SOLO TRAVELLER (for me – solo travel is simply therapeutic!) –

1. Instils Positivity in You

The anticipation of handling the unforeseen adventures and situations evokes positive emotions and thus, you are better placed to deal with your lives' ups and downs with optimism. Actually, it is the fear of failure that restricts us to enjoy the triumph of experiencing the unimaginable journey.



2. Helps You Re-discover Yourself

Solo travelling aids to discover how resourceful you are, when you are exposed to new places, people and experiences. It gives an opportunity to explore uncharted territories. It is a golden chance to be just 'you', be crazy, do the weirdest things and contemplate nature at your sole discretion. This brings forth self-reflection and self-realization that play a crucial role in successful decision making.

3. Keeps You Sane & Sensible

Solo Travel acts like a Problem-Solver Hormone in our body and mind, helps to heal some amount of your emotional pain. You get immersed in your surroundings and learn to live every minute of it, like how a child engages in his playtime. This helps in lowering your Stress Hormones, which in turn, keeps you sane, sensible, and rational in this ever-challenging world.

4. Makes you Challenge Yourself

Solo travel is the ideal way to test you. It pushes you to your maximum limits and gets you outside your comfort zone. This develops confidence, helps to overcome fear and prepares you to face adverse conditions. Here, I would like to cite my personal experience - Two years back, I did water rappelling at Bikare Waterfalls under heavy rain showers and gushing waterfall. There was a moment when my feet went off the mountain, and I froze like a dead body, suspended in air for 4 long minutes. It was like a near-death experience for me, but overcoming from this situation also taught me to face hardships of life with courage and hope.



5. Lifelong Learning Experience

Seeing the wide world is more educational than any classroom teachings. Every destination has something unique to teach you and Solo Travel gives you this opportunity. You are able to acquire a broader understanding of the world. Befriending new people, accepting new cultures, and appreciating what you possess – all this is such a humbling and empowering experience in itself. These new insights gained from SOLO TRAVELING is sure staying with you lifelong.

Wrapping up the journey of this article, my final words are - Just believe in yourself, put on your shoes of adventure and wear your cap of positivity to empower yourself. Choose tough over easy, make amazing and unforgettable connections with people by travelling solo and then you would say this to yourself - “That was one hell of a ride”!