



# Rotary Club Of Sonarpur

R.I. District - 3291



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## Rotary spreads message on International Peace Day



Past Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka with District 7610 Rotary Peace Scholar Sana Saeed (L) & Dist. 7610 Governor Juanita Cawley (R).

International Peace Day took place on Saturday, September 21, 2013 and Rotarians invited every one to help spread the message. Since its inception, Rotary has been an effective agent for change in the area of conflict resolution in local

and international communities.

International Peace Day complements the excellent work being done by Rotary throughout the world. Rotary Peace Centers and the polio eradication effort-End Polio Now!-are but two examples. Rotary International Vice-President, Anne Matthews has said, "I believe our mission as Rotarians is to foster goodwill and peace in all that we do." Even though peace and conflict resolution is one of the Rotary's six areas of focus, the other five-disease prevention, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, literacy, and community development-are equally important in creating a world free of dysfunctional conflict and war.



Rotary members pause for a moment of silence and for peace around the world. The Cherry Hill gathering coincided with the United Nations' International Day of Peace on Saturday.

The International Day of Peace was established in 1981 by resolution 36/67 of the United Nations General Assembly. The first Peace Day was observed in September 1982. Some communities have expanded Peace Day to Peace Week, culminating on Peace Day.

United Nations General Assembly United Nations This year, for the first time, Peace Day has been dedicated by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to peace education, the key preventive means to reduce war sustainably. Anyone anywhere can celebrate Peace Day. It can be as simple as lighting a candle at noon, sitting in silent meditation or doing a good deed for someone you do not know. Or it can be larger such as holding a club or community peace forum, sponsoring a Rotary Peace Fellow, or supporting a service project that addresses the root cause of conflict. The impact of millions of people in all parts of the world, coming together for one day of peace, is immense, and can make a difference.

### *Upcoming Club event*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Oct., 4pm:** Distribution of Clothes to the school children at Ashram Anandam, Sonarpur.

## 57 Cents Church- The power of GIVING with LOVE & FAITH

A little girl stood near a small church from which she had been turned away because it was 'too crowded.'

'I can't go to Sunday School,' she sobbed to the pastor as he walked by. Seeing her shabby, unkempt appearance, the pastor guessed the reason and, taking her by the hand, took her inside and found a place for her in the Sunday school class. The child was so happy that they found room for her, and she went to bed that night thinking of the children who have no place to worship Jesus.

Some two years later, this child lay dead in one of the poor tenement buildings. Her parents called for the kind hearted pastor who had befriended their daughter to handle the final arrangements. As her poor little body was being moved, a worn and crumpled red purse was found which seemed to have been rummaged from some trash dump. Inside was found 57 cents and a note, scribbled in childish handwriting, which read: 'This is to help build the little church bigger so more children can go to Sunday School.'

For two years she had saved for this offering of love. When the pastor tearfully read that note, he knew instantly what he would do. Carrying this note and the cracked, red pocketbook to the pulpit, he told the story of her unselfish love and devotion.

He challenged his deacons to get busy and raise enough money for the larger building.

But the story does not end there....

A newspaper learned of the story and published it. It was read by a wealthy realtor who offered them a parcel of land worth many thousands. When told that the church could not pay so much, he offered to sell it to the little church for 57 cents.

Church members made large donations. Checks came from far and wide.. Within five years the little girl's gift had increased to \$250,000.00- a huge sum for that time (near the turn of the century). Her unselfish love had paid large dividends.

When you are in the city of *Philadelphia*, look up *Temple Baptist Church*, with a seating capacity of 3,300. And be sure to visit Temple University, where thousands of students are educated. Have a look, too, at the *Good Samaritan Hospital* and at a Sunday School building which houses hundreds of beautiful children, built so that no child in the area will ever need to be left outside during Sunday school time.

In one of the rooms of this building may be seen the picture of the sweet face of the little girl whose 57 cents, so sacrificially saved, made such remarkable history. Alongside of it is a portrait of her kind pastor, Dr. Russell H. Conwell, author of the book, 'Acres of Diamonds'. This is a true story, which goes to show WHAT GOD CAN DO WITH 57 CENTS.

ROTARY GIVES OPPORTUNITIES ..... Serve ...

May today there be peace within each Rotarian .. May you trust your highest power that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you NOT forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received to SERVE, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into our bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing and dance. It is there for each and every one of us ROTARIANS.

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



**Exercise is King. Nutrition is Queen.  
Put them together and you've got a kingdom.**

~ Jack Lalanne

Cumberland Rotarians provide funds to help tea farmers in  
India Comox Valley Echo September 20, 2013

At the regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Cumberland Centennial on 3 September, Deb Nolan presented a cheque for \$1000 to Peggy Carswell the founder of Fertile Ground.

Carswell has been working for a number of years helping small tea farmers in Assam move away from chemical fertilizers and other unfriendly chemicals by making and using compost to produce organic teas and help the soil and environment recover from decades of use of chemicals.

Carswell will be travelling to Assam this fall to participate in a conference that will include representatives from the United Nations and other international groups interested in the practices of the tea farmers in Assam.

### Minutes of Meeting

Meeting no. 1204

Dated 20.09.2013

President Rtn. Gautam Ray calls meeting no. 1204 to order  
National Anthem led by Rtn. Prdeep Chowdhury.

Minutes of the last meeting confirmed.

#### Discussions

- President enlightens the members present about the following decisions of the board taken in the Board meeting dated 18.09.2013:

- The signatories of the Bank account earmarked for Helping Grant, District Grant etc. will be changed to Rtn. Gautam Ray, Rtn. Debasish Chakraborty and Rtn. Chandan Goswami.
- Rtn. Santanu Ghosh is proposed for representing the nominating Committee, if selected, for selection of DGN(2016-17). Rtn. Amal Bhattacharjee is the alternate name.
- Clothes distribution to the school children of Ashram Anadam is to be taken up and distribution of clothes at Janakalyan Samity Usthi is to be kept in abeyance.
- Considering the festive season ahead, the RWMs of the club from 4th October'13 to 7th November'13 will remain suspended.

President and members discussed the probable upcoming projects of the club. President requested each member to come up with new innovative projects. In the absence of Secretary, President handed over the business to the Jt. Secretary Rtn. Chandan Goswami 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: 5

Sunshine collection: 100

### Upcoming District Event

28<sup>th</sup> Sept.: 6.30pm: President, Sect. & AG meets at Rotary Sadan

29<sup>th</sup> Sept.: RCC Mega Health Check up Camp Rotary Sadan, 8am

9<sup>th</sup> Nov. : Diwali Meet



**Birthday Wishes**  
**10<sup>th</sup> October**  
**ADITYA VIKRAM DASGUPTA**

