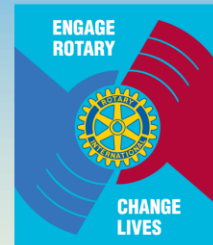
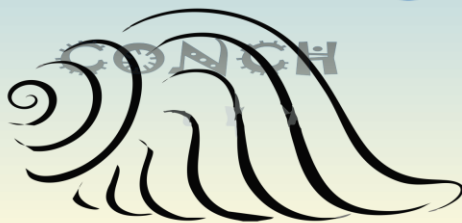




# Rotary Club Of Sonarpur

R.I. District - 3291



RI PRESIDENT: RON D. BURTON

PRESIDENT: GAUTAM RAY

DISTRICT GOVERNOR: RAJANI MUKERJI

SECRETARY: DEBASIS CHAKRABORTY

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## The new Rotary year: Changes you should know about

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RI President Ron D. Burton, right, and Anne L. Matthews, vice-president.

Photo by Monika Lozinska  
Rotary International

For three years, 100 districts have been testing Future Vision, a pilot of The Rotary Foundation's new grant system, which was designed to increase Rotary's effectiveness during the next century of service.

As the new Rotary year dawns, the future has begun. All districts begin using the simplified grant structure 1 July. Districts have already been completing the qualification process and qualifying their clubs. A number of clubs and districts have begun preparing and submitting grant applications.

There will be three types of grants: global, district, and packaged. You can learn about all three types, and get more details about the application process, on Rotary's grant microsite.

Also on 1 July, new leaders will take office at the club, district, and international levels.

Ron D. Burton, of the Rotary Club of Norman, Oklahoma, USA, will become Rotary's 103rd president and will encourage Rotarians to *Engage Rotary, Change Lives*.

Anne L. Matthews, a member of the Rotary Club of Columbia East, South Carolina, USA, will become the first woman to serve as vice president. Matthews, a former director of South Carolina's Department of Education, is president of Matthews and Associates, an educational consulting firm.

Dong Kurn Lee, of the Rotary Club of Seoul Hangang, Korea, will take over as Rotary Foundation trustee chair.

Other changes for 2013-14:

Rotarians will be allowed to form satellite clubs, whose members meet at a different time and location from their parent clubs. The change, approved by the Council on Legislation in April, is intended to make it easier for members to develop the core for a new club.

Districts will be able to form an unlimited number of e-clubs. The Council removed a limit of two e-clubs per district. The change is designed to bring in new members and appeal to young professionals, who may be less able to meet in person weekly.

The name of Rotary's fifth Avenue of Service will change from "New Generations Service" to "Youth Service." This change was also approved by the Council. In 2010, this avenue of service joined Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service.

The dues Rotary clubs pay Rotary International will increase US\$1 to \$53 per member.

A redesigned Rotary website will be launched in late summer.

The RI Board of Directors will seat nine new directors 1 July, along with 2013-14 President-elect Gary C.K. Huang, of the Rotary Club of Taipei, Taiwan. The new directors for 2013-14 are Celia Elena Cruz de Giay, of the Rotary Club of Arrecifes, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Mary Beth Grownsey Selene, of the Rotary Club of Madison West Towne-Middleton, Wisconsin, USA; Seiji Kita, of the Rotary Club of Urawa East, Saitama, Japan; Holger Knaack, of the Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln, Germany; Larry A. Lunsford, of the Rotary Club of Kansas City-Plaza, Missouri, USA; P.T. Prabhakar, of the Rotary Club of Madras Central, Tamil Nadu, India; Sangkoo Yun, of the Rotary Club of Sae Hanyang, Seoul, Korea; Steven A. Snyder, of the Rotary Club of Auburn, California, USA; and Michael F. Webb, of the Rotary Club of Mendip, Somerset, England.

The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees will seat new members Monty J. Audenart, of the Rotary Club of Red Deer East, Alberta, Canada; Noel A. Bajat, of the Rotary Club of Abbeville, Louisiana, USA; and Kalyan Banerjee, of the Rotary Club of Vapi, Maharashtra, India. John Kenny, of the Rotary Club of Grangemouth, Scotland, will serve as chair-elect, and Michael K. McGovern, of the Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth, Maine, USA, as vice-chair.



**DG Rajani Mukerji installed Rtn. Gautam & his team to office in the presence of PDGs district officials, guests, members & Anne of our club.**  
A brochure on Public Image was inaugurated by DG Rajani Mukerji on behalf & in the presence of our club members.

The day being Charter day DG Rajani Mukerji felicitated Rtn. Bibhas Kr Roychoudhury & Rtn. Swapan Kr Paul

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



### Minutes of Meeting

Meeting no. 1193

Dated 28.06.2013

President Rtn. Rana Safui calls meeting no. 1193 to order  
National Anthem led by Rtn. Sanjay Dasgupta  
Minutes of the last meeting confirmed.

#### Discussions

- Members of the club discussed on the appeal from Chandana Ghosh for educational sponsorship and decided on further scrutiny.
- Progress of the helping grant project, renovation of school building discussed and target date of completion fixed at 30th July 2013.
- Rtn. Dr. Malay Chatterjee discussed with the members the preparations for Installation ceremony and Charter day observation to be held on Sunday 30th June.

President handed over the business to the Secretary who announced the receipt of letters, bulletin from neighboring clubs and the upcoming District events before handing back the meeting to the President.

There being no other business, President terminated the meeting.  
Members present: 13 Sunshine collection: 260

*We heartily congratulate the outgoing team led by Rtn. Rana Safui for their efforts in executing outstanding projects during the year 2012-13 & wish Rtn. Gautam & his team a jubilant Rotary year ahead.*

### Health Point

#### Eye Care Tips:

1. Clean your eyes with pure cold water regularly. This is one of the best ways to keep eyes healthy and disease free.
2. Avoid looking directly at the sun, artificial light or shining objects. Direct rays of bright light can damage the retina.
3. Roll your eyes up and down and then side to side. Now move your eyes in a circular motion. Repeat this exercise five to ten times to relax your eyes.
4. Maintain a good distance from the computer screen - sit approximately 22 to 28 inches away from it. Sitting too close or too far may increase the strain on eyes.



### Natural calamity or man induced devastation and the Saviour

Unprecedented rain, 375 percent more than the benchmark rainfall during a normal monsoon, witnessed in Uttarakhand state caused the melting of Chorabari Glacier at the height of 3800 metres, and eruption of the Mandakini River which led to heavy floods near Kedar Dome, Rudraprayag district, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and adjoining areas. Landslides damaged several houses and structures, killing those who were trapped. Over 70,000 people were stuck in various regions because of damaged or blocked roads. The temple of the LORD Kedarnath only saved ... Everything else devastated ... over 5,000 dead bodies reported to have been recovered .... floods causing loss of property and lives.



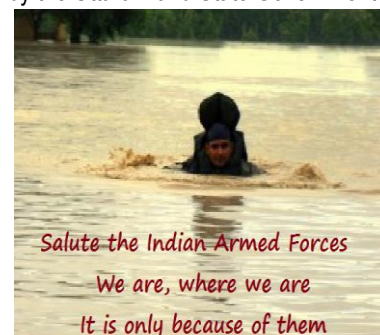
But why did it happen?

Environmentalists attribute this to careless developmental activities undertaken in recent decades. Roads constructed in haphazard style, new resorts and hotels built on fragile river banks and more than 70 back to back hydro electric projects coming up



across the river system of the state lead to a "disaster waiting to happen" as termed by certain environmentalists. As per environmental experts, the tunnels built and blasts undertaken for 70 hydro electric projects contributed to ecological imbalance in the state, with flow of river water restricted and the unscientific real estate activity contributed to higher number of landslides and more flood.

Several thousand personnel of the Army, Air Force, Navy, ITBP, BSF, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), were deployed in various areas of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana, rendering invaluable aid to distraught people reeling under the fury of nature.. Helicopters were used to rescue people, but due to the rough terrain, heavy fog and rainfall, maneuvering them was a challenge. By 21 June 2013, the Army had deployed 10,000 soldiers and 11 helicopters, the Navy had sent 45 naval divers, and the Air force had deployed 43 aircraft including 36 helicopters. Over 39000 lives were saved in 99 hours. On June 25, one of 3 IAF Mil Mi-17 rescue helicopters returning from Badrinath, carrying 5 Air Force Officers, 9 of the NDRF, and 6 of the ITBP crashed on a mountainous slope near Gauri Kund, killing all on board. The deceased soldiers were given a ceremonial Guard of honour by Home minister Sushilkumar Shinde at a function organised by the Uttarakhand State Government.



Whole world is mourning the death of thousands and praying for the early recovery and well being of those who survived. Rotary Districts including RID 3291 has come forward with relief materials, medicines clothes, food etc. Rotary is also planning to adopt villages which have been destroyed by flood.

### 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?

