



The Rising Sun

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From the Editor's Desk

Dear Friends,

Best wishes of the festive season once again to the extended RCHE family – a double bonanza with Diwali and Id-ul-fitr occurring within a week – a great time for fellowship and of course extreme calorific crimes.

October has been an eventful month as celebrations continued on our Charter Day, Oct 29 when we turned 20. As is a tradition at our club, the District Governor's Official Visit was scheduled on the same day to further Celebrate Rotary. DG Sam was all praise for the clubs activities in the four Avenues of Service.

During October we also organised a mini fund raiser in the form of fire cracker sales for Diwali; in aid of one of our school projects. Thank you all who participated, *'Remember some diyas burn for a lifetime. All you have to do is light them.'*

November is The Rotary Foundation month. The month gone by also saw the formation of our district's **Paul Harris Society** - All members of the Paul Harris Society are committed to contribute US\$1000 to The Rotary Foundation every year. **RCHE's PP Amarnath Prasad, PDG JAS Giri and PDG Jawahar Vadlamani are among its charter members.** RCHE has also met its TRF contributions commitment for this year.

Sanjay Khendry

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know; the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve."

Dr. Albert Schweitzer

(The Nobel Peace Prize 1952; humanitarian, theologian, missionary, organist, & medical doctor)

DG's Official Visit

DG Sam was picked up for the breakfast and review meeting with AG Sitarama Raju and club leadership on the morning of October 29, RCHE's charter day at Secretary Sanjay Khendry's residence.

DG Sam along with AG, Rotarians from the club as well as some annets proceeded for the project at Government High School, Rajendranagar.

The day in pictures ...



DG Sam launching the construction of a Science lab for GHS Rajendranagar



Club assembly in progress

A report capturing this year's focus, progress so far as well as 20 years of the club's history was submitted for DGs review. The President and Board of directors presented on all Avenues of Service. DG Sam was fulsome in his praise for the conduct, content, quality of information as well as the participation at club assembly calling it " ... one of the best club assembly ..."



At the public meeting later that evening at Taj Banjara



Books (Braille) worth Rs. 5,000 were given to 2 students of Devnar School for the Blind – sponsored by Rtn Sreenivasa Reddy – Director Community Service



Felicitating with a vocational award, Mr. KAN Prasad, Senior Director – Training National Academy of Construction; for his dedicated efforts in providing a means of alleviating poverty among under or unemployed having low levels of education



Returning home

Rotarians Vijender Kedia and CV Subba Row are re-inducted into the club



After all it is a birthday party, RCHE turns 20 !



PDG JAS Giri sharing club history with the gathering



DG Sam addresses the public meeting

As usual a wonderful family fellowship followed.

The Rotary Foundation

The **Mission** of The Rotary Foundation (TRF) of Rotary International is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and alleviation of poverty.

(New mission statement approved during April 2006 TRF Trustees meeting)

TRF's **Motto**: "Doing good in the world."

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Programs- Educational, Humanitarian, PolioPlus

Educational

- Ambassadorial Scholarships (1947)
- Group Study Exchange (GSE)
- Rotary Centers is TRFs recent effort aimed specifically at peace and conflict resolution
- Rotary Grants for University teachers
- Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies

Humanitarian

- Matching Grants
- District Simplified Grants
- 3-H Grants
- Volunteer Service Grants

PolioPlus

Rotary's commitment – A polio free world

Stop Press:

416 cases reported in India [Oct 24] so far [against 66 in 2005] – 26% of global cases. Break out point in and around Moradabad in north UP, spreading to Punjab, Haryana & Maharashtra

National Immunisation Days: **Jan 7 & Feb 11, 2007**

"I believe we can change the world, one life at a time. No project is too small or insignificant, especially to those who benefit. My hope is that these seeds of service will blossom and live on for countless generations to come."

Bhichai Rattakul (RI President 2002-03)

First Impressions

Tara Jewel Ledbetter, Youth Exchange student sponsored by the Rotary Club of Chadron Nebraska, District 5630 (USA)

I first set foot in India at Mumbai at about 1:00 A.M. on the 28th of September. It was about 95 °F [35°C], hot, muggy. This was my first trip abroad and I hadn't really slept in about 28 hours. When I finally got off in Hyderabad at about 7:30 that morning, I was really glad the air was clearer than it had been in Mumbai. The first thing I did was go out for breakfast with Rotarians Mohan, Sikander and Sanjay who picked me up at the Hyderabad airport.

I was, and still am, quite surprised about the driving here. There's no way I could drive here, even if allowed to do so; I'd be afraid I'd run into somebody, not to mention them hitting me. And all the honking! I had no idea horns could go off so often or be so loud. Anyway, I had *idly* for the first time at breakfast - it's good, but I have since decided that I prefer *dosa*. I also had *chai*, which I really like.

Another thing that surprised me was the number of people. I knew there was going to be a lot but it definitely an experience to actually be around so many people at one time. There are more people in Hyderabad than in my home state of Nebraska and the surrounding states combined!

My first auto rickshaw ride was definitely an interesting experience. I sent pictures home and a bunch of my friends have decided they want one! I also went to Hyderabad Central, to see an American movie; something that I wasn't expecting to do at all. There is more western influence here than I had originally expected. And I now realize that a lot of people have relatives in the U.S.

Another surprise, for me, was then number of people who are around to help you. Everywhere, people are around to assist you in whatever you are doing, in the mall, stores, gas stations, homes, wherever you are. I'm very used to doing my shopping on my own. When people come up to me and ask if I need any help it's a little disconcerting, even though they are just trying to help, especially if I'm just looking and don't really want someone watching me.

School is probably the most different, besides the driving. I've been taking notes from 8-4:30 for about 2 weeks. I am not used to just memorizing the information. Usually, in the US, teachers really try to

help you understand the material, not just know it.

So I guess I'm not the only one who doesn't know what we're really doing, nobody else does either - they know all they're supposed to do is write down and memorize what the lecturer said. Also, there isn't much interaction between the girls and the guys and there's about three times as many males as females in my school. Plus, the girls always sit in one place and the boys always sit everywhere else. It's very different because I am so used to mixing with both guys and girls as part of the groups at school and out.

Overall, though, everything isn't as strange as I thought it was going to be, or as people think I should think it is. Part of that is because both of my parents have been to and spent time in India. They would actually love to be here with me right now.

It's very interesting and I know I'm in for a fascinating, life changing experience. I think the year is going to go by faster than I want it to and I hope to learn lots and meet tons of people.

Namaste India!

Why I am a Rotarian

[By G Robert Allison, Classification: Insurance-Casualty, Director - Rotary International (1967-69), Member of the Rotary Club of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, USA]

Rotary came into my life on an unforgettable occasion in 1928 when our high school championship basketball team was honoured at a Rotary meeting in Fargo, North Dakota, U.S.A. It was an exciting day because Past District Governor Norman Black, of the Fargo club, had been chosen at the International Convention in Ostend, Belgium, to become a director of Rotary International.

Mr. Black was a leader in our church and widely known and respected. His beautiful bass singing voice made him famous in Rotary circles, and it was said that Norman was the first song leader of an international convention.

At that same meeting, the Fargo club committed to filling a railroad car with Rotarians and wives to attend the International Convention in Minneapolis.

In the intervening years, until 1935 when I became a Rotarian, I watched and admired Rotary and

Rotarians with great interest. What a momentous year that was for me. Our first child was born, I was given my first management position - a Firestone store in Fergus Falls, Minnesota - and I was asked to become a Rotarian!

My first exposure to an International President was in 1948, when Angus Mitchell of Melbourne, Australia, spoke to a large gathering in Fargo.

That night a spark was lit in my life, one which would never die out. Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary, had passed away the year before, and all the clubs were asked to contribute \$10 per member to be used by students of the world in promoting international understanding and goodwill.

I volunteered to help solicit our members, and we were successful in achieving 100 percent participation. That was the beginning of my greatest interest in Rotary - [The Rotary Foundation](#). The culmination of this interest came some 30 years later, when I became a Trustee of The Rotary Foundation.

Rotary has been a focal point in my life, and has rewarded me richly, as club president, district governor, International Director, Trustee of the Foundation, in addition to many challenging assignments, such as chairman of Rotary's largest convention (Tokyo, 1978).

Just when I needed to "Kindle the Spark Within" (RI theme during the presidency of Nitish Laharry, 1962-63, Bombay, India), along came Polio- Plus, which gave me the opportunity to help our club become 100 percent in support of Rotary's biggest-ever project.

After enjoying 55 years of enriching Rotary experiences, I can say: Many thanks, Rotary!

The 4-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

What Paul Harris Said



“Just as Rotary has the purpose of promoting understanding and goodwill amongst the many and varied vocations found in our present day society, so it has an ever increasing purpose in promoting friendship and goodwill amongst nations of the world. If we are to achieve that goal which for centuries has been the dream and the hope of the people of the earth the abolition of war as a means of settling international disputes, then the hearts of men must be so touched and moulded that mutual understanding and goodwill will take the place of fear and hatred.”

Paul Harris in his message to the 1930 Convention (Chicago)

November Calendar

Fri November 3	Regular Meeting
Fri November 17	Regular Meeting

Announcements

Birthdays

1-Nov	Rajkumar Lohiya
5-Nov	Shobha (JAS Giri)
7-Nov	Rahul Aggarwal
8-Nov	Vijender Kedia
20-Nov	Angad (Gurcharan Singh & Rosie)
20-Nov	Neetika (Gurcharan Singh & Rosie)
20-Nov	Raju CJJR
21-Nov	Anu (Sanjay Khendry)
26-Nov	Greeshma (JAS Giri & Shobha)
26-Nov	Tara Ledbetter (George Ledbetter & Elizabeth)
27-Nov	Ruzbihan (Sikander M & Fatima)
27-Nov	Sravya (Raju CJJR & Usha Rani)

Anniversaries

23-Nov	Uday Shankar & Mamata
29-Nov	Madhu Babu & Sai Padma

Attention RCHE Rotarians, Anns & Annets: With a strong focus on family of Rotary we look forward to your contributions to "The Rising Sun".

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