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RTN. GORDON MCINALLY



District Governor
RTN. HIRA LALYADAV



Club President
RTN. SHWETA BOSE BARUA



Thalassemia
Awareness

Rotary Garden Reach's 2230th RWM & 46th Club Installation

Attendance last RWM: 11

Birthday Greetings :

Jul 26th : Spouse Arundhati, Wife of PP Tanu Roy

Jul 29th : Spouse Rajshree, Wife of PP Capt. DK Rao



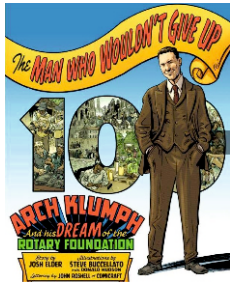
CLUB BOARD - 2023-24

President	: Rtn. Shweta Bose Barua	Club Editor	: Rtn. Tanu Roy
Immediate past president	: Rtn. Abinash Kr. Singh	Club Leadership Plan (CLP): Chairperson	
President elect	: Rtn. Biswajit Saha	• Club Administration	: Rtn. Dr. Sumanta Dasgupta
President nominee	: Rtn. Mohan Bandaru	• Membership	: Rtn. Dr J K Singh
Directors	: Rtn. Capt. Naresh K. Jain : Rtn. Ranjit Kumar Basu : Rtn. Kumud Ch. Kar	• Public Image • Public Image Co-Chair	: Rtn. Abhijit Das : Rtn. Abbas A Halder
Vice presidents	: Rtn. Capt. Ashfaque Ahmed : Rtn. Dr. Arabinda Ray	• Service Projects	: Rtn. Dr. B. N. Jha
Secretary	: Rtn. Dr. Subrata Lahiri	• Rotary Foundation	: Rtn. Tapan Kr. Roy
Treasurer	: Rtn. Timir Roy	Sergeant – at – Arms	: Rtn. Shubhayan Sengupta : Rtn. Tamal Roy : Rtn. Prosenjit Barua
Club Trainer	: Rtn. Mousumi Bhattacharyya		



A History of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

Before you attend any Rotary meeting on grants or other aspects of TRF, learn this history and share it. Those who know give more.



To a young set of parents in Afghanistan, it was a life-saving immunization for their five-month-old son. To a woman with seven children in Malaysia, it was a loan to start a sewing business that enabled her to feed her children. To North Koreans, it was an ambulance that equipped a hospital to be able to take care of them. To thousands of college students in almost every country on earth, it was the chance to study abroad, with all expenses paid, and learn their educational specialty up close and personal. Ask anyone who has been touched by The Rotary Foundation what it is and every answer will be different. Ask anyone who has been touched by The Rotary Foundation just how important it is, and every answer will be identical.

The Rotary Foundation was born as an endowment fund in 1917, the brainchild of RI President Arch C Klumph.

It was reborn 12 years later in the form we know today, The Rotary Foundation of Rotary international. However, it wouldn't be until after the passing of Paul P Harris in 1947 that TRF would reach the financial health and world importance that it enjoys today. Technically speaking, it is a not-for-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs. It is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

Its expenses are borne solely by the interest earned on its contributions over a three-year period. As an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world," its initial contribution was US \$26.50 in 1918. When it became The Rotary Foundation in 1928, it had a value of US \$5,739.07. In the most recent year that we have complete figures, the Foundation had more than US \$73 million contributed in 2000-01. But, that's not what The Rotary Foundation is all about. Its event-filled 85 years has been a story of Rotarians learning the value of service to humanity, and the citizens of the earth benefiting from that service. The Humanitarian Programs of the foundation help fuel international Rotary projects to improve the quality of life, providing health care, clean water, food, education, and other essential needs primarily in the developing world.

A major Humanitarian Program is PolioPlus, which seeks to eradicate the polio virus worldwide by Rotary's 100th birthday in 2005. Through its Educational Programs, the Foundation provides funding for some 1,200 students to study abroad each year. Grants are also awarded to university teachers to teach in developing countries and for exchanges of business and professional people. Even its former participants in the Foundation's programs can continue their affiliation with Rotary as Foundation Alumni.

In his 1917 address, RI President Arch C. Klumph said:

"We have called the attention of the organization this year to the possibility of a future endowment fund for Rotary. Carrying on, as we are, a miscellaneous community service, it seems eminently proper that we should accept endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world, in charitable, educational or other avenues of community progress; or such funds could be well used for extension work. I know of no more commendable use for the vast millions possessed by men in this country than that certain sums might be endowed to Rotary for the purpose of establishing Rotary clubs in all nations of the world".

From the Proceedings of the Eighth Annual Rotary Convention in Atlanta, 1917: "Arch ... has always been firm in the belief that his persistence would eventually be rewarded, that it would not always be necessary for him to walk alone. Long after Arch Klumph journey is ended other men will be following the trail he has been blazing throughout the years." Paul P.

A creative look at the Four-Way Test

Dennis Wong, Co-Founder of the Rotarian Action Group for Peace

Imagine yourself addressing conflicts through the lenses of fellowship, empathy, accountability and trust. That is the Four-Way Test. Imagine the power four questions and twenty-four words can have to help resolve conflicts





without violence and fulfill our Rotary peace mission.

The Four-Way Test is Rotary's unique approach and process to address conflicts, solve problems and make decisions to achieve desired outcomes. It can help us be more successful in reaching mutually beneficial, sustainable and scalable solutions.

The Four-Way Test has been a go-to for Rotary members when they have found themselves in difficult situations. With the Rotarian Code of Conduct, it is an ethical and effective guide for Rotary members to use for their personal and professional relationships. Furthermore, the concepts of conflict transformation embrace many of the Rotary principles. The Test is about fellowship, empathy, accountability and trust.

Conflict transformation is the process to transform conflict into constructive change without violence. It differs from conflict resolution and conflict management approaches by recognizing "contemporary conflicts require more than the reframing of positions and identification of win-win outcomes. The very structure of parties and relationships may be embedded in a pattern of conflictual relationships that extend beyond the particular site of conflict. Conflict transformation is a process of engaging with and transforming the relationships, interests, discourses and, if necessary, the very constitution of society that supports the continuation of violent conflict." *

The Four-Way Test is not a rigid process. Be creative and consider flipping the order of the four questions. Below are ideas for using The Four-Way Test and conflict transformation concepts for constructive change without violence.



Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? FELLOWSHIP. Rotarians are known for being sociable and building relationships. Ensure the process is civil and there's a feeling of respect and openness to ask questions that can lead to creative and innovative solutions. Discuss and agree on desired outcomes.

Will it BENEFICIAL to all concerned? EMPATHY. Have an open mind and a curiosity for new ideas, novel applications and different point-of-views. Consider many options and build on different ideas. Come to mutually beneficial solutions that are sustainable and scalable.

Is it FAIR to all concerned? ACCOUNTABILITY. Keep in mind both the Golden Rule and the Platinum Rule. Identify and include all interested and affected parties. Try to understand the other point-of-views in the context of conflict and reaching shared goals.

Is it the TRUTH? TRUST. From the Rotarian Code of Conduct, act with integrity and high ethical standards. Acknowledge and define the problem including the root causes. Collect information and apply critical thinking by asking questions to identify the difference between facts, beliefs, assumptions and opinions. Moreover, be a trusted problem solver.

The Four-Way Test is an adaptive process. It takes into account everyone's' point-of-view and concerns, as well as their needs and wants. The process is designed to build goodwill and earn trust so a particular end result is mutually beneficial, sustainable and has scalable outcomes.

I encourage you to consider using The Four-Way Test to address conflicts or work towards conflict transformation in your community.

Rotary Club of Madras – 95th Charter Nite

The Rotary Club of Madras, the Third Oldest Rotary club in India, after the Rotary clubs of Calcutta and Bombay, celebrated its **95th Charter Nite**, when they had the RI Director Rtn. Anirudha Roychowdhury as their Chief Guest. Over 200 Rotarians and their spouses were in attendance on this important occasion, when 3 more of their members became AKS members, thus taking the number of AKS members in the club to 6.

In 19 days, this Rotary year, they have touched a figure of US\$ 700,000/- to the TRF. Must commend the generosity of their members.





It was a musical evening with a very impressive band dishing out a few peppy numbers.

All said, this year, the 95th under Rtn. President S Ravi, has started with a frenzy and all the 280 members of theirs, confident that the trajectory will only be up and upwards.

We had guests from Kolkata which included 2 from the Rotary Club of Calcutta, that had their Centennial President Purnendu Roychowdhury and Arindam Roychowdhury and one from the Rotary Club of Garden Reach Kolkata, in Rtn. Tanu Roy.

The RI Director spoke in glowing terms of the club and paid encomiums for the kind of work that the club has been undertaking, over the years.

My heartiest gratitude to PP NK Gopinath Sir for sending us the write-up. Much appreciate Sir.

Minutes of the 2229th RWM held on July 18th, 2023 at BNR Officers' Club, Garden Reach

1. In absentia of the Club President Rtn. Shweta, VP, PP Dr. Arabinda called the RWM to order. Requested the members to rise for the National Anthem.
2. On July 16th, we organised a Blood Donation Camp at Nabarun Samity, Maheshtala. The donated blood will proceed for the Thalassaemic patients. Total 77 units of blood was collected.
3. 1st Board Meeting will be held on July 27th, 2023 at our regular venue.
4. Members were requested to pay Rs. 2000 towards the Club Installation.
5. Club Secretary, Rtn. Dr. Subrata conducted the Club business.
6. Minutes of the last RWM were confirmed. Vice President terminated the meeting.

