



Rotary Club of Sonarpur

Rotary District : 3291



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Shutterbugs find a picture-perfect way to develop skills and friendships

By Arnold R. Grahl

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You don't have to be skilled with a camera to enjoy Rotary's newest fellowship, the International Fellowship of Rotarian Photographers.

The fellowship, which was recognized by the RI Board of Directors in January, counts amateur and professional photographers among its members, as well as those who have an appreciation for photography.

"Our group is open to anyone at any skill level, from point-and-shoot beginners to longtime professionals," says Layne Marshal, a member of the Rotary Club of Campbell River Daybreak, British Columbia, Canada, who chairs the fellowship. "We have 65 members on our membership list in Canada, the United States, Europe, Australia, and India, but that list is probably incomplete."

Marshal, an amateur photographer, was interested in joining a fellowship where he could meet other Rotarians and sharpen his skills, but found that there wasn't such a group. After learning that others had attempted to form a photography fellowship, he worked with them to file the appropriate paperwork with RI.

"I certainly did not develop this all on my own," he stresses.

As a newer group, the fellowship is still developing activities, but it has an online forum for members to share advice, ask and answer questions, or otherwise discuss photography. It is also building a website for members to display their work, receive or offer critiques, and take part in competitions.

"I enjoy the challenges and rewards of capturing a good photograph, which I feel is too often more luck than skill in my case," Marshal says. "I know there are lots of people out there who are interested in photography and would join an effort to share and learn."

The photography fellowship, and the Rotarian Jazz Fellowship which became official in September, are among 62 recognized by RI. Fellowships bring Rotarians, their spouses, and Rotaractors together to share common interests, explore new opportunities to serve, have fun, and promote vocational development through friendship. Each June, they are celebrated during Rotary Fellowships Month.

A sampling of other Rotarian fellowships and their upcoming events:

- The International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians is participating in a jamboree in Denmark, 21-29 July. It will be the largest scout and guide event ever held in Denmark, with about 35,000 participants expected.
- The International Tennis Fellowship of Rotarians is holding its eighth annual world championship in Guarapari, Brazil, on 29 August. Last year's event in Bol, Croatia, drew more than 100 players.
- The Fellowship Cycling to Serve will hold its annual championship cycling event 7-8 September in La Rochelle, France. The group of cycling enthusiasts also organize and

participate in a four-day touring event and several other cycling events every year.

- Members of the International Marathon Fellowship of Rotarians will be running in a marathon in Graz, Austria, on 14 October. The group organizes a marathon event in a different city each year.

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:

Austria

In August, Districts 1910 and 1920 (parts of Austria; Bosnia-Herzegovina) hosted 24 students and two Rotarians from Japan who were affected by the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami. Many of the students had lost their homes or had to evacuate, or lost parents or other relatives. Japanese and Austrian Rotarians covered the cost of the flights (Lufthansa provided discounted tickets), accommodations, and other expenses, and the governments of both countries offered additional financial support.

Canada

Members of the Rotary Club of Ladner, B.C., have been instrumental in a campaign to rid the province's coast of *spartina anglica*, or common cordgrass, a noxious weed that was planted to control erosion but whose spread now poses a danger to wetland areas. This fall, club members put in 58 hours of work, hand-pulling 250 bags, or 5 tons, of the weed. They finished that stretch of shoreline in October.

Pakistan

Rotarians in Karachi used a van emblazoned with messages in English and Urdu to share information about polio during Subnational Immunization Days in December. Club members also visited a school in the nearby town of Korangi, where they gave drops of vaccine to 238 children and worked with administrator Naushaba Burney to distribute fliers about the disease to students and teachers.

Philippines

Rotarians in District 3830 carried out two dozen projects after an environmental conference in November 2010. They far exceeded their goal of planting 5,000 trees, or two for every Rotarian in the district. By the end of 2010-11, they had planted 23,000 trees and expected to add another 25,000 in 2011-12.

USA

The Rotary Club of Honeoye Falls-Mendon, N.Y., created a self-guided audio tour of 12 local sites, including the Lower Mill, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places; the 1837 Mendon town hall; and a one-room schoolhouse that's now a museum. Visitors can use their cell phones to listen to information about the stops on the tour. Instructions are posted at each location and are available in brochures and at www.hfmrotary.org/tour.html

Minutes of the Meeting

Meeting no 1057

Dated 11.06.2012

President called meeting no. 1057 to order.

National Anthem led by Rtn. Sanjib Kr. Ray

President welcomed DGE, Rtn. Uttam Ganguli, DGE, Rtn. Rajani Mukerji, District officials, President, Secretary of neighboring clubs, guests and Anns.

Minutes of the last meeting confirmed.

Discussions:

- President announced the approval of 'School Bench' project by EIRWT.
- President told the club that the efforts to contact Mr. Sambhunath Tarafdar who applied for financial support for getting his 1yr. 4mth. Daughter, Baby Rikta Tarafdar were not fruitful. The members decided to keep the project in abeyance till he contacts.

President handed over the business to the Secretary Rtn. Sajal Dutta, who announced the receipt of bulletins from neighboring clubs, and upcoming District events, after which he read out the Secretary's report. Secretary handed over the meeting to the President. After delivering his message President handed over the meeting to the Master of Ceremony, Rtn. Sanjib Ray who offered the Podium to DGN and DGE respectively. At the end of their deliberations Rtn. Sanjib Ray handed over the meeting to the President.

Having no other business, President terminated the meeting.

Members Present: 15 Sunshine Collected : Rs. 300/-

Thought of the Day

The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.

Winston Churchill

DISTRICT 3291 UPCOMING EVENTS

1. June 23: District Award Ceremony at G.D.Birla Sabhaghar from 3pm
2. June 27: Inter City Meet on Membership Development at Rotarv Sadan from 2.30pm

Facts and Figures Of membership in Rotary:

United States: Clubs: 7,847, Rotarian: 3, 48,762

India: Clubs: 3,148, Rotarian: 1, 21,903

Japan: Clubs: 2,292, Rotarian: 89,004

Brazil: Clubs: 2,402, Rotarian: 57, 467

5 Largest Rotary Clubs worldwide: July 2011:

1. Rotary Club Seattle, Members 628 in Dist. 5030
2. Rotary Club Birmingham, Members 564 in Dist. 6860
3. Rotary Club Oklahoma City, Members 533 in Dist. 5750
4. Rotary Club San Diego, Members 511 in Dist. 5340
5. Rotary Club San Antonio, Members 499 in Dist. 5840

Rotary clubs have water projects on tap

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Villages in four regions of Ghana are being equipped with ventilated pit latrines, showers, and boreholes featuring hand pumps and mechanized pipes through the efforts of dozens of Rotary clubs in Latin America, North America, and Ghana.

The effort is part of the The International H2O Collaboration, an alliance between Rotary International and USAID, a centerpiece of Rotary's emphasis on water and sanitation issues. Launched in 2009, the alliance works to implement long-term, sustainable water, sanitation, and hygiene projects in the developing world. The first phase of the partnership has focused on three countries: Ghana, the Philippines, and the Dominican Republic.

In 2011, The Rotary Foundation also established a strategic partnership with UNESCO-IHE, a United Nations institute in The Netherlands that is the world's largest postgraduate water education facility. The Rotary Foundation will provide grants to Rotary clubs and districts to select and sponsor eight students each year for scholarships leading to master's degrees in specified program areas. Collaboration is key if Rotary is to help the world achieve the water and sanitation improvements called for in the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, said Ron Denham, chair of the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group and a member of the Rotary-USAID Steering Committee.

"We realize that the challenge of meeting the development goals is something that no organization can achieve on its own," Denham said. "Not even Rotary, with its 34,000 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."

To draw attention to the need for action, the United Nations has designated 22 March as World Water Day. Each year since 1993, it has selected a different theme. This year's summit addresses the connection between hunger and water resources. The number of people in the world living in chronic hunger puts an additional strain on the supply of water.

Rotarians are engaged in many water and sanitation projects year-round. Here's a sampling:

- 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.
- In Ghana, a coalition of more than eighty clubs from the U.S., Canada, and Switzerland, together with the host clubs of Sunyani Central, Tamale, and Bolgatanga Goodwill, Ghana, have drilled boreholes, repaired wells, and installed water systems in remote areas. Rotarians have also played an instrumental role in eradicating Guinea Worm Disease in the country.

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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