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History of Women in Rotary

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Women have been a vital part of Rotary since the watershed court decision in 1987. The 1989 Council on Legislation vote to admit women into Rotary clubs worldwide remains a watershed moment in the history of Rotary. "My fellow delegates, I would like to remind you that the world of 1989 is very different to the world of 1905. I sincerely believe that Rotary has to adapt itself to a changing world," said Frank J. Devlyn, who would go on to become RI president in 2000-01.

The vote followed the decades-long efforts of men and women from all over the Rotary world to allow for the admission of women into Rotary clubs, and several close votes at previous Council meetings.

The response to the decision was overwhelming: By June 1990, the number of female Rotarians had skyrocketed to over 20,000. By 2010, the number of women was approaching 200,000.

Timeline of women in Rotary 1950 An enactment to delete the word "male" from the Standard Rotary Club Constitution is proposed by a Rotary club in India for the Council on Legislation meeting at the 1950 RI Convention.

1964 The Council on Legislation agenda contains an enactment proposed by a Rotary club in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) to permit the admission of women into Rotary clubs. Delegates vote that it be withdrawn. Two other proposals to allow women to be eligible for honorary membership are also withdrawn.

1972 As more women begin reaching higher positions in their professions, more clubs begin lobbying for female members. A U.S. Rotary club proposes admitting women into Rotary at the 1972 Council on Legislation.

1977 Three separate proposals to admit women into membership are submitted to the Council on Legislation for consideration at the 1977 RI Convention. A Brazilian club makes a different proposal to admit women as honorary members.

The Rotary Club of Duarte, California, USA, admits women as members in violation of the RI Constitution and Standard Rotary Club Constitution. Because of this violation, the club's membership in Rotary International is terminated in March 1978. (The club was reinstated in September 1986.)

1980 The RI Board of Directors and Rotary

clubs in India, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United States propose an enactment to remove from the RI and club constitutions and bylaws all references to members as "male persons." 1983-86 In a lawsuit filed by the Duarte club, the California Superior Court in 1983 rules in favor of Rotary International, upholding gender-based qualification for membership in California Rotary clubs. In 1986, the California Court of Appeals reverses the lower court's decision, preventing the enforcement of the provision in California. The California Supreme Court refuses to hear the case, and it is appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

1987 On 4 May, the U.S. Supreme Court rules that Rotary clubs may not exclude women from membership on the basis of gender. Rotary issues a policy statement that any Rotary club in the United States can admit qualified women into membership.

The Rotary Club of Marin Sunrise, California (formerly Larkspur Landing), is chartered on 28 May. It becomes the first club after the U.S. Supreme Court ruling to have women as charter members.

Sylvia Whitlock, of the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, becomes the first female Rotary club president.

1988 In November, the RI Board of Directors issues a policy statement recognizing the right of Rotary clubs in Canada to admit female members based on a Canadian law similar to that upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

1989 At its first meeting after the 1987 U.S. Supreme Court decision, the Council on Legislation votes to eliminate the requirement in the RI Constitution that membership in Rotary clubs be limited to men. Women are welcomed into Rotary clubs around the world.

1990 As of June, there are about 20,200 female Rotarians worldwide. The Rotarian runs a feature on women in Rotary.

1995 In July, eight women become district governors, the first elected to this role: Mimi Altman, Gilda Chirafisi, Janet W. Holland, Reba F. Lovrien, Virginia B. Nordby, Donna J. Rapp, Anne Robertson, and Olive P. Scott.

2005 Carolyn E. Jones begins her term as the first woman appointed as trustee of The Rotary Foundation.

2008 Catherine Noyer-Riveau begins her term as the first woman elected to the RI Board of Directors.

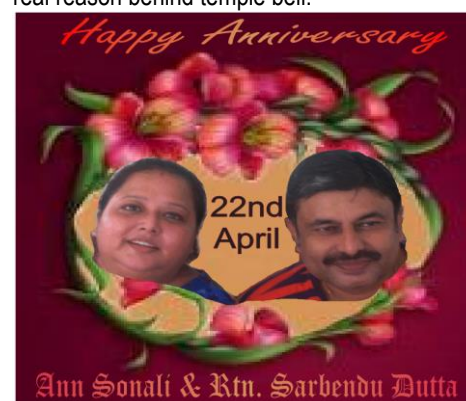
2010 More than 199,000 women are members

of Rotary clubs worldwide, with an increasing number serving as district governors. 2012 Elizabeth S. Demaray begins her term as treasurer, the first woman to serve in this position.

2013 Anne L. Matthews begins her term as the first woman to serve as RI vice president.



Most of the old temples have large bell at the entrance of the temple and you need to ring it before you enter temple. A Temple bell has a scientific phenomena; it is not just your ordinary metal. It is made of various metals including cadmium, lead, copper, zinc, nickel, chromium and manganese. The proportion at which each one of them mixed is real science behind a bell. Each of these bells is made to produce such a distinct sound that it can create unity of your left and right brain. The moment you ring that bell, bell produces sharp but lasting sound which lasts for minimum of seven seconds in echo mode good enough to touch your seven healing centers or chakras in your body. The moment bell sound happens your brain is emptied of all thoughts. Invariably you will enter state of Tran's state where you are very receptive. This Trans state is the one with awareness. You are so occupied in mind that only way to awaken you is with a Shock! Bell works as Anti-dote to your mind. Before you enter temple – to awake you and prepare you for taste of awareness is the real reason behind temple bell.



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Power Generation history & future By Rtn. Mridul Chanda

GREENHOUSE GAS — PROTECTOR OR TERMINATOR (Part-I)

Now a days most of the people are familiar with the term, Green House Gas (GHG). The Green House Gases are CO₂, Methane, Water vapour, Ozone, Nitrous Oxides and traces of some other gases. The Dry air in the Earth's atmosphere contains 78.08% Nitrogen, 20.95% Oxygen and rest, other inactive gas; But these gases cannot take part in the heating process of the atmosphere due to their molecular design. The Greenhouse Gases does not block Sunlight to pass and heat up the Earth surface in the day. In the night when the surface temperature remains higher than the atmosphere, it radiates the heat to the atmosphere and thus tends to become cooler. If such natural cooling process is allowed to continue, the average earth temperature would have settled at -22°C. Fortunately this is not happening!

It is this greenhouse gases that absorb both the daytime heat from the Sun (about 19%) and the radiated heat from the surface in the night. Part of the total absorbed heat is then radiated back to earth surface and thus prevents it from getting abnormally cold. In ideal condition (ie without any human interference) this heat cycle will maintain average earth temperature nearly at 12°C. Thus these greenhouse gases are the real protector of all the living creatures in this earth.

The portions of the GHG that contribute the above phenomenon are: Water vapour (36-70%--depending on season), CO₂(9-26%),Methane(4-9%), Ozone(3-7%). The other contributing agent is cloud.

The natural process of formation of these gases are as below:

The evaporation from all the water bodies (Seas, Rivers, lakes, etc) produces water vapour—which being lighter than air, takes seat in the upper crust of atmosphere. Similarly, CO₂ is a naturally occurring gas- produced by animal and human exhale. Methane is also a naturally occurring inflammable gas, produced by geological coal formations and by the decomposition of organic matters. Methane is also generated from livestock waste and wetland rice cultivation. Ozone is formed by the UV rays from the Sun, hitting atmospheric Oxygen and also by Lightning in the clouds.

The generation and consumption of these gases are taking place through a regular natural process. For example, Carbon from CO₂ and Methane is consumed by both ground and sea based plants thru' photosynthesis, water vapour by way of rain, tropospheric ozone is a short-lived GHGs- which decays in the atmosphere much more quickly than CO₂. Nitrous oxide is removed from the atmosphere when it is absorbed by certain types of bacteria or destroyed by ultraviolet radiation or chemical reactions.

Thus it is a spectacular natural process of generation, absorption and maintaining a balance of GHG in the atmosphere. But if the body weight of the GHG is allowed to increase by our continuous discharge of these gases in the atmosphere, its slimness and smartness will go and will become sick to deliver any good to us. Can it still remain as a protector? Experts throughout the world are continuously monitoring the rise of GHG level and also investigating about its effects.

The study results are not rosy. More so as per the present level of knowledge, the process of additional accumulation of GHG is irreversible.

Minutes of Meeting

Meeting no.1227 Dated. 11.04.2014

President calls meeting no. 1227 to order.

National Anthem led by Rtn. Jyotish Ch. Roy.

President Rtn.Gautam Ray welcome District RCC Chairman Rtn. Jyotish Ch. Roy.

Minutes of the last meeting confirmed.

Discussions

- President requested Miss Chandana Ghosh to attend RYLA on 2nd to 4th May " 2014 at Joka and on request of President, Rtn. Dr. Malay Chatterjee shared his views regarding RYLA to Miss. Chandana Ghosh as well as member present.

- On request of President RCC Chairman Rtn. Jyotish Ch. Roy briefed the detail of RCC Conference to member present. In his speech he has discussed regarding vocational training through RCC and advised for submission of RCC activity report to district with RCC address. Contact no. & Mail address. He also handed over memento for Certificate of Appreciation for Co-Host for RCC Conference. He also gave thanks for Co-operation

- Rtn. Sajal Dutta handed over the letter to President received from Binodini Girls High School and apprised that 161 nos. candidate will be available for Thalassaemia awareness & screening project from that school.

- President discussed the following with club members

Letter received From Rtn. Subhojit Roy (Chair School adoption) – Short report to be submitted by 15/04/2014 regarding information about activities related to support / help , our club has been providing or proposed to provide to schools

Letter received from Rtn. Dr. R Hom Chaudhuri (Chairman Thalassaemia Committee) regarding Thalassaemia Eradication Seminar on 7th May" 2014 at Rotary Sadan at 5.30 pm

Letter received from DG regarding leadership Seminar at Town Hall on 19th April"2014 , 3 pm onwards

President requested member present for PHF confirmation by next week

- President appeal to all members for donations / contribution for Thalassaemia awareness & screening project.

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

There being no other business, President terminated the meeting.

Member present 10 Sunshine collected Rs. 200/-

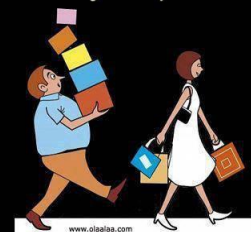
Upcoming District Event

Nababarsho celebration at Royal Bengal Hall on 26th April 2014



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A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend.



A successful woman is one who can find such a man.



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