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Rotary Club of Patna Kankarbagh



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Bring the joy

I always walk into meetings at my home club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, with a smile on my face.

A few years ago, someone arrived late. Instead of scolding the person, we cheered. Since then, we've made it a tradition to applaud all members when they arrive for meetings. It's tough not to smile with a greeting like that.

There's nothing more powerful for engaging and retaining members than a club that's vibrant, welcoming, and — yes — fun.

Think back to what drew you to Rotary. Chances are, it wasn't just the service projects or professional networking. It was the people — the friendships, the shared laughter, and the joy of working toward a common purpose. That's what keeps us coming back.

If you're looking for that sense of joy in your meetings, don't be afraid to ask yourself and your fellow members some tough questions. If you were a prospective member, would you join your current club? It's a powerful question but don't stop there.

Do members of your club feel that they belong? Are your meetings fun? If not, what can you do about it together?

At your next meeting or event, try something new to bring out a few extra smiles. It's the simple things that create lasting bonds and make clubs simply irresistible.

Here's one example of a club moving in the right direction. The Rotary Club of Fukushima, Japan, has been combining environmental responsibility with

community fun since 2021. In Japan, people have made picking up trash into a sport known as *SpotGeni*, and every year the club hosts a game. This year, more than 400 participants cheered each other on while they came together to improve their community.

This event is an excellent example of how Rotary clubs can have fun, make a difference, and raise awareness for broader global challenges all at the same time. And the inclusive, family-friendly format allows people of all ages to participate.

When we enjoy what we do, that energy becomes contagious. It's what attracts new members and keeps our clubs strong and engaged. It helps people feel that they belong.

Retention and culture go hand in hand. The healthier our club culture, the more likely members are to stay. *Rotary* magazine is an outstanding resource for inspiration on how to enhance our club culture and deepen member engagement. I encourage you to explore the stories and strategies in these pages, drawing from other clubs' successes to find ideas that work for you.

Together, we can create a more engaged, enjoyable, and inclusive Rotary that every member can feel proud to be part of. Let's continue with renewed commitment and enthusiasm, living *The Magic of Rotary*.

STEPHANIE A. URCHICK
President, Rotary International

For resources on engaging and growing membership, visit rotary.org/membership.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Editor's Desk

A New Year, A Renewed Commitment

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends,

As the calendar turns to a new year, we stand at the threshold of fresh beginnings and endless possibilities. January is not just the start of a new year but also a time for renewed energy, determination, and vision. It is a moment to reaffirm our commitment to the ideals of Rotary and to chart a path for the months ahead.

Reflecting on the past year, we can take pride in our collective achievements. Each initiative, whether big or small, has brought us closer to fulfilling our mission of Service Above Self. From community development to healthcare initiatives, our efforts have left a lasting impact on many lives.

January also brings the opportunity to reimagine our goals and strengthen our resolve. As we embrace this year's Rotary International theme—"Create Hope in the World"—let us focus on building bridges of understanding, compassion, and collaboration. Together, we can tackle pressing challenges like education, environmental conservation, and healthcare with renewed vigor.

This is also a time for introspection. Let us ask ourselves: How can we make our service more meaningful? How can we involve more members of our community in our projects? And how can we, as individuals and as a club, leave a legacy of hope and progress?

As we embark on this journey, let us continue to uphold the values of fellowship and inclusivity that define our Rotary family. The bonds we share are the foundation upon which our collective success is built.

May this year bring us countless opportunities to serve, grow, and celebrate together. Let's make 2025 a year of remarkable milestones and cherished memories.

In service and fellowship,



[Sudhanshu Prakash]
Editor in Chief,
PAHAL



[Dr. Dipti Sahay]
Member



[Ashish Kumar]
Member

Birthday/ Anniversary Greetings

- 2nd Jan – Ishaan R/let Rtn. Sanjay Sarkar
- 5th Jan – Rtn. Sanjay Kumar Sinha CA
- 12th Jan – Rtn. Raj Kishore Singh
- 15th Jan – Dr. Binod Kr. Verma R/Sp. Rtn. Sushma Kumari
- 16th Jan – Rtn. Sanjay Sarkar & Mrs. Sandhya Sarkar
- 17th Jan – Mrs. Amrita Mishra R/Sp. Rtn. Nitesh Mishra
- 17th Jan – Mrs. Anamika Sinha R/Sp. Rtn. Sanjay Sarkar
- 17th Jan – Dr. Rajiv Ranjan R/Sp. Rtn. Dr. Anita Kumari
- 19th Jan – Rtn. Sanjay Sarkar
- 21st Jan – Amrit Raj R/let PP Rtn. Arbind Kr. Srivastav
- 26th Jan – Dr. Rakesh Kumar R/Sp. Rtn. Dr. Anita Kumari
- 27th Jan – Mrs. Seema Singh R/Sp. PP Rtn. Ravi Shekhar Singh
- 28th Jan – Mrs. Pooja R/Sp. Rtn. Govind Kumar

Wishing you all very Happy Birthday/
Anniversary

PP Rtn Madhu Prakash
Chair Greetings committee

Family News

- ❖ Father of Rtn. Govind Kumar, Sri Birendra Prasad left for heavenly abode on 26.12.2024. May his soul rest in peace.



District Foundation & Membership Seminar "Sankalp" at Darbhanga on 01.12.2024



Members of the Rotary Club of Patna Kankarbagh, including PDG Rtn. Dr. Rakesh Prasad, President Rtn. Raj Kishor Singh, and President-Elect Rtn. Ajit Kumar Sinha, attended the District Foundation & Membership Seminar "Sankalp" held in Darbhanga. The club received recognition from the District Governor and other dignitaries for its outstanding contribution of US\$ 25 per member to the Rotary Foundation. This achievement was made possible through the efforts of Rotary Foundation Chair PP Rtn. Dr. Dipti Sahay and President Rtn. Raj Kishor Singh, with generous support from all club members

RWM No 565 on 04.12.2024



The Regular Weekly Meeting (RWM) No. 565 on 4th December 2024 was organised at E-70, P C Colony, Kankarbagh. The meeting was called to order by President Rtn. Raj Kishor Singh, followed by the recitation of the National Anthem. The President welcomed all the members present. The 4-Way Test was recited by members, led by PDG Rtn. Dr. Rakesh Prasad. Greetings announced by PDG Rtn. Dr. Rakesh Prasad. Rtn. Ajit Kumar Sinha briefed the members about the following activities: a. Foundation and Membership Seminar held in Darbhanga on 1st December 2024. b. A talk on World AIDS Day arranged, with PP Rtn. Dr. Diwakar Tejaswi as the speaker. Two health check-up camps were proposed at Malahi Pakri School and Raghunath Prasad Vidyalyay. A blood donation camp will be organized before 20th December in a college. The Malahi Pakri School Hall will be painted, and proper lighting will be ensured using the club's funds. PP Rtn. Dr. Shanker Nath extended the vote of thanks. The President announced the amount collected as Sunshine and offered a toast to Rotary International before adjourning the meeting..

Vth BOD on 08.12.2024



Birthday Celebration of Rtn. Sudhanshu Prakash Ji on 24.12.2024



5th Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting was held on 8th December 2024 Hosted by Rtn. Dr. Sujeet Kumar.

The meeting was called to order by the President, followed by the national anthem.

The minutes of the last BOD meeting and Action Taken Report (ATR) were approved. On behalf of the Treasurer, Rtn. Ajit Kumar Sinha presented the Receipt and Payment account up to October 2024

Presiding Officer IPP Rtn. Ravi Shekhar Singh informed that the election process has started, with notices issued and shared via WhatsApp.

The printing of 50 membership certificates in the new format was approved.

PP Rtn. Dr. Dipti Sahay agreed to design the flag.

PP Rtn. Sudhanshu Prasad will oversee printing after BOD approval.

Approaches to the Principals of T.P.S. College and Dwarka College were not finalized.

Upcoming Events:

- (a) Dental Check-Up Camp (10th December): Location: Malahi Pakri, Kankarbagh. Rtn. Govind will donate dental kits (toothbrushes, toothpaste, and tongue cleaners).
- (b) Career Counselling (16th December): To be conducted in a college in Chapra.
- (c) Blanket Distribution: Marchi Village (with Eye Check-Up Camp): In charge PP Rtn. S.N. Singh.

Another Distribution camp will be held in Mayargarh, Nalanda- Date to be decided with VP Rtn. Dr. Renu Mowar.

Third distribution Contributions pledged by Rtn. Ajit Kumar Sinha, PDG (₹5000 each), and Rtn. Balram Srivastava for blanket costs during the Eye Check-Up Camp.

PDG appreciated the continued efforts of the team in publishing the Club Bulletin and suggested that we consider publishing a Club Souvenir as well. For fundraising, he recommended that each member be encouraged to contribute by securing advertisements for the Board Members celebrated the birthday of PP Rtn. Sudhanshu Prakash.

RWM No 566 on 11.12.2024



The Regular Weekly Meeting (RWM) No. 566 was held on 11th December 2024 at E-70, P C Colony, Kankarbagh. The meeting was called to order by Acting President PP Rtn. Dr. Dipti Sahay, followed by the recitation of the National Anthem. The Acting President welcomed all the members present. The 4-Way Test was recited by members, led by PDG Rtn. Dr. Rakesh Prasad. PP Rtn. Madhu Prakash announced greetings. In absence of Secretary Acting Secretary Rtn. Ajit Kumar Sinha briefed the members on proceedings of the BOD meeting held on 8th December 2024.. Treasurer Rtn. Kiran Kumari reported that the Receipt and Payment account up to October 2024 has been submitted to the BOD.. The BOD approved Blanket Distribution and an Eye Check-Up Camp. Members suggested considering the distribution of Mosquito Nets due to rising dengue cases. A Career Counselling session is scheduled for 16th December at a school in Chapra. Members also discussed on Old & Warm Clothes Distribution in the month of December/January. Discussion was held on Souvenir to be released around February'25/March'25 and requested Chairman : PP Rtn. R P Srivastava, to go ahead with committee members. Proposed Club Flag sample shown by PP Rtn. Dr Dipti Sahay.

RWM No 567 Closed Door Meeting on 18.12.2024



*The RWM NO.567 was held on 18.12.24 at the Residence of Rtn Ajit Kumar Sinha. Meeting called to order by the President followed by national anthem. Welcome address by the President and purpose of the close door meeting. Recitation of the 4 Way Test by PDG Rtn. Dr. Rakesh Prasad followed by club members. Confirmation of minutes of last RWM.. Greetings were announced by PP Rtn.Madhu Prakash. Result of election of office bearers for the year 2024-25 was announced by the Presiding Officer, IPP Rtn. Ravi Shekhar Singh. Reporting of following forthcoming projects were done : * Blanket distribution* Eye check up Camp * Final design of Club flag* Distribution of Old Woolen clothes. After vote of thanks & reporting on Sun Shine Collection, meeting was adjourned by the President.*

Career Counselling Session at Apahar, Saran on 16.12.2024



The Rotary Club of Patna Kankarbagh, in collaboration with RCC Apar and Chowpatiya Trust, successfully organized a Career Counselling Session for the girl students of Ramvanti Nandrani Interlevel Project Balika Vidyalaya, Apar, Saran. The event aimed to guide students on educational and career opportunities available after Class X and XII. The session was led by PDG Rtn. Dr. Rakesh Prasad, who provided a detailed overview of the New Education Policy of India and discussed an array of career options in both Arts and Science streams. Dr. Prasad highlighted several unconventional and emerging career fields, including: Vocational Courses, Hotel Management, Defence Services (including Agniveer), Pilot Services, Paramilitary Forces, Merchant Navy, Paramedical Fields (Physiotherapy, Homeopathy, Ayurveda), Law, Biotechnology, Radio Jockeying, Journalism, Foreign Languages, Press and Media, Travel & Tourism, IT, Print Technology, Fashion Designing, Beautician Courses, Modelling, Music, Sports, and more. He also shared valuable insights into the best educational institutions in Bihar, Jharkhand, and across India, along with details about the cost structures for various courses. A total of 128 girl students actively participated, showing enthusiasm and curiosity about exploring diverse career paths. The suggestion by a few teachers to invite guardians to future events also was widely appreciated. The event was graced by several notable Rotarians, including: President Rtn. Raj Kishor Singh, PP Rtn. Sudhanshu Prakash, PE Rtn. Ajit Kr Sinha, Rtn. Baliram Srivastava, Rtn. Niranjana Kumar & spouse Ms. Sangeeta, Rtn. Shailesh Kumar (Bunty). Additionally, Ex-DRR Mr. Jnanesh Kumar Verma (DRR-3250) was also seen actively involved in the proceedings. The event was presided over by Acting Principal Ms. Sangeeta Singh and skillfully anchored by Mr. Akhilesh Pandey. This initiative not only introduced students to a broad spectrum of career opportunities but also equipped them with essential knowledge to make informed decisions about their future.

**District Conference at
Banglore on 29.12.2024**



**Six members
President Raj Kishor
Singh, PDG Rakesh
Prasad PP Dr.
Shanker Nath, PP
Sudhanshu Prakash,
PP Madhu Prakash
and PP Dr. Dipti
Sahay attended
District Conference
held at Bangalore
from 27th to 29th
Dec.**