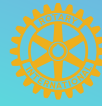


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AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP AND NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT

Minutes of the 2029th Virtual Weekly Zoom Meeting of RC Calcutta Jadavpur held on Monday 17th August 2020 AT 6.30 pm

- President Rtn. (Dr.) Kunal Ray called the 2029th meeting of RC Calcutta Jadavpur to order and welcomed his guests, Dr. Soma Banerjee and Mrs. Pausali Paul and also the members present online.
- ♦ National Anthem was led by Adi Surya Ray, son of Honorary Member Rtn. (Prof.) Indrajit Ray and joined by all.
- ♦ President Rtn. (Dr.) Kunalda announced:
 - That on August 15, 2020, PP Rtn. Samirenduda, on behalf of RC Calcutta Jadavpur donated 50 saplings to "AUMORTO", a state of the art retirement community for active seniors a retirement community located at Uttarbhag, near Baruipur. PP Rtn. Samirenduda and PP Rtn. (Dr.) Partha Pratim represented the club.
 - Again on August 15, 2020, the club celebrated Independence Day with the doctors & health workers of Institute of Child Health (ICH), Kolkata and joined hands with Rotaractor Club of Calcutta Midtown to distribute sanitisers & masks. The effort was much appreciated by Dr. Arunalok Bhattacharya. PP Rtn. Partha Sarathi, Rtn. Prasenjit, Rtn. Tapati and himself participated in the programme.
 - That, HCG-EKO Cancer Centre has sent a proposal to PP Rtn. Partha Sarathi about the proposed "Rotary-Rotaract-HCG Pediatric Cancer Wellness Centre". They have designated an area in the form of a dedicated ward for the said project to be implemented. In this context, he feels that the Club should support the effort with high level of enthusiasm and create a corpus fund to meet the expenses for this major project, as such an effort is being backed by RI District 3291.
 - Members may please note that the RI and District dues have been cleared for the 1st half of RY 2020-21 and he would appreciate that members who are yet to pay their club dues, may kindly act at their earliest convenience. Those having net banking options may effect the payment online.
 - That with respect to last week's expressed opinion by a large number of attending members to explore possibility of physical meetings at our designated venue at Chakrabaitthak, maintaining all norms under the present pandemic situation, he feels that now the club should take up the issue with to the concerned authorities and take a call on this matter.
 - With regard to the proposed medical camp at RCC Chowbaga, the issue has been discussed in detail with inputs from PP Rtn. Jaydeb and accordingly it was decided to wait till the infrastructural facilities like repairing of approach road etc. to Chowbagha are completed by the implementing agencies. However, in case of inordinate delay, the option of an alternate venue for the proposed project can be explored.
 - President Rtn. (Dr.) Kunalda requested IPP Rtn. (Dr) Aditi to make her announcement. IPP Rtn. (Dr) Aditi informed that a board meeting of the Board of Directors of RY 2019-20 is scheduled on August 21, 2020 to discuss and finalise the accounts of the Club and Trust for the FY 2019-20, and place the same at the Annual General Meeting proposed to be held on September 14, 2020.
 - Next, Secretary Rtn. (Dr) Krishnendu was requested by Rtn. (Dr.) Kunalda, to deliberate on the issue of various proposals on livelihood security for helping poor tribal residents of remote Mathurakhand village in Sundarbans area, including helping setting up infrastructural facilities in schools for primary school children. Secretary Rtn. (Dr) Krishnendu talked about the proposal in brief and informed that he may put up the specifics as a short write up, to take follow up action. In the context, Honorary Member Rtn. (Prof.) Indrajit Ray requested Rtn. (Dr) Krishnendu to keep him abreast with the developments and expressed his willingness to help in such endeavour, as it pertains to helping needy school children.
 - Secretary, Rtn. (Dr.) Krishnendu conducted the club business and extended birthday greetings to Ann. Rakhi Sarkar w/o PP Rtn. Partha Sarathi Sarkar, falling on August 17 and also extended the same to Ann. Sanjukta Ukil w/o Rtn. Anjan Ukil, falling on August 18.
 - Minutes of the 2028th meeting was confirmed by the members and the same was concluded with thanks to everyone.

Happy Birthday

Ann. Lopamudra Roy w/o Rtn. (Dr.) Souvik Roy
falling on August 30



PP Rtn. Sonia Gupta falling on August 31



Many Many Happy Returns of the day

**A Rotary club for the
future – change or die!**

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Change is all around us and in Wolverhampton, the Rotary club has been having a hard look at itself. Richard Green describes how the club has made radical changes in order to make it more attractive to new, younger members.

It was in October 2017 when President Paul Lockley spoke to a meeting of past Presidents about the decline in membership at the Rotary club of Wolverhampton.

He said there was an urgent need to take positive action if the demise of one of the oldest and previously largest clubs in the District was to be avoided.

There was some resistance bordering on complacency, but eventually he was given some valuable support and a President's Review Group was established to look at ways and means of making the club more attractive to new, and younger, diverse, members.

After much consideration, a plan was formulated under the headline 'where do we go from here?'

The key points in the plan were:

- Stripping out some of the stodgy regalia and symbols of a staid lunchtime club – including the mothballing of lecterns, the very large wooden Presidents' chair and the display of past Presidents' banners.
- The establishment of a ladder of incoming Presidents to cover the next four years to give a stable background of enthusiastic support for the changes.
- More flexibility to the style of meetings – which led to the introduction of at least one so-called 'freestyle' meeting every month where there was no formal lunchtime meeting, but visits to theatres, other clubs, places of interest and informal, fellowship evening events.

Rotarian Jerry Hobbs took over the responsibility for recruitment with a very broad brief. He instigated a programme called 'Let's talk Rotary and you.'

One of the features of this was the adoption of the term 'bespoke membership'.

This was introduced at a series of informal gatherings in non-Rotary settings where prospective new members were invited to meet a very small group of club members, having previously been met on a one-to-one basis.

There was a candid exchange of ideas of how Rotary can meet the aspirations of younger generations who want to serve their communities whilst prioritising their families, their developing careers and pursuing other good causes which they may already be involved in.

Some guests made it clear that they couldn't possibly attend lunchtime club or weekday committee meetings because of work commitments. So it was clear the club had to make changes, including to its committee and regular meeting schedules. The need for change became very obvious if the club was to lower the average age, break the glass ceiling of female membership and become more ethnically diverse, reflecting the nature of the City of Wolverhampton.

Indeed, one small, but significant change introduced was that the club is now called The Rotary Club of the City of Wolverhampton – a change that has been ratified by Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland. The name change represents a symbolic outward expression of the changes that are taking place in the club, giving it a new, modern outlook. The findings and recommendations of the President's Review Group generated a questionnaire to all members intended to gauge the

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willingness for change.

The results showed that there was widespread concern and support for change, and although there was some, not unexpected, divergence of views, it was clear that we could proceed with the plans.

In January 2019, Les Goodchild from the Newport Rotary Lite club was invited to visit to give an outline of the new style of Rotary as demonstrated by his club. We gained some valuable guidance and encouragement to continue with the changes that were already underway. The process is ongoing and a major review of the committee structure covering the way the club conducts its Rotary work is currently under discussion.

One valuable lesson we learned was that it is essential to have at least one strong-willed driver who is willing to take ownership of change to overcome the 'naysayers' and those who simply wish to see out their time in the comfortable, old fashioned environment they are used to. The overall aim is to re-invent the club, to create a welcoming, flexible atmosphere.

Have we succeeded?

In the last thirteen months we have been joined by Andile (32), Alvine, Susan, Lisa, Julie, David, Sudhir, Sally and Katie, with more in prospect. There have been two transfers from other clubs and in 2022-23 we will have our first lady President.

Here's what one of our newer members, 32-year-old Lisa Stallard says. Lisa, a keen Wolverhampton Wanderers fan and became a Rotarian in October 2019.

Lisa works for the City Council, supporting care home residents when they are admitted to hospital; She is co-founder of the Wolves Play Cafe, a social enterprise supporting young children in deprived areas.)

Lisa, along with another new member, Dave, has joined the club governing council.

Perception before:

"I was aware that Rotary donated to charitable causes in the city and held fund-raisers locally – two of which I was familiar with from being a citizen were Dragon Boats and Tree of Remembrance.

"But I was not familiar with Rotary's national and international significance and impact, or even that there was more than one club in the city.

"I actually came to raise my awareness when visiting due to a recommendation from Voluntary Services Overseas to share the voluntary work I had undertaken in Nepal through International Citizen Service.

"I had a perception Rotary was for older businessmen and was definitely unclear about how joining as a member could come about. I also had a perception that it was far more expensive to be a member than it actually is."

Now:

"Rotary is full of passionate, experienced, friendly people who want to make a difference where it's needed locally, nationally and internationally.

"I have been welcomed at every opportunity – authentically and warmly.

"There are certain traditions that have naturally led to the pre-conceptions which I have previously highlighted. But there is a clear sense of embracing change and difficult conversations within the club and appetite to move forwards to be able to create impact in our city.

"It was helpful to have a few friendly mentors who were always on hand to help explain the workings and feel at ease, including how the structure and committees worked in action."

Jones is founder and president of Media Street Productions Inc., an award-winning media company in Windsor. She was chair of the board of governors of the University of Windsor and chair of the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce. She has been recognized for her service with the YMCA Peace Medallion, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, and Wayne State University's Peacemaker of the Year Award, a first for a Canadian. Jones holds a Doctor of Laws (LL.D.).

A current Rotary Foundation trustee, Jones has been a Rotary member since 1997 and has served Rotary as RI vice president, director, training leader, committee chair, moderator, and district governor. She played a lead role in Rotary's rebranding effort by serving as chair of the Strengthening Rotary's Advisory Group. She is the co-chair of the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee, which aims to raise \$150 million for polio eradication efforts. Jones recently led the successful #Rotary Responds telethon, which raised critical funds for COVID-19 relief and was viewed by more than 65,000. Jones has also received Rotary International's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. She and her husband, Nick Krayacich, are members of The Rotary Foundation's Arch Klumph Society, Paul Harris Society, and the Bequest Society.

The members of the Nominating Committee for the 2022-23 President of Rotary International are: Robert L. Hall, Dunwoody, Metro Atlanta, Georgia, USA; Bradford R. Howard Oakland Uptown, California, USA; Per Høyen, Aarup, Gelsted, Denmark; Peter Iblher, Nürnberg-Reichswald, Zirndorf, Germany; Ashok Mahajan, Mulund, Mah., India; Sam Okudzeto, Accra, Ghana; Eduardo San Martín Carreño, Majadahonda, Madrid, Spain; Takeshi Matsumiya, Chigasaki-Shonan, Chigasaki Kanagawa, Japan; Michael K. McGovern (secretary), Cape Elizabeth, Maine, USA; José Alfredo Pretoni, São Paulo-Sul, São Paulo, Brazil; Saowalak Rattanavich, Bang Rak, Bangkok, Thailand; Hendreen Dean Rohrs, Langley Central, Surrey, British Columbia, Canada; Kenneth M. Schuppert, Jr (chair), Decatur, Alabama, USA; Ravindra P. Sehgal, Belur, West Bengal, India; Noel Trevaskis, Merimbula, Tura Beach, Australia; Giuseppe Viale, Genova, Genova, Italy; and Chang-Gon Yim, Daegu-West, Daegu, Korea.

By: Richard Green

An Indian was the first to scientifically document a tornado's path: Study

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Babu Chunder Sikur Chatterjee's paper was the earliest record of a tornado's dynamics in the history of meteorology, according to the study



Babu Chunder Sikur Chatterjee, an Indian scientist employed with the Surveyor General of India during the British colonial era, was likely the first person to scientifically document a tornado's path in 1865, a study from the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune, has claimed.

By carefully searching and analysing papers about tornados, Saumyendu De and AK Sahai, scientists at IITM Pune, concluded that Chatterjee's paper was the earliest record of a tornado's dynamics in the history of meteorology.

Chatterjee had published his findings in a journal named Proceedings of the Asiatic Society of Bengal, in a paper titled 'Note on a whirlwind at Pundooah'. The paper described a tornado's dynamics in meticulous detail and was accompanied by a sketch that mathematically depicted its scale, track and rotation.

"There is a legacy of meteorological research in India. We find that it is Chatterjee's brilliance and nature's assistance that helped him decode a tornado's scale and dynamics with such scientific rigour that his conclusions are relevant even today, that is, more than a century later," De said.

Pandua in Hugli, West Bengal where the tornado occurred in 1865

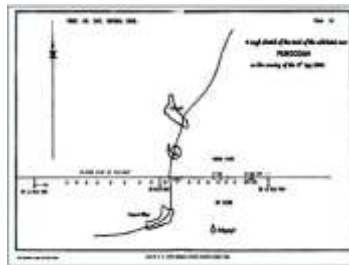
At the time when Chatterjee published his paper, records of extreme weather events in India existed as eye witness accounts or entries in ships' logbooks. This remained the situation for most of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

But Chatterjee did it differently. He quantitatively mapped the entire trail of a tornado's destruction. He benefited from the rare opportunity to observe a tornado passing through a railway track where there were conveniently placed markers at predefined locations like railway line mileposts and telegraph posts that enabled him to observe and make clear measurements of the tornado's direction, dynamics and path.



Chatterjee's sketch of the tornado track and rotation which crossed a railway track at Pandua.

A tornado appears as a strong whirlwind, which is a rapidly rotating column of air with a suction spot at its centre that is in contact with both the Earth's surface and a thunderhead cloud. It is generally accompanied by extreme weather such as heavy downpours, hail storms, and lightning.



The tornado documented by Chatterjee had occurred on May 5, 1865, at 18:00 hours in Pandua, located in the Hooghly district of West Bengal. Pundooah is a railway station in the Pandua area of Hooghly.

"It is interesting to establish the length of time for which society has had an affinity for a given subject. Our study provides a means by which one compares the development of scientific knowledge at different periods in time across the world," Sahai noted.

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