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Nobel Peace laureate Aung San Suu Kyi receives award at Rotary Global Peace Forum

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Aung San Suu Kyi, leader of Myanmar's democracy movement and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, delivered the keynote address at the Rotary Global Peace Forum held in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, 25-27 January. She was honored with the Hawaii Peace Award for her longstanding pursuit of democracy through peaceful, nonviolent means. After 20 years of house arrest, Suu Kyi was released in November 2010, and last year was elected to Myanmar's parliament as a member of the pro-democracy opposition party.

Suu Kyi told the attendees that absolute peace is an unattainable goal, but one that we must nevertheless continue to endeavor toward. She said that democratic institutions are necessary to guarantee human rights.

"The kind of peace we want is very simple. We want permanent peace," said Suu Kyi.

She also noted that young people have an important role to play. The Honolulu forum emphasized the importance of getting youth involved in the peace process.

"We must help our young people so that they may be able to take over our task of nation building," Suu Kyi said. "We depend on our young people to take us forward." Engaging young people

More than 1,800 Rotarians, Rotary alumni, and supporters of Rotary's peace program



took part in this event, the second of three peace forums planned by RI President Sakuji Tanaka. The first was held in Berlin in November, and a third is planned for Hiroshima, Japan, 17-18 May.

"Rotary builds peace and international understanding through education, humanitarian service, and connecting with youth," Tanaka said. "To ensure a lasting legacy in this arena, we must engage young people and the new generations to come in a meaningful way, and empower them to carry Rotary's peace-building efforts into the future." The forum also addressed environmental conservation as a means of promoting peace. Attendees adopted a declaration supporting The Green Path to Peace, which urges those in the family of Rotary to act as catalysts for peace through efforts that conserve and protect the planet.

"An environment that is healthy makes it possible for us to reach our full potential," Tanaka said. "When our basic needs are met, we are not occupied with the daily problems of survival. There is less cause for conflict. And people and nations who do not waste their energy in conflict can use it in ways that benefit everyone."

Past RI President Luis V. Giay served as the forum's convener. The three sites for the peace forums were selected by Tanaka because each was heavily affected by World War II and now represents the healing power

of sustainable peace between nations.

"Growing up in Japan after World War II, I saw the importance of peace. I saw the consequences of war," said Tanaka. "Working for peace is a lifelong task. Every day, in 34,000 clubs around the world, we work together for a more peaceful world by bringing water, health, education, and hope to the people who need it most."

Books build peace

In his comments to the forum, RI President-elect Ron Burton recalled a book project he took part in years ago in San Antonio, Texas, and how precious it was to see children clutching their new books.

"There is a reason why we do it the way we do, why we go in as a club, in person, and give these things to the kids with our hands, one human being to another. It's saying, here's something that will help you, and I am giving it to you because I care," Burton said. "How do you build a world with more peace? You start with one Rotarian, handing one kid her first book."

Rotary clubs have long embraced the call for peace at the grassroots level by addressing the underlying causes of conflict and violence, such as hunger, poverty, disease, and illiteracy. Ten years ago, Rotary decided to take a direct approach to promoting world understanding by providing future leaders with the tools they need to "wage peace" on the global stage.

Since 2002, Rotary clubs have annually sponsored up to 60 scholars who embark on one to two years of study — earning either master's degrees or certificates — in peace and conflict resolution at Rotary Peace Centers at universities around the world.



President Elects of RI District 3291 attends the training at ITC Sonar on 17th March 2013. DGE Rajani Mukerji hands over the certificates on completion of the session



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

Health Corner

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Minutes

Meeting no 1179

Dated 15.03.2013

President, Rtn. Rana Safui called meeting no. 1179 to order.

National Anthem led by Ann Seema Ghosh.

President welcomed Anne Seema Ghosh, Soma Chakraborty & Mita Dasgupta to our meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting confirmed.

Discussions:

- President informed members present about submission of necessary documents along with the Agreement, duly signed and sealed to the EIRWT office for further necessary processing of the grant Extension and renovation of school building at Ashram Anandam. Members present suggested immediate initiation of survey of the premises and appointment of agency for carrying out the work.

- President and members chalked out the detailed plan for execution of Animal health check up camp and Cervical cancer awareness camp to be held at Ashram Anandam on 16.03.2013.

- Rtn. Gautam ray informed members about the ensuing medical checkup of Syd. Sarifuddin, the child who underwent Heart surgery earlier in the month, and expenses thereof. Members suggested informing the child's parents to submit the bills of necessary investigations for reimbursement.

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

Having no other business, President terminated the meeting.

Members Present: 9

Sunshine Collected : Rs. 180/-

District Programme

30th March : District Holi meet at Rang Darbar, Swabhumi, E.M. Bye pass.

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PANCHKULA: The Rotary 'Shreyas' Awards were presented at the Rotary International District 3080 conference at Indradhanush Auditorium on Sunday.

The awards are in recognition of people who change many lives through selfless service. Justice J S Verma presented the awards to Dr S Y Quraishi, former chief election commissioner of India, Dr Jyotsna Suri, vice-president, FICCI and chairperson of a group of hotels. Dr Quraishi was honoured for overseeing the Vidhan Sabha elections with integrity while Dr Jyotsna Suri was awarded for excellence in the field of hospitality.

Justice J S Verma said, "Awards are meant not only to honour the awardee but also to get other people to aspire for the same standards of excellence. Awardees are role models and this is good for India," he pointed out.

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?



On 8th March Rotary Club of Calcutta Metro City celebrated 'Women's Day' by felicitating '7 Sayan Sidha's at Rotary Sadan. Paromita Biswas, Meena Bandypadhyay, Poulomi Ghatak, Payel Sarkar, Sanchita Bhattacharya Alam June Malia were honored on the occasion.

Experiences and learning through cultural exchange:

Arranged by Rotary International District 3292, a group of young professionals went on a 30-day trip to the UK as part of the Group Study Exchange program. From September 20 to October 21, Suyesh Pradhan, Dipika Shrestha, Shresna Basnet, and Roshani Manadhar experienced a cultural/vocational excursion that Dipika terms as "a lifetime opportunity." Led by Rotarian Nugal Vaidya, the team gave presentations about Nepal and visited various organizations, schools and vocational organizations

CLUB PROJECT REPORT



Cervical cancer Awareness Camp

at Ashram Anandam was attended by many local women



Animal health Check up camp

was organised at the premises of Ashram Anandam, Sonarpur. More than 75 cows, goats hens etc were examined and given medicines free of cost.

How babies will be born in future

