



Rotary Club of Sonarpur

Rotary District : 3291



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Receiving a new heart from Gift of Life

By Susie Ma, The Rotarian -- May 2012

The seven-year-old star of an award-winning Indian film earned his role not because of a screen test, but a medical test.

Rishikanta, who had two holes in his heart, underwent open-heart surgery, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Imphal, in 2009. Last year, his story, titled *Heart to Heart*, won for Best Science and Technology Film in the National Film Awards, India's equivalent to the Academy Awards.

The genesis of *Heart to Heart* was Imphal Rotarians' decision to document one of their projects: providing treatment to children with congenital heart defects whose families couldn't afford corrective surgery. More than 180,000 babies are born with such defects annually in India, and one-third requires treatment within their first year. Members of the Imphal club, located in the far northeastern state of Manipur, raised funds to send children to New Delhi, 1,500 miles away, for surgery. "Pediatric heart care is costly and rare in Manipur," Oinam says. Open-heart surgery costs about US\$5,000 – an impossible sum for a family like Rishikanta's, who survive on \$25 a month.

In September 2009, the first three children underwent operations through the project, and as of August 2011, the club had sponsored 47 recipients. Last year, Gift of Life in Delhi, part of an international organization founded by Rotarians to provide free medical services to children with heart conditions, began sponsoring youth from Manipur.

Participating hospitals provide the surgeries at half the usual cost.

The 37-minute film is helping the club spread the word about congenital heart defects. "We had no intention of winning awards or anything of the sort," Oinam says. "We wanted people to know what we were doing."

Vicky Wallace, of the Rotary Club of Lake Elsinore, California, USA, saw a screening in 2009 while she was in Imphal for a district conference. "When the movie was over, several people came forward and committed funds to help with more surgeries," she recalls. "I was never more proud to be a Rotarian." The film, which was released in 2010, also has increased awareness of Rotary in India. "In Manipur, we are known as 'the heart people,'" says Pramod Kumar Chhabra, president of the Imphal club. "It has improved

Hilsa Festival At Baruipur on 26th August



Club Project Report:

1. **24th August:** Members of the club, Annes and their family enjoyed a fellowship night at 'Park Palace', to celebrate 'Grandparenthood' of Rtn. Sanjib and Ann Mukta.
2. **26th August:** Members, Annes and their families reached the picturesque garden at Baruipur to participate in the 'Hilsa Festival'. Like every other year the day was enjoyed, playing games, having fun and fellowship and of course the Hilsa lunch.

our image in our state."

The club's relationship with Rishikanta did not end with his surgery. Before the procedure, his illness kept him from attending school, but today, the Imphal Rotarians are sponsoring his education. Chhabra reports that the young student is earning good grades.

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

District Programme

1. 9th September : SNID
2. 27th September : ICM on New Generation at G.D. Birla Sabhaghar

Minutes

Meeting no 1067

Dated 24.08.2012

President, Rtn. Rana Safui called meeting no. 1067 to order.
National Anthem led by Rtn. Sanjib Ray.
President welcomed all Annes and their families to our meeting.
President also welcomed members of our RCC, Janakalyan SamityUsthi.
Minutes of the last meeting confirmed.

Discussions:

- President requested members of our RCC, Janakalyan Samity Usthi to place their proposals before the club. After discussing the proposals, members decided to take up Tree Plantation, Mosquito net distribution and Micro Credit immediately. 2nd September has been decided upon, as the date for execution of the Projects.
- President submitted a draft of Trust Deed and requested comments on the same. A Chartered Accountant friend of President briefly explained the Deed. Members decided to take a week's time to finalise and make known of any suggestions, alterations to the Secretary within a week.
- Members of the club discussed the proposal to Host / Co host RYLA, scheduled to be held on 14th – 16th September, and decided against.
- Rtn. Swapan Kr. Paul requested members to think upon distributing additional quantity of mosquito nets in dengue infected K.M.C. ward nos. 104,105 and 107. Rtn. Sanjib Ray and Rtn. Sajal kr. Dutta came forward to sponsor for the mosquito nets.

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: 13

Sunshine Collected : Rs. 260/-

Club Programme

- 2nd September : 1. Distribution of Mosquito net at Janakalyan Samity.
2. Micro Credit funding at Janakalyan Samity.
3. Tree Plantation in Usthi area with our RCC.

Health Corner

You must have to know how your emotions are harming you

Anger : Weakens the Liver

Grief : Weakens the Lung

Worry : Weakens the Stomach

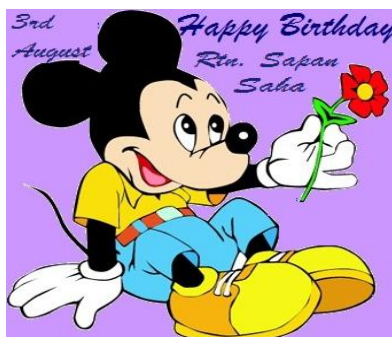
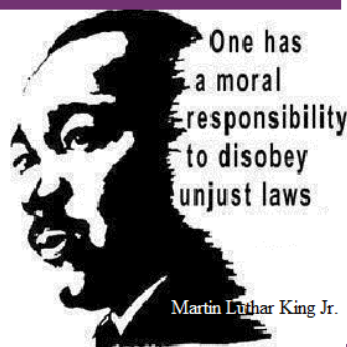
Stress : Weakens the Heart and brain

Fear : Weakens the Kidney

Pass from all these and you will be well & Healthy.

So Stay Happy, Healthy & fit!, Think good, Feel good, Do good, Help to needy, Save Mother Nature & Humanity

Thought of the Day



Today is a rare 'blue moon' day, but it is far more important to lovers, literature and folklore than to science. The next blue moon won't happen until July 2015.

A blue moon occurs when there's a second full moon in one calendar month. The full moon cycle is 29.5 days, while the length of an average month is roughly 30.5 days, so a blue moon is uncommon and has come to mean something rare.

The moon actually won't be coloured blue, but sometimes the moon has a blueish tinge because of smoke or volcanic ash particles suspended in the atmosphere.

"The moon will turn full Friday, the second time since its first full appearance August 2 this year. The next blue moon will only be seen three years from now, July 2015," said Science Popularisation Association Communicators and Educators (SPACE) in a statement.

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 and better FRIENDSHIP ?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned ?

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