



The Rising Sun

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From the President's Desk



Dear Rotarians,

Thank you for choosing me as the Centennial President of our club. This year, we "Celebrate Rotary" – celebrate a century of service and look forward to a new century of success.

Rotary is many things for many people.

Rotary fulfils the need for friendship and fellowship. Each and every one of us is welcome, even encouraged to attend any of the 31603 clubs meeting in 166 nations. Help, network with other Rotarians, business development or just fellowship, Rotary provides for them all.

Rotary is about personal development. Whether it is public speaking, interacting with a varied set of people or being exposed to work of and to Rotarians worldwide.

Rotary is about leadership. Rotarians are active members of the community. Serving in various positions is an education in itself, helping us become better leaders.

Rotary is fun. Whether its meetings, projects, social activities or service projects, Rotarians make Rotary a way of life and enjoy doing so.

Rotary is about family. It's about family involvement with a host of varied activities designed for all members of the family to enhance basic family values.

Rotary is about service. Its business is mankind.

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress and working together is success. Through this year I look forward to your continued support to make our club even stronger than before.

Yours in Rotary,
Binod Sitani

Installation Night



The Centennial Team sworn in by District Governor Jashti Ranga Rao on July 5, 2004.



Sandeep hands over to Binod



Bhaskar takes charge from Surendernath

President: Binod Sitani
Secretary: Bhaskar Reddy
Immediate Past President: Sandeep Nath
Vice Presidents: B. Mohan Reddy
Rahul Agarwal
Joint Secretary: Madhu Babu
Treasurer: Umesh Lunkar

Directors:
Club Service: Sanjay Khendry
Vocational Services: Uday Shankar
Community Services: Guru Charan Singh
International Service: Mazhar Pasha
Rotary Foundation: Amarnath Prasad
Service Projects & Youth: Nageshwar Rao
Membership Extension: Surendernath Mekala
Club Administration: Parsva Kumar Jhabak

Sergeant-at-arms: Bishwanath Das
President Elect 2005-06: Raj Kumar Lohiya

Club Trainer: Gopinath Reddy
Club Advisors: JAS Giri
Jawahar Vadlamani

Rotary Youth Exchange

This provides thousands of young people with the opportunity to meet people from other lands and to experience their cultures. This plants the seeds for a lifetime of international understanding.

Inbound: Shivani Rao returns from RID 7120



A lot is said about being an exchange student but only when you experience it you understand what it is. One year can change a person's thoughts, beliefs and in short a lot of other things. You become a changed person. And how do I know that?

I represented RID 3150 at RID 7120 (Upstate New York) in 2003-04. It is very difficult to give a year's account of events

in a short note - every moment spent there is precious to me.

Before I left I had a lot of scepticism of how this year would shape up, like any other outbound. Leaving home was certainly hard but I had the most precious thing with me, the trust of my parents!

A great deal of adjustment followed when I arrived at my first host family. I still remember when I first went grocery shopping with my host family. I was surprised to see the huge array of different kinds of yoghurts. I did not know what to answer when my hosts asked me which kind of yoghurt I wanted. I did things that I never thought I would do like canoeing, apple picking, skiing, taking my host dog for a run (yes, I was mortified by dogs). Participating in the school play was so much fun. I made so many great friends because of that. Making fun of all our costumes, hideous makeup and dance steps was also a great time.



Winter was fiercely freezing and my day consisted of drinking gallons and gallons of hot chocolate. I did things that I thought I would never do even if I were offered a billion dollars. They were swimming in waterfalls, going on roller coasters

and colouring my hair. Going bowling or golfing with friends and then going out for ice cream or to the mall for shopping with friends are some of my best memories. Food fight parties, Indian movie nights, hot tub nights, ice cream on cool nights, study groups, sleepovers are things I would never forget and forever miss. I had my usual bouts of homesickness, which I overcame by talking to my friends, my host family and doing something that I loved. The highlights of my stay there would be meeting RI President Rtn. Jonathan Majiyagbe and raising \$639.58 for a school furniture project through Interact in Narasampet Warangal district.

This year has made a great impression on my life. I would compare it to a tattoo, which might fade over a period of time but would never leave the body. Rotary has changed my life by making me independent, confident and self-reliant. My humble thanks to the wonderful family of rotary and to the two most priceless diamonds, My Parents for their broadmindedness, support, encouragement and most importantly trust. I now end with a quote from my favourite Bryan Adams song "Those were the best days of my life."

- Shivani Rao

Outbound: Sriram Sukranti off to RID 7120



Sriram, son of Rtn. Nagesh & Ann Sandhya, is selected as a Rotary Youth Exchange student for the year 2004-2005. His will be hosted by Rotary Club of Elmira from RI District 7120. Sriram finished his 10th standard from Niraj Public School, Hyderabad. He will continue his

studies at the Elmira Free Academy during his year there as a RYE student. Sriram's interests include chatting, reading books, cricket and meeting new people. He enjoys watching movies and listening to music.

RCHE wishes him all the best for the year ahead.

Centennial School Project

Furniture for Zilla Parishad High School (Village - Lekhnepelli, Narsampet, District Warangal, AP) for under privileged children

This project is about a Rotary program, a chance meeting as well as an urge to serve. My daughter, Annet Shivani, was part of the Youth Exchange program during 2003-2004 at RID 7120 Rotary Club of Elmira as the host club. During this period she along with other Interactors took up Rotary community

service activities and raised money for local and international projects by means of bake sales and by washing cars.

Coincidentally around the same time I had an opportunity to meet with Rtn. Jaypal Reddy of Rotary Club of Narasampet. He took me to a school (ZPHS – Lekhnappelli, Narasampet) where the classrooms have no desks and children sit on the floor as they study. He asked if anything could be done for the under privileged children of the school. I said, yes I would get some help.

Shivani was interested in taking up a project and I told her about the school at Narasampet. With her eagerness to help the children she convinced the RID 7120 Interactors that a part of the money raised by them should be sent to India for this project instead of being fully sent to Africa as has been this district's tradition in the past. The Interactors of RID 7120 have contributed \$639.58 (Rs. 29, 000 approx) for the school furniture and forms the 'seed' money for the project.

We have involved the local community in the project and they too will make a contribution. Along with fellow Rotarians I look forward to ensuring that all classrooms in this school get basic furniture and a better chance to concentrate on getting an education to make a future with.

- Rtn. Rammanohar Rao

Why I am a Rotarian?

*(By Rtn. **Sudarshan Agarwal** - Governor Uttaranchal, officiating Governor UP, Director - Rotary International (1987-89) and member of RC of Delhi)*

My early parental training, like feeding the poor on my birthday, instilled in me concern and compassion for the less privileged. Later I was selected to serve as a judge. I recall the words of my mother, "Son, don't ever look at other's wealth with lusty eyes - treat it as no more than mere dust." Thus, the seed of concern for the needy and adherence to high ethical standards in the vocation I pursued were sown at an appropriate age in my life. I recall with pride my mother stitching clothes for the children of the domestic help, and the sweeper - all for the love of helping the economically less fortunate. To me, Rotary is a way of life and I have endeavoured to live that way. My Rotary association is full of poignant moments of expression of concern for the underprivileged - whether it is a cancer hospital in Delhi, a kidney transplant on a young doctor or an army officer, scholarships to needy students, books for libraries abroad, dialysis machines to hospitals, setting up a children's library, food and medicines for famine victims in Ethiopia, and a

hundred other causes in which I have had deep involvement. I regard these moments as humble efforts to repay my debt to the community in a small measure. My visits to several international parliamentary and Goodwill conferences have strengthened my faith in the innate goodness of humankind. I sent books on India to 26 public libraries in the United States. I was part of the Indian effort to hold a Goodwill Conference of countries in Asia Zone 2 in 1982 and was chairman of the Host Club Committee for the Asia Regional Conference in Delhi in 1987. The list is a long one. To recall each event is a moment of joy. My position as Secretary-General of the Parliament of India has enabled me to interact with the political leadership, which has shown great appreciation for Rotary's contribution to improve the quality of life of the less privileged. Why am I a Rotarian? The answer is that for me, Rotary is a way of life.

(Courtesy "Rotary Wisdom-Reflections on Service")

The RCHE Family

Binod Sitani

RCHE Centennial President Binod Sitani and his charming wife Sashi are an endearing couple - easy going and friendly. This is hardly surprising, considering the fact that both of them hail from big families - Binod has 12 siblings and Sashi 9! They have two lovely children, Surabhi & Sourabh. Surabhi is an MBA and is married to Kamal Agarwal and runs their computer based business and gift shop. Their son Sourabh is doing his MBA. Binod and Sashi believe that 'Giving happiness results in receiving happiness'. True happiness, they believe, is in doing good deeds for others without any expectations of gratitude. They believe that Rotary is a platform to meet people all over the world and at the same time an opportunity to reach the needy.

Binod's commitment to RCHE is apparent from the planner that he has prepared for the entire year. He is a great motivator. When he was a member of Round Table 33 it was this trait of his that resulted in a successful Cyclone relief operation at Machilipatnam in 1990.

Sashi is an interesting blend of the tradition and the modernity. She follows her family traditions meticulously. At the same time, has done a course in 'Art of Living' and practices it regularly. She is a member of the group Sneha Sugandh. They had a great fund-raiser 'Monsoon Mela' (an annual event). Currently they are carrying out projects at L.V.Prasad Eye Institute. Sashi has also been an active member of Secunderabad Ladies Circle no.17 and proved her worth in various aspects-especially as a fund raising

convenor with the wonderful Tambolas she organized. Well now, I remember the popular saying "The proof of the pudding is in the eating", so lets see them in action this year!

- Padma Vadlamani

Sandeep Nath

I heard a voice behind me stating, "My goal is to become a billionaire". I turned back to find Sandeep Nath echoing this in an interactive session at a speaker meet.

Looking at him, one could easily mistake Sandeep for a poet or a doctor as you find him rearranging his thoughts every minute for better application. He has a very expressive face that shows his emotions clearly. Very articulate, Sandeep loves to speak.

A serious and committed Rotarian, Sandeep, is compassionate and wants to fulfil the dream of becoming a major donor for the Rotary in the coming years. A man with many ideas, some ahead of his time, he runs a constant struggle to keep pace with the clock. Over the last year I have seen Sandeep trying hard to "corporatise" club affairs.

Our fund raiser last year, the play on Tughlaq, and Sandeep will be long remembered and there are interesting parallels between the historical character and the current one. Both are strong in their emotions and not major believers in long conversations. Unlike Tughlaq who was loner, Sandeep has an affinity to make and keep many friends. He, of course, is an excellent host as all of us have had a chance to taste his and Shyamala's hospitality.

A music lover has the urge to sing can be a better inspiration for others to try their voice. I am told he is happily married to Shyamala that is why he has promoted her from better half to Chairwoman of his enterprise paving the way to many past presidents to follow the suit in the immediate future.

Best of luck Sandeep.

- Surendernath

Jawahar Vadlamani

"Winners don't do different things. They do things differently." This pretty much sums up Jawahar's approach to everything he undertakes whether it is in his professional or social sphere. His meteoric rise to governorship in the Rotarian Movement can be seen as testimony to the above claim.

His list of achievements is too lengthy to be mentioned here. From the National Board of Round Table India to the Chairman of Asia Pacific Region of the World Council of Service Clubs – Jawahar has been there and done that. However it is the man behind the achievements that we are interested in. Vadlamani's dynamism, his enthusiasm coupled with his sheer 'joie de vivre' strikes us every time we meet him. He infects everyone around him with his gusto and verve.

A family man at heart, Jawahar's children Varenya and Savit look on their father as their role model. Varenya seems to be following in her father's footsteps and is currently the President of the Interact Club. Another dynamic Vadlamani in the making!

Perhaps the final word on Jawahar rests with his wife Padma. With her characteristic 1KW smile she quips, "What I admire the most about Jawahar is his cool attitude towards life and his tremendous will power."

- Babitha Jhabak

Announcements

Monthly Schedule

Aug 6: Closed door meeting
Aug 11: Joint Independence Day meeting
Aug 20: New member induction
Aug 27: Board meeting
Aug 28: Family get-together

Birthdays

Aug 6: Rtn Surendernath Mekala
Aug 8: Ann Sharmila (Spouse of Rtn NK Datta)
Aug 10: Rtn Mohan Reddy
Aug 11: Annet Jeet (Rtn Pashu & Ann Babitha)
Aug 24: Rtn V Jawahar
Aug 24: Annet Aishita (Rtn Sreenivasa & Ann Radhika)
Aug 25: Rtn Sreenivasa Reddy
Aug 28: Rtn Nageshwar Rao
Aug 29: Annet Shivani (Rtn Ram & Ann Medha)
Aug 30: Ann Aruna (Spouse of Rtn Vijender Kedia)

Wedding Anniversary

Aug 12: Rtn Sreenivasa Reddy & Ann Radhika

Attention RCHE Anns & Annets – With a strong focus on family of Rotary we look forward to your contributions to "The Rising Sun". Children get the chance to win special gifts for interesting inputs to our club bulletin.

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