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EDITORIAL

Subhojit Roy

The importance of The Rotary Foundation in Rotary existence, growth and well being can never be underestimated for the simple reason of the role it plays in the actual resource mobilisation, distribution and effective fiscal management of projects across the globe. The extent of the reach of Rotary and through it of TRF is stupendous and it is important for the Rotarians and donors to understand the implication of the donations they make towards TRF to sustain this gigantic humanitarian aid that the organization makes to make a difference in this world. Very often club, district and Rotary leadership is faced with a question by many of the grassroots Rotarians as to why should I donate to TRF, shall we get the benefit, shall my club get the money back etc. They need to understand the extent and impact of their donations how these funds reach the remotest corners of the world to meet real needs and challenges of communities of far more challenged ones than where the donor may live. TRF is not always about "ME" or "US" it is also about "WE" which we often forget. But that is the lack of a clear knowledge, the complications of mathematics of how money is multiplied in Global Grants and most importantly the lack of habit of not giving. An important reason of this lack of knowledge is the fact very small percentage of Rotarians who are supposed to be leaders in their professions and vocations rarely reach out to corporate or business houses seeking funds for TRF, whereas it is one of the safest, transparent organizations to actually donate to, not for nothing it gets such high ratings for compliance monitoring agencies.

So let us get together to strengthen TRF, make a habit of giving every year, spread the message for those outside the movement that there exists TRF which is working globally and also try and remove the tag of elitism (which also restricts donations from many individuals and organizations outside Rotary to donate for our causes).

Presidential Message - November 2022

Being asked to *Imagine Rotary* can seem like a big, heady exercise, but the most important element of it is something quite small, even personal.

Not too long ago, Rotary members were expected to perform our acts of service quietly. I understood and appreciated the thought behind that – humility is a wonderful trait, and we should continue to nurture it in other ways.

But keeping Rotary to ourselves has a cost. and by sharing our Rotary moments, we are being generous with others and giving them an



opportunity to understand the impact of Rotary.

It brings to mind that wonderful aphorism: "People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel."

So how do we make people feel Rotary? The best way is to share our Rotary moments. We have all had them – when the ordinary collides with intention to create something extraordinary.

Some people have those Rotary moments the first time they go to a meeting. For others, it can take years, before seeing the joy in the eyes of someone we serve. Or perhaps in hearing from another member something that hit close to home.

As Nick and I share this journey, we are amazed at the work you are performing and the lives that are transforming. Throughout the year, I'm going to share with you the sights and the stories that made those tours meaningful for us.

I hope you can do the same in your corner of Rotary. It can be something you share in meetings or on social media. For the most savvy and ambitious, it could be an event you publicize with local media. Even sharing your stories with friends has impact.

We need ambassadors for Rotary's message and our dreams for a better world. The best ambassadors are you. The more you share stories – and share them from the heart – the more you encourage others to partner with us, to join us, and to stay.

To give you just one small example, in the months ahead, I will be turning over this column to Rotary members who will share their personal stories as they relate to diversity, equity, and inclusion in our organization. It's important that we hear these stories directly from the people who experienced them as a way of feeling the importance of DEI for the future of Rotary.

In everything we do, what people feel about Rotary will shape our future. I can only imagine what you will inspire through the stories you'll tell.

Jennifer Jones

President 2022-23

Rotary Projects Around the Globe- November 2022

by Brad Webber

Dominican Republic



Like other places in the Dominican Republic, Los Cocos de Jacagua faces shortages of suitable housing and sanitation infrastructure. For 15 years, the Rotary Club of Santiago Monumental has addressed community needs there in tandem with a Rotary Community Corps, creating a library, a

community center, playgrounds, and a financial cooperative. They installed hundreds of latrines and provided medical care, among other contributions, many accomplished with the help of international partners in District 7710 (North Carolina). The Santiago Monumental club has begun building homes for families, completing nine as of February at a cost of about \$10,000 each, says club member David Crow.

2 million- Estimated housing-unit deficit in the Dominican Republic

United States



Four Rotary clubs in Florida flexed their muscles with a fire truck pull to raise more than \$15,000 to refurbish the entrance of an assisted living

facility. Sixteen teams competed to be the fastest to tug the 17-ton truck 50 feet across the parking lot of a sponsoring brewpub. Led by the Rotary Club of Mid-Bay Bridge (Choctawhatchee Bay), the April event drew about 400 people. Joining the effort were the Rotary clubs of Destin, Fort Walton Beach, and Niceville-Valparaiso, which sponsored the winning team of Niceville High School football players.

358,000- Career U.S. fire-fighters in 2019

Romania



To put the brakes on dangerous driving, the Rotaract Club of Bistrița Omnia recently partnered with the police and a driving school to set up a car crash simulator at locations in the northern Transylvanian city. "The device was built by the Rotaract Club of Târgu Mureș Téka. Interact and Rotary clubs have also helped with the project. During one simulation event in May, about 200 people were put to the test during the Drive Safely, Choose Life initiative.

13 million-Traffic deaths worldwide each year

Germany



The Rotary Club of Göttingen-Sternwarte teamed up with the Production School Göttingen, a trade-oriented

institution for teens, to harvest about 2 tons of apples and turn them into nearly 400 gallons of juice. The Apfelfest project culminated in October 2021 with the juice being donated to elementary schools or sold, raising more than \$3,300 for End Polio Now.

54.9 million-The value of Germany's apple exports in 2021

Australia



Revelling in a uniquely Australian art form, the Rotary Club of Gloucesters stages readings of bush poetry, which celebrates life

in the less populated hinterlands. In February, three poets and a country band headlined the Bush Poetry at the Saleyard event, held, fittingly, in a livestock arena. The festivities raised about \$3,900 for local projects.

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Club News

Thalassaemia Awareness Tableau



On 14th November RC Rotary Club Of Calcutta Metro City conducted 2 back to back campaigns across the city of Kolkata.

In the morning the Club President Amrita Basu along with PP Rtn

Subhojit Roy flagged off a Thalassaemia Awareness Tableau from the gates of Acropolis Mall, Kasba. The Tableau went around the city promoting the message of testing blood before marriage to prevent the birth of a thalassaemic child. Thalassaemia ambassadors of the club Sunil Gavaskar and Tarun Bhattacharya endorsed the campaign with their messages which were played throughout the route of the Tableau. Children were also given food packets on the occasion.

The vehicle also touched the Calcutta Press Club premises where PDG Shyamashree Sen, PP Rtn's Jharna Mitra and Sunando Sen to joined the campaign.

Save the Sibling Project



The 2nd program of the day was the launch of the Save the Sibling project by Cordlife, Renew Ecko Cancer aimed to minimize genetically transmission in the newborns using stem cell banking and Transplantation. Rotary Club of Calcutta Metro City was the Cause Partner to campaign which aims at bridging the economic divide among beneficiaries through monetary compensation and reimbursement for the needy.

Computer Donation



Rotary Club Of Calcutta Metro City donated a Computer (PC) to Poddar nagar

High School today (23rd November 2022) as part of the **Eezee School initiative of RID 3291**. The computer donated was sponsored by the Club members.

District Literacy Chair (DLCC) PDG Mukul Sinha was present on the occasion along with club members PDG Shyamashree Sen President Amrita Basu, PPs Rtns Jharna Mitra, Bandana Das, Sunando Sen and Club Secretary Arundhati Nayak.

The club shall continue to support the school through similar support in the near future.

Greetings

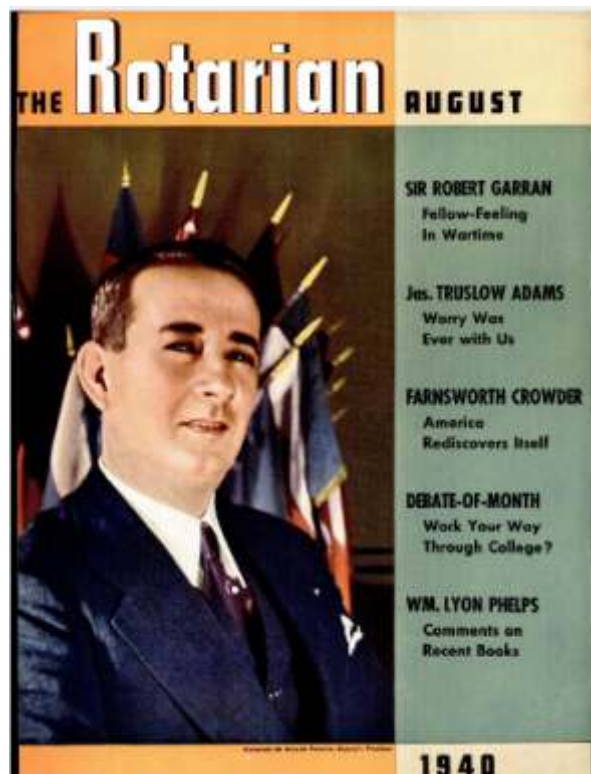
Happy Birthday
to
Nirjhar for 4th November!

Happy Birthday
to
Preetam for 13th November!

Happy Anniversary
Spouse

Arundhati & Manish
for 30th November!!

From the Archives: The Rotarian –1940



James Truslow Adams

TO INTRODUCE JAMES TRUSLOW ADAMS is not a formally, for the eminent historian's books are known in millions. Readers of The Rotarian could claim him as "our American." He has written for them six times in three years. Long before he wrote such books as *The Eye of America*, "best single volume of American history in existence," and *The Founding of New England* (Pulitzer Prize winner) he worked in a stock-exchange firm and was a captain in the Army Intelligence Service. Book stores are now showing his new volume on the British Empire. He lives in Connecticut. . . .

Sir Robert Garran was head of the Law Department and parliamentary chairman of the Australian Commonwealth for 17 years, and was Solicitor General for 16 years, retiring from his distinguished public career in 1932. He was a founder and vice-President of the Canberra Rotary Club. Hobby-wise, he translates verse, plays golf, and studies music. . . .

Charles Trumbull Wallis is a frequent contributor to Rotarian's magazine, operates an advertising business "just for fun" in Pleasant, New Jersey. . . .

Later Folio is a retired Sydney newspaper publisher who finds time to edit The Pacific, the compact, readable monthly publication of Australian Rotarians. He writes on a subject near his heart.

—THE CHAIRMAN

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