



# Rotary Club of Sonarpur

Rotary District : 3291



**PRESIDENT :**  
Santanu Ghosh

**SECRETARY:**  
Sajal Kumar Dutta



R.I. Club No. 23960 Charter dt. 30.06.1986

**RI PRESIDENT:**  
Kalyan Banerjee

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR**  
Angshuman Bandopadhyay

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## Rotary collaborates with others for clean water

By Ron Denham, a member of the Rotary Club of Toronto Eglinton, Ontario, Canada, and chair of the Water and Sanitation

A change is taking place in the way Rotarians approach water and sanitation programs.

We realize that the challenge of meeting the Millennium Development Goals is something that no organization can achieve on its own; not even Rotary with its 33,000 clubs and over 1.2 million members. To be successful we need leverage, the leverage that comes from collaboration with others who share our goals.

The most notable example of this is the International H2O Collaboration, an alliance between Rotary International and USAID. Rotary clubs in Ghana, the Dominican Republic, and the Philippines are working together to bring safe water and sanitation to hundreds of communities and schools.

There are many other examples, less publicized but equally effective. In Uganda, a very successful relationship between World Vision and the Rotary club of Gulu is improving the lives of up to 50,000 villagers through a joint bore-hole and behavior change program. The World Vision project leader says "having local Rotarians explain the importance of hygiene and handwashing is much more compelling than when presented by visiting experts from outside the country."

In Tanzania and Malawi, Rotary clubs are collaborating with Africare and H2O for Life in a program supported by Procter & Gamble to bring safe water to rural households and schools.

In Kegva Village, Marahashtra, India, the Rotary club of Bombay Mid-Town has formed a relationship with the National Institute of Rural Integrated Development, an NGO that has worked in the community for over 40 years. The institute has gained the trust of villagers, which has translated into strong support and commitment for the Rotary-led watershed development program.

The Rotary club of La Molina Vieja, Peru, supported by The Rotary Foundation, embarked on a program to help local Indian villagers build, install, operate, and maintain a bio-sand filter program. The program succeeded with the help of a local NGO. and technical support from the Center for

Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology in Calgary, Canada.

As water, sanitation, and hygiene programs become more complex it is unlikely that any Rotary club has the range of resources and skills to ensure a sustainable program. Success depends increasingly on collaboration with organizations having complementary resources, funding, technology, local contacts, knowledge of the culture, and expertise. Reaching out is essential if Rotary is to take its rightful place at the humanitarian table.

## We Welcome

**D.G. Rtn. Angshuman Bandyopadhyay**

*1st Lady, Jaya Bandyopadhyay*

*District Secretary, (Admin) : Rtn.*

*Sudip Mukherjee*

*Special Aide, (Admin) : Rtn. Prodosh*

*Kr. Chatterjee*

### DISTRICT 3291 UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1.
2. Nababarsher Baithak- ADDA at Town Hall on 15<sup>th</sup> April, 6.30 pm onwards. Cultural Programme followed by Dinner. Registration charge per head Rs. 300/-.
3. April 21 : Talent Search & Antakshari at Rotary Sadan from 3 – 7 pm.
4. April 25 : District Leadership Seminar at Rotary Sadan from 6.30 pm.
5. April 27 : Combat Aids Committee Program at Bidhan Sishu Udyan – 5 pm

### Thought of the Day

*What we really are  
matters more than  
what other people think of us!"*

— Jawaharlal Nehru

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

## Minutes of the Meeting

Meeting no 1047

Dated 06.04.2012

President called meeting no. 1047 to order.

National Anthem led by Rtn. Rana Safui.

President welcomed Anne Manisha Ghosh and

Anne Seema Ghosh.

Minutes of the last meeting confirmed.

### Discussions:

- President discussed and announced that 'Mrinal Smriti Annual Scholarship' will be awarded to four needy girl students of our Interact school 'Ballygaunge Vidyalaya & Shilpa Shikshyatan', on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2012.
- President and the club members discussed about taking up the project of providing benches to our Interact school 'Ballygaunge Vidyalaya & Shilpa Shikshyatan' and facilitate comfortable seating arrangement for the students. It is resolved that the club will apply for Helping Grant from Eastern India Rotary Welfare Trust and contribute 50% of the project value. The committee for the said project was advised to expedite the formalities and submit the project to Eastern India Rotary Welfare Trust for Sanction at the earliest.
- President and the club members discussed the incoming projects and the preparations for District Governor's visit.

Secretary Rtn. Sajal Dutta announced the receipt of bulletins from neighboring clubs.

Having no other business, President terminated the meeting.

Members Present:10. Sunshine Collected : Rs. 200/-

## Club Programme

**13<sup>th</sup> April 2012, 1p.m:** Award of 'Mrinal Smriti Annual Scholarship' to four needy girl students of our Interact school 'Ballygaunge Vidyalaya & Shilpa Shikshyatan'

## Rotary leaders are ready to build 'Peace Through Service'

By Megan Ferringer

*Rotary International News*

Incoming district governors left the 2012 International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA, equipped with new skills and ideas to develop stronger districts and clubs in 2012-13.

RI President-elect Sakuji Tanaka began the weeklong training event by asking the 530 governors-elect to build *Peace Through Service*.

Throughout the week, incoming district governors also participated in training sessions designed to give them the tools they need to create a stronger Rotary.

RI President Kalyan Banerjee provided attendees with his own tips for building stronger clubs, including serving as role models and leading as equals. He explained that leadership in Rotary means giving support -- not giving orders.

"To really succeed, you have to look past yourself, past your year, and into the long term, at the health of your community and our organization," Banerjee concluded.

At the closing banquet, he encouraged district governors-elect to approach their year with peace in mind.

"All of you are leaving here as every district-governor elect should: determined to make your year in Rotary office the best year yet," Banerjee said. "You are leaving here as well with a great and noble goal: making 2012-13 a year of *Peace Through Service*."



## Co-hosting of "ICM on Literacy" on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012



## 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 ?

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