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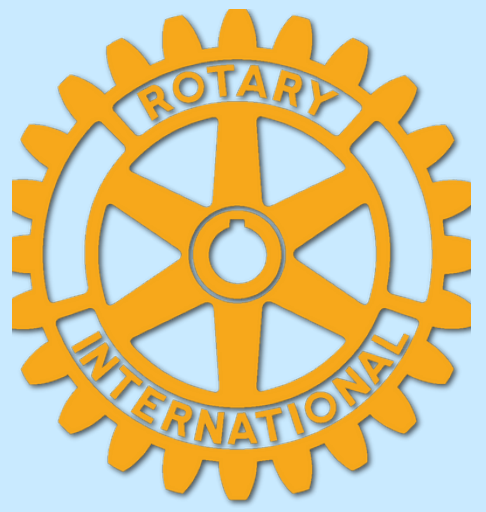


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Thursday



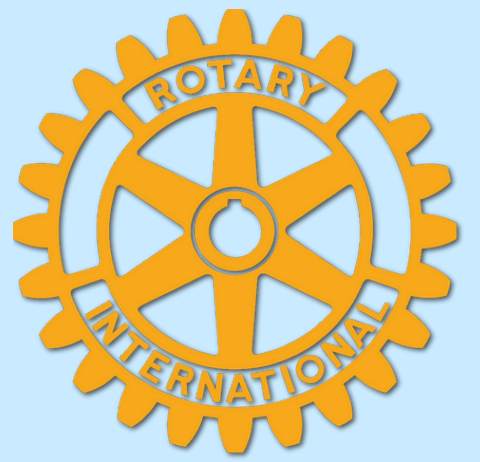
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5:30p.m.



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Hello September!



September heralds many things for us- the people in the hills. Dasain and Tihar are just round the corner. Dark, dreary , wet days are on the wane and bright, sunny days with a nip in the air slowly replace the rains. The roofs of houses are painted with myriad colors of winter clothes, quilts and blankets that are put on display to be ‘sunned’ . In RCD, the “sun chasers” (as our ex-editor Rahul calls them) are perhaps already pulling out their suitcases and drawing up their to-do lists to go on their winter sojourns. This year the winter has been predicted to be harsh, so we might experience the exodus earlier than usual.

September always feels like a delectable dessert that needs to be savoured before the festivals and the winter chill sets in, without a warning. This year because of the early dasain, the air has been rife with songs and bhajans, one louder than the other tearing through the air. This added to the cacaphony of tourists has converted our quiet little town into a boisterous mayhem. But dasain is a time where we build bridges, put our differences to rest and envelope everybody in the warmth of the festival.

“Spread the happiness of dasain” is one of the most gratifying priojects of RCD. It catches the very spirit of the festival. This time round, thirty tiny-tots went home with smiles that didn’t just light their faces but illuminated our hearts too.

Let this be a reminder that we do not need to do great things to make a difference. Sometimes, the tiniest of projects have the biggest of impacts.

Happy dasin folks!

In Rotary,

Prativa
Editor

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MY ROTARY JOURNEY - Rtn. Cheten N. Bhutia

Much before the turn of the century, many in Darjeeling town assumed that I was a Rotarian. Reason? I had many Rotarian friends. I was regularly invited to attend annual installation programmes and if Rtn Chuck was delivering a speech, I was sure to be invited. Late Rtn Dipankar Basu invited me to join the club in 2000, in the millenium year . With a transferable job and responsibility of raising two young children , I would not have been able to do justice to the responsibilities that I was bound to be assigned.

More than two decades later, when Rtn Chuck told me that he is proposing my name for membership in RCD I had no reason to refuse anymore. I was in my fourth year of retirement and the children had found their own paths. I knew most of RCD members and I knew I would be among familiar, like-minded people. I finally joined the club in 2023, along with Rtn Prativa.

Since my joining I have been assigned with various roles. I have served as director in different disciplines and am currently serving as Director of club services. With the help, guidance, support and leadership by all the active members especially the ones with experience and in-depth knowledge of the functioning of the Rotary I have been able to discharge my responsibilities in all the activities of RCD. I was fortunate to be inducted during the presidency of Rtn Chuck during whose tenure the club became more vibrant, active and cohesive. The first lady President of RCD Rtn Shoyeta , with her fresh ideas, energy and hard work took the Club to a new height and RCD was noticed in the District. The present President Rtn Vivek has taken to presidency like a fish to water and It is evident that his tenure is going to scale greater heights of success for the club. In short, I am thoroughly enjoying my time in the company of like minded individuals and it's nice to know that I am associated with Rotary, an organisation that has world wide presence in helping humanity especially the marginalised ones, and I am proud that I am doing my bit through this organisation.

SEPTEMBER SNAPSHOTS





THE MONTH THAT WAS - SEPTEMBER

- RCD through the Global Grant will be working towards upliftment of two schools - Ranju Valley and Mamring , which would benefit 500+ students. The club is fully focussed on making this a successful project.
- RCD, in its curriculum of events for the year added the promotion of public speaking through workshops and sessions in schools with interact clubs. The initiative was spear headed by the president Rtn Vivek Chettri. Workshops/ sessions were held in five schools starting with St. Joseph’s School, North Point on the 3rd of September. Gyanoday Niketan, Mt. Hermon School, NGHSS and Loreto convent were the other beneficiaries of this initiative. The workshops were conducted by Rtn. Prativa.
- The Certificate of Organisation or the Charter of Mount Hermon School was handed over to the President of Interact club alongwith gong and pins, on16th Sept, 2025 by Rt. Amar.
- The dustbin project is well under way. 10 covers would be made in the first phase. The club has already got 8-9 sponsors for the covers.
- A delegation comprising of Rtns Amar, Jordan, Dhiresh, Shoy and Chuck visited Mirik in regard to the formation of a Rotary club in Mirik. They were met by a decent number of prospective members headed by Ms. Sreejana. The forms and bye-laws were given to them. RCD is hopeful that the project will soon become a reality.
- The upcoming projects were discussed in detail and assigned to designated rotarians for implementation and execution of the same. Among them are:
Senior citizen’s Day - 2nd Nov
Nation Builders Award- 2nd nov
Heart Health Camp- 25th oct -1st nov (tentative)
- The plogging initiative continues to gather momentum. Rtn Kabya and Rtn. Vikram have been instrumental in raising awareness .
- “Spread the happiness of Dasain” was observed on 27th Sept. Thirty students from Sai School were treated to a morning of fun and games conducted expertly by Rtn Kalpana and Rtn. Mamta. Rtn Kalpana’s innovative games kept the children engaged and enthralled. They were then treated to scrumptious lunch, drinks and sweets. The children were given coupons of Reliance Trends and along with their parents, they went to choose their Dasain clothing.
- All the regular weekly meetings (RWM) for the month were conducted on designated days and the regular issues and working of the club were discussed in terms of repairs and maintainence and all other issues that required attention. The second board meeting was conducted on 26th September , 2025 and was hosted by Rtn. Dawa.The minutes of the RWM were recorded and ascertained by the members.
- The Club handed over digital portraits in the form of birthday greetings to its members celebrating their birthdays in September.

OCTOBER

BIRTHDAYS

Rtn. Bikash Singh - 11th Oct
Rtn. Prativa Yolmo - 16th Oct
Rtn. Ajaj Fazili - 22nd Oct
Rtn. Uttam K. Pradhan - 22nd Oct

ANNIVERSARIES

Rtn. Vijay Puri - 10th Oct
Rtn. Sankalp Lama - 12th Oct

September birthday cards

