

Today is our 2201st.

Members attended last RWM: 14

Birthday Greetings :

Dec 6th : PP Dr. Arabinda Ray



Agenda – 2201st RWM

A minute silence in mark of respect to PP Dr. Sumanta's mother

DG Visit on December 13th, 2022

Annual Meeting on December 20th, 2022

6th Board Meeting on December 23rd, 2022. Host Rtn. Dr. Saibal Naha.



With deep sorrow the Dasgupta family wishes to inform you of the sad demise of my mother, Smt. Mira Dasgupta (aged 86). She has departed for her heavenly abode on December 5th, 2022 afternoon at BNR Hospital (South Eastern Railway) after a short period of illness. Let us all pray for 'sadgati' of her immortal soul. Thank you.

-PP Dr. Sumanta Dasgupta

Presidential Message

December 2022

While sitting with a group of Rotary leaders outside of Lusaka, Zambia, I ask a question: “How many of you have ever had malaria?” Every hand in the room goes up. They even begin to tell me about the first, second, or third time they experienced the disease, one of the main causes of death and sickness in many developing countries. They are fortunate. They have access to medical treatment and lifesaving medicines. For the people of rural Zambia, their story is very different.

On a wooden bench in a small village, I sit with Timothy and his young son Nathan. With a camera crew capturing our conversation, he tells me of the time Nathan showed signs of malaria. He brought the boy to the nearby home of a community health worker, where Nathan quickly received medicines that in all likelihood saved his life.



Calmly, Timothy tells me about his other son’s bout with the disease a few years earlier. He had to race that son to a medical clinic more than 5 miles away. Riding a bike and carrying his child on his back, he tells me, he could feel his son’s legs turn cold and then his little body go limp. As he finally entered the clinic, he screamed for help, but it was too late. The camera stops rolling, and we sit in silence. He begins to weep, and I hold him tightly. “I lost my son, I lost my son,” he says.

This story is all too familiar for the families we meet over the next few days. And yet there is hope. Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia is Rotary’s first Programs of Scale grant recipient, and it is saving lives. Across two provinces of Zambia, 2,500 volunteer health workers have been selected by their communities. They are trained to bring medical care closer to those who need it, and they are able to diagnose and treat malaria and other ailments. Rotary partnerships create lasting change.

India makes history at the Rotary Golf Championship in Marrakech

On the sunny and pristine green golf courses in Morocco, Indian golfers from the Rotary fraternity made history by winning the first-ever 'Nation Cup' at the 57th International Golfing Fellowship for Rotarians (IGFR) World Championship 2022, which drew to a close in the first week of November.



Among celebrations and festivities, fine food and drink, and of course some serious golfing, 182 Rotarian golfers and partners from 22 nations met up in Marrakech, Morocco and enjoyed a week of fellowship, sunshine and golf. "I am especially pleased to have been able to welcome so many first time IGFR participants led by our friends in India and Estonia, to call out two countries who

attended with first timers in large numbers. I sincerely hope you all enjoyed the week, made new friends and plan to come back next time. And of course: spread the word and bring a friend," said IGFR president Andrea Oddi.

A lot of credit for the success of golfers from India, and the rest of South Asia — Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal — goes to PDG Parag Sheth from RID 3060, who had initiated the South Asian Fellowship of Golfing Rotarians in 2015-16. Both Sheth and his spouse Punam are keen and passionate golfers. "Today the Fellowship has a membership exceeding 460 members from South Asia and the SAFGR is affiliated with IGFR," he says.

Sheth himself won the runner-up prize in the handicapped category, while Indian golfers bagged many other prizes. Thrilled about "India making history at this prestigious golfing tournament of Rotary," says Sheth who has initiated the RI President World Cup last year when Shekhar Mehta was the RI President, and has been golfing with spouse Punam for more than 10 years. The couple lives in Bharuch, but they also have a home in Ahmedabad where every extended weekend, beginning Friday, they tee away at the Kensville Golf Resort. "We actually play golf four days a week," he grins.

The Rotarian who has been instrumental in organising numerous golf tournaments for the SAFGR as its founder chair, across the country and the world, says, "I will always be grateful to PRIDs Sushil Gupta and Yash Pal Das for the support and the encouragement they gave me for forming the SAFGR."

The SAFGR has held golf tournaments in Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chandigarh, Chennai, Kochi, Delhi, Dhaka, Jamshedpur, Jaipur, Kathmandu, Kodaikanal and many other places. It has also held two editions of virtual tournaments in member countries



when over 567 and 782 golfers participated and raised funds for TRF.

Punam and Parag Sheth were enthusiastic participants when RI organised a fundraising golf event with golf legend Jack Nicklaus, Rotary's global ambassador for polio eradication, at the prestigious Bear's Club in Jupiter, Florida, US, in March 2019. At that single event, a total of \$5.25 million was raised. Sheth has been invited as a member of IGFR for a three-year term beginning Jan 2022.

Our Shared Values

Ian HS Riseley, Foundation Trustee Chair

We all make hundreds if not thousands of decisions daily. Whenever I need to make an important decision, I remember the words of Roy Disney, who co-founded what became the Walt Disney Co.: "It's easy to make decisions when you know what your values are."

Each of us brings a set of personal values into our clubs. Rotary also unites by a set of core values — service, fellowship, diversity, integrity and leadership — that guide our decisions and galvanise us to take action and, by doing so, change the world.

Another value is inextricable to Rotary: our giving spirit. From the club members who volunteer their time for service projects to the Rotary leaders in the Arch Klumph Society who sustain our Foundation, Rotary members are among the most generous people I have ever met. Combining our personal generosity with the countless ways Rotary affords us to give back makes us a global force for good. In Rotary, we take it a step further. We also value good stewardship, planning and sustainability. Not only do we give, but in Rotary we also give smart. We know that building sustainability into our projects means their impact will be felt over the long term.



In short, through the Foundation, your gifts keep on giving. This is why donating to The Rotary Foundation is one of the most intelligent decisions you can make. You know that your gift will align with those values you hold dear and that it will be administered by your fellow Rotarians, who share those values. It is quite an understatement to say that in giving to Rotary, we also receive. As someone who has been privileged to visit hundreds of Foundation projects around the world, I can tell you that the gift we get in return is

priceless.

I hope you, too, will be as lucky as I have been, to see the look of amazement on the face of a person at an eye clinic in Chennai, India, who now sees clearly. The proud smiles of

Guatemalan children who learned to read thanks to Rotary. Or the grateful tears of a parent in Pakistan whose child has received two drops of polio vaccine. Then you will understand what I'm talking about. We are so fortunate to be able to serve humanity by supporting our Foundation.

During this season of giving, I thank you for your generosity to The Rotary Foundation and for all the ways you give to our great organisation. Juliet and I extend our warmest holiday greetings to you all.

Minutes of the 2200th RWM held on November 29th, 2022 at BNR Officers' Club, Garden Reach

1. President Abinash called the RWM to order and requested to rise for the National Anthem.
2. Due to unavailability members for the Club's President post for the year 2023-24 an Emergency Board Meeting was called for.
3. Rtn. Shweta Bose Barua consented to lead the club for the Rotary year 2023-24. PP Dr. Arabinda Ray proposed her name for the post.
4. Upon discussion the Club decided to organise Awareness Camps on Thalassaemia, Cervical Cancer & Oral and Dental Hygiene in different schools in the vicinity areas of our club.
5. PP Mousumi has coordinated with the Teacher Coordinator of St. Thomas's Girls School, Khidderpore for organising a Cervical Cancer Awareness Camp.
6. PP Mousumi also suggested organising a complete CPR Training for students at Bijoygarh College to be coordinate by PP Dr. Arabinda Ray.
7. Club Secretary, Rtn. Debasis conducted Club business.
8. Minutes of the last RWM were confirmed. President terminated the meeting.

