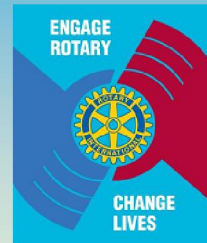


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Rotary Club Of Sonarpur

R.I. District - 3291



RI President: Ron D. Burton
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District Governor: Rajani Mukerji
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"THE FIRST FOUR ROTARIANS



On 23 February 1905, Paul P. Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram E. Shorey gathered in Loehr's office for what would become known as the first Rotary club meeting.

Harris's desire for camaraderie among business associates brought together these four men and eventually led to an international organization of service and fellowship.

Read about each of the first four Rotarians below, and about Harry L. Ruggles, who is often called the "fifth Rotarian."

Rotary's founder, **Harris**, was born in Wisconsin, USA, on 19 April 1868. He was raised by his paternal grandparents in Vermont and attended the University of Vermont, Princeton, and the University of Iowa. He was Rotary president from 1910 to 1912 and a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago until his death on 27 January 1947. Learn more [about the founder](#).

Loehr, a mining engineer, was born on 18 October 1864 in Carlinville, Illinois. He was a Rotarian for only a few years, never holding office at the club or international level. But that first Rotary meeting was held in his office, Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago. He died in Chicago on 23 May 1918.

A Rotarian for only a few years, **Shorey** served as recording secretary during the club's first year. He was born in Maine in August 1862 and died in March 1944.

Schiele, a coal dealer, served as the Chicago club's first president in 1905 and Rotary International's third treasurer in 1945. Born in Terre Haute, Indiana, in June 1870, Schiele attended Terre Haute Business College and served in the U.S. Army during the Spanish-American War. He was president of the Schiele Coal Company from 1902 until his retirement in 1939. He and Harris became lifelong friends and lived near each other on the South Side of Chicago. Schiele died on 17 December 1945 and is buried near Harris at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Originally from Michigan, **Ruggles** was a graduate of Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and joined Rotary at its second meeting. He was treasurer of the Chicago club during its first year, president from 1908 to 1910, and a Rotary director from 1912 to 1913. He is known for having introduced singing to Rotary club meetings. His printing company, H.L. Ruggles & Co., printed the first issue of *The National Rotarian* and the first Rotary songbook. He died on 23 October 1959, an honorary member of seven clubs in addition to his home club, the Rotary Club of Chicago.

'People opting to donate organs very low'STAFF REPORTER



The number of people who volunteered to donate organs was very low, said J. Amalorpavanathan, State Co-ordinator, Cadaver Transplant Programme, at the 'Organ Donation Awareness and Promotion' programme for nursing college students, the police and public, held here on Saturday.

Indian lagged behind very many countries in the number of people who volunteered to donate organs, he said and pointed out that while 36 in every million donated organs in Spain, it was only 0.2 per million in India.

The Rotary Club of Coimbatore, Coimbatore Central and Coimbatore Ikons had organised the programme.

Lalitha Raghuram, Country Head, Mohan Foundation, Hyderabad, said that organ donors were heroes.

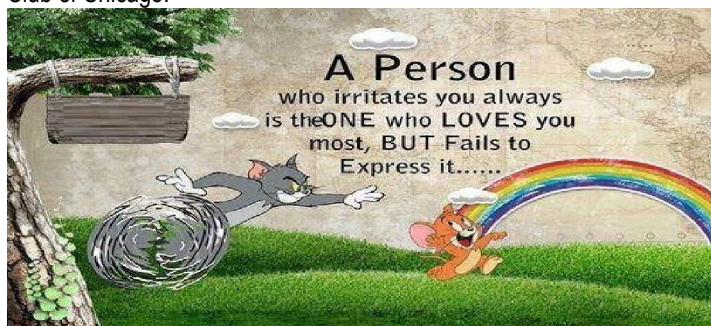
Kin of brain dead people when motivated the right way not only came forward to have the organs harvested but also extended financial assistance to the needy for operation.

The Foundation had in the past decade helped 1,100 persons by helping them get organs by assisting organ transplantation.

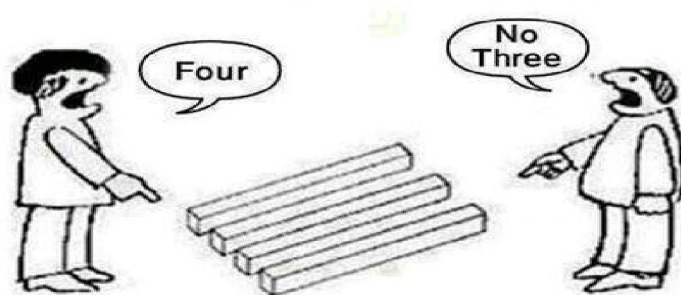
Rajasekar Perualla, Senior Consultant, HPB and Transplant Surgeon, Global Hospital, gave a detailed presentation on organ donation. Motivational speaker Parveen Sultana also spoke. Over 1,000 nursing college students, 600 policemen and 400 members of the public attended the programme.

The organisers also presented 'Professional Excellence Award' to Global Hospital, Mohan Foundation and National Network for Organ Sharing for the pioneering work they had done in the field.

Rotary's Professional Excellence awardees (from left) Lalitha Raghuram, Country Director, Mohan Foundation; Rajasekhar Perumalla, Transplant Surgeon, Global Hospital; and C.E. Karunakaran, Trustee, National Network for Organ Sharing, with Rotary District Governor K. Ajay Kumar (third right), Bala Venkat (second right), President, Rotary Club of Coimbatore, and T.C. Vidya Shankar, President, Rotary Club of Coimbatore Central, at the Organ Donation Awareness Programme held in Coimbatore.



It is really confusing!!!



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

Minutes of Meeting

Meeting no.1219 **Dated.** 14.02.2014
President Rtn. Gautam Ray calls meeting no. 1219 to order
National Anthem led by Rtn. Sanjib Kr. Ray.
Minutes of the last meeting confirmed
Observed a minutes silence for the demise of PDG Rtn. Shyamal Kr. Dutta

Discussions

President discussed the preparations of Animal Health Check up & Mother and child Care camp scheduled to be held on 16th February 2014 and requested the presence of all members and their family.

The discussion of the last RWM on Literacy committee revived. Members reaffirmed the name of Rtn. Sanjib Kr. Ray to be the Chair of the committee. Rtn. Sanjib Kr. Ray consented

Members present discussed and proposed Rtn. Samir Kr. Ray as the project Chair of the Mass Thalasemia Awareness and screening camp which is to be organized with the help of EIRWT Helping Grant. Rtn. Samir Kr. Ray consented.

President requested all members and Anne to be present on 21st March 2014 for the District Governor's visit. He also announced an Assembly on 7th March 2014 with Assistant Governor and Club Board Meeting on 19th February 2014.

In the absence of Secretary President handed over the business to Rtn. Moloy Chatterjee, acting as Secretary, who announced the receipt of letters, bulletin from neighboring clubs, announced Anniversary of Rotarians & Ann, upcoming District events before handing back the meeting to the President. There being no other business, President terminated the meeting.

Members Present: 11

Sunshine: 220

*Upcoming District Event*

District Sports on 23rd February 2014 at Salt Lake, EC block Community centre.

NID on 23rd February 2014

Regret

'Mother and Child Care & Animal Health check up camp' at Ashram Anandam, scheduled to be held on 16th February, 2014, had to be postponed till further announcement due to inclement weather

He's gearing up Rotary for growth**PRESIDENT SHARES GOALS FOR CLUB DURING RARE VISIT TO MUSCATINE**

Monday.

One of Huang's big goals as the upcoming president of Rotary International is to expand Rotary into China. Huang hopes to take advantage of the relationship some local Rotarians built with Xi when he visited Muscatine in 1985 and 2012.

"It truly is a special, special day," Rotary District Governor Jacque Andrew said as she introduced Huang. She described the district's excitement at having Huang visit, smiling as she said, "We didn't think it was ever going to happen."

Rotary presidents don't get a chance to visit local Rotary Clubs very often, and the Muscatine club has never had a visit from a Rotary International president before.

About 80 people from throughout Iowa braved the weather to hear Huang speak, including Rotary members from the Quad Cities, Iowa City and Ames.

Huang began his speech by teaching the members, who he addressed as part of his "Rotary family," how to say "How are you?" and answer "Fine, thank you" in Mandarin.

With the crowd at ease and laughing, he began recounting his history with the United States.

Huang was born in China but his family moved to Taiwan when he was one. As a young man, he stayed with a family in Michigan that gave him his American name, Gary, after movie star Gary Cooper. He said that like Xi, the people who were so kind to him in America remain in his heart. Xi, who first visited Muscatine as part of an agricultural delegation, returned in 2012 when he was vice president and visited a group of local residents he called his "old friends."

It is this common thread of gratitude and affection that Huang plans to build on.

In describing his plan of approaching Xi, Huang stressed the importance of having "the right connection," which he is in a unique position to

have. He and the Chinese president already have mutual friends in China, and now, by coming to Muscatine, Huang hopes he has created a stronger tie to the president and feels the time is right to utilize those connections.

Huang's friends in China have already arranged a meeting with Xi, during which they will pass along photos and stories from Huang's visit. Huang said he believes this will prompt Xi to meet with him. If that time does come, he wants to be as prepared as possible to speak about Xi's time in Muscatine — and his connection to Muscatine Rotarians.

MUSCATINE, Iowa — Rotary International President-Elect Gary Huang hopes to warm up to China's president Xi Jinping as easily as he warmed up the crowd of fellow Rotarians at a club meeting in Muscatine on

In speaking about his other goals for Rotary, Huang mentioned increasing international club membership by 50,000 members by July — an ambitious goal but one that can be achieved, he said, if every Rotary club just invites a couple of new members.

Huang said the Muscatine Rotary Club shouldn't have any trouble doing its part to help that increase.

"Everyone will want to join your club so they can be friends with the president of China, too," he joked.

Huang explained that the challenge in expanding Rotary into China is the restriction of China's civil laws, which make it difficult for non-government organizations, to exist. The worry in loosening those laws is that doing so would allow oppositional political parties to form in the country.

However, Huang expresses hope that he, and Rotary, will be well received by Xi, saying "I think [Xi] has a heart, he has a feeling, like a Rotarian."

