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In my 30s and this is why Rotary is valuable to me

Sarah Overton

I'm often asked the question: "Why Rotary?" I am of a generation that tends to support causes, not join clubs. I have a full-time job and a busy household with a husband, two young kids, and a dog who believes twice-daily walks are the only cause worth considering.

Also, I am passionate about my "me time" for reading, exercise, or quiet contemplation. So... why make time for Rotary?

Part of the answer is that, back home in Florida, I have parents who raised me to believe in the importance of community involvement. My dad, who is a longstanding member of Rotary, instilled in me a belief that grownups volunteer. Service is vital to a well-rounded life.

When I finished my studies, moved to Melbourne, and started working professionally, it was a natural step to join the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne. I felt good about being involved with an organisation that makes the world – and my own neighbourhood – a better place through impactful projects.



But another, richer answer to "Why Rotary" has to do with what I get back in the form of personal and professional development. Constantly I pinch myself at my good fortune, especially as a newcomer to Melbourne, that I can access a network of extraordinary business and community leaders. These leaders freely share their experience and knowledge, helping me expand my own leadership capacity and develop skills which translate back into my career and family life.

I've been formally and informally mentored by senior business and community leaders who I never would have met if not for Rotary – and who, graciously, never fail to return my calls.

Through Rotary, I have led projects and formed teams with people who's professional and life experience wildly overshadows my own – and yet these talented people give me space to step up. They coach me gently, and they are invested in my growth.

And I have opportunities to mentor others, completing a virtuous cycle of how Rotary fosters the next generation of community leaders.

I gain skills, I use them to give back, and that is "Why Rotary" for me.

Rotary membership offers personal and professional development advantages to volunteers aged in their 30s and 40s. Lets' connect with these motivated volunteers and grow our clubs to make a bigger difference for our community.



Scientist Builds AI-enabled device to help diagnose diseases in under a Minute

Dr. Tathagato Rai Dastidar grew up in an environment where science reigned supreme, he recalls. His parents were professors at the Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science, which is the oldest research institute in India.

“So, science has been my bread and butter since early childhood. I have always been fascinated and curious about science and technology,” says Dr. Dastidar.

The 22-year veteran of the tech industry, who holds 11 United States patents, is the founder of Bengaluru medtech startup **SigTuple**, which automates the manual microscopic review of biological samples using artificial intelligence (AI) for faster turnaround time for patients, making the lives of pathologists easier.

Dr. Dastidar's love for science and technology took him to the corridors of the famed Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur. There, he completed his BTech and PhD in computer science and engineering before embarking on a career building software and holding technical leadership positions for some of the premier technology companies in the world.

However, when he started his professional career back in 2000 at National Semiconductor, an American semiconductor manufacturer, tragedy struck back home.

Dr. Dastidar's father passed away the same year after his treatment for acute myeloid leukaemia was delayed due to an earlier misdiagnosis. Alongside his day job at various tech companies, for about a decade and a half, Dr. Dastidar began working on the problem of how to prevent such fatal instances of medical misdiagnosis. He founded SigTuple in 2015.

SigTuple was, in part, the result of this search for a solution, and with the company, he has embarked on a mission to revolutionise pathology through robotics and advanced AI.

“At SigTuple, we are about applying artificial intelligence into an area which positively impacts human lives. Accurate and early diagnosis of disease conditions is one such way, and this cause resonated with me personally,” he says.

Mitigating the loss of human lives



Here's how Dr. Dastidar explains the problem statement.

“In many cases, critical diseases go undiagnosed till it is too late. This could be because of the lack of access to quality healthcare. It could also be due to the inefficiencies in the healthcare delivery system. Whatever the cause might be, the effect is ultimately tragic — unnecessary suffering and loss of human lives. The idea behind SigTuple was to build artificial intelligence that could help early screening and diagnosis, possibly in underserved areas, which would make life better for the end patient.”

More specifically, however, he notes that there is one pathologist for a population of more than 65,000 people. With the aim of making the life of the pathologist easier and thereby improving patient outcomes, their focus lies in automating the inefficient and error prone manual microscopic review process for the most common tests — blood and urine microscopy.

Navigating the 'biggest bottleneck'

One key device they have developed in this regard is the AI100, which offers a solution combining software and hardware

components. The hardware is an automated slide scanner, capable of converting any physical specimen into digital images.

The AI platform analyses these images and provides clinical insights into the sample, which brings down slide review time for the pathologist and allows them to seamlessly work remotely or collaborate with their colleagues across geographies.

“Microscopic review of blood samples is a gold standard for diagnosis of many critical diseases. This includes something as serious as the various forms of leukaemia. This process remains predominantly manual in more than 96% laboratories globally and is thus the biggest bottleneck in terms of turnaround time for sample reporting,” explains Dr. Dastidar.

“Being manual, it is also prone to errors. Most importantly, blood microscopy is by far the largest use case of the microscope in a clinical laboratory. The idea behind AI100 is to automate the microscopic review of blood samples





through robotics and AI, to make the process standardised, reduce turnaround time, and improve quality of reporting,” he adds.

While the idea of AI100 originated at the time of the birth of SigTuple, Dr. Dastidar and his team tried out different approaches on the hardware side before zeroing on the current design. He says his team knew that they had to build the hardware themselves, as there was no cost-effective solution available for automated digital microscopy in the market.

“Our biggest challenge was the founding team’s lack of experience with hardware design, especially hardware that requires micron level precision, as in microscopy. We had vast experience in developing artificial intelligence and data analysis tools, but hardly any to develop hardware. As a result, we made many rookie mistakes along the way, which delayed the final deployment of AI100 into the market. Those were good lessons to learn,” he notes.

AI100 was ready for beta testing starting early 2019. SigTuple deployed the beta version into many labs, and used the opportunity to gather customer feedback and smoothen out any rough edges.

COVID-19, however, dampened their commercialisation plans. They started commercial deployments of AI100 after the second wave of the pandemic subsided in late 2021.

How does it work?

In normal laboratory practice, a blood sample is smeared on a glass slide and then reviewed under the microscope.



With this device, instead of a pathologist reviewing the slide under the microscope, the slide is inserted into AI100. The machine automatically captures high magnification microscopic images of the relevant portions of the slide and uploads the images to a cloud platform.

“The AI module resides on the cloud platform. It analyses the images, mimicking what a pathologist would do while reviewing it under the microscope. The result of this analysis is then presented to the pathologist on a web browser, which makes the report accessible from anywhere and anytime. The pathologist reviews the AI suggested report and then approves it.

This process helps the current workflow in many ways,” says Dr. Dastidar.

First of all, the pathologist need not be in the lab to report on the sample.

“Imagine a critical patient requiring immediate attention in the dead of the night. Earlier, the pathologist had to rush to the hospital or the patient had to wait. Now, that is no longer necessary, as the pathologist can report from home, while the sample is in the laboratory where the AI100 machine is present. Further, since the AI does most of the job of the pathologist, it makes her more efficient, by reducing the review time. She can now concentrate more on the really critical patients, rather than wasting time on near normal samples,” he explains.

Finally, the AI is free from fatigue-related errors that impact human pathologists. It’s better at detecting those rarer and easy to miss abnormalities. This ultimately improves the end patient outcome. With AI-enabled automated digital microscopy, the sample review process by a pathologist, which used to take 5 to 10 minutes, has come down to 30 seconds today. Also, thanks to this technology, a pathologist can now review approximately 300 slides per day as compared to 30 slides with manual microscopic solutions, according to Dr Dastidar.

“This is how AI, robotics and cloud all come together to improve the speed and accuracy of diagnosis. Also, apart from blood, AI100 can also analyse urine samples. Urine microscopy is the second most common use of the microscope in the clinical laboratory. Soon, other and more specialised tests will be enabled on the same platform,” he adds.

Components of AI100

AI100 consists of an optical column with a microscopic lens (400X magnification), an LED illumination unit and a CMOS (complementary metal oxide semiconductor) camera.

“It has a mechanical stage used for moving the sample under the lens, and also to focus it, which operates at micron level precision. There is an electronic printed circuit board (PCB) to control the mechanical stage and the LED unit. It also contains a full-fledged compute unit consisting of an Intel processor and NVIDIA GPU,” states Dr. Dastidar.

“SigTuple has the capability to assemble the hardware in house. We also have a tie-up with a certified contract manufacturer for medical devices. While many of the internal components are imported, some are locally sourced. The plastic cover and the machined components are manufactured locally,” Pranat Bhadani, President of Business





Growth, SigTuple.

Improving care in Tier 2 and 3 cities

SigTuple is also focused on equipping Tier 2 and 3 cities by installing their device in pathology labs and introducing the need for advanced automated digital microscopy, which will help cope with the dearth of pathologists.

“Most laboratory chains are stunted in their ability to open up quality diagnostic centres in Tier 2 and 3 cities (and even beyond), by the inability to find a good pathologist for such labs. So, they typically operate in a hub-and-spoke model, where samples from smaller cities and towns are transported to their main centres in larger cities. This has its obvious drawbacks — increased turnaround time, sample degeneration while transport, and so on,” explains Bhadani.

Microscopy requires the physical presence of the pathologist in the lab. Most other functions in the lab can be performed digitally, with technicians at the lab running the machines.

“AI100 enables the labs to perform microscopy digitally over the internet, obviating the need to have the pathologist physically present in the lab. Given the increased efficiency of the pathologist due to the AI, the same pathologist can now look at many more samples in a day than what she could do earlier. This is how SigTuple is helping laboratories in their foray into smaller cities and towns. We count nearly all the top laboratory and hospital chains in India as our customers — HCG, Manipal, Krsnaa Diagnostics, SRL, Aarthi Scans, etc,” says Bhadani.

What is the road ahead for SigTuple?

“We will continue our journey of innovation in the medical space and come up with newer solutions which solve real clinical problems. We will also continue our journey to expand commercially, both in India and internationally,” says Dr Dastidar.

My Rotary journey: from member to Rotarian

Amy Payne, Rotary Scottsville, USA

A year ago, I walked into a meeting of the Scottsville Rotary Club with a mission to present the newly opened Victory Hill Dream Center. Little did I know that this meeting would mark the beginning of a life-changing transformation for me.

From the moment I stepped into that Rotary meeting, I knew I had found more than just an audience for my presentation. I had found a Rotary family that welcomed me with open arms, embracing my vision of service and community support.

As a discipleship pastor at Victory Hill church in Scottsville, I'm committed to and passionate about serving our community. Directing and organizing the outreach centre, which caters to the needs of the community, is a privilege that fills my heart with purpose.



Since joining Rotary, I've been mentored by an amazing group of peers who have taught me the true meaning of Rotary's motto, Service Above Self. Together with my fellow Rotarians, I've had the privilege to jump right into service work, making a tangible impact on the lives of those we serve.

From volunteering alongside my fellow Rotarians to leading the speech contest, I have felt the power of collaboration and unity in action. But beyond the projects and initiatives, what truly touched my heart is the genuine friendship, community support, and family-like bond that Rotary has brought into my life.

Today, I can proudly say that I have transformed from being just a member to becoming a Rotarian. The values of Rotary have become a part of who I am, inspiring me to make a lasting difference.

Rotary has given me not only a platform to serve but also an extended family of like-minded individuals who share a common

goal of making our community a better place for all.

Through this short journey, I've discovered the true essence of Rotary: a global force for good, united by love, compassion, and unwavering commitment to service. I am honoured and humbled to be a part of this extraordinary Rotary family. Together, we are creating a legacy of service and impacting lives in ways we could never have imagined.



Membership and New Club Development Month



On Sunday, September 24th, 2023 Rotary Garden Reach had their General Medical Camp at Kalyan Samity in association with KPC Medical College & Hospitals. PP Dr. Arabinda Ray has been instrumental in organising the camp. The camp started at 11 am in the morning and was over by 2:30 pm. Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar, Dental, Orthopaedic & Cardiology were done.



Doctors from KPC participated whole-heartedly keeping their calmness & composure in diagnosing the 120 registered patients for the camp. Our heartiest gratitude for your support. Members from Rotary Garden Reach present were PP Dr. JK Singh, PP Dr. Arabinda Ray, PP Tapan K Roy, PP Ashfaque Ahmed, PP Dr. Sumanta Dasgupta, PE Biswajit Saha & PP Tanu Roy.





Bangladesh project spreads Happiness

Nahid Hasan, PDIR & Past President, Interact Habigonj, Bangladesh

On 15 August, I had the opportunity to help bring a moment of happiness into the lives of 50 underprivileged children living on the streets of Sylhet, Bangladesh, as part of my Interact club. Interact develops leadership through volunteer work and we take seriously our call to make a difference in our school and community.

Those of us who have been blessed with all that we need have a responsibility to lend a helping hand to those who struggle to secure even the basic necessities. We designed our “Happiness” project to be an example of community service with a spirit of empathy and compassion.

On the chosen day, we welcomed the children to the hotel we had chosen for our event and treated them to a delectable dinner, meticulously prepared to cater to their tastes and preferences. We created an ambiance filled with joy and camaraderie. The children were able to leave their worries aside for a while and take part in interactive games, storytelling sessions, and other creative activities. Each child was presented with thoughtfully curated gifts, symbolizing love, care, and the promise of a brighter future.

By bringing a moment of joy into their lives, we hoped to create a ripple of change extending beyond that day. Our goal was to enhance their self-esteem, enabling them to seek better opportunities for themselves off the streets. We also want to build community awareness of their situation and foster compassion among the volunteers who helped us out with this project.

For the day, we enjoyed a colourful moment of levity with them, and gave them a reason to hope for brighter days. Interact is a great youth organization. Thank you, Rotary, for supporting our efforts – and [Long Live Interact](#).










There is an easier way to create Club Bulletins!

It is so easy it has transformed Club Bulletins.

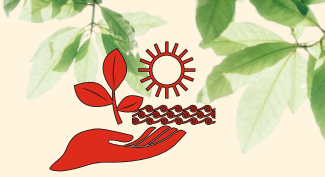
One of the difficulties clubs face every year is the weekly Club Bulletin. Firstly, someone needs to gather all the information each week and then have the skills to enter the reports, speakers, duties and upcoming events into the Bulletin itself. The more creative the Bulletin the greater the need for technical knowledge ... and once done it needs to be sent out meaning another skill set to manage the email system. **THERE IS AN EASIER WAY.**

Using the Club Runner bulletin feature, assuming your Club has Club Runner, the whole creation is much easier but people need to be aware that much of the input is around the use of the Stories feature and that also places these, if wanted, on to the Club website so these need to be done properly as the Club website is the main showcase medium for most Clubs and good, presentable publicity is crucial for the success of any Club.

The general process might be like this:

-  **Create the main bulletin template** – there are several available with many add it options to personalise for the club but done right, done once it will serve long-term
-  **Information is gathered** - with people managing their areas of responsibility the traditional workload for the Bulletin Editor is vastly reduced, see ...
-  **Speaker organiser** makes certain speaker list is up to date as this is automatically loaded to the Bulletin
-  **Meeting duties organiser** makes certain duties list is up to date as this is automatically loaded to the Bulletin
-  **Events (projects, events, socials etc.)** may be loaded by a variety of people, often those running the Event and these automatically load to the Bulletin - note you can only enter 100 Events in a Rotary year so don't waste on minor things
-  **Likewise**, a variety of people may be able to create and publish Stories to the website but the bulletin editor selects which is used in any one bulletin
-  **Bulletin Editor** write additional Stories (i.e. Information) not created elsewhere
-  **Some Clubs** may have the President writing their own submission either using the specific Bulletin inset feature or via Stories
-  **Once ready**, the Bulletin is emailed to members and others as per communications feature





Your place in Rotary

One of the early Rotary clubs had a shy young member who has since risen high in his profession and in Rotary. He likes to tell about the horror he felt when the president of the club assigned him as a speaker at the weekly meeting. An incident in relation to his work which he had described at the luncheon table suggested that he might be able to provide an interesting program.

The young man protested when he was asked, and on the eve of his assignment invented a trip out of town to avoid speaking. Some weeks later, however, another speaker failed to appear and the club president called for the promised talk.

Almost numb with fear, he arose to speak. And then his interest in the subject and the realization that he was among friends took hold of him. He spoke freely, naturally, enjoyably—even to himself. Today, he still remembers with gratitude that his Rotary membership imposed this assignment. Without it, he believes, his professional advancement would have been inhibited.

This man is typical of those persons—and there are thousands of them—who have found in Rotary the ideal setting for developing their capacity for leadership. In a meeting of past district governors, one of them said: “All of us around this table know that we shall never be able to give to Rotary as much as we have received from it.” Every head nodded enthusiastic assent.

These were men who had given generously of their time and talent—and without remuneration—to the cause of Rotary and who, the more they gave, the more they received.

The new man in Rotary has much to learn, much to understand before he becomes fully effective as a Rotarian. But he was chosen in the belief that he possessed the requisite qualities, and that he would quickly find his starting place. The club will provide the proper and favorable setting. There is a well-ordered procedure to acquaint new members with the broad facets of Rotary so that they may find their particular niche. Thus, in many clubs an individual may begin his Rotary career on the “badge board,” distributing luncheon badges so he may learn the names of his fellow-Rotarians and begin the process of acquaintance in the shortest possible time. Rotary is based upon acquaintance—fellowship—and the opportunities this acquaintance provides for personal service.

Committee assignments carry this process forward. The new member works closely with older Rotarians—the most natural setting in which to learn Rotary functions—and thus absorbs more about the purposes and operations of his club. The informal discussions of a committee session, as one new member put it, “really gave me the ‘feel’ of how Rotarians work together to take decisions. It made me feel I ‘belonged,’ especially when I was asked for my opinion and was drawn into the discussion as a full-fledged member.”

This feeling of “belonging” also makes the new member aware of his responsibilities to Rotary, and Rotary’s responsibilities to him. The member, by virtue of his membership in such an organization, is expected to look for opportunities to serve; it is one of the obligations he accepts. Through daily contacts with the life of the community, through contacts with Rotarians at the weekly meetings and elsewhere, through programs and Rotary literature—such as *The Rotarian* magazine—the new member constantly widens the scope of his knowledge. Each contact is an opportunity for re-examination of older concepts or for the opening of new horizons.

The club simultaneously undertakes responsibilities toward the new member—responsibilities for informing him on the operations of the club, on Rotary International, and on various other matters grading between the strictly local and the broadly universal. In brief, the club’s responsibility is to put the knowledge to work.

First and foremost, all members have the responsibility for regular attendance at weekly meetings. If for any reason a member is unable to attend his own club, he is expected to attend the meeting of another club in either the six days preceding, on the day of the meeting, or the six days succeeding his own club’s meeting day. Failure to attend for four consecutive weeks automatically terminates membership unless the individual has been excused by his club’s board of directors.

This is not just an odd requirement of Rotary. It is practical and is based on years of experience. No club can operate efficiently without the full participation of its membership in regularly scheduled gatherings, and this is particularly true of Rotary. Non-attendance is a triple handicap: the club itself fails to receive benefit of the member’s ideas and experiences; second, the individual is deprived of the fellowship, the give-and-take, the companionship, the broader horizons that result from contact with like-minded men; and, third, the classification held by the absentee is not represented at the meeting. A club that aims at being a cross section of the business and professional community fails of its goal by the number of its habitual absentees and the number of unfilled classifications. A member who aims at being a good Rotarian generally succeeds in direct proportion to his attendance – and participation.

It is not without significance that the emblem of Rotary is the gear-wheel. Mechanically speaking, the loss of a single cog of a gear impairs efficiency by introducing slippage at a given point on the rim; lose enough cogs, and the wheel will cease to do useful work. It is as simple as that.

The individual member has another responsibility: to serve his club in all its endeavors, and the club has the complementary responsibility—to see that he is given opportunity to serve. It is understood in Rotary that when a member is offered an assignment by his club, he accepts it willingly and dispatches it with energy. It is this





responsibility in Rotary which may cause the leading men of the community to do things far removed from their normal activity so that there will be funds to help the crippled children of the community or pay for a scholarship for a deserving student. Men who work at a desk all day may take pick and shovel and rake on Saturday to level off the playground or park development undertaken by their club. More often, however, the service may be individual service—service motivated through other channels, but accepted enthusiastically because the man is a Rotarian. An illustration makes this pattern clear. A Rotary club had a program at its weekly meeting on Scouting—a full and inspiring description of the Scout movement in that community and its relationship to Scouting in other parts of the world. The speaker closed with an appeal for more adult leaders and sponsors, explaining the significance of competent leadership.

This Rotarian was moved by what he heard—as many others were—and this man determined that he would volunteer his services as an adult leader. As a Rotarian and as a serving citizen of his community, he could do no less. Could he do anymore? Yes, he could; he belonged to another organization in the community, and, at its next meeting, he stood up to advocate that this organization do what his Rotary club had already done a long time ago— sponsor a Boy Scout troop. It was done.

Both the fellowship and the service of Rotary have strong chain reaction characteristics. In thousands of instances these acts of service span the oceans and jungles, reaching across national and geographical boundaries. Take, for example, the story of Alec MacPhail and Eric Schultz.

Alec MacPhail, a member of the Rotary Club of Johannesburg, South Africa, first met **Eric Schultz** when the latter was a patient in the hospital. Schultz, a husky young miner, had been in a serious motorcycle accident and had lost both arms and both legs. Because of slow progress in learning how to use artificial limbs he was, at the time his path crossed MacPhail's, in a state of extreme mental depression. He felt society had no further use for him, that ahead stretched only the grim future of a helpless, quadruple amputee.

Schultz impressed MacPhail. Gradually MacPhail convinced the young man that the future was not as black as it seemed, that something could be done for him, that he could do something for himself, and that society still could use him. Information was procured on the latest in prosthetic devices, particularly on a system devised to treat American war veterans. The apparent road block was that treatment and training facilities were across the broad Atlantic and across the United States, in California.

MacPhail presented the matter to his Rotary club. The money was raised to pay Schultz's traveling expenses to the United States, and for specialized training at the University of California in Los Angeles.

As Schultz winged his way across the world, an Amsterdam Rotarian met him and entertained him until plane time. In New York, another Rotarian, who had reserved both a hotel and a hospital room, cancelled both and took Schultz home with him. Upon arriving in Los Angeles, the traveller was met by still another Rotarian who took him along to a Rotary meeting. A month after Eric's admission to the University of California, he received new arms; after five months training, he had become almost completely independent of outside help. He made such progress in the use of his four artificial limbs that the doctors in charge suggested he demonstrate his new skills in Washington to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the United States Congress. Shortly after he did so, a million-dollar appropriation for further research into artificial limbs was passed; Eric demonstrated mastery of his new limbs to the extent of offering a cigarette to a friend—and lighting it for him!

A letter he wrote home after arriving in the United States expresses a fundamental truth and helps the Rotarian see his organization in inspiring perspective. Schultz wrote, "It was only after this long trip that I began to appreciate what a huge organization Rotary is and how small it has made the world."

That, in brief, is the story of a young man who once thought life had cast him aside. It also is the story of Alec MacPhail and the Rotarians of Johannesburg and the place they occupy in the service-above-self world of Rotary. In the broader sense, it is the story of all Rotary: a need apprehended, a need met through local and worldwide co-operation.

The world-famous Dr. Albert Schweitzer who has achieved greatness as clergyman, author, physician, musician, and humanitarian summed it up once. Accepting honorary membership from the Rotary Club of Colmar, France—which was made the occasion for a substantial club donation to Dr. Schweitzer's work in Africa—he said: "I feel that I am in a sympathetic group. I feel that I am among men who sincerely desire to give our civilization more spiritualities, a deepening of thought and of human ideals, and a will to save the world from ruin. I am, therefore, one of you, and I believe in your great and splendid goal."

None of what has been said should be taken to mean that Rotary is a crusading army marching off to save the world; nothing of the sort would be possible under its organization. Neither is it a collection of back-slappers and glad handers. It is composed of many kinds of men – some more fully imbued with zeal than others. But all members, at one time or another, manage to progress toward their ideals while having a good deal of plain, wholesome fun. Some of this is from programming, some of it is the quiet satisfaction of a job well done. Some of it is in the fellowship of the weekly meeting or other Rotary gatherings. Some of it is in the common effort toward a common goal. Taken together, **it spells R-O-T-A-R-Y.**



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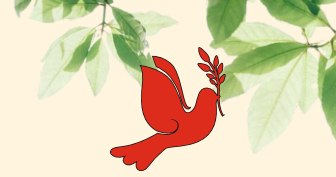


Kudos to Rtn. Dr. Amitabh Ray for conducting the Seminar on Cancer Awareness and Palliative Care at Rotary Sadan on September 23rd, 2023. We witnessed history in the making where the father, PP Dr. Arabinda Ray worked behind the scenes while the son, Rtn. Dr. Amitabh was the face of the Seminar; where leading Oncologists, Cancer Survivors like Thespian Chandan Sen, and people from various walks of life and Rotary Dignitaries like DG Hira Lal Yadav & RI Director Anirudha Roychowdhury and Foot soldiers of Rotary movement like us were present to kick off a movement on Cancer Awareness.



For Rotarians of Rotary Garden Reach trying to Reach out to Cancer victims in Palliative Care is an initiative like none other. This Seminar with its humble beginnings will be our endeavour in laying the paving block of the future.
-Report by PP Prosenjit Barua





Minutes of the 2236th RWM & Charter Day, held on September 11th, 2023 at BNR Officers' Club, Garden Reach

1. President Shweta call the meeting to order. Welcoming the DG Hira Lal and District delegates & requested the members to rise for the National Anthem.
2. President announced the District Governor's Official Visit on October 12th, 2023.
3. President informed that the District Directory will be available shortly for Rs. 400.
4. PP Dr. Arabinda briefed the gathering regarding the RCC Badartala Medical Camp. The number of beneficiaries were 130.
5. On the DG's suggestion to celebrate 'World Health Day', the club has proposed a Medical Camp on September 29th, 2023 at Kalyan Samity.
6. Post-Puja Medical Camp at Daspur, tentatively 3rd week of November will be coordinated by PP Dr. Arabinda.
7. Pre-Puja clothes distribution at RCC Badartala will be decided later.
8. The 3rd Board Meeting will be held on September 19th, 2023.
9. On confirmation of the last meeting, President terminated the meeting and handed over the ceremony to Charter Day Celebration Chair, PN Mohan.

How do you **CREATE HOPE** in the 2023-2024 WASH World?

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