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Indian Independence Day is celebrated on August 15th. This year (August 15, 2022), India celebrates its 75th Independence Day. The country had been ruled by the British Crown from 1858 to 1947, before which the British formed the East Indian Company that existed from 1757 to 1857. The fight for independence first occurred in 1857 which is famously called the Indian Rebellion of 1857 post which the British hold on the Indian subcontinent grew stronger than before. Several freedom fighters plunged themselves in the Indian Independence Movement and fought the British bravely and ousted them forever on August 15th, 1947.

There are several events that are closely associated with our Independence Day.

This section of our Club Bulletin will be a homage paid to our beloved country's Independence. Would request, if you have any interesting unknown facts about our country's freedom struggle, kindly mail me and it shall be published herein. Jai Hind!



Birthday Greetings :

Jul 4th : PP Prosenjit Barua, Rtn. Shweta Barua, Rtn. Sudip Dey

Jul 8th : PP Tanu Roy, Rtn. Abhijit Das

Jul 10th : Spouse Rajshree, Wife of PP Sanjay

Jul 11th : Spouse Dr. Payal, Wife of Rtn. Dr. Amitabh, Sourav, Son of PP Chinmay Pal



Anniversary Greetings :

Jul 8th : Spouse Sagarika & PP Subir Singha Roy

Jennifer E Jones - President of Rotary International, 2022-2023

Rotary International President, Jennifer Jones is the President of Media Street Productions Inc., a 25-year old, award-winning media company in Windsor, Ontario.

Her talents have strengthened Rotary reach and impact, through many roles including as Trustee of the Rotary Foundation, RI Vice President, and Co-chair of the End Polio Now: Make History Today campaign.

Working alongside political figures, celebrities and global leaders, she uses her voice to raise awareness and hundreds of millions of dollars to eradicate disease, support peace and provide clean water and sanitation in developing areas of the world. Her skill as an expert storyteller inspires hope and promise and motivates people to take action.

Jennifer is a leader in cultivating “experiential fundraising” opportunities such as Rotary’s Polio Golf Day with Jack Nicklaus in Jupiter, Florida, USA, which raised over \$5.25 million for polio eradication in one day. Or, the innovative, virtual COVID-19 #RotaryResponds event that raised money for COVID-19 relief projects and showcased Rotary’s response across the globe. She has received many honours and recognitions including Rotary’s Service above Self Award and the Citation for Meritorious Service, the YMCA Peace Medallion, the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal, and Wayne State University’s Peacemaker of the Year Award - a first for a Canadian.



‘This isn’t your father’s Rotary Club anymore’

Club passes giant gavel to all-female board, its first in 100 years

The Lewiston Rotary Club made some history Wednesday afternoon when it installed the first all-female group of officers in the club’s 100-year history. Barbara Craigie became club president and Shannon Grow became president-elect while Helen LeBoeuf, treasurer, and Frankie Paffile, secretary, were retained in their positions during a luncheon at the Hells Canyon Grand Hotel.

These four women will direct the Lewiston Rotary



Club for the next year.

“I’m excited to lead the Lewiston Rotary Club in this first, along with my distinguished fellow women officers,” Craigie said in a news release. “This isn’t your father’s Rotary Club anymore. With 40 percent of our members (being) women, we appeal to everyone that is service-oriented and committed to supporting the people of the Lewis Clark Valley.”

Rotary International first allowed women to become members in 1989, according to the news release from the Lewiston club. Women made up about 23% of club membership in 2020, and Rotary International has elected its first female president, Jennifer E. Jones, whose term starts this month.

Craigie is a life coach and owner of FASTSIGNS, a sign and banner shop in Lewiston. She has been on the Lewiston Rotary Club board for many years and a member since 2012.

Grow is the director of the Lewis Clark Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization; she has been a Lewiston Rotary Club board member for four years and has previously held the office of secretary.

LeBoeuf is retired from a career in banking and small business development consulting, and now volunteers with various organizations. She has been a member of the Lewiston club for 24 years and is also a board member and a past president.

Paffile recently retired as systems general manager from Sparklight. She is a longtime member and a past president of the Lewiston club.

The Lewiston Rotary Club is celebrating its 100th Anniversary, culminating with a gala event in October 2022. The service organization is open to everyone, and among its philanthropic efforts are providing scholarships for LCSC students, sponsoring the Lewiston Rotary Bike Rodeo, and funding support for the Snake River Community Clinic, the Idaho Foodbank and the Salvation Army, among others, according to the news release.

A LITTLE MORE INFO...

What was the first Rotary Club community project?

A “comfort station” in downtown Chicago. Public restrooms were typically found only in saloons at that time, and unaccompanied women were not permitted to enter saloons.

Who can you blame for introducing singing to Rotary Club meetings and what was his profession?

Harry Ruggles - Printer.

How much were annual dues at the first Rotary Club?

There were no dues at the first Rotary Club. The group voted there would be no dues and all club expenses would be paid from 50-cent fines.

Preserve Planet Earth Program



Recognising the need to address the growing environmental crisis, Rotary International launched its Preserve Planet Earth focus in 1990. This initiative underscored the commitment already evident in a wide range of Rotary Club projects.

Many Clubs are helping solve environmental problems by reforestation, establishing animal sanctuaries, reducing toxic waste, sponsoring educational activities, and promoting ecological practices. Responding to the Rotary International theme, a "Preserve Planet Earth" Committee was formed and quickly swung into action,


with Rotarians planting 250 trees in Lancaster City and Township. Forty Rotarians also worked at Camp Hogan, converting a farmhouse to a conference center and getting the camp in shape for inner-city children's summer camping experience.


After the Club created Rotary Park in 2005, the Planet Earth Committee had flower plantings and upkeep outings at Rotary Park.

In 2013, the Planet Earth Committee completed a Nature Observation Deck at the Elizabeth R. Martin Elementary School in cooperation with a carpentry class from the Lancaster Career and Technology Center and volunteer help.


Preserve Planet Earth projects foster concern for the global environment and sustainable development. Sustainable development projects promote economic and social progress that alleviates poverty and preserves the environment for future generations. Projects are supported by agencies of the United Nations, governments, and community organizations such as Rotary International.

20 Reasons to Join Rotary


 **Friendship:** In an increasingly complex world, Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs: the need for friendship and fellowship. It is one of two reasons why Rotary began in 1905.


 **Business Development:** The second original reason for Rotary's beginning is business development. Everyone needs to network. Rotary consists of a cross section of every business community. Its members come from all walks of life. Rotarians help each other and collectively help others.


 **Personal Growth and Development:** Membership in Rotary continues one's growth and education in human relations and personal development.

 **Leadership Development:** Rotary is an organization of leaders and successful people. Serving in Rotary positions is like a college education. Leadership: - learning how to motivate, influence and lead leaders.


 **Citizenship in the Community:** Membership in a Rotary club makes one a better community citizen. The average Rotary club consists of the most active citizens of any community.


 **Continuing Education:** Each week at Rotary there is a program designed to keep one informed about what is going on in the community, nation, and world. Each meeting provides an opportunity to listen to different speakers and a variety of timely topics.










 **Fun:** Rotary is fun, a lot of fun. Each meeting is fun. The club projects are fun. Social activities are fun. Serving others is fun.

 **Public Speaking Skills:** Many individuals who joined Rotary were afraid to speak in public. Rotary develops confidence and skill in public communication and the opportunity to practice and perfect these skills.

 **Citizenship in the World:** Every Rotarian wears a pin that says "Rotary International." There are few places on the globe that do not have a Rotary club. Every Rotarian is welcome - even encouraged - to attend any of the 33,000 clubs in over 200 nations and geographical regions. This means instant friends in both one's own community and in the world community.

 **Assistance when Travelling:** Because there are Rotary clubs everywhere, many a Rotarian in need of a doctor, lawyer, hotel, dentist, advice, etc., while travelling has found assistance through Rotary.

 **Entertainment:** Every Rotary club and district has parties and activities that provide diversion in one's business life. Rotary holds conferences, conventions, assemblies, and institutes that provide entertainment in addition to Rotary information, education, and service.

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The Development of Social Skills: Every week and at various events and functions, Rotary develops one's personality, social skills and people skills. Rotary is for people who like people.
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Family Programs: Rotary provides one of the world's largest youth exchange programs; high school and college clubs for future Rotarians; opportunities for spouse involvement; and a host of activities designed to help family members in growth and the development of family values.
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Vocational Skills: Every Rotarian is expected to take part in the growth and development of his or her own profession or vocation; to serve on committees and to teach youth about one's job or vocation. Rotary helps to make one a better doctor, lawyer, teacher, etc.
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The Development of Ethics: Rotarians practice the 4-Way Test that governs one's ethical standards. Rotarians are expected to be ethical in business and person relationships.
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Cultural Awareness: Around the world, practically every religion, country, culture, race, creed, political persuasion, language, colour, and ethnic identity is found in Rotary. It is a cross section of the world's most prominent citizens from every background. Rotarians become aware of their cultures and learn to love and work with people everywhere. They become better citizens of their countries in the process.
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Prestige: Rotary members are prominent people: leaders of business, the professions, art, government, sports, military, religion, and all disciplines. Rotary is the oldest and most prestigious service club in the world. Its ranks include executives, managers, professionals - people who make decisions and influence policy.
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Nice People: Rotarians above all are nice people - the nicest people on the face of the earth. They are important people who follow the policy of "it is nice to be important but it is more important to be nice."
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The Absence of an Official Creed: Rotary has no secret handshake, no secret policy, no official creed, no secret meetings or rituals. It is an open society of men and women who simply believe in helping others.
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The Opportunity to Serve: Rotary is a service club. Its product is serving. Rotarians provide community service to both local and international communities. This is perhaps the best reason for becoming a Rotarian: the chance to do something for somebody else and to sense the self-fulfilment that comes in the process and return of that satisfaction to one's own life. It is richly rewarding.

Rotary Garden Reach organised a seminar on Cervical Cancer Awareness & Vaccination, and Menstrual Hygiene, June 25th, 2022 was organised at RCC Champa Mahila Society, Shibganj High School, Basanti.



Number of participants – 121. Community lunch was provided for the children

MINUTES OF THE 2180TH RWM HELD ON JUNE 29TH, 2022 AT BNR OFFICERS' CLUB, GARDEN REACH

1. President called the RWM to order and requested members to rise for the National Anthem.
2. President informed that Club has received 8 awards, recognitions & DG Citation as under -



Bulletin - 1st



Disaster Management - 1st



Special Appreciation in -



Rotary Day of Service



Mother & Child Care



Polio Plus



Project with Rotaract



Water & sanitation



Supporting District Events

President was recognized as "Silver President". Recognition as outstanding District Officials were received by: PP Dr Arabinda Ray (Director - Events & Cultural activities), PP Mousumi Bhattacharyya (Chair - Youth Membership), PP NK Jain (Paediatric Cancer), Tanu Roy (AG & S/A), and PP Tapan Kr Roy (SG).

3. President thanked all the members for their support & cooperation throughout RY 2021-22. He presented tokens of special appreciation to Club Secretary Tamal Guha Ray & Club Trainer PP Mousumi Bhattacharyya. He thanked all the members with tokens of appreciation, specially PP Tapan Kr Roy & AG Tanu Roy. He expressed his gratitude to all the Rotarian Doctors of the club: PP Dr. Arabinda Ray, PP Dr. JK Singh, PP Dr. Sumanta Dasgupta, Rtn. Dr. Subrata Lahiri, Rtn. Dr. Saibal Naha, PN Dr. Mahamaya Sharma, Rtn. Dr. BN Jha. He specially thanked PPs NK Jain, Kumud Kar, Rtns Sudip Dey, Dr. Biplab Kanti Nandi, for Community projects and sponsoring funds, Anupam Pal for medicines. He also thanked PP Tapan K Roy for encouraging members to contribute to TRF, PP Timir Roy for their support.
4. President mentioned about the contribution made by Rtn. Mohan Bandaru towards Rotary by hosting all the meetings of Rotaractors of Garden Reach throughout the year 21-22. He further appreciated the support of IPP NK Jain for his continued support and encouragement for the year. Two mementos which could not be presented earlier were presented to them in absentia by the President.
5. Seminar on Cervical Cancer Awareness & Vaccination was held at RCC Champa Mahila Society on June 25th, 2022; from 3 pm. Session was taken by Rtn. Dr. Subrata Lahiri. A total of 121 participants comprising of girl students of Class VIII-XII and their mothers attended.
6. District Grant project: Medicines for Thalassaemic patients was executed on June 28th, 2022 at Thalassaemia Society of India. Medicines (Oral Chelators) worth Rs. 74,160 were handed over to TSI for the patients. President, Secretary, PE Abinash, PPs Mousumi, N K Jain, Debasis Bhattacharyya, Rtn. Abbas Ali Halder were present.
7. Secretary conducted Club business.
8. Minutes of the last RWM were confirmed. President terminated the meeting.

