

Rotary Club of Sonarpur

Rotary District : 3291



PRESIDENT : Santanu Ghosh

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#### Rotary news in brief from around the globe

Rotary clubs around the globe have many things in common, including a commitment to service. All year long, clubs are taking action to make a difference in their communities. Here's a roundup of recent club activities worldwide:

#### Canada

Two Interactors and three Rotaractors were among 120 young Canadians who attended an invitation-only barbecue with the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge in Ottawa in June. David Johnston, governor general of Canada and a former Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar, hosted the event with Prime Minister Stephen Harper to celebrate service and give the attendees an opportunity to tell the royal couple, government officials, and other dignitaries about their work.

#### USA

Rotarians in District 6960 (Florida) worked with high school students and other volunteers to package more than 1.3 million meals during a one-day event in May. Over 70 percent of children in the Rotary district receive free or reduced-price meals at school, but during the summer, many don't have enough to eat. The packaged meals – rice and bean casserole and macaroni and cheese, fortified with vitamins and minerals – went to local food banks, which distributed them over the summer months.

#### Mexico

A partnership between the Rotary Club of San Diego and nurses and doctors at Scripps Mercy Hospital has brought medical care to 9,000 people in remote Mexican villages since 1988. Rotarian volunteers include medical professionals, those providing logistical support, and members of clubs in Mexico. The Mercy Outreach Surgical Team has completed more than 40 weeklong missions, performing procedures to remove congenital tumors, correct cleft lips and palates and crossed eyes, and address other health problems.

#### Austria

The Rotary Club of Mürzzuschlag-Semmering found a sweet way to support a community project: a 365-foot-long pastry created by a local bakery and displayed on a "pastry coaster" specially designed and built by club members Gerd Tomazic and Oswald Ebner. The club sold pieces of the pastry, raising  $\cdot 5,000$  for medical equipment for a Red Cross ambulance, which now sports the club's logo.

**RI PRESIDENT:** 

Kalyan Banerjee

#### Lebanon

The Rotary clubs of Beirut Center and Tucson Sunrise, Ariz., USA, worked together in April to install a wastewater treatment system at Rafik Hariri University Hospital in Beirut. The project, supported by a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant, will reduce the concentration of residual pharmaceuticals in the hospital's wastewater, which helps irrigate gardens or travels through the sewer system into the Mediterranean Sea.

#### Kenya

A five-day project brought Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors to Nyumbani Village, home to more than 700 children who have lost family members to HIV/AIDS, to install two solar-powered irrigation wells. The Rotary Club of Greater Portage County (Stevens Point), Wis., USA, joined with the Rotary clubs of Karen-Nairobi and Machakos, Kenya, to carry out the effort, funded by a District Simplified Grant from District 6220 (parts of Michigan and Wisconsin). The group also helped with planting. The solar pumps will be the primary source of irrigation for the community, and will cost less to operate than the old diesel-powered pumps.

#### Korea

For the second year, District 3650 delivered 10,000 charcoal briquettes to low-income families in Seodaemungu, a subdivision of Seoul. Briquettes are a popular source of heat in Korea. Over 450 volunteers, including 120 Rotarians, 167 Interactors, and 142 Rotaractors, participated in the distribution, along with Seodaemungu President Suk Jin Moon and National Assembly member Sung Hun Lee.

#### Australia

The Rotary Club of Wynyard celebrated the 40th anniversary of its Music Hall show in 2011. Originally organized as a one-time event called the Old Time Music Hall, the production has been held every year, despite setbacks including a fire in the 1990s that destroyed a shed containing all the props and costumes. The performances have raised more than A\$1 million in support of local and international projects – in particular, educational programs for rural medical students.

#### CONCH

## Minutes

Meeting no: 1038 dated 03.02.2012 President called meeting no. 1038 to order. National Anthem led by Rtn. Rana Safui Minutes of the last meeting confirmed. Discussions:

- President discussed the prospects and progress in respect to Medical check up camp and School Kit distribution at our RCC, Usthi Janakalyan Samity.
- President discussed and asked for suggestions for holding a programme with the Interact on the occasion of World Peace and Understanding Day.
- President proposed to co-host a programme, "Chelebela" where the lead Host club is Rotary Club of Calcutta Cosmopolitan. Members present approved and agreed.
- IPP Rtn. Sarbendu Dutta suggested taking up the sponsorship of meritorious students of our Interact school, a continuous project started during the last Rotary Year. President agreed and proposed to execute along with the programme for World Peace and Understanding Day.
- IPP Rtn. Sarbendu Dutta submitted necessary documents of a candidate who is to pursue a Vocational training course from Jadavpur University and has approached our club, through him, for sponsorship of the course. Members present approved and agreed.
- Rtn. Sanjay Dasgupta mooted a discussion on the progress of the proposed developmental project of the school that our Club has shown interest in. The club discussed and advised further enquiry and investigations.
- On request by the President, Club Service Director Rtn. Subrata Das discussed about the preparations for our Club Picnic, scheduled on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at Jagatballabhpur.

Secretary Rtn. Sajal Kr. Dutta announced the receipt of Bulletins from the neighbouring clubs.

Having no other business the President terminated the meeting Members present: 12 Sunshine collected: Rs.240.00

## **CLUB PICNIC**

Members remember Club Picnic is due on 12th February at RamMandir Garden Jagatballavpur, Howrah. Members alongwith Spouse and Children join in numbers. Contact PP Rtn Subrata for details.

# Birthday Greetings

**9th February** PP Rtn. Swapan Kr. Paul

Great Sayings

Watch people do their most common actions; these are indeed the things that will tell you the real character of a great person.

Swami Vivekananda

## **District Programme**

### Polio Summit 2012

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India and R.I. is organizing a 2 day Polio Summit 2012 in New Delhi on Feb. 25–26 to take the campaign further and eradicate polio.

#### DISTRICT SPORTS, RI DISTRICT 3291, 2011-12

February12, 2012 at Eastern Railway KFR Ground, James Long Sarani Bypass, Near Taratolla, Roy Bahadur

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



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