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Hiroshima peace forum notes that peace begins with you

By Arnold R. Grahl, 20 May 2013



In a ceremony heavy with symbolism, RI President Sakuji Tanaka joined other Rotary and community leaders 17 May in laying a wreath in Hiroshima Memorial Park, dedicated to the victims of the atomic bomb dropped on the city during World War II.

The subject of peace has been at the heart of Tanaka's year as Rotary's president. A member of the Rotary Club of Yashio, Japan, Tanaka selected *Peace Through Service* as RI's theme

for his year, and he organized three global peace forums to motivate Rotarians and others, particularly youth, to work for peace in their daily lives.

The wreath-laying event took place during the third of these forums, in Hiroshima, Japan, 17-18 May. Tanaka also visited the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and signed the guest book, which contains messages of peace from many past and present world leaders.

More than 2,700 people attended the forum, including Rotarians, community leaders, and students and alumni of Rotary's Peace Centers program -- a peace studies initiative that provides future leaders with the skills needed to resolve conflicts and promote peace. The governor of Hiroshima Prefecture, Hidehiko Yuzaki, and the mayor of Hiroshima, Kazumi Matsui, also attended.

Previous forums were held in Berlin, Germany, and Honolulu, Hawaii, USA. Tanaka selected all three sites because they were affected by the events of World War II and now represent the healing power of sustainable peace between nations.

"Every Rotary project, every act of service, is an act of love and kindness," Tanaka said in his closing address. "When we serve in the right ways, and for the right reasons, we bring people together, in peace and in harmony. How could it be otherwise?"

A call to action

Participants at the forum also adopted a declaration, "Peace Begins With You," which serves as a call to action for individuals to make a conscious effort in their daily lives to promote harmony with their neighbors and create friendships that transcend the divisions of nationality, politics, religion, and culture.

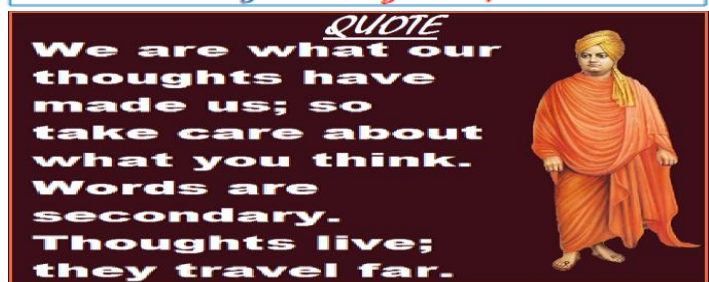
"Today, as we leave this last Rotary Peace Forum, I ask you to understand that peace, in all of the ways that we can understand it, is a real goal, and a realistic goal for Rotary," Tanaka said. "Peace is not something that can only be achieved through treaties, by governments, or through heroic struggles. It is something that we can find, and that we can achieve -- every day, and in many simple ways."

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair-elect Dong Kurn Lee, of the Rotary Club of Seoul Hangang, Korea, spoke about the contributions Rotary has made in moving the nations of Korea and Japan closer together as allies and economic partners, healing old wounds. He quoted a Korean saying, "It takes two palms to make a clapping sound," to illustrate that neither nation could decide alone to live in peace with its neighbor.

"Every year, for the last eleven years, Japanese and Korean Rotarians have had a very special meeting: a Japanese-Korean friendship meeting," Lee said. "It is a wonderful event. We talk about Rotary, and we do some Rotary work. But the most important part of the meeting is simply coming together, in Rotary fellowship. . . . Rotary has helped us to make our dream of peace between our countries real."

President-nominee Gary C. K. Huang noted that the idea of treating others as we would like to be treated ourselves is a common concept across cultures and religions. Rotary members strive to achieve this by putting service above self and by laying a foundation for peace.

"We build peace in the world by building peace in our communities -- within our Rotary zones and districts, and within our neighborhoods," Huang said. "We build peace in our communities by forging friendships, and by cultivating an open mind and a welcoming spirit within ourselves."



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

Five couples inducted into Arch C. Klumph**Society on India Day** By Dan Nixon

India is the second-largest Rotary country in the world, with more than 121,000 Rotarians. "As we induct our friends as members of the Arch C. Klumph Society, we salute their generosity in putting India among the top-giving nations to The Rotary Foundation,"

said Foundation Trustee Ashok Mahajan.

Sajjan Goenka is managing director of Texport Industries Ltd., which manufactures and exports clothing. A member of the Rotary Club of Bombay West and a past district governor, Goenka called global polio eradication his "utmost desire" and credited Mahajan with inspiring him, his brothers, and his son to contribute to Rotary's effort to wipe out the disease in India. He made his gift to the Foundation in honor of his late parents, Deviprasad Gangabux Goenka and Shivdevi Deviprasad Goenka.

Sudhansu Bhattacharyya is a cardiac surgeon, and his wife, Mina, is a retired professor of gynecology. "Sharing is a must in today's times," he said. "There comes, in the life of an individual, a stage when he gets an inner drive to give to the society what he has earned from the society. The donor is more blessed than anybody else."

Mahajan referred to Bhattacharyya, a member of the Rotary Club of Bombay Central, as "the first doctor to bring cardiac surgery to India. [He] operates on all socioeconomic classes of people, from political figures to film personalities to the very poor, on whom he operates free of charge."

Habil Khorakiwala chairs Wockhardt Ltd., a global health care enterprise, and also established the Wockhardt Foundation, which operates a fleet of medical vans to provide care in rural and remote areas. Trustee Mahajan called the Wockhardt Group "one of the finest health care institutes in India" and said that more than 44 million people have received medical care through the Wockhardt Foundation.

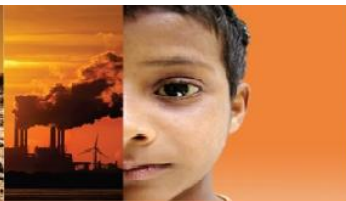
A member of the Rotary Club of Bombay North, Khorakiwala also established the Wockhardt HIV/AIDS Education and Research Foundation, known as WHARF, which offers free training for health care providers. Nafisa chairs the organization and assists programs that provide nutrition to HIV-infected children.

Rajju Shroff chairs United Phosphorous, a leading agrochemical firm in India. He and his wife, Sandra, established the Sandra Schroff Nursing College and the Rajju Shroff Institute of Management Studies, several schools, and a 250-bed hospital. Both are members of the Rotary Club of Vapi.

2011-12 RI President Kalyan Banerjee, also a member of the Vapi club, credited Rajju with introducing him to Rotary. He called Shroff "an innovator who is responsible for much scientific progress" in the chemical industry. "He helped develop medical facilities in areas around his fledgling businesses and he helped those areas to grow and develop healthy communities," Banerjee said.

Foram Varsani, originally from India, is a member of the Rotary Club of Victoria, Mahé, Seychelles. She spoke movingly about her husband, Surya, who died in 2009 at the age of 39. He was an assistant district governor and a member of the Rotary Club of Golders Green, Greater London, England.

"His passion was the kind that one feels like saluting. He truly lived the motto of Service Above Self," she said, and added that the contribution to The Rotary Foundation is in her husband's memory. "I couldn't believe the energy he had for all the commitments for running three businesses and to spend so much time and effort [to help] Rotary improve, to get more members for Rotary clubs, and to raise more funds."

**Minutes****Meeting no 1188****Dated 24.05.2013**

President Rtn. Rana Safui called meeting no. 1188 to order.

National Anthem led by Rtn. Chandan Goswami.

Minutes of the last meeting confirmed.

Discussions:

- Members present discussed the progress of the Helping Grant project.
- President urged the members to try and induct new members and himself committed 4 new faces in the next meeting.
- In pursuance to requests by district officials for few more club officers, members discussed and approved Rtn. Chandandan Goswami as the Jt. Secretary for the Rotary Year 2013-2014.
- President Elect Rtn. Gautam Ray announced 7th June as the date for COTS.
- President, President Elect and all the members present discussed and decided to have Joint Board meeting on 3rd June 2013.

President announced the receipt of bulletins from neighboring clubs, and upcoming District/ Club events.

Having no other business, President terminated the meeting.

Members Present: 9

Sunshine Collected : Rs. 180/-

A gutsy filmmaker whose craft transcended the confines of region



A hugely creative explorer on film, Rituparno Ghosh, has died of cardiac arrest 30th May 2013 at age 49.

Born on August 31, 1963, Ghosh studied economics at Kolkata's Jadavpur University. He learnt the ropes from his documentary filmmaker-father, Sunil Ghosh, before branching out on his own in the world of advertising.

Rituparno Ghosh, a meticulous screenwriter-director whose films blended the classical literary traditions of native Bengal with a new-age sensibility and craft that transcended the confines of region, he directed about 20 feature films to become one of the most provocative voices of contemporary Indian cinema.

The director shot to fame with his first film, *Hirer Angti*, in 1994. His 2007 film, *The Last Lear*, was in English and centered on a retired actor who is persuaded to return to cinema to reprise the lead role in a production of Shakespeare's *King Lear*. The last being the incomplete *Satyanweshi*, his take on an adventure of the fictional sleuth Byomkesh Bakshi that he finished shooting days before his death.

Rituparno Ghosh was peerlessly gutsy in the manner in which he addressed issues of alternative sexuality in a series of three films made within a year of each other — Kaushik Ganguly's *Just Another Love Story* (2011), Sanjoy Nag's *Memories in March* (2011) and Chitrangada — *The Crowning Wish* (2012).

He directed Aishwarya Rai (in *Chokher Bali: A Passion Play* and *Raincoat*), Amitabh Bachchan and Preity Zinta (in *The Last Lear*), Abhishek Bachchan (in *Antarmahal: Views of the Inner Chamber*), Sharmila Tagore and Raakhee (in *Shubho Mahurat*), Ajay Devgn (in *Raincoat*), Mithun Chakraborty (in *Titli*) and Bipasha Basu (in *Shob Choritro Kalponik*).

