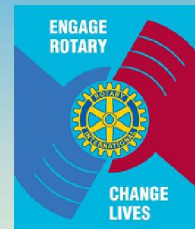


# Rotary



R.I.District - 3291

# Rotary Club Of Sonarpur



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**President: Gautam Ray**



**District Governor: Rajani Mukerji**  
**Secretary: Debasis Chakraborty**

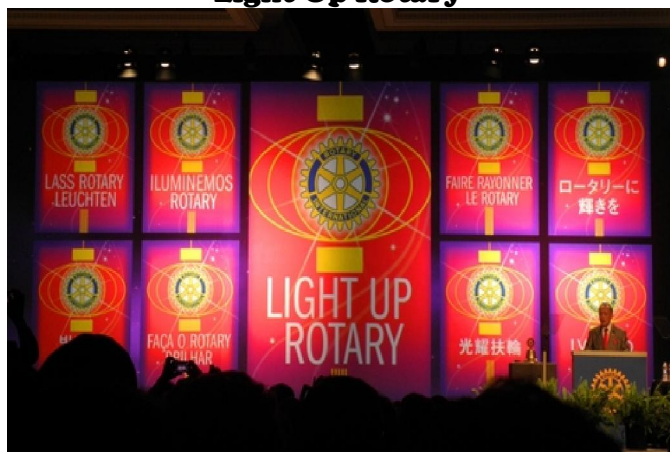
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## RI President-elect chooses to "Light Up Rotary"



RI President-elect Gary C.K. Huang chose Light Up Rotary as his theme for 2014-15. Huang was inspired by the teachings of Chinese philosopher Confucius who said: "It is better to light a single candle, than to sit and curse the darkness."

"There are so many problems in the world, so many people who need help. Many people say, 'There's nothing I can do.' So they sit there doing nothing. Meanwhile everything stays dark," Huang told the 537 district governors and their spouses and partners who are attending the 2014 International Assembly in San Diego, California.

"The Rotary way is the Confucius way. The Rotary way is to light a candle. I light one, you light one, 1.2 million Rotarians light one. Together, we light up the world," said Huang, who is a member of the Rotary Club of Taipei in Taiwan.

After announcing his theme at the opening session of the five-day training meeting, Huang urged club members to Light Up Rotary in the coming year by hosting a Rotary Day in their community and including local Rotaract and Interact members in their service projects.

"How you Light Up Rotary is up to you," Huang said. "You know where you are strong, you know what your community needs, and you know how you can help."

"We need to assume leadership for building strong clubs, and that starts with bringing in new members," he said.

Addressing the status of the fight against polio, Huang noted that with the current momentum Rotary is on track to achieve full polio eradication by 2018.

"When we eradicate polio — and we will — we will have proved ourselves an organization capable of great things. And we'll be even better equipped for the next challenge we choose to take on. We'll have given the world a gift that will endure forever," he said.

By continuing to fight against polio, setting an example in local communities, and growing membership, Huang hopes to see Rotary shine brighter than ever.

"Light Up Rotary is our theme, but it is more than our theme. It is how we live in Rotary, how we think in Rotary, how we feel, how we work," Huang said. "It is how we make a difference — every day, in every club, every district, and every country where we serve."

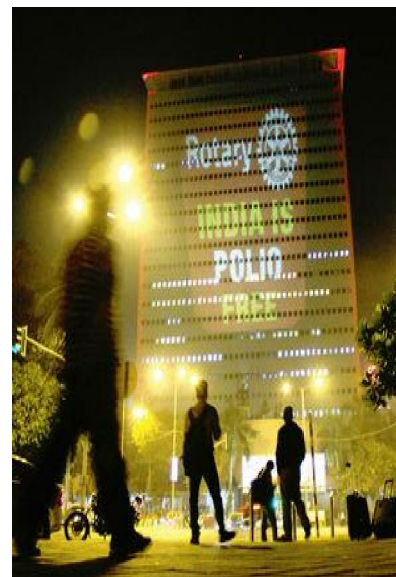
## Rotary international marks end of India's third polio-free year

Mumbai Mirror | Jan 14, 2014

An visual display was organised on the occasion of the country completing three polio-free years at Air India building in Marine Drive on Monday.

Several monuments all over the country were illuminated by Rotary International, an organisation working for humanitarian services. Rajashri Birla, wife of late industrialist Aditya Vikram Birla, inaugurated the show.

India reported the last polio case in Howrah, West Bengal, on January 13, 2011. Since then, it has not reported any case of polio. India will be officially certified as a polio-free nation by the World Health Organisation for the Entire Southeast Asia Region on February 11.



## Rotary International celebrates 109th anniversary

The Messenger-Gazette The Somerset Reporter

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On Feb. 23, 1905, Rotary was founded in Chicago by Paul Harris. Today there are more than 1.2 million men and women in 33,000 clubs in more than 200 countries throughout the world united by the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self."

Rotary's commitment to humanitarian service is evidence in virtually every corner of the world. Whether it's building homes in Equator, donating bikes through Pedals for Progress, helping typhoon victims in the Philippines, providing unprecedented educational opportunities for girls and young women in countries like Afghanistan, or building playgrounds and helping the needy in the local community, Rotary clubs work at the grassroots level both locally and internationally.

Rotary promotes peace and understanding by addressing the underlying causes of conflict and violence, such as poverty, illiteracy, hunger, and disease. In 1988, Rotary partnered with WHO, CDC, and UNICEF to launch the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. The world is almost polio free thanks to these united efforts.

Rotary builds a community of caring people and their programs have a lasting impact on the lives of others with their many community projects

## Upcoming District Event



POLIO NID on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2014



Khudha Chetana a symposium on Health and Hunger on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2014 at Rotary Sadan, 3p.m.

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



*Minutes of Meeting***Meeting no. 1214****Dated 10.01.2014**

President Rtn. Gautam Ray calls meeting no. 1214 to order  
National Anthem led by DRRC Rtn. Ashoke Samanta  
President welcomes DRRC Rtn. Ashoke Kr. Samanta, Ms. Laura Kwong-Rotary Ambassador from Minneapolis, USA and Rtn. F. Satyam Baniyam from Rotary Club of Loveland CD, USA  
Minutes of the last meeting confirmed

**Discussions**

- Ms. Laura Kwong-Rotary Ambassador from Minneapolis, USA representing RC Minnesota, USA and President Rtn. Goutam Ray exchanged flags. Ms. Laura Kwong & Rtn. F. Satyam Baniyam shared their experiences, thoughts, ideas and activities in Rotary with the members of the club.
- President thank all the members for their whole hearted participation in the Sewing machine distribution project at Sonarpur and Usthi. President conveyed special thanks to DRRC Rtn. Ashok Samanta for joining the programme.
- President discussed with member present regarding future project i. e distribution of Cycle Van under District grant at Sonarpur and local area. Member present accepted the same. President also requested member present to give idea towards new project under Eastern India Helping Grant.
- Members present discussed the progress of Helping Grant project, 'Renovation & Extension of school building at Usthi.' And tentavily fixed 19<sup>th</sup> January as the inauguration date
- Member present discussed regarding Health Checkup camp scheduled on 9<sup>th</sup> February "2014 at Janakalyan Samitee, Usthi and jointly decided to cancel the same.

President handed over the business to the Secretary who announced the receipt of letters, bulletin from neighboring clubs, upcoming District events before handing back the meeting to the President who requested DRRC Rtn. Ashoke Samanta to deliver on 'Club Administration'. Rtn. Ashoke Samanta spoke on the topic while lauding Club's effort in Service projects.

There being no other business, President terminated the meeting.

**Members Present : 10**

**Sunshine Collected: 200**

**W**hen someone you love becomes a *memory*,  
The memory becomes a *treasure*.

Suchitra Sen the 'Queen of Hearts' to many, for her intense celluloid performance passed away today at an age of 82.


**A Walk to Promote Reading**

By Express Features – CHENNAI 06th January 2014



In view of the upcoming Chennai Literary Festival, around 1,000 students, most of them girls, took part in a walkathon to promote reading, along the Marina Beach on Saturday.

The Rotaract and NSS volunteers of 15 colleges took part in the walkathon, which was flagged off near the Light House by actor Vijay Adiraj and chief guest Abirami Ramnathan, and culminated near the Kannagi Statue.

The walkathon was organised by Chennai Literary Association in association with the Booksellers and Publishers Association of South India (BAPASI) along with the Rotary Club of Madras North and Rotract district 3230. Pugalendi, secretary BAPASI, and Olivannan, chairman Chennai Literary Association and member of Rotary Club of Madras North, also took part.



**President Rtn. Gautam Ray exchange flag with Ms. Laura Kwong Rotary Ambassador from Minneapolis.**

