



Rotary Club of Sonarpur

Rotary District : 3291



PRESIDENT :
Rana Safui

SECRETARY:
Gautam Ray



RI PRESIDENT :
Sakuji Tanaka

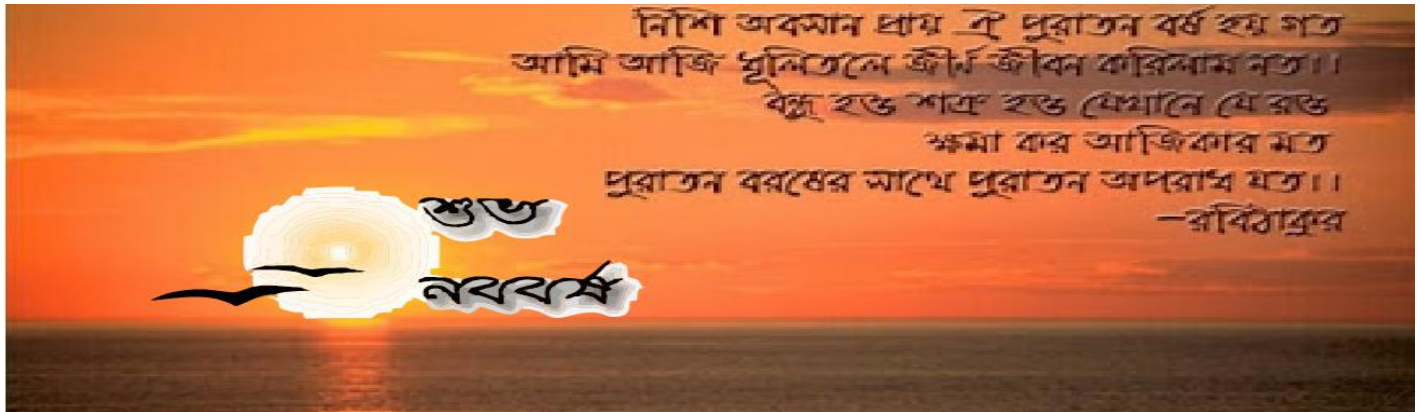
DISTRICT GOVERNOR:
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Historic Moments: Friendship Trees

By Susan Hanf

Rotarians have planted trees in the name of fellowship, friendship, and community service since the early 20th century. These trees, which can be found worldwide, have grown into enduring monuments of Rotary's ideals.

As president emeritus, Harris traveled extensively during the 1920s and 1930s, often accompanied by his wife Jean. During these trips, the nature-loving Harris planted trees to symbolize goodwill and friendship. In the fall of 1932, Harris embarked on a five-week tour of European Rotary clubs and planted trees along the way.

"Wednesday forenoon I planted my first tree of friendship in European soil. It seemed to me especially appropriate that it took place in Germany—in its metropolis—Berlin. The planting occurred in a sports platz formerly devoted to war purposes, and a large number including Rotarians, city officials, and others were in attendance."

Harris also planted trees in Tallinn, Estonia, and Göteborg, Sweden, during this trip.

Planting trees soon became a hallmark of his travels, including in Australia, Brazil, Estonia, Japan, Mexico, and New Zealand. In *My Road to Rotary* Harris recalled:

"With the cooperation of Rotarians and local governments, I have planted friendship trees in the parks and playgrounds on five continents of the world and even on some of the major islands of the seas. Our trees stood as symbols of international understanding and good-will."

Other RI presidents also observed the tradition. In 1931-32, then-RI president Sydney W. Pascall planted trees at the sites of Rotary clubs he visited, reportedly at Paul Harris's suggestion.

Not all of the trees were planted outside the United States. The Harrises often entertained visiting Rotarians and dignitaries in their home, Comely Bank, and planted trees with their guests to mark the occasion. They called the garden their Friendship Garden.

Today, Rotarians continue to plant trees to symbolize enduring friendships and fellowship, to beautify parks and communities, and to contribute to a greener world.

Point to Ponder

"Is everything all right in Rotary? If so, God pity us. We are coming to the end of our day."

— Paul P. Harris,

Article: *The Best is Yet to Be*, THE ROTARIAN, February 1945



Paul Percy Harris

Founder & President of Rotary International
1910-1911, 1911-1912
Born: 19th April 1868

Let us stop challenging each other with money, beauty and let us start helping each other, so the world can become a better place.

Quote

The best antidote for international fear is international understanding; the best way to cultivate international understanding is through business and social intercourse.

— Paul P. Harris to 1928 Pacific Rotary Conference, Tokyo, Japan

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?

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



Minutes

Meeting no 1182

Dated 12.04.2013

President, Rtn. Rana Safui called meeting no. 1182 to order.

National Anthem led by Rtn. Sanjay Ghosh.

President welcomed Anne Priti Ray, Anjana Sen, Mita Chatterjee, Sreela Dutta, Seema Ghosh and Manisha Ghosh.

Minutes of the last meeting confirmed.

Discussions:

- President enlightened the members present about the progress of the Helping Grant project, 'Renovation & extension of School Building' at Ashram Anandam.
- Secretary Rtn. Gautam Ray informed members about a request from Janakalyan Samity Usthi to provide school kit to the children of the school managed by them. Members decided to go ahead with the project and make additional contribution for subsidizing Club contribution. 28th April 2013 has been finalized for execution of the project
- Secretary Rtn. Gautam Ray mooted a discussion on award of 'Mrinal Smriti Yearly Scholarship'. Members assigned Rtn Samir Ray to communicate with the Interact school and finalise the eligible candidates for the scholarship. Rtn. Pradeep Kr. Chowdhury who committed additional amount for educational scholarship, expressed his desire to sponsor one or more deserving candidate on continuous basis.
- Rtn. Sanjay Dasgupta who looks after Club's treasury enlightened members about dwindling funds and requested defaulting members to pay up their 2nd half dues. However he expressed his fear that the outstanding membership amount may fall short of requirement after paying venue charges. Members were also requested to pay Rs. 1000.00 each for the corpus of the Trust as decided earlier.

President handed over the business to Secretary Rtn. Gautam Ray, who announced the receipt of bulletins from neighboring clubs, and upcoming District/ Club events. He also requested Club officials of Rotary year 2014-2015 to attend training seminar on 21st April 2013. Secretary handed back the meeting to the President.

Having no other business, President terminated the meeting.

Members Present: 12

Sunshine Collected : Rs. 240/-

Club Programme

28th April 2013 : School Kit distribution at Janakalyan Samity Usthi



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Rotary's initiative

Asma, a fourth standard student at Centenary High School, Secunderabad was all smiles as she looked at the brand new benches on the school ground. She does not have to sit on those decades-old rickety benches anymore and strain her back to write.

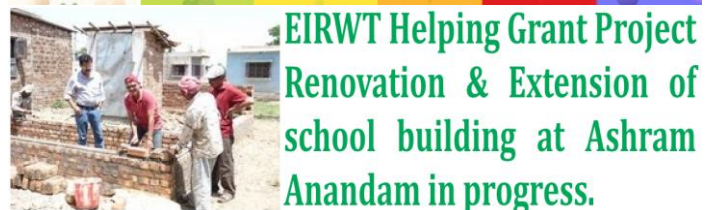
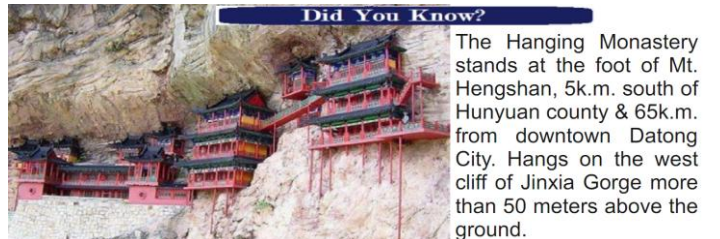
Thanks to the efforts of Rotary Club of East, West and 22 other clubs, students of 59 government schools in the capital and other districts would

now sport similar smiles, as 2,600 benches were distributed to the schools for free.

This initiative was taken up under the Right to Learn – Literacy programme of Rotary International. The target was to ensure that no student in government schools in the State would sit on the floor and attend classes, said Ravi Vadlamani, chairman of Total Literacy Mission of Rotary International. The programme to distribute one lakh benches was launched last year. Already 70,000 benches were distributed to different schools across the State, claimed Mr. Vadlamani.

As part of the campaign, similar initiative would be launched next year to distribute another 10,000 benches to government schools in the State. Further, efforts were being made to attempt a Guinness Record by distributing 10,000 benches to 218 schools in Hyderabad and Ranga Reddy districts at a special programme in Hitec city on November 23, he said. R.S. Praveen Kumar, Secretary – AP Social Welfare Residential Schools said there were over 300 social welfare schools in the State. About 1.5 lakh children study in these schools and most sit on the floor in classes. It is a major challenge and initiatives like this would benefit the students a lot, said Mr. Kumar.

The Rotary Foundation Trustee, Ashok Mahajan, Rotary International District 3150 District Governor T.V.R Murti and others also spoke on the occasion.



every last child