

Rotary Club of Sonarpur

Rotary District: 3291



PRESIDENT:

Rana Safui

SECRETARY: Gautam Ray COLCH

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR:

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Changes you should know about for the new Rotary year.

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A new Rotary year is set to begin, and with it several programs aimed at helping clubs and districts enhance their projects, share information, and increase membership. In addition, a new group of leaders will take over at the club, district, and international levels.

Sakuji Tanaka, of the Rotary Club of Yashio, Japan, becomes Rotary's 102nd president on 1 July and will encourage Rotarians to foster *Peace Through Service* Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, of the Rotary Club of Trenton, Ontario, Canada, takes over as Rotary Foundation trustee chair.

Other changes include the following:

Beginning 1 July, The Rotary Foundation and the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group will work together to offer resources and consulting services on major water and sanitation projects to several districts through a one-year pilot called the project enhancement process. These optional services will enable grant sponsors to tap into the technical expertise of their fellow Rotarians who are professionals in the field.

In order to focus goal setting at the club and district levels on membership activities, the RI Board has set a membership goal of 1.3 million Rotarians by 30 June 2015. The Board has also approved regional membership plans that were created by committees of Rotary leaders led by the directors in each region. Each plan addresses the region's unique needs and customs. Districts and clubs are encouraged to use the regional membership plans as a guide in developing goals and strategies that are realistic and achievable and take into consideration historical trends and the opportunities within each region.

RI will be launching Rotary Club Central in an effort to measure the organization's global impact. The new online tool allows clubs to set and track service, membership, and Foundation contribution goals.

Through Rotary Showcase, Rotarians can share photos of and information about their clubs' service projects with the Rotary community and their Facebook friends. By indicating funds spent and hours volunteered, clubs and districts will also be helping track Rotary's global impact.

A new convention website launches later this month, providing the latest news, travel tips, registration, housing information, and more on Rotary's largest annual gathering. Register now for the 2013 RI Convention in Lisbon, Portugal, 23-26 June. The End Polio Now website will also be redesigned to include infographics, social media campaigns, status reports, and maps.

RI will hold three Rotary Global Peace Forums in 2012-13, each consisting of a two- or three-day program to engage and inspire Rotarians and community leaders. The forums will take place 30 November to 2 December in Berlin, Germany; 25-27 January in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA; and 17-18 May in Hiroshima, Japan.

The Council on Legislation will meet in April in Chicago to discuss and enact changes to the RI Constitution, RI Bylaws, and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. The council meets every three years to review resolutions submitted by clubs, district conferences, the General Council and Conference of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland, and the RI Board. The Council comprises more than 500 representatives from every part of the Rotary world.

As the Future Vision pilot enters its final year, Rotary clubs and districts will start preparing for Rotary's new grant model, which launches 1 July 2013.

The RI Board of Directors will seat eight new directors 1 July, along with RI President-elect Ron D. Burton, of the Rotary Club of Norman, Oklahoma, USA. The new directors for 2012-13 are Ann-Britt Åsebol, of the Rotary Club of Falun-Kopparvågen, Sweden; John B. Boag, of the Rotary Club of Tamworth North, Australia; Jacques di Costanzo, of the Rotary Club of Marseille Phocea, Bouches-du-Rhône, France; Takeshi Matsumiya, of the Rotary Club of Chigasaki-Shonan, Japan; Anne L. Matthews, of the Rotary Club of Columbia East, South Carolina, USA; Gideon Peiper, of the Rotary Club of Ramat Hasharon, Israel; Andy Smallwood, of the Rotary Club of Gulfway-Hobby Airport (Houston), Texas, USA; and Bryn Styles, of the Rotary Club of Barrie-Huronia, Ontario, Canada.

The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees will seat five new trustees, including Stephanie A. Urchick, of the Rotary Club of Canonsburg-Houston, Pennsylvania, USA, who has been appointed for a two-year term, replacing Anne L. Matthews, who is joining the RI Board. The others, who will serve four-year terms, include Ray Klinginsmith, of the Rotary Club of Kirksville, Missouri, USA; Michael K. McGovern, of the Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth, Maine, USA; Samuel F. Owori, of the Rotary Club of Kampala, Uganda; and Julio Sorjús, of the Rotary Club of Barcelona Condal, Spain.

Thought of the Day

He who rejects change is the architect of decay. The only human institution which rejects progress is the cemetery.

- Harold Wilson

DISTRICT 3291 UPCOMING EVENTS

1. 21July : Inter City Meet on Theme at Rotary Sadan,

Registration from 6p.m.

2. 5th August: Workshop on Polio

Rotary In India

CALCUTTA was the home town for the first Rotary club in the mainland of Asia. R.J. Combes, the manager of a steel products company while on a business trip to U.S.A. was so impressed by the "Friendship, fellowship, and service" aspects of the movement called Rotary that he wanted to introduce the idea to his friends in Calcutta also. There was no difficulty for him to convince enough people and convene the first meeting on 26 September, 1919. The new club was chartered just after three months of the first meeting, on the new year day of 1920 to be exact. All the twenty charter members were non-Indians.

Today, growth of Rotary in India in the last two decades has outstripped the growth of Rotary elsewhere in the world. When the world membership which stood at 853,000 in 1980 gradually climbed to 1,193,000 in 1998, Rotary's strength in India showed a growth from 35000 to 60000.

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

Meeting no 1060

Dated 07.07.2012

President called meeting no. 1059 to order. National Anthem led by Rtn. Swapan Pal Minutes of the last meeting confirmed.

Discussions:

- President announced that 'Sukannya' Scholarship Will be handed over to the recipients on 13th July 2012.
- President announced, COTS will be held on 13th July 2012.
- President and members discussed about incumbent renewal of domain charges of Club website and decided to renew the same.
- President and members discussed and decided to continue regular weekly meetings at the existing venue. Members also decided that one meeting a month may be held at a bigger venue.
- President informed about receipt of an application along with relevant documents from 'Ashram Anandam' expressing their willingness to become our RCC. Members discussed and decided to proceed with the adoption. Formalities as required may be taken up.
- President informed the club about an Email from 'Rotary Humanity foundation' informing about Baby Rikta's surgery and demand for club's contribution. Members discussed and decided to reply the Email, expressing club's grievance. Members also decided to send separate Emails to DG, IPDG and other District officials asking for their opinions and suggestions.
- President informed the members about receipt of an Email from RI District 329, asking our Club's preference of paper ballot or E ballot.

President handed over the business to the Secretary Rtn. Gautam Ray, who announced the receipt of bulletins from neighboring clubs, and upcoming District events.

Having no other business, President terminated the meeting.

Members Present: 11 Sunshine Collected: Rs. 220/-

Historic Moments -- RI themes

By Susan Hanf Rotary International News -- 13 January 2011

Each January, as Rotary district governors-elect convene at the International Assembly for training and fellowship, they can be certain of two things: a lot of take-home reading and the announcement of a new RI theme.

The tradition of crafting a theme is credited to 1949-50 RI President Percy C. Hodgson, who outlined a list of four objectives for his term in office. Among them were the better application of the principles of vocational service and dedication to world understanding and peace through international service programs.

Though Hodgson's 83-word proclamation ran substantially longer than today's shorter, punchier themes, Rotarians' desire to celebrate and support their president's annual program of service has remained the same. Other early themes include *Rotary Is Hope in Action* (Joaquin

Serratosa Cibils, 1953-54), *Kindle the Spark Within* (Nitish C. Laharry, 1962-63), and *Good Will Begins with You* (Ernst G. Breitholtz, 1971-72).

In the decades that followed, RI presidents introduced theme logos, lapel pins, ties, and scarves. Theme ties were introduced in the 1990s, and are now given out yearly. Many have incorporated the theme for the year. The first scarves showing the RI theme were designed by 1998-99 RI President James L. Lacy and his wife, Claudine, *Follow Your Rotary Dream*.

Historic moments -- Rotary mottoes

Rotary International News -- 7 July 2010



Rotary's official mottoes, Service Above Self and One Profits Most Who Serves Best, trace back to the early days of the organization.

In 1911, He Profits Most Who Serves Best was approved as the Rotary motto at the second convention of the National Association of

Rotary Clubs of America, in Portland, Oregon. It was adapted from a speech made by Rotarian Arthur Frederick Sheldon to the first convention, held in Chicago the previous year. Sheldon declared that "only the science of right conduct toward others pays. Business is the science of human services. He profits most who serves his fellows best."

The Portland convention also inspired the motto Service Above Self. During a convention outing on the Columbia River, Ben Collins, president of the Rotary Club of Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, talked with Seattle Rotarian J.E. Pinkham about the proper way to organize a Rotary club, offering the principle his club had adopted: Service, Not Self. Pinkham invited Paul P. Harris, who also was on the boat trip, to join their conversation. Harris asked Collins to address the convention, and the phrase Service, Not Self was met with great enthusiasm. At the 1950 RI Convention in Detroit, slightly modified versions of the two slogans were formally approved as the official mottoes of Rotary: He Profits Most Who Serves Best and Service Above Self. The 1989 Council on Legislation established Service Above Self as the principal motto of Rotary, because it best conveys the philosophy of unselfish volunteer service. He Profits Most Who Serves Best was modified by the 2004 Council to They Profit Most Who Serve Best and by the 2010 Council to its current wording, One Profits Most Who Serves Best.

Four Way Test

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





