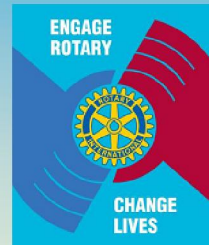


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Rotary Club Of Sonarpur

R.I. District - 3291



RI President: Ron D. Burton
President: Gautam Ray



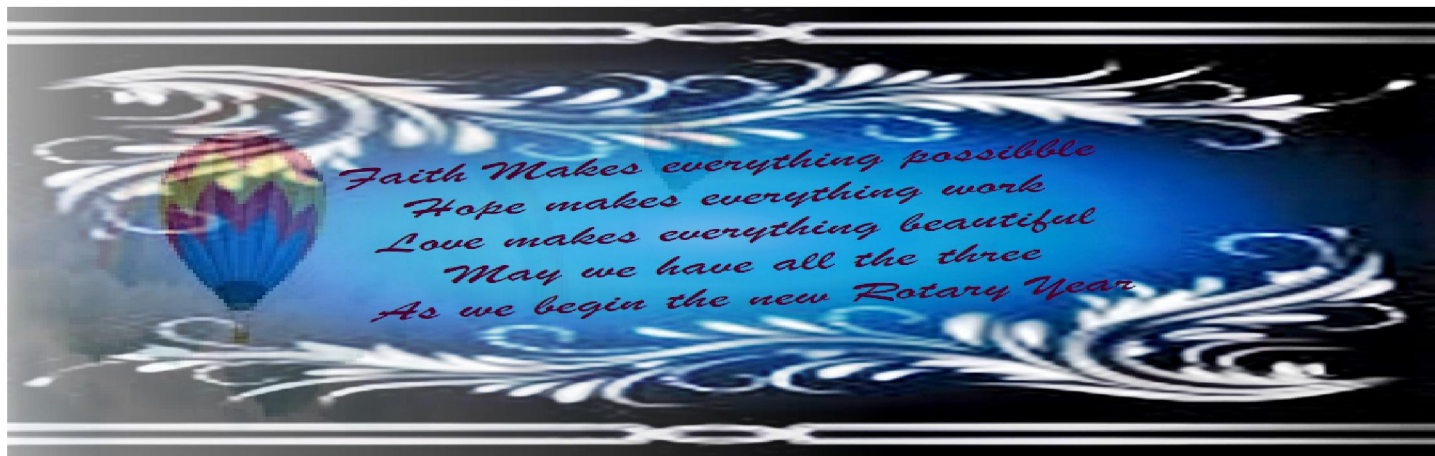
District Governor: Rajani Mukerji
Secretary: Debasis Chakraborty

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Rotary Year Coming to an End!

In Rotary, the calendar year is July to June. On this very day, 30th June of 2013, Rtn. Gautam was installed as President to lead Rotary club of Sonarpur for one year. So as we approach 1st July, we are approaching the end of this Rotary year. As such, we are looking back on the year to see what was accomplished at the district and club levels. Each year, the clubs look back on the year to see what accomplishments and what challenges they faced to determine a direction for the future.

At the Rotary Club of Sonarpur, it is no different. We are looking back on the year to see where we could improve for next year. The current leadership of the club has worked tirelessly to build the club and the result has been overall, quite successful.

The most significant accomplishment of the current Rotary year was Eradication of Polio from India. WHO & UNICEF declared that the transmission of indigenous wild poliovirus has been interrupted in India.

On the district level, we accomplished quite a few goals, one most significant of which are the Eye Hospital in Hooghly. Clubs in the district took up sanitation, safe drinking water, literacy projects other than organizing Health check up and Blood Donation camps.

In the Club level we tried to do the most for Engaging Rotary for Changing Lives. Other than our activities in Polio we emphasised on Literacy, completing two Helping Grant projects of Renovating and extending the facilities in two different rural primary schools, provided educational scholarships to 11 meritorious less privileged students. We stood by the people of Uttarakhand, affected by natural disaster, and contributed for reconstruction of school infrastructure.

With the help of District Grants we distributed fourteen sewing machines to village women with an aim to empower them financially. This we did in addition to our regular project, Micro Credit financing.

We organised medical awareness camps in rural areas for cervical cancer, mother and child care & Lifestyle diseases, Health Check up camp for animals, awareness camp to stop Drug Abuse. A helping grant from EIRWT has set the ball rolling for Thalassemia awareness and screening 1000 blood samples. Two Thalassemia awareness camps has already been organized and 200 blood samples has been screened.

Keeping in mind the strong family bondage that our club is known for, quite a few family fellowships along with a club picnic in Gadiara was organised, but not before distributing clothes and woollen garments among the less privileged children.

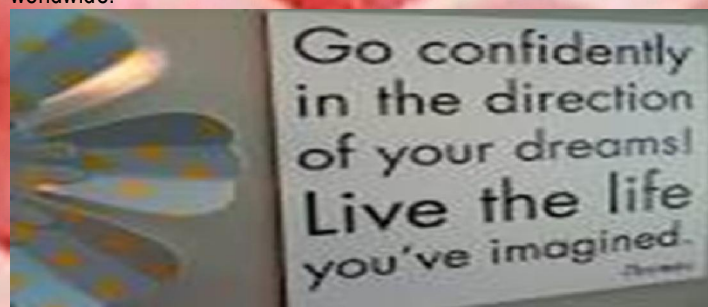
The club was once again well represented at the District Conference, 'Aikyatan', that was held at Swabhumi, in the month of January Kolkata. We learned much about Rotary and some of the efforts and results from our efforts.

The club also got into the digital age this year as we added a Facebook page for communicating with our members and the community as a whole. Our website master has continued to improve our website as well as Facebook and has loaded tons of pictures from our many events.

The focus on youth was prevalent when we sponsored a High schooler to RYLA.

Lastly, but not the least, Rotary Club of Sonarpur has made a collective contribution of 1245 US\$ to TRF, a five year high, in effect making 57 US\$ per capita contribution to Annual Fund, against 45 US\$ per capita contribution of the District 3291.

As we approach the last hours of the year, we look forward to another great year. The board is set and many of the club leaders are ready with their new assignments. Next year's theme is "Light Up Rotary". As the new year approaches, this will be the goal of this club, headed by incoming President, Rtn. Sanjay Dasgupta like the other 34,000 clubs worldwide.



Upcoming District Event

Changeover ceremony on 1st July at Haldiram banquet

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

Minutes of Meeting

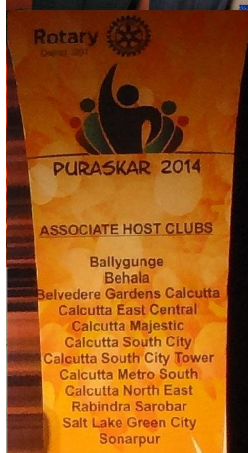
Meeting no.1235 Dated. 20.06.2014

President calls meeting no. 1235 to order.
National Anthem led by Rtn. Swapan Kr. Paul
Minutes of the last meetings confirmed.

Discussions

- President informed members the resolutions of Joint Board meeting:
 - i. Change of Bank signatories for a/c no.121510011000583 and Fixed Deposits to be changed from the existing ones to that of Rtn. Sanjay Dasgupta, Rtn. Debasis Chakraborty and Rtn. Mridul Chanda while the signatories for a/c no.12151000018848 to be changed to Rtn. Sanjay Dasgupta, Rtn. Sajal Kr. Dutta & Rtn. Dr. Malay Chatterjee. Signatories for a/c no. 121510011900034 will remain unchanged till the completion of ongoing Thalassaemia Helping Grant project.
 - ii. Budget for the Rotary Year 2014-15 to be submitted in the 1st Board meeting proposed to held on 10th July 2014.
 - iii. All administrative and financial documents/instruments, assets & provision for liabilities of the Club are to be handed over to the incoming leadership by 1st week of July 2014.
 - iv. Proposed FD investment against the returned Micro credit amount from Janakalyan Samity Usthi aimed for was turned down and resolved to be handed over to the incoming leadership in Cash or Bank.
 - v. Discontinuation of membership sought by Rtn. Chandan Goswami was accepted by the club subject to payment of his outstanding dues and refund of any other club fund lying with him, as Rtn. Pradeep Chowdhury informed about his discussion with him.
 - vi. The name of Rtn. Chandan Goswami was deleted from the name list of Directors.
 - Members present entrusted Rtn. Sajal Kr. Dutta to discuss with the authorities of Ramchandra Boys' school, the possibility of organizing the 3rd Thalassaemia Awareness and screening camp on 1st July 2014.
 - President requested all members to attend the District Award ceremony on 28th June 2014. 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.
- There being no other business, President terminated the meeting.

Member present 13 Sunshine collected Rs. 260/-

Emirates of RC Sonarpur in Award Ceremony

Emirates of RC Sonarpur in Award Ceremony Contd.



Rotary Club of Sonarpur received

- 1) Presidential Citation for actively working to Engage Rotary Change Lives.
- 2) District Governor's Citation.
- 3) Membership Development & Extension Award presented on behalf of Rotary International Board of Directors by Ron. D. Burton.

Appreciation received by Rotary Club of Sonarpur for:

- 1) Social Media & External relations.
- 2) Club Bulletin.
- 3) Girl Child Literacy.
- 4) Disease Prevention and Control
- 5) Weekly Programme, Fellowship & Family of Rotary

Rotary Club of Sonarpur adjudged as: Outstanding Club



Rotary Club Of Sonarpur received 1st Prize & Rolling trophy for Pulse Polio

2nd Prize for

- 1) Peace & Conflict resolution
- 2) Maternal and Child Health
- 3) Club Website and Archive

Outstanding Club Project recognition for RCC Janakalyan Sishu Siksha Kendra

*Rtn. Swapan Kr. Paul
&*

Rtn. Amal Bhattacharjee

received Certificate of appreciation for outstanding contribution to make POLIO FREE India in 2013-14

Rtn. Gautam Ray

adjudged as an Outstanding Club President



Is it the Truth?

Will it build Goodwill & Friendship?

4 Way Test

the things we think say or do

Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

Is it Fair to all concerned?



Braille library to cater to over 10,000

TNN | Jun 28, 2014, 01:49 PM IST

NASHIK: Marathi litterateur Kavita Mahajan inaugurated the library for the blind in the city on Friday on the occasion of the birth anniversary Helen Keller.

Also present on the occasion were Balasaheb Joshi, former district governor of Rotary Club, Ramesh Meher, president of Rotary Nashik (West) and Megha Pawaskar, a senior member of the National Association of the Blind (NAB).

The library, which has around 500 books by various authors and poets in Braille, has been set up at the NAB office in the Satpur MIDC area in joint association with Rotary Club of Nashik (West). The Rotary Club has sponsored books worth Rs 1 lakh.

NAB members said they would be continuously adding to the quantity of the books. Apart from educational titles, the library has reference books and various works of literature.

The Braille library at Satpur was the second such facility in the state after Mumbai and would help around 10,000 blind people across Maharashtra. The NAB members said they try to set up such libraries at all its centres across the state.

Rotary Club to donate benches to State schools

GUNTUR, June 24, 2014, June 24, 2014 23:33 IST

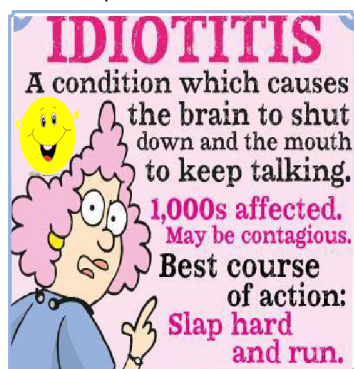
Save Our Schools, a brainchild of past district governor of Rotary International district 3150, has set an ambitious target of distributing four lakh school benches to the government schools across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, says chairman and past district governor of Rotary Club, Ravi Vadlamani.

Dr. Ravi said on Tuesday that the dream project supported by many countries has been a major change agent across government-run schools in rural areas fulfilling the universal goal of educating every child.

The programme was supported by the Rotary Club of Guntur, Rotary Club of St. Simons Island and Guntur Round Table.

On Thursday, 2,400 school benches (dual desks) would be distributed to government-run schools at a programme being held on the premises of Sri Mettu Kotireddy & Sons, opposite Iskcon Temple, at Mallareddy Nagar (behind Mahatma Gandhi College) with the support of RI district 6920 and the Rotary Foundation.

Minister for Agriculture P. Pulla Rao, Minister for Social Welfare R. Kishore Babu, MP Galla Jayadev and district governor of Rotary Ch. Hari Krishna would be present.



CETI to launch TB free Ujjain campaign

— By FPJ Bureau, June 26, 2014 02:38 am

Ujjain: The Collaboration for Elimination TB from India (CETI) and Rotary Club will launch a special campaign in the Mahakal City to get it free from the 'high risk' and 'highly infectious' tuberculosis (TB) disease. "We will organise awareness camps in schools, stage streets plays and host camps in the slums for the success of our project," MGM Medical College Indore's professor Salil Bharaga said here on Wednesday. He informed that a helpline 8989028282 has been activated to take proper care of the TB patients. Addressing a press conference at Press Club, Dr Bhargava shed light on the causes which help spreading of the TB disease, about its cure. He informed that they have been working on a target of no death by TB by 2020 and besides the Rotary Club, district TB department is also extending support for this objective. In Ujjain district, about 3500 new cases of TB patients comes at the government and private hospitals. According to Dr Bhargava, treatment of TB patients is free and they are also provided medicines without any cost.

Coos Bay-North Bend Rotary Club raise funds, eyebrows

COOS BAY — Within Rotary International, a global service organization, are local Rotary clubs that serve their communities while also raising funds for projects all over the world. They fund those projects through contributions to the Rotary Foundation. Created in 1917 for the purpose of doing good in the world, Rotary officials say the Foundation is the financial engine that makes Rotary work.

This week the Coos Bay-North Bend Rotary Club, one of several Rotary clubs on the South Coast, raised eyebrows within the organization by contributing \$26,000 just this past year alone.

Dell Gray, a past district governor within Rotary, made the trip over from Roseburg to help underscore the significance of that donation.

"I have been in Rotary since 1972, and in all that time I have never, ever seen a club achieve this level of contributions to the Rotary Foundation," Gray said.

After a Rotarian contributes \$1,000 to the Foundation they earn the title of Paul Harris Fellow. Harris was the Chicago attorney who created Rotary back in 1905. Every \$1,000 contribution beyond that is also commemorated within the organization.

That means that the Coos Bay-North Bend Rotary Club, the largest of the three Bay Area clubs, had 26 members reach that milestone over the last year. Which, Gray notes, really does make an enormous difference for a variety of causes.

"What I mean by that is, (these contributions fund) international projects for clean water, for sanitation, child maternal health, and the biggest program we have, of course, is polio eradication, which we began back in 1988, and we are truly very, very close to achieving that goal today," he said. "And that happens only because of the support of individual Rotarians like we saw (Tuesday)."

He also stressed that these contributions, after a three-year period, are 100 percent utilized for the funding of these types of projects, home and abroad. "Half of those dollars go into what is called the World Fund and half (go into the) District Fund, which are returned here to our own district. A significant number of those dollars come back here to Coos Bay in the form of community grants."

As an example, he noted that \$4,000 from donations three years ago were reinvested back into this area via community based projects.

"Rotary is an extraordinary organization, in that it is global, with 1.2 million Rotarians in over 200 countries and geographic areas," Gray says. "But, also very local in each one of the communities. Not just in terms of the dollars that they contribute, but in the work that they do."

"What Rotary believes in, and our theme, is 'service above self,' and certainly this club, and the other two clubs in this community, exemplify that goal."

