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Weekly Musings

Meeting no. 1940 was held over Zoom on 23rd October, 2020 at 7.30 pm. Mrs. Meenakshi Mehra, motivational speaker, writer and counselor was the guest speaker. She spoke on Human Engineering (Badaltej Rishtey). In an impressive talk she stressed how we have to change ourselves and our attitude to understand someone else's viewpoint. We have to look from another person's perspective to build a healthy relationship. This is true for household as well as place of work. She was introduced by Rtn. Rabinder Waan and vote of thanks was proposed by Rtn. Gagandeep Chatha.

Trustee chair's message - November 2020

In the early 1870s, a genius toiled in his laboratory, driven by a vision to improve life through technology. After many failed attempts, by 1880 Thomas Edison had perfected a new light bulb that could be produced on a mass scale. When someone pointed out to him that he had tried and failed 10,000 times before succeeding, he responded that he had merely found 10,000 ways it wouldn't work!

Just like Edison, The Rotary Foundation is driven by a vision for a better world. And we, too, remain determined and creative in the face of setbacks. Earlier this year, our vital polio immunization activities had to be temporarily paused to ensure that the polio eradication program did not contribute to the COVID-19 pandemic. And so we adapted: The polio-fighting infrastructure that Rotary helped build was enlisted to assist in the response to COVID-19 in many vulnerable countries, as we had done before during outbreaks of Ebola, yellow fever, and avian flu. Thankfully, we resumed polio immunization activities in July, having first taken all precautions to protect frontline workers and communities. During these challenging days, our business — reaching out to people in distress — is not business as usual. The way we prepare and deliver projects and the methodology we use need to change. And the way we communicate what we do also must change. The success of our global grants model is unmistakable. At its introduction in 2013-14, the Foundation awarded 868 grants worth over \$47 million. By 2019-20, the number of approved grants had risen to 1,350, worth over \$100 million. While the number of grants shot up by more than 50 percent, and funding by 123 percent, corresponding Annual Fund contributions showed only a 5 percent increase, and that's troubling. To reach those who need us, to spread the love that our Foundation brings, we will need to rise to this challenge and work together to meet our funding needs. Mother Teresa once said that if we want a message of love to be heard, it has to be sent out. To keep a lamp burning, we have to keep putting oil in it. The Rotary Foundation offers the best opportunity I know for us to invest in a better future for communities around the world. Your generosity today and throughout this year is the oil that keeps our grants burning bright, reaching the ones who need us most.

K.R. Ravindran, Trustee Chair 2020-21

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Dulari - A musical masterpiece

Dulari is a 1949 Bollywood film directed by A.R. Kardar. It stars Madhubala and Suresh in lead roles, while Geeta Bali plays an important role in the film. The film was remade in Telugu as Sobha (1958). Made on a modest budget of 5 lakh, Dulari was a major commercial success of 1949. It grossed ₹70 lakh, with a nett of ₹40 lakh, and was the eight highest-grossing film of 1949. The film also became popular because of its music, composed by Naushad.

The success of Dulari helped its leading lady Madhubala in establishing herself as a leading lady of Bollywood. She had also appeared in other box-office successes of 1949, like Mahal and Aparadhi, and went on to become a very popular actress of the "golden era". Prem Shankar (Suresh) is the son of a rich businessman (Jayant) whose parents want him to marry into a rich family. However, he loves a gypsy girl named Dulari (Madhubala) (who was kidnapped by gypsies in her childhood), but her father orders him not to marry her. Prem, however, disagrees and leaves the house to marry Dulari. He brings Dulari to his other house to marry. The gypsy sardar's son also wants to marry her and kidnaps her. He also loots Dulari's real father and ties him at his backyard. Another gypsy woman Kasturi (Geeta Bali) gets to know Dulari's truth and frees her father. Prem, after fighting, frees Dulari again. His mother brings both back home, but his father refuses to bless them. Another gypsy, who knows Dulari's truth and has her childhood photo comes to Prem's house. They all realize, Dulari is daughter of friend of Prem's friend, another businessman. Dulari is reunited with her family and she and Prem get the blessings of their elders, including Prem's father. The songs including Suhani Raat Dhal Chuki, Taqdeer Jaga kar Aayee Hum, Raat Rangeeli, Mil Mil Ke Gaayenge are foot tapping numbers even today 70 years after its release. You can watch it for its great music.

International Assembly 2021

Rotary International Assembly 2021 will now be held virtually from 1 to 11 Feb. Board of Directors have decided to move to the virtual format considering health and safety issues of participants, said General Secretary in a letter to DGEs. President Elect Shekhar Mehta will announce details of the virtual International Assembly in the second week of November.

Dean Rohrs elected to TRF Trust Board

Dean Rohrs, Past RI Vice President, is elected to the Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees. She replaces Jennifer Jones in the TRF Trust Board. She is a member of the Rotary Club of Langley Central, Canada.

Churchillisms - Famous quotes of Churchill

1. The nation that forgets its past has no future.
2. Fear is a reaction. Courage is a decision.
3. Diplomacy is the art of telling people to go to hell in such a way that they ask for directions.
4. There is nothing government can give you that it hasn't taken from you in the first place.
5. An appeaser is one who feeds a crocodile, hoping it will eat him last.

SAD NEWS

We regret to inform that Smt. Shukla Khanna wife of Rtn. Inder Paul Khanna ji left for her heavenly abode on 24th October, 2020. Smt. Shukla ji was epitome of sobriety, civility, grace and piety. May her noble soul rest in eternal peace. We pray to Almighty to provide courage to the bereaved family to bear the loss with fortitude.

Happy Tum Jio Hazaron Saal
Nov 01
Rtn. Dr. Surinder Gupta

JODI SALAMAT RAHE
Happy Wedding Nov 03 R'ann Rashi & Rtn. Pres Ramneek Arora
Anniversary Nov 07 R'ann Renu & Rtn. Col. Ved Mitter

NEXT MEETING NOTICE
DAY & DATE : Friday, 6th November, 2020
SPEAKER: Dr. Davinder Singh, Associate Prof Baha Wadbagh Singh University
TOPIC: Managing Your Household (Income & Expenditure)
TIME: 7.30 pm sharp
Meeting no. 1942(ZOOM)
Please join with your spouse.

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