



Rotary Club of Sonarpur

Rotary District : 3291



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General Secretary and CEO of Rotary International John Hewko met with Bill Gates, cochair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, 7 September in Seattle, Washington, USA, to discuss moving forward together to eradicate polio and continuing to energize Rotarians to see the eradication effort through to the finish.

"The meetings at the Gates Foundation were very productive," Hewko says. "Bill Gates recognized the enormous contribution of Rotary to the cause of polio eradication and the tremendous capacity of Rotarians to continue the fight. We identified several concrete opportunities to work even more closely together to achieve our mutual goal of a polio-free world."

Polio eradication is within reach. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) has made significant steps forward since the launch last year of its new strategic plan and the bivalent oral polio vaccine. Among the four polio-endemic countries, India has reported only one case of the disease so far this year. A recent report by the GPEI Independent Monitoring Board, while noting some concerns in meeting GPEI goals, nevertheless stated that India is "on track to interrupt transmission this year."

Polio cases worldwide decreased almost 50 percent during the first six months of 2011, compared with the same period in 2010.

Rotarians are raising funds for polio eradication as part of Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge to match \$355 million in grants from the Gates Foundation. The resulting \$555 million will support immunization campaigns in developing countries where polio continues to infect and paralyze children, robbing them of their futures and compounding the hardships faced by their families.

As long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, children everywhere remain at risk.

Rotarians can help end the disease by providing funding and reminding their communities and government leaders that polio still exists and causes tremendous suffering.

Today's Programme

A Joint RWM of the Zone clubs along with Rotary Club of Calcutta Ridge at Calcutta Club. Keynote Speaker, PDG Rtn. Debasish Mitra, will deliver his speech on Foundation

Congratulation

Rtn. Debashish Chakraborty and Rtn Gautam Ray for their contribution towards the smooth running of the club projects like Rota schools of the RCC's and Micro Credit programme

**See Rotary News Line-
Every Saturday 10.15 pm at
SRISTI TV for Rotary 3291
Club/Dist Projects/Programs**

Report of ICM on New Generation

Clubs of Zone 10 & zone 14 hosted the ICM at Vidyamandir Auditorium on 10th September. Rotractors, Interactors and participants of the International RYLA participated in the meet. Actress, Sohini Sengupta, Asst. Editor, TOI, Saibal Sen, Sculptor, Sanatan Dinda, film Director, Raj Chakraborty, Insurance agent, Asish Choudhury who tried to save lives of two young accident victims in Calcutta were among the youth who were felicitated in the programme.

Medical Corner

Eating purple potatoes 'can lower BP

A couple servings of potatoes a day reduces blood pressure almost as much as oatmeal without causing weight gain.

We meet every Friday, 7.30pm. at ' HARMONY ', 20A, Kali Mohon Banerjee Lane, Kolkata 700025

District Events

25th September, Sunday: President Secretary AG, ZS, Dist Coordinators Pre-Puja Meet with family at Royal Bengal, City Centre, Salt Lake with Dinner

Club Event

A Joint RWM of the Zone clubs along with Rotary Club of Calcutta Ridge on **13th September, 2011**, to be held at Calcutta Club.

17th Sept.: Safe Drinking Water Project at KMC 86 ward Malaria and other disease detection centre.

27th Sept.: Clothes distribution to the students of our Rota School at our two RCC's

28th Sept.: Awareness and Vaccination programme to commemorate World Rabies Day at Bhawanipur from 10am to 1pm.

Thought of the Day

Infinite patience, infinite purity,
and infinite perseverance are the secret of
success in a good cause.

Swami Vivekananda

Minutes

Meeting no: 1021 dated 09.09.2011

President called meeting no. 1021 to order.
National Anthem led by Rtn. Rana Safui
Minutes of the last meeting confirmed.
President welcomed members from our RCC Jana Kalyan Samity, Usthi.
President also welcomed Mr. Subimal Ray who visited the club as a guest of Rtn. Samir Ray.

Dicussions:

- o President informed the club about the discussions and the decisions taken in the Board meeting that was scheduled on 9th September at 7 p.m.
- o President announced, our second 'Safe Drinking Water' project of the year will be held on 17th September in association with Kolkata Municipal Corporation at KMC 86 ward. Formalities and arrangements in this regard are in progress.
- o Members discussed in details about hosting a District Programme of Vaccination on 28th September, "World Rabies Day". Members present

decided in favour of being The Lead Host Club for the project.

- o President requested the members of the RCC to lay down their plans. After discussing their requirements and plans the club decided to visit the RCC. The members also discussed about the Ongoing Micro Credit Project. The RCC members were requested to make arrangements and finalise a date for "Cloth distribution programme amongst the needy children". They were also requested to submit an estimate for the benches that may be provided in the school.
- o The members of the club discussed and decided to take up the "Cloth distribution programme amongst the needy children" in the two RCCs. The members also decided to make an individual contribution towards the Project.
- o The members of the club decided to pay the Honorarium of the school teacher of the ROTA school by post dated cheques or by cash every month.
- o President requested Rtn. Gautam Ray to have his say as was desired by him. Rtn. Gautam Ray expressed his anguish for the financial health of the club and expressed his vision to create a permanent fund for the club. This may become the strength of the club and help the club to take up bigger projects. Rtn. Gautam Ray, donated Rs. 25000.00 towards his vision. This move was applauded by all who were present.

President handed over the meeting to the Secretary Rtn. Sajal Kr Dutta for other announcements.

- o Rtn. Sajal Dutta announced the receipt of the bulletins from Rotary Club of Calcutta Eden, Rotary Club of Central Calcutta, Rotary Club of Calcutta Old City, Rotary Club of Madhyamgram Metropolitan and Rotary Club of Madhyamgram.
- o Secretary Rtn. Sajal Dutta announced the receipt of an invitation from Rotary Club of Calcutta Old City for the cultural programme 'Probasey Agomoni' to be held on 20th September at G. D. Birla Sabhaghar

Secretary Rtn. Sajal Kr. Dutta handed over the proceeding to the President.

Having no other business the President terminated the meeting.

Members present: 14

Sunshine collected: Rs. 280.00

Four Way Test

Is it the TRUTH ?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL and better
FRIENDSHIP?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all **concerned?**