



Rotary Club of Sonarpur

Rotary District : 3291



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Rana Safui

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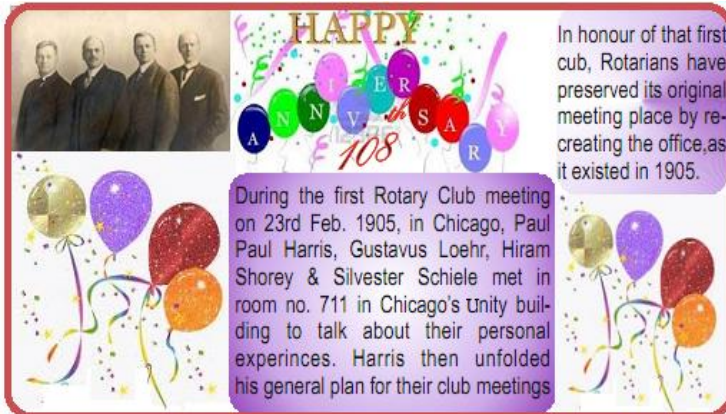
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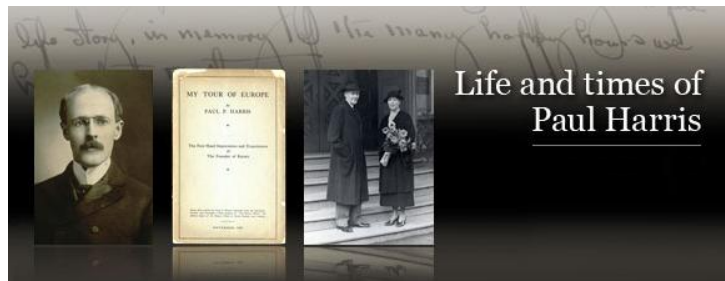
Timeline of Paul P. Harris

- 1868** Paul P. Harris was born in Racine, Wisconsin, USA, on 19 April.
- 1871** Harris, age three, and brother Cecil, age five, move to Wallingford, Vermont, in July.
- 1881** Jean Thomson was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, on 8 November.
- 1886** The faculty of the University of Vermont votes on 11 December that Harris and three others "be indefinitely suspended from college" upon recommendation of the Committee on Discipline.
- 1888** Harris's grandfather dies in Vermont on 17 March.
- 1891** Harris graduates from the University of Iowa with a Bachelor of Laws on 1 June.
- 1896** Harris moves to Chicago and begins practicing law in February.
- 1910** Harris meets Jean in March, and they wed on Saturday, 2 July. Harris is elected the first president of the National Association of Rotary Clubs in August, a position he holds until the international convention in August 1912 the only president to serve two terms in the post.
- 1912** The Harrises purchase a home and name it **Comely Bank**.
- 1919** The University of Vermont awards Harris an honorary Bachelor of Arts (accompanied by an apology for his expulsion in 1886). It awarded him an honorary Doctor of Laws on 19 June 1933.
- 1930** Harris attends the RI Convention in Chicago, his first since 1915. He also attended international conventions in 1933, 1934, 1935, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1941, 1942, 1943, and 1944.
- 1947** On 27 January, Harris dies in Chicago at age 78.
- 1963** On 9 November, Jean Thomson Harris dies in Edinburgh, Scotland, at age 82.

Other notable presidents include Canadian E. Leslie Pidgeon (1917-18), the first from outside the United States; Sydney W. Pascall (1931-32), the first from Great Britain; and Maurice Duperrey (1937-38), the first from continental Europe. In July 1940, the first president from South America, Armando de Arruda Pereira, took office.

QUOTE

I have been privileged to visit many countries in the name of Rotary, and the more I visit, the more I am disposed to conclude that there are no great fundamental differences between men and between nations. They are all entirely good, none entirely bad. The great mischief maker is misunderstanding. Every nation has contributed much to the sum total of human happiness.



Life and times of Paul Harris

Rotary began as an idea more than 100 years ago. Today, Rotary flourishes worldwide with 1.2 million members in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

Rotary History and Archives is the authority on Rotary's rich, evolving history. Located in Lincolnwood, Illinois, USA, the History and Archives team continues to update and provide access to its collection of tens of thousands of items from all over the world.

One day in the fall of 1900, Paul P. Harris met attorney Bob Frank for dinner in a well-off neighborhood on the North Side of Chicago. They took a walk around the area and stopped at shops along the way. Harris was impressed by how Frank had made friends with many of the shopkeepers. Since moving to Chicago to set up his law practice, Harris had not encountered the kind of camaraderie that Frank enjoyed with his fellow businessmen. He wondered whether there was a way to channel and expand this type of fellowship, which reminded him of the New England town where he'd grown up.

"The thought persisted that I was experiencing only what had happened to hundreds, perhaps thousands, of others in the great city ... I was sure that there must be many other young men who had come from farms and small villages to establish themselves in Chicago ... Why not bring them together? If others were longing for fellowship as I was, something would come of it." - Paul P. Harris, *My Road to Rotary*

Eventually, Harris persuaded other local businessmen to meet and discuss forming a club for commercial trade, community, and fellowship. His vision laid the foundation for the Rotary of today.

We meet every Friday, 7.30pm at Hotel Park Palace, 49/2, Gariahat Road, Kolkata 700019

Minutes

Meeting no 1175
Dated 08.02.2013

President, Rtn. Rana Safui called meeting no. 1175 to order.

National Anthem led by Rtn. Samir Kr. Ray.

Minutes of the last meeting confirmed.

Discussions:

- o Club Secretary Rtn. Gautam Ray briefed the members about the condition of the child patient Syd. Sarifuddin who underwent a heart surgery on 07.02.2013 at Mission Hospital, Durgapur. Members discussed about the follow-up actions.

- o Members present discussed and approved the

proposal from Rtn. Gautam Ray for submitting a project for District Grant sanction during the Rotary Year 2013-2014.

- o Members discussed and decided to send Presidents of Rotary Year 2013-2014 & 2014-2015, Club Foundation Committee Chair for the Grant management Seminar, Scheduled to be held on 17th February 2013, and be eligible for Grants.
- o Members present discussed over an appeal from a less privileged student of Naktala High School, 9th standard, Suvronil Banerjee, and decided to sponsor Rs.1000.00 monthly for a year. The sponsorship includes the contribution of ex Rotarian Sujit Dassharma towards the cause.

- o 15th February being Saraswati Puja, members present decided to have the next RWM on 22nd February.

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

Having no other business, President terminated the meeting.

Members Present: 6 Sunshine Collected : Rs. 120/-

Club Project Report

Kid Syd. Sarifuddin, who underwent surgical intervention in his little heart on 7th Feb. at Mission Hospital, Durgapur, has been released today from the Hospital after successful operation and timely recovery.

District Programe : 24th Feb 2013 : NID- POLIO PLUS

2012 Photo contest winner: Shot in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park, Uganda.

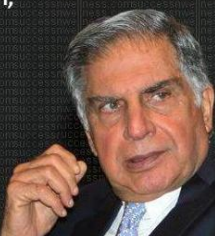
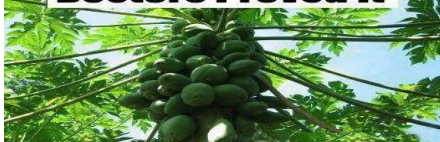


Gorilla intently gazing at the twig as if reading a thermometer.

**Thought of the Day**

None can destroy iron,
but its own rust can!
Likewise none can
destroy a person,
but its own
mind set can !

OUR THOUGHTS CAN
CHANGE OUR LIFE...

**Health Corner****Doctors Proved It**

1 Pappaya Leaf Juice will cure
DENGU fever within 1 day

**Four Way Test**

of the things we think, say or do

- ★ Is it the TRUTH?
- ★ Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- ★ Will it build GOODWILL & Friendship?
- ★ Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Did You Know?

There are about 10 trillion cells in the human body. So there are 10 trillion meters of DNA in the human body. This is over 9 light-hours of length, or over 1.5x the distance from the Sun to Pluto.

India's last polio victim needs surgery, TOI Mumbai

To commemorate India's two years of polio free status on 13 January, 2013, Ramesh Ferris, India's global face in the war against polio, met India's last Polio victim Ruksar Khatun at Panchla, Kolkata.

Three-year-old

Ruksar Khatun, the last polio victim in the country limps as her right leg is now a shade shorter than her left leg, which is affecting her balance while walking. It is also weak and she often suffers from acute pain. She may need a surgery on her affected right foot as it is getting twisted, short and weak without which she might lose the limb.

Calling to work for justice, security and solidarity for polio survivors, Ferris expressed hope that India will be able to achieve the polio free certificate in 2014 provided current efforts to contain polio virus are sustained. This includes increased surveillance, availability of funds and political support.

Mr Ferris said, "The world has its fingers crossed that Ruksar will be India's last-ever case of polio. The polio drive, however, must continue despite all challenges."

Ruksar's case had set off an alarm bell in Howrah's Panchla in 2011 when she was confirmed to have contracted polio.

For those who are unaware, Indian polio survivor and global crusader for Rotary International, Ramesh Ferris's story is that of a victim turned survivor turned crusader.

Born in December 1979 in Coimbatore, he contracted polio at age six months and his legs were left paralyzed for life. He was raised in an orphanage in India and later adopted by Canadian family before he learned to walk with crutches and braces

But encouraged by peers from Rotary International, the humanitarian organisation fighting against polio around the world, he decided to fight the odds to become a campaigner. Today, he is an inspiration for thousands of disabled people living with polio and millions battling with polio across the world.

Being ambassador of Rotary International, he has the honor of sharing the polio message with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Bill Gates, The Presidents of Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria, The Prime Ministers of Canada, UK, Australia, and many other World Leaders. He has also hand-cycled 7140 km across Canada to raise funds and create awareness about Polio Eradication, Education and Rehabilitation and written a book on polio titled, "Better Than a Cure, One Man's Journey to Free the World of Polio," proceeds of which benefit Rotary PolioPlus for a Polio Free World.

Mr Ferris said, "To know that the country of my birth - and the very place I contracted the poliovirus 32 years ago - is now off the polio-endemic list has such poignant meaning for me."

Observing that 2013 will be a crucial year for India, Mr Deepak Kapur, Chairman, Rotary's India National PolioPlus Committee said "Despite strong progress over the last two years, the programme must not lose sight of the facts. Polio virus threat has decreased within but the threats of import from polio endemic countries still struggling to contain the virus loom large. Efforts must be sustained to finish the job this year or we risk losing gains made thus far".

