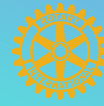


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FEBRUARY IS PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH

MINUTES OF THE 2045TH REGULAR CLUB MEETING OF RC CALCUTTA JADAVPUR HELD AT HOTEL PARK PALACE ON MONDAY, 8th FEBRUARY 2021, 7.00 P.M.

- President Rtn. (Dr.) Kunal Ray called the 2045th meeting of RC Calcutta Jadavpur to order and welcomed Ann. Sumita & DG Rtn. Sudip Mukherjee, Joint Chief Aides Rtn. Ashif Shah & Rtn. Sibabrata Roy, District Secretary (Admin) Rtn. Sunny Kollanur, AG Rtn. Susanta Kumar Sarkar, ZS Rtn. Rina Sinha Roy, Honorary Rtn. Niresh Chandra Dutta, Rtn. Jaiswal Patel of RC Bombay West who happened to a member of RC Calcutta Jadavpur, all the club members and spouses present. He also welcomed the prospective members present. President Rtn. (Dr.) Kunalda requested Rtn. (Dr.) Soma Banerjee to present a flower bouquet to DG Rtn. Sudip Mukherjee and further requested Ann. Shakhi Banerjee to present a flower bouquet to Ann. Sumita Mukherjee. Under the advice of the DG Rtn. Sudip Mukherjee, President Rtn. (Dr.) Kunalda initiated the club meeting first, to be followed by the Club Assembly for the evening.
- National Anthem was led by Ann. Lopamudra Roy.
- President Rtn. (Dr.) Kunalda announced:
 - That the District Conference 2021, SAMAGAM is scheduled on March 20 & 21, 2021 at Swabhumi. He encouraged the members to register before February 15, 2021, if possible, as due to pandemic situation the number of delegates is restricted.
 - That to commemorate Pediatric Cancer Day falling on February 15, 2021 a virtual event, hosted by RC Calcutta Jadavpur in collaboration with Rotaract Clubs of District 3291 will be conducted on February 13 & 14, 2021. On February 13, 2021, pediatric cancer survivors and Rotaractors will perform virtually and on February 14, 2021, vocalist Ms. Kaushiki Chakraborty will present a virtual performance. Both days the program would start at 7 pm and run for about 90 mins. Members who have donated to build a corpus fund for the cause deserve a note of thanks.
 - A Health Camp for Mother & Child will be organised at RCC Chowbaga where our club member Rtn (Dr.) Swati Pramanick will oversee the entire program. It would be done in association with an NGO Sri Sathya Sai Aarogyo Vahini.
- Secretary, Rtn (Dr) Krishnendu Das conducted the club business and conveyed birthday greetings to Rtn. Anup Tibrewal for his birthday falling on February 11 and to Rtn. Joyeta Ghosh falling on February 17. He also conveyed anniversary greetings to Ann. Krishnakoli & PP Rtn. (Dr.) Partha Pratim Roy falling on February 08, Ann. Pratima & PP Rtn. Samirendu Dutt falling on February 10, Rtn. (Dr.) Sampa & Dr. Muktinath Chatterjee falling also on February 10, Rtn. Tapati & Mr. Rathindra Nath Bhattacharjee falling on February 11, Rtn. Paromita Das Dutta & Mr. Asim Dutta falling on February 11, Rtn. Joyeta Ghosh & Mr. Sougato Guin falling on February 15 and Ann. Rakhi Sarkar & PP Rtn. Partha Sarathi Sarkar falling February 20.
- The minutes of the 2044th meeting was confirmed by the members and the meeting ended with thanks to everyone attending the meeting.
- Next, President Rtn. (Dr.) Kunalda welcomed everyone present for the ensuing Club Assembly, which was initiated by DG Rtn. Sudip Mukherjee by thanking President Rtn. (Dr.) Kunalda and all members of RC of Calcutta Jadavpur. He particularly appreciated Honorary Member Rtn. Nireshda for being present on the occasion in spite of his failing health. Rtn. Sudip Mukherjee addressed the gathering in a brief manner covering all the relevant issues and also reminded all of his long association and rich legacy of the club and its holding premier position among all the clubs, through its activities.
- Under the request of President Rtn. (Dr.) Kunalda, DG Rtn. Sudip Mukherjee

inducted Dr. Manik Chakraborty, Mrs. Madhumita Mitra, Mr. Anirban Sarkar and Mr. Manab Paul as the new members of the club, by flower bouquets, lapel pins and handing over the membership certificates and the Rotary Kits. The members were formally introduced by President Rtn. (Dr.) Kunalda.

- Since the recognitions for RY 2019-20 were not possible due to the prevailing pandemic situation, DG Rtn. Sudip Mukherjee was requested by President Rtn. (Dr.) Kunalda to do the needful. IPP Dr Aditi Nag Chaudhuri's contribution was duly recognised by presenting a flower bouquet and a memento. PP Rtn. Swapan Chakraborty, Treasurer – 2019-20 and PP Rtn. Sanjay Ray, Editor - 2019-20 received mementos from DG Rtn. Sudip Mukherjee for their contribution during the RY 2019-20.
- Next, President Rtn. (Dr.) Kunalda made an audio visual presentation detailing the activities of the club in all the 6 verticals of Rotary with primary focus on Basic Education & Literacy, Water Sanitation and Disease Prevention and Treatment. He also made a live demonstration of the newly launched club website where he enlightened the august audience on the various facets of the updated information on activities of the club over the years and how these could be accessed at ease. The initiative was appreciated by one and all.
- It was a pleasant task of President Rtn. (Dr.) Kunalda to hand over to the DG Rtn. Sudip Mukherjee, the cheques for TRF contributions made by Rtn. (Dr.) Jhama Ray, Rtn. Prasenjit Chatterjee, PP Rtn. Jaydeb Banerjee and himself. He also elaborated the donations by other fellow members earlier towards TRF during the year.
- Next, AG Rtn. Susanta Kumar Sarkar lavished praise on the activities of the club under the able leadership of Rtn. (Dr.) Kunalda.
- President Rtn. (Dr.) Kunalda requested PP Rtn. Sonia to offer the formal vote of thanks.
- With the proceedings for the evening ending on a happy note, President Rtn. (Dr.) Kunalda invited everyone present to join for fellowship and dinner.
- In the meanwhile, an entertainment program was presented by Ann. Lopamudra, Ann. Shakhi, Rtn. Paromita and Mr. Asim Dutta, which was enjoyed by the attendees.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



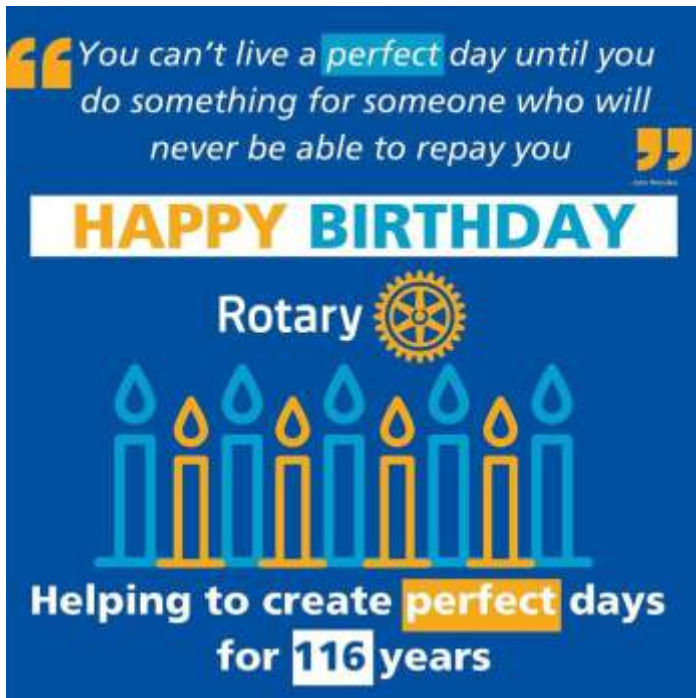
Rtn. Joyeta Ghosh which fell on February 17
PP Rtn. Partha Sarathi Sarkar falling on February 23
Ann. Rita Chanda w/o Rtn. Bhaskar Chanda falling on February 28
Rtn. (Dr.) Soma Bannerjee falling on March 03

Many Many Happy Returns of the day

Happy Anniversary



Ann. Rakhi Sarkar and PP Rtn. Partha Sarathi Sarkar which fell on
20th February
Ann. Rajashree and Rtn. Prasenjit Chatterjee falling on 23rd February
Ann. Anju and Rtn. Anup Tibrewal falling on 28th February
Wish you all many more years of marital bliss



February 23, 1905, Rotary founder Paul Harris formed one of the world's first service organizations, the Rotary Club of Chicago, as a place where professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships.

ROTARY February 2021

Peacebuilding can be a matter of networks

by Geoffrey Johnson



Randall Butler is the chair of the peacebuilding committee of a club with more than a century of dedication to fostering peace **Randall Butler, Rotary Club of Boulder, Colorado, USA**

"I've been in conflict resolution my whole career," says Randy Butler, the founder and CEO of the **Institute for Sustainable Peace**. A former trial lawyer, Butler abandoned the courtroom to focus on using mediation to resolve disputes and training others in the use of mediation. "I'd found my passion," he says.

In 2018, he led a workshop to "build the skills necessary to overcome the polarization we are experiencing in the United States." When Butler reached out to the peace building committee

at the **Rotary Club of Boulder**, he met Gary Kahn, who asked him: "Why are you not a member of Rotary?"

Attending a meeting of the Boulder club, he says, "it was amazing to look at all these people around the room — the district attorney; medical professionals and successful businesspeople; college professors — and realize that here was a club that had brought all these individuals together and that they make a real difference in what they're doing."

It was Butler's Rotary epiphany. "I suddenly saw this network forming all over the world: people who knew how to get things done and knew people they could get things done with."

Today he's the chair of the peacebuilding committee of the 101-year-old club, which has dedicated its second century to fostering peace. "We remind our club members that all of our projects that help to build Positive Peace involve collaborations at the community level, even across traditional divides," he says, noting that they look forward to using the vast Rotary network to build even more "bridges of understanding."

When Wendell Rodricks Spoke To Us About Love, Friendship And A Life Well Lived

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A throwback to a 2019 interaction with Rodricks where he spoke to RD about the love of his life



Wendell with Marrel on a cruise

Jérôme and I met in Oman on a blind date that was originally planned as a dinner for three. But the person who was to introduce us stood us up and it ended up being just the two of us. We were both working in the hospitality and catering industry: I was with the Royal Oman Police Officers' Club, while Jérôme was with an industrial hospitality company that catered to oil rigs, hospitals, etc. I recall we spoke a lot and I said to myself, Whoever gets this person is lucky. We were both in long-distance relationships at the time. But in six months, we decided to move in and be together. It has been 35 years since then.

I wouldn't call the initial days of our relationship 'courtship'. It was more about friendship. We just enjoyed being together at all times. We became each other's best friends. Even today, I don't trust anyone as much as I trust Jérôme. There was a lot of respect on both sides. Passion for travel was a common love too. But being from different nationalities, we had to make an extra effort to understand the other's culture, traditions and customs.

We 'formalized' our relationship by signing the pacte civil de solidarité (PACS) in France in 2002, almost 19 years after we met. According to French law, PACS allows two adults to organize their lives as a couple. It's not the same thing as getting married but allows couples to have certain legal rights—from letting us file taxes together to being able to sign the partner off for a life-threatening medical procedure or burying the partner without family consent.

We signed the PACS as it gave us protection from family, more independence, security, respect, civil rights and the ability to approach immigration in countries where civil unions are accepted. It wasn't a romantic decision but an assertion of our rights. That said, our families were always supportive of our relationship. Both sides were accepting, generous, respectful and loving. It gets better as the years go by, as there are nieces, nephews, their spouses, children and grandchildren who have accepted and respect us.

Our relationship has always been about total dedication to each other. There's care and concern that has bound us together. When I come back from a trip, I often find that Jérôme has lit up the house with candles I like, for instance. We complement and support each other's dreams in every way—emotional, financial and career-wise. Jérôme is the one who convinced me to pursue my dream of being a fashion designer. He also adds so much to my work. We've travelled together to 150 countries so far and I use our travel experiences as inspiration for my designs. Jérôme has a sharp memory and will say, "Let's do this corner in a Pan African way, like we saw in the Bush", or something else that seems perfectly fitting, yet exotic. He even manages my design company and the Moda Goa Foundation—a charitable trust set up for the Moda Goa Museum that helps preserve and showcase Goan artefacts, the oldest of which dates to the seventh century.

Though we will never get married, we are no different from any other couple. Since we don't have too much family responsibility and kids, it is easier on us. I see my married friends take on the obligations of marriage and children and truly respect them for their patience and what they endure. The only challenges we face are having different passports and the constant visa applications. I could take a Portuguese passport, but I love my country too much to give up my Indian one.

We both are grateful for having found each other when we did, but we don't really talk about such things. In a relationship, one does what comes naturally. After 35 years together, there are times when we don't even need to speak. There is truly something called telepathy.

Wendell Rodricks, 59, (1960-2020), was a well-known fashion designer and Padma Shri awardee. Jérôme Marrel (64) is the executive director of Rodricks's fashion company and administrator of the Moda Goa Foundation.

—As told to Blessy Augustine