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The Four-Way Test

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1. Is it the TRUTH? 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?

3. Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

4. Will it be BENEFICIAL TO ALL concerned?

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Program: Group Study Exchange from India

Usha Poonawalla, the leader of the Group Study Exchange from India, opened the group's presentation by thanking the club for its hospitality. A member of Rotary since women were allowed membership in 1989, she introduced her other four members of the group.

Kiran Bade said District 3131 is located in Western India and composed of 85 clubs with more than 3,400 Rotarians. A beautiful part of the country, the district has many interesting locations including Fort Janjira. Bade said it was famous for being the only fort along India's western coast that remained unconquered despite British and Dutch attempts. The educational and cultural city of Pune and Mumbai, the commercial capital of India, are located within the district. Pune University is called the "Oxford of the East."

Bade said that the majority of the population is involved in agriculture (rice production) although it does not contribute largely to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). He said many individuals are dedicated to human service. He also noted that there haven't been any cases of polio reported within the district in the last 10 years.

Samir Murgude said India is the largest democracy in the world with more than 1 billion people spread across 35 states and territories. The flag of India is composed of three colors: saffron represents courage and sacrifice; white represents purity and truth; and green for faith and fertility.

Murgude said the national animal is the Bengal tiger, the lotus is the Indian flower and the peacock is the national bird. He said that diversity thrives in India, where more than 20 languages are spoken and four major religions – Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, and Sikhism -- thrive. Other religions, including Christianity and Judaism are also practiced.

There are more than 50 festivals held throughout India and Jyoti Padalkar said the people of India enjoy the many forms of dance and wedding. She said India's families enjoy a variety of foods in their diets, including meat, rice, vegetables salad and yogurt.

Padalkar said many people know India through its architecture including the Taj Mahal of Agra, Sun Temple of Orissa, Hawa Mahal, Budha Gaya, Elephanta Caves and the Delhi (Red) Fort.

Pratik Ghosh said the economy of India depends largely on the commerce in Mumbai. Its banking system is highly structured and many business process outsourcing and information technology companies are located there. India's pharmaceutical industry is the fourth largest in the world and makes up 80 percent of India's GDP. The countries telecommunication industry is not far behind with more than 500 million subscribers.



CLUB PRESIDENT BONNIE BLACK (CENTER) THANKS INDIA GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE LEADER USHA POONAWALLA (LEFT) FOR HER DISTRICT'S BANNER AND FOR THE GROUP'S PRESENTATION TO THE CLUB.

Ghosh said a large part of India's automobile industry is situated in and around Mumbai, and is fast becoming the destination for the design and manufacturing of cars. It is referred to as "The Detroit of the East." He also said that the country is considered one of the preferred tourists' locations in the world.

Poonawalla wrapped up the discussion by saying India has its own issues that the country is facing, including growing population, unemployment, and heavy dependence on the monsoons. At the same time, India offers the world a growing economy that is rich in telecommunications and technology. She invited any Rotarians considering visiting India to tour the district.

Visiting Rotarians: Alan VanDeBogart (Highland, Vt.); Dave Malone (Watertown)

Guests: Betsy Brooks (Stan Ransom); Courtney Chandler (Brain Hammond); Betsy Vicencio (Bob Parks); Steve Kendre (Bob Smith); Chevan McDonough (Dave Malone); Nicole Hosten (Sybil Kiroy)

This Week:

- A card was passed for signature and it will be sent to Dr. Angelo LaMariana who is back in the hospital and would welcome visitors on the seventh floor.
- Sara Rowden said six Rotarians participated in Bike Day. Al Folsom, Bob Perkins, Bob Donlon, and John Prim rode the longer route while Sara, and Ewa Jankowska rode the shorter leg. They all ended up at the café at about the same time. Next year's Bike Day

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- may be held on a weekend to allow others to participate.
- Four people have expressed interest to be on the International Convention Committee. Pres Bonnie will establish a date to meet and determine how best to coordinate transportation, etc. with the other clubs in the area.
- International Convention pins are available for everyone.
- Peter Cadieux presented a check to Pres. Bonnie for \$100 from the Newport, Vt., Rotary Club for his service as the DJ at that club's "Ducktales" event. It will go to Polio Plus.
- District Conference is Oct. 17/18 in Kingston, Ont., Canada.
- Next Board Meeting on Monday, Oct. 19.

Nursing Home Visits: Ellie Murray asked those Rotarians who signed up for the visits to review the list of orientation dates emailed to them and let her or Vicki Marking know when they will attend. Vicki will be leading the two-hour orientation sessions for Meadowbrook Nursing Home. Ellie also said they are considering a one-time event at the nursing home for other Rotarians.

Food Shelf Report: Elle Berger said September totaled \$405 including a \$100 donation from a member Rotarian -- \$128 to Salvation Army \$277 Food Shelf. Last week's Special collection was over the \$40 weekly average.

Red Badge Members: Tim Boshart and Kerry Haley are the newest members after their induction into the Rotary Club. Congratulations.

Rotarians at Work Day: Tim McSweeney suggested a cleanup at Beartown Ski Area. Steve Frederick said the club would contact all members before Saturday to let them know about doing a cleanup at Beartown Ski Area.

Bonnie's Bucks:

- Linda Brienza announce that the SolarNovar website went live Tuesday and is online.
- Rod Giltz congratulated Anne Hansen on her return and her new son.
- Anne Hansen gave \$51 in honor of her adopted son, Max, who is 51 days old.
- Colin Read gave \$1 because he likes hearing the Canadian Anthem at the meeting.
- Peter Cadieux gave \$1 to tell Anne Hansen that he was adopted 54-years-ago and to be careful for what you wish.
- Beth Drollette provided \$2 to announce she was getting married on Saturday and unfortunately would be able to participate in Rotarians at Work Day.
- Sara Rowe gave \$2 to say she was back from the Texas Air Force Reunion and for not singing the Welcome Song.
- Marsha Cook gave \$1 to say she had a great time serving

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Upcoming Programs	2009
Oct. 14 Wallace Westfeldt — The Kennedys	
Oct. 19 Board Meeting, CCC Dining Hall, PARC	
Oct. 21 Richard Kessel — NYPA Role in Economic Development	
June 20-23 RI Convention in Montreal	2010

Programs/Duty Roster:
www.plattsburghrotary.org/plattsburgh/memberduties.asp

ON-LINE MAKEUP:		www.rotaryclubone.org	
NEARBY MAKE UP LOCATIONS:			
Mon.	Burlington	12:10 p.m.	Wyndham Hotel
	Canton	12:15 p.m.	Best Western
	Ottawa	12:30 p.m.	Ottawa Marriott Hotel
Tues.	Plattsburgh Sunrise	7:30 a.m.	Elk's Club
	Saranac Lake	7:30a.m.	Hotel Saranac
	Massena	12:15 p.m.	Elk's Lodge
	St. Albans	12:15 p.m.	Masonic Temple
	Montreal	12:30 p.m.	Holiday Inn-Pt. Claire
	Grand Isle	6:00 p.m.	So Hero Congregational
Wed.	Middlebury	7:15 a.m.	Rosie's Restaurant
	Albany	12:15 p.m.	Wolferts Roost Ctry Club on Van Rensselaer Blvd.
	Tupper Lake	12:15 p.m.	Pine Grove Restaurant
	Potsdam	12:15 p.m.	Sergi's Banquet Hall
	Watertown	12:15 p.m.	Best Western Carriage House
	Chateaugay	6:15 p.m.	Leonard's Cherry Knoll Rest.
	AuSable Forks	7:00 p.m.	Ambulance Hall (no meal)
Thurs.	Williston	7:15 a.m.	Will Federated Church
	Lake Placid	7:30 a.m.	Howard Johnson's
	Watertown AM	7:30 a.m.	Best Western Carriage House
	South Burlington	7:30 a.m.	VT National Country Club
	Champlain-Rouses Pt.	7:45 a.m.	Jreck Subs, Champlain
	Malone	Noon	Gallagher's
	Colchester-Milton	12:10 p.m.	Hampton Inn
	Ogdensburg	12:15 p.m.	Gran-View Restaurant
Fri.	Burlington Sunrise	7:15 a.m.	Ethan Allen Club
	Old Montreal	12:15 p.m.	Holiday Inn Select

- as host family for one of the Rotarians from India.
- John Seiden thanked Bob Parks for bringing new members.
- Elle Berger gave \$1 because she wants to Welcome Song reinstated.
- John Seiden gave \$2 to "trump Elle's dollar".

50/50: The Pot was \$657 and we're looking for the Two of Hearts. Cathy Forget picked the Queen of Hearts.

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Did you know...?

What Rotary Club President in 1989 introduced the Welcome Song?
 Bob Smith had the correct answer
 — Chuck Papke.



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