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47th CLUB INSTALLATION
2274th Regular Weekly Meeting
Attendance: 17

Birthday Greetings

July 26th Spouse Arundhati, Wife of PP Tanu Roy
July 29th Spouse Rajshree, Wife of PP DK Rao

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WEEKLY NEWS LETTER



About RI President Stephanie Urchick

Stephanie holds a Doctorate in Leadership Studies from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. A Rotary member since 1991, Stephanie has served Rotary in many roles and capacities. Her service includes building a primary school in Vietnam; installing water filters in the Dominican Republic; mentoring new Rotary members in Ukraine; coordinating a Rotary Foundation grant project in Poland; and leading efforts to formulate and adopt Rotary's Action Plan, a strategic road map that will help bring even more people together to create lasting and positive change in an evolving world.



About Club President Biswajit Saha

Biswajit is a graduate of Bachelor's in Electronic from the Jadavpur University. A Rotary member since 2013, Biswajit has been very instrumental and forthcoming as a member for all our sustaining projects. A charismatic Rotarian, and very diligent towards both his club & professional activities - Fellowship & Service. He's currently the IT Manager at Bata India Ltd. Biswajit is married to Spouse Priyanka and both are blessed with a son, Priomjit who is Standard 7.



About Club Secretary Bandaru Mohan

Bandaru Mohan joined Rotary in the year 2018. Bandaru is a retired Railway Officer with extensive experience over 5 decades in Railway Operations and Logistics. He's family man blessed with a wonderful spouse Gopa, his son, Chiranjeevi, daughter-in-law Sanganika and an angel of a grand-daughter, Arvika. PE Bandaru actively contributes his expertise to support various Rotary initiatives both District & Club events and is passionate about giving back to the community. Being an avid golfer, he is an active member of South Asia Golf Fellowship.

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A Shared Responsibility: Leaving a Legacy for the Next Generation

As District Governor, I had accepted an invitation to speak at a school Interact Club. Later, while hiding from view while waiting for my car, I overheard a group of the very interactors who had just listened to my speech.

Naturally, I was curious: What would they say? What had they taken away from my presentation? But strangely, they were not talking about what I had said, the stories I had told, or the lessons I had come to their school to impart.



Surprisingly, the main topic of their conversation was not the content of my speech, the stories I shared, or the lessons I had come to impart. Instead, they were dissecting and discussing every aspect of my appearance and behaviour, from my tie to my business background. I heard one say he wanted to be like me when he grew up. As they were speculating on my choice of car, my ride arrived, and I stepped into view. They were perhaps a bit embarrassed, but I just smiled, got into the car, and drove off with a wave.

That day, I learned a valuable lesson. The influence of our actions and behaviours as leaders and role models far surpasses the impact of our words. As a Rotary leader and a figure in the community, I had unwittingly become a role model for these young people. Their eyes were on me in a way I had never fully appreciated.

If they chose to emulate me, they would model themselves after what they saw, not what I told them. That day, I decided to do my best to be a proper role model. *All of us in Rotary are leaders in one way or another in our respective communities. All of us bear the responsibility that comes with that. Our Rotary values and our Rotary ideals cannot be left within the confines of our Rotary clubs. They must be carried with us every day.*

Wherever we are, whoever we are with, whether we are involved in Rotary work or not, we always represent Rotary. We must conduct ourselves accordingly: in what we think, what we say, what we do, and how we do it.

-KR Ravindran, Rotary International President [2015-16]

HAPPY IN ROTARY

Happy in Rotary, comfortable in Rotary, how?

To feel comfortable and enjoy your time in Rotary, here are some tips that can help:

Participate Actively:

Attend Rotary meetings and events regularly. Active participation will make you more involved and feel like part of the community.

Get to Know Other Members:

Meet and build relationships with fellow Rotary members. The more friends you have, the more comfortable you will feel.

Take Part in Projects:

Participate in service projects organized by Rotary. Contributing to beneficial activities can give you a sense of satisfaction and pride.

Be a Volunteer:

Take the time to volunteer in various Rotary activities and programs. This not only helps the community but also strengthens your bonds with other members.

Learn and Grow:

Take advantage of opportunities to learn from self-development and leadership programs provided by Rotary.

Share Ideas and Initiatives:

Don't hesitate to voice your ideas and initiatives. Rotary greatly values contributions from each of its members.





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Enjoy the Process:

Make every activity an enjoyable experience. Try to enjoy every moment and stay positive.

By following these ways, you can feel more comfortable and engaged in Rotary, making your experience more meaningful and enjoyable.

Time to experience the magic

Anirudha Roychowdhury, RI Director, 2023-25

As we embark on this new Rotary year, let us embrace it with a spirit of renewal and inspiration. This is a pivotal time for all members to reaffirm their commitment to Rotary’s noble ideals. A thriving membership is not just a goal but the heartbeat of our vibrant community, essential for driving forward our impactful service and project initiatives.

Our seasoned members carry a vital responsibility: to warmly welcome and actively engage new members, ensuring they feel valued and integral from the start. Each member joins Rotary with a unique spark — be it a passion for service, a quest for fellowship, a desire to forge lasting friendships, or a journey of personal growth. It is our collective duty to nurture these motivations, understanding that they evolve over time, thus fortifying the ties that bind us together as a club.

Introducing innovative roles like ‘Plan Lead Coordinators’ and ‘Action Plan Champions’ highlights our commitment to strategic growth and collaborative achievement. By working closely across districts and clubs, let us chart a clear path towards achieving ambitious multi-year goals and executing action plans that resonate with every club and members.

As we embrace this new year, let us seize the fresh opportunities it brings, and confront the inevitable challenges with resilience and innovation. Embrace cutting-edge technologies and foster partnerships across diverse sectors — from youth initiatives and Rotary Community Corps (RCC) to corporate alliances, governmental collaborations and NGO partnerships — this will amplify our impact and elevate our standing in the community.

Amidst the multitude of projects, we undertake, let us heed the stirring call of our global leader, Stephanie Urchick. Let us champion the transformative power of our action plan, finding balance between continuity and change, and work for positive peace. Let this year be marked by bold steps, taken with optimism and a steadfast resolve to surpass past achievements.

Now is our moment to ignite the magic of Rotary, to create ripples of positive change that resonate far and wide.



The Engine that powers Us

Mark Daniel Maloney, TRF Trustee Chair

This month, we begin a new journey together to celebrate The Magic of Rotary. So, buckle up for an exciting trip.



If Rotary is a beautiful car that you are proud to drive, The Rotary Foundation is the engine that propels it to your chosen destination. And it’s the strengths of Rotary — especially you and our other incredible 1.4 million members — that make TRF powerful.

I knew little about The Rotary Foundation when I joined Rotary. Everything changed in 1985 when, as incoming president of my club, I attended my first RI Convention with my wife, Gay, in Kansas City, Missouri. We will never forget the thunderous support for Dr Albert Sabin, creator of the oral polio vaccine, who called upon Rotary to vaccinate the world’s children. It marked the dawn of PolioPlus, a pivotal moment in Rotary’s commitment to children worldwide.

You, as a member of Rotary, are also a part of The Rotary Foundation.





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You are part of a worldwide movement that implements global grants to build sustainable systems for clean water and sanitation where there are none. You help train peacebuilders in a world plagued by unrest. And through supporting the Foundation, you help people rebuild their lives after natural disasters.

To accomplish more good in the world, the Foundation trustees have set an ambitious fundraising goal of \$500 million for 2024–25. Achieving this goal will require the support of everyone reading this message. It will also help us reach our goal of building the Endowment Fund to \$2.025 billion by 2025.

To keep financial support of TRF at the forefront, I have developed *Mark's Magical Markers* — a set of specific targets to help us achieve our goals. The first Magical Marker focuses on personal commitment, particularly to the Annual Fund, which supports the grants, scholarships, and Vocational Training Teams that make the magic happen. Please contribute what you can to the Annual Fund no later than August 31.

Let's fuel the engine that enables us to do good in the world and unleash The Magic of Rotary through TRF. Let's make this year an unforgettable one — for us and for the people whose lives we will touch.

"Rotary Visitor"

A Rotary visitor to Japan told a joke lasting 2 minutes. The interpreter then translated using only a few words. Everyone laughed. Afterwards the visitor asked the interpreter how he translated such a long joke so quickly. Well, I didn't think they would get the point, so I said, "Our guest has just told a joke. Everyone please laugh."

Minutes of the 2273rd RWM held on July 9th, 2024 at BNR Officers' Club, Garden Reach

1. President Biswajit called meeting to order and requested the members to rise for the National Anthem.
2. President informed the members about the Blood Donation Camp organised by Nabarun Samity, Maheshtala on July 14th, 2024. Inner Wheel Garden Reach too will be a part of the do. The expenses will be shared equally, once the expenses are shared a decision can be taken.
3. It is decided to hold the 1st Board Meeting for the year 2024-25 on July 30th, 2024. PP Sanjay Bhatt will be hosting the dinner and Fellowship. It is really a pleasure to note that after 50 years the family is blessed with a Granddaughter. May God bless the Angel and the family. All Members expressed their happiness in the joyful moment in PP Sanjay's family.
4. PP Prosenjit Barua explained the work in progress at Bharatgarh Rotary School in connection with construction of the toilets.
5. President invited the Installation Chair, PP Mousumi to inform the members present about the progress made in finalizing the installation ceremony to held on July 18th, 2024. Members present, participated actively in the discussion and the finer details of the program were made. All the members are looking forward for a great Installation Ceremony.
6. Two new members are being inducted in the year 2024-25. Mr. Santosh Kumar Singh and Mr. Amar Saha. Both the incumbent members introduced themselves and it's a matter of pleasure to hear them and the members are looking forward for their official induction on the Installation day.
7. Discussions carried out about the proposed medical camp at Shyamnagar on August 11th, 2024. The medical camp was proposed by PP Tanu.
8. The Club Secretary conducted the Club business.
9. On confirmation of the minutes, President Biswajit terminated the meeting.

WE MEET EVERY TUESDAY AT 7.30 P.M. AT B. N. R. OFFICERS' CLUB, GARDEN REACH, KOLKATA - 700 043
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