News Both Fit and Unfit!

Guest Speaker

Jashraj Chorawala



Jashraj (Jash) Chorawala, our Rotary Exchange Student from India was our speaker. It was takethree because we had issues with our technical equipment the first two times, he attempted to give his presentation. Jash lives in the city of Surat which has 6.5 million people. Before Jash attended a Catholic school in his home town

named St. Xavier's High School. He played soccer, cricket and was involved in music. Jash comes from a large joint family where his immediate family and uncles, aunts, cousins and grandparents live in the same large home. Jash's dad is the vice president of the rotary club in his city. Jash's parents call him every day. His family own a textile business. His mom raises the family and is involved in traditional dancing and loves to sing. India is 7th largest country in the world with a population of .32 billion people. There are over1000 different languages, and a literacy rate of 63.62%. Mahatma Gandhi was born in Jash's state. Jash feels the Vestal Indian restaurants are authentic except for the beef dishes because beef is banned in India. At home he regularly goes to the Himalayas to hike. Some traditions that he mentioned were that marriages were arranged marriage and at the marriage the bride groom comes on horse and those invited with groom follow him. Another tradition is that the head of a one year old is shaved and the hair is offered to the gods. His favorite festival is Diwali which is a big festival that includes the cities being colorfully lit up at night. Jash enjoys his time here.

Guests: no guests

Upcoming Speakers:

February 4 - No Meeting
February 11 - St. Pat's Planning
March 4 - St. Pat's Planning and Working Meeting

<u>50/50</u>

Fine Master:

George Schwarztrauber – \$37 - Many happy fines!

Announcements:

The St. Pat's Fundraiser has been moved to the **Knights** of Columbus, 136 Park Ave., Binghamton – labels with the new address are available to place on the tickets

The club is meeting all the upcoming Mondays (including the first Monday in March) through March, starting February 11th. No club meeting February 4th.

Upcoming Events

2/11 – Monday - **Valentines Day Dinner** Cocktails - 6pm Dinner – 7pm

3/9 – Saturday – 6pm - St. Pat's Fundraiser

Upcoming Celebrations

Birthdays:

2/3 Papaleo, Andy 2/14 Bayne, JB

Anniversaries

2/4 Griffiths, Pete2/15 Matsushima, Richard

Don's Joke Corner:

A minister in a little church announced: "Before we pass the collection plate, I would like to request that the person who stole the chickens from Brother Martin's hen house please refrain from giving any money to the Lord. The Lord doesn't want money from a thief!"

The collection plate was passed around, and for the first time in months everybody gave.

Quote of the Day:

"If we are what we eat, then I'm easy, fast, and cheap" Sign found in kitchen

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ROTARY CLUBS FOR MAKE-UPS

MONDAY

Hillcrest 12:15- Villa Tuscana in Chenango

Bridge (Red & White/Lower Level).

12:15 – California Grill

Conklin 7:00 PM – Maines Community

Center

TUESDAY

Binghamton 12:15 – Holiday Inn Arena

Endwell 12:15 – Brother's 2

Vestal

Owego 12:05 – Owego Treadway Inn

WEDNESDAY

Binghamton B-fast 7:15 am – The Binghamton Club

Greene 8 am – Varies

Colesville 6:15 pm – Hitchin' Post Rt. 7

THURSDAY

Endicott 12:15 – Nirchi's Washington Ave.

Johnson City 7:30 am – Davis College

Whitney Point 6:15 pm –Northern Broome Senior

Center, 12 Strongs Place

FRIDAY

Nimmonsburg 12:15 – Chenango Town Hall



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