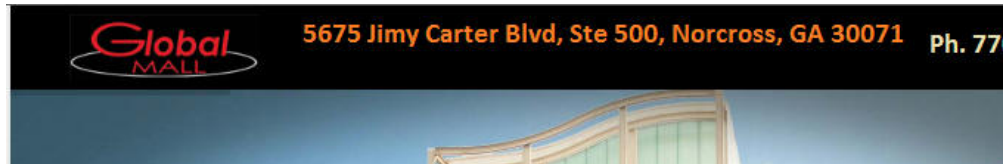


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Rotary Club of Emory Druid Hills and Comedian Dr.Jagdish Trivedi in a fund-raiser for The Kidney Hospital in Gujarat.

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Rotary Club of Emory Druid Hills(RCEDH) and Dr.Pradip Kansagra hosted internationally famed Gujarati comedian Dr.Jagdish Trivedi's comedy show for the benefit of B.T.Savani Kidney Hospital ,managed by Saurashtra Kidney Research Institute,Rajkot,Gujarat,India, at the Ashiana Restaurant and Banquet Hall,Global Mall,Norcross,GA, on Friday, August 15,2014. The packed house show was graced by the presence of H.H. Madhavpriyadasji accompanied with three other Sants;RCEDH President Dr.Chandler Sharma, founder and past President Dr.Paddy Sharma, past President Chittaranjan Jyotishi; Past President of Gujarati Samaj,Atlanta Chatur Chhabhaya;current President Dr.Vasudev Patel among others.



Dr.Pradip Kansagra receiving donation by Dr.Jayshree Jagirdar from RCEDH.

Before the main program, a riveting slide show was projected to inform the attendees about the Hospital and its many impressive activities. After a sumptuous dinner, Kidney Specialist and Urologist Dr.Pradip Kansagra, who is Founder and Chairman of B.T.Savani Kidney Hospital and also of Saurashtra Kidney Research Institute, Rajkot, welcomed all and gave a brief outline of the kidney hospital and Research Institute. He said he felt happy and proud to see his dream projects bearing fruition and now serving the community. The state of the art, not-for-profit tertiary kidney center spread over three acres has dedicated trustees, Consultants, hospital staff, physicians and also a nursing school. Annually it deals with 22,100 OPD patients, over 4500 IPD patients, performs over 4,530 surgeries, over 25,720 dialysis treatments, over 14,000 free dialysis treatments, and organizes free mega Uro-Surgical camps. The Hospital is recognized by the Govt.of India for DNB Urology residency programme and nursing school. The Research paper presented by Dr.Haresh Thumar was awarded First Prize at AAPI Convention in San Antonio, Texas.AAPI Officers had previously visited the hospital and lauded the services provided there. Dr.Jayshree Jagirdar donated \$2000 at the AAPI Convention. \$2,000 was matched by RCEDH, \$4,000 from the Rotary Foundation India and \$8,000 from Rotary International. The donation helped the hospital buy a dialysis machine. He appealed to the audience to be donors, saying that the donations can be converted into tax -free Patient Relief Bonds of Rs.500 each and be used for medical services.



Dr.Pradip Kansagra with H.H.Madhavpriyadasji



Dr.Paddy Sharma



Dr.Vasudev Patel, Dr.Pradip Kansagra and Dr.Jagdish Trivedi

Dr.Jagdish Trivedi is a globe-trotting Gujarati comedian, who has won many prestigious awards. He has authored 46 books of Gujarati comedy, plays, and poems, six of which have won Gujarat Government's Awards. He has released over 76 CDs, DVDs, and Videos of his jokes, poems, etc. He has written scripts for various T/V Channel serials and movies. Dr.Trivedi, who has performed in 38 countries is currently on his 16th U.S.tour.

Respected and seasoned Trivedi had the audience in stitches with his flurry of rib-tickling jokes, which won repeated applause from enthusiastic audience. His jokes devoid of any vulgarity are based on a keen sense of observation and nuances of daily life. A wife told her husband, "Today when you return home, press the doorbell with your elbow". "Why, am I handicapped!?" asked her husband." Well, it is my birthday today and I know your hands will be full with my gifts" replied his

wife. A 70 year old and weak man went to donate blood. After donating 250 ml. he fainted and the nurse had to give him 750 ml. blood transfusion.” When he recounted his experience, his neighbor laughed and said” You’re one lucky man. Instead of giving blood donation,you received a blood donation!”. The audience was about to be treated with paan flavored ice cream from Mamtaben and Janakbhai Patel, so Jagdishbhai, cracked a joke about icecream.He said that he was told that a Seth was giving ice-cream treat. He welcomed each person by putting a red tilak(dot) on his/her forehead, his wife stuck a few rice grains on it and then the servant gave ice-cream to that person. It all looked very praiseworthy till the servant confided that the red dot was not with easily washable red powder but with red oil paint. The seth was doing this to ensure that no one got more than one free ice-cream ! A 70 year old man had a guest in his home. He told his wife,” Honey,darling,please serve tea and snacks to our guest.” The guest was impressed and told his host,” You seem to be deeply in love with your wife”. The host replies,” I am calling her honey, because since morning I can’t remember her name. I am not sure whether it is Shanta or Kanta. If I don’t get it right by this evening, I will have to climb up to the attic to find our wedding invitation!” In addition to numerous jokes, Trivedi also recited poems and recounted an incident when prankster child Krishna is tied to a wooden grinding mortar by mother Yashoda. When he is departing from Gokul,Yashoda pleads Krishna to forget the punishment but Krishna not only refuses to forget but says he will cherish it as a proof of mother’s love. As the program coincided with India’s Independence Day, Trivedi paid tribute to India’s exemplary leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Patel, Lal Bahadur Shastri etc.who selflessly fought for India’s freedom.



Rotarian Chittaranjan Jyotishi



Dr.Jagdish Trivedi.

Dr.Pradip thanked RCEDH members Shiv Aggarwal and Upendra Bhatt who wholeheartedly supported and encouraged the Show but could not attend the event.

Dr.Chandler Sharma commended the delightful program and requested the audience to support RCEDH by enrolling as members, attending Luncheon get-togethers every Wednesday between 12.15 to 1.30 p.m.at the Ashiana Restaurant and supporting fund-raising projects for India. He said he would like to see membership increase by 100% by the end of June 2015.

Chittaranjan Jyotishi said that Gujaratis who are intelligent and enterprising can also emulate Mahatma Gandhi; Dr.Martin Luther King,Jr.,Mother Teresa,etc. and help the community by supporting worthy outreach projects. He said RCEDH is now five years old and won Award for being an outstanding institution. He requested the audience to be members ,attend luncheon to interact and exchange ideas and information.

Dr.Padmini (Paddy) Sharma said that Rotarians believe in Service above Self. “As Dr.Pradip said a donation of \$2,000 can increase to \$16,000 through matching grants. Please be members, donate generously and help implement water projects, hospital projects, etc.in India.”

H.H.Madhavpriyadasji remarked that along with big temples there is also a need for more hospitals .Poor people can get help from the Government and rich can afford medical treatment. Middle class needs help as well. He commended Dr.Pradip Kansagra and his team at the Hospital and said, “ We are on equal wavelength. The hospital treats our camp’s patients with equal care and compassion, so we will continue with our annual camps. “ He congratulated and blessed Dr.Kansagra on his birthday, wishing him health and happiness.

In his vote of thanks, Dr.Pradipbhai thanked Pan Sutaria , Ramesh Suhagia , Chatur Chhabhaya , Kalpesh Patel, Rajesh Sureja, Dr. Rajesh Jasani, Advance circuit Interntional, Printed Circuit Inc., Adorn fashion, Yogesh Parmar , Pragaji Patel of Columbus , Surendra Shah,Bharat Shah,Dilip Naik,Yogesh Parmar,Dr.Vasudev Patel and Ruchita Patel,all Rotarians and all who attended show and encouraged him. He expressed his special thanks to Ravindra Dave, Mahadev Desai, TV Asia’s Anjali Chhabria and Anwar Ajmeri , and all media outlets .