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VIEWPOINT

In today's world, it often feels like everything revolves around financial success. So much so that pursuing financial success even overshadows the value of art, knowledge, and personal well-being. If you're not earning big bucks, you're not valued. We seem to have lost sight of the respect once accorded to teachers, professors, and artists for their expertise and creativity. Instead, one's worth is solely measured by their financial status. However, it's important not to let societal pressures dictate our self-worth. The size of your bank balance does not solely define success; it's about the passion and dedication you bring to your work or career. Money is important, sure, but so is your mental peace. We've reached a point where your social network is more important than your bank balance. It won't be long before your mental wellbeing will be more valuable than your net worth. Trust me, regardless of financial success, it will find its way to you if success is meant for you. In an interview with a magazine, Akshay Kumar shares his experience of facing 16 consecutive career flops but persevering through them. His story reminds us not to give up on our passions and dreams, even if they may not initially seem lucrative. With dedication and hard work, success will eventually come knocking at our doors. They remind us that success is about creativity and innovation, not just money. Remember, success is not just about the numbers in your bank account; it's about your impact and fulfilment in your journey. So, keep doing what you love, and success will follow, no matter how long it takes. Wishing you all a wonderful summer!

Rtn Vikash Jalan
Editor 'Concord'

MESSAGE FROM AG

Concord - A Beacon of Rotary Spirit

It is with immense pleasure and pride that I pen this message for the second edition of our club's monthly bulletin, Concord. This issue holds special significance as it coincides with the official visit of our esteemed District Governor Sukhminder Singh

Concord, in its nascent stage, has already established itself as a platform for sharing our club's endeavors, achievements, and aspirations. It is a testament to our club's commitment to transparency, communication, and fostering a sense of camaraderie among members.

As we embark on this journey of service, let us remember the core values of Rotary – service above self, friendship, and diversity. Let us strive to make a positive impact on our community through our projects and initiatives.

I extend a warm welcome to our District Governor and express my gratitude for their invaluable guidance and support. Their visit is an opportunity for us to showcase our club's work and learn from their expertise.

Let us continue to work together to make our club a beacon of hope and inspiration for our community.

With Rotary Regards,

Rtn Dr. Sailesh Sarmah
Assistant Governor, Zone 14

PRESIDENT'S EDGE

Greetings

It looks just like yesterday, my installation as the president of this great organization. A month has already gone, the grandeur still not left my mind.

A busy and eventful month it had been for us with different service projects, family get together and more important involvement of big numbers of members in Club activities. What else can a president of a new Rotary year ask for. I express my sincere and heartfelt thanks to all my club members and their families.

Another month has begun and its time to commit ourselves even harder to ensure that our Club reaches newer heights in the time to come. So I seek support and blessings of all my fellow Rotarians so that together we can Create Magic and do something great for the Society

Thanking you

Rtn Niraj Agarwal
President 2024-25



Important of facing in Vastu

- Rtn. Neha Sovasaria

Two things are very important things to consider in Vastu, Direction and Facing. What do we mean by facing in Vastu? The direction in which we are looking, is called the facing. Many questions arise in mind while talking about facing.

Whenever we perform an activity, our face is in some direction like seating in an office chair or having lunch. Suppose the office seat is facing South for one person and North for another person, how are these two different? Or for that matter, how is the toilet seat facing east or west different?

Understanding Science

Our earth is a giant magnet with a north pole and a south pole. Magnetic waves move from the North to South pole. This is a well-established scientific fact.

Our earth also spins west to east and hence, the Sun rises in the East and sets in the West. Simple science stuff. These are two facts one needs to understand well to grasp the science of facing in Vastu.

Coming back to Vastu now. Energy is said to move from North to South and East to West. Facing in Vastu is all about conserving and increasing the life energy (Prana) so that you remain more alive all day. If for some reason you feel tired, irritated, down or depressed most of the time, it might be due to wrong facing.

Let's now take few common questions regarding facing :

Which direction should the head be while sleeping?

East is Best. South is second best. North to be avoided at all cost.

People who are of old age and looking for early death or the head of a person who is already dead is kept in the North.

Which direction should I face during Puja, Sadhana etc?

Anywhere between North to East. Facing other directions is done for a very particular type of Puja and is not recommended for general people in home settings.

Which direction should I face while cooking or eating?

North or East. The South must be avoided. Which direction should I face while using the toilet?

South or West. North and East must be avoided.

Which direction should I face during intercourse?

South or West. North and East must be avoided. Also, activity during the day to be avoided especially during sunrise and sunset.

Which direction should I face during cutting hairs/Shaving?

East or North.

Can a Guru face South?

Yes, only a Guru who is a realized master should face South while conversing with his students. AdiGuru, Shiv Linga in Ujjain and Dakshina Murti God Shiva are examples of Gurus facing South. Shiv Linga in the home temple MUST face North.

Which direction should I face while leaving for auspicious work?

Face towards North or East and take a few steps in that direction before moving towards your destination. Valmiki Ramayan has numerous examples where Sri Ram and

others first faced North to perform SwastiVachan before moving towards their destination.

Is there a face I should consider for an office chair or generally sitting for a long time?

Yes, Facing North is Best. If not, East is also good, especially during sunrise time. South facing must be avoided for a longer period of time. Is there any basis or a general rule to follow while considering facing any task?

In general,

1) Any auspicious work,
2) Anything where the life energy of body is going up like cooking, eating, puja etc

is done facing North or East.

This is because facing North or East naturally increases the life energies of the body and the person feels more alive.

In general,

1) Any inauspicious work,
2) Anything where the life energy of body is going down like during act of toilet or intercourse,
3) When a Guru (with immense life energy) is teaching his students, or
4) While during puja where prime intension is hurting someone is done facing South or West.

This is because facing South or West naturally sucks the life energies of the body and the person feels more drenched.

The Curious Case of the Rotary Anns: Unveiling the Mystery

- Rtn. Dr Sailesh Sarmah, Er

Have you ever wondered where the charming term "Rotary Ann" comes from? Buckle up, because the answer, like many historical tidbits, is shrouded in a delightful blend of fact and playful theories.

One story paints a picture of a train journey in 1914. Imagine a train full of male Rotarians (members of Rotary clubs) heading to a convention. Back then, wives rarely joined, but Mrs. Bru Brunner defied the norm. Enter Los Angeles, where another trailblazer, Mrs. Guy Gundaker, boarded. Suddenly, there were two "Anns" on this predominantly male train! A lighthearted chant erupted: "Rotary Ann! Rotary Ann!" The playful cheer stuck, becoming a badge of honor for these early "Rotary spouses" and a symbol of their budding support network.

But the stories don't stop there! Here are some other theories that add a touch of intrigue:

- **Ann Dunn, the Inspiration:** Maybe the name honors a remarkable woman named Ann Dunn. Her husband was a Rotarian, and Mabel Whiteside, another Rotarian's wife, is believed to be the first recognized "Rotary Ann" in 1914. Mabel's passion for service mirrored Ann's, and this spirit of collaboration inspired wives across the globe to join forces.
- **A Common Name, a Meaningful Choice:** Some suggest "Rotary Anns" reflects the popularity of the name "Ann" in the early 20th century. Many women's groups adopted popular names like the "Marys" or the "Helenas." Perhaps "Rotary Anns" simply acknowledged the many "Anns" within the Rotary family.
- **An Acronym for Support:** Historians sometimes propose "Rotary Anns" stands for "Auxiliary of Rotary Nations." This theory suggests the name reflects their role as a support system for Rotary International, with "Anns" acting as a shorthand.
- **A Playful Anniversary Nod:** Some Rotarians believe the name is a playful twist on "anniversary," commemorating Rotary International's founding in 1905. It could be a way to celebrate both Rotary's legacy and the crucial role women played in its success.

While we may never know the exact origin, one thing's clear: "Rotary Anns" embodies a spirit of service, love, and dedication that transcends the years. Whether born from a train ride, a remarkable woman, a popular name, or a clever acronym, it's a reminder of the vital role women have played in Rotary's journey, evolving from supportive spouses to full-fledged members driving positive change.

BIRTHDAY

AUGUST

- Rtn Bhuban Singh Dhotia - 2nd August
- Rtn. Binoy Gogoi - 2nd August
- Rtn Binayak Battacharjee - 4th August
- Rtn. Satyabhartha Bhattacharjee - 11th August
- Rtn. Prosanjit Roy - 21st August
- Rtn. Ranuma Deka Dhotia - 27th August
- Rtn Anjani Kr. Goel - 29th August

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Rotary Fun Facts



Collected by:
Rtn Anjani Kumar Goel

- 1) who designed the Indian National Flag?
Answer: Pingali Venkayya
- 2) What the three colours of the Indian National Flag represent?
Answer: Courage and Sacrifice, Peace and Truth, and Faith and Chivalry.
- 3) What is the duration of the Indian National Anthem when played full?
Answer: 52 seconds
- 4) Which act of the British Parliament gave India its independence?
Answer: The Indian Independence Act of 1947
- 5) Who was the last British Viceroy in India?
Answer: Lord Mountbatten
- 6) Who was the first Woman to hoist the Indian National Flag?
Answer: Aruna Asaf Ali
- 7) Who delivered the iconic "Tryst with Destiny" speech?
Answer: Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru

THE OFFICIAL ROTARY FLAG

An official flag was formally adopted by Rotary International at the 1929 Convention in Dallas, Texas. The Rotary flag consists of a white field with the official wheel emblem emblazoned in gold in the center of the field. The four depressed spaces on the rim of the Rotary wheel are colored royal blue. The words "Rotary" and "International" printed at the top and bottom depressions on the wheel rim are also gold. The shaft in the hub and the key way of the wheel are white. The first official Rotary flag reportedly was flown in Kansas City Missouri, in January 1915. In 1922 a small Rotary flag was carried over the South Pole by Admiral Richard Byrd, a member of the Winchester, Virginia Rotary Club. Four years later, the admiral carried a Rotary flag in his expedition to the North Pole. Some Rotary clubs use the official Rotary flag as a banner at club meetings. In these instances it is appropriate to print the words "Rotary Club" above the wheel symbol, and the name of the city, state or nation below the emblem. The Rotary flag is always prominently displayed at the World Headquarters as well as at all conventions and official events of Rotary International.

ROTARY'S WHEEL EMBLEM

A wheel has been the symbol of Rotary since our earliest days. The first design was made by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver who drew a simple wagon wheel, with a few lines to show dust and motion. The wheel was said to illustrate "Civilization and Movement." Most of the early clubs had some form of wagon wheel on their publications and letterheads. Finally, in 1922, it was decided that all Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem of Rotarians. Thus, in 1923, the present gear wheel, with 24 cogs and six spokes was adopted by the "Rotary International Association." A group of engineers advised that the geared wheel was mechanically unsound and would not work without a "keyway" in the center of the gear to attach it to a power shaft. So, in 1923 the keyway was added and the design which we now know was formally adopted as the official Rotary International emblem

Source : online

Let's Laugh

Gathering chickens

The farmer's son was returning from the market with the crate of chicken's his father had entrusted to him, when all of a sudden the box fell and broke open. Chickens scurried off in different directions, but the determined boy walked all over the neighborhood scooping up the wayward birds and returning them to the repaired crate. Hoping he had found them all, the boy reluctantly returned home, expecting the worst. "Pa, the chickens got loose," the boy confessed sadly, "but I managed to find all twelve of them." "Well, you did real well, son," the farmer beamed. "You left with seven."

Change your course now

(This is the transcript of an actual radio conversation of a US naval ship with Canadian authorities off the coast of Newfoundland in October, 1995. Radio conversation released by the Chief of Naval Operations on November 10, 1995)

Americans: Please divert your course 15 degrees to the North to avoid a collision.
 Canadians: Recommend you divert YOUR course 15 degrees to the South to avoid a collision.
 Americans: This is the Captain of a US Navy ship. I say again, divert YOUR course.
 Canadians: No. I say again, you divert YOUR course.
 Americans: THIS IS THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS LINCOLN, THE SECOND LARGEST SHIP IN THE UNITED STATES' ATLANTIC FLEET. WE ARE ACCOMPANIED BY THREE DESTROYERS, THREE CRUISERS, AND NUMEROUS SUPPORT VESSELS. I DEMAND THAT YOU CHANGE YOUR COURSE 15 DEGREES NORTH, THAT'S ONE FIVE DEGREES NORTH, OR COUNTER-MEASURES WILL BE UNDERTAKEN TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THIS SHIP.
 Canadians: This is a lighthouse. Your call.