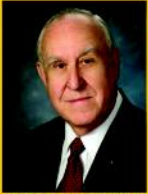


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OUR DIVERSITY, OUR STRENGTH

RIP John Germ speaks to Rotary News:

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Forty years ago, the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, admitted three women members, in violation of the Rotary International Constitution. As a result, the Club's charter was terminated by RI.

Undeterred, the Club's members continued to meet. They put an X over their Rotary insignia, made themselves new pins, and dubbed themselves as the Ex-Rotary Club of Duarte, as they continued to fight for the right of women to serve as Rotarians. Ten years later, a restored Rotary Club of Duarte sent Sylvia Whitlock, Rotary's first female President, to a President s-Elect Training Seminar. Not long after that, in 1989, Rotary's Council on Legislation permanently ended Rotary's status as a men-only organization.

Today, with more than 240,000 women in our clubs, Rotary is stronger than ever. We are women and men from nearly every country of the world, serving our communities in more than 35000 clubs. At the club level, we need men and women of all backgrounds, ages, cultures and professions : internationally we need clubs in every city, country and region of the world. The

better our clubs reflect their communities, the better we can serve them. Our diversity is our strength.

It is difficult for most of us to imagine today why anyone argued so strongly against the idea of women in Rotary. Looking back, I think that opposition came from a simple resistance to change. Rotarians loved rotary the way it was and couldn't imagine it any other way.

We still love Rotary as much as we ever did. We love the friendships and connections we make there, and the ability Rotary provides to serve humanity. We believe Rotary has tremendous value in our own lives and in the world at large. And we recognize, more than ever, that for Rotary to continue to grow, it needs to embrace the world it serves—in all its diversity, all of its variety, and all of its evolving needs for service.

The Rotarians of today owe a debt of gratitude to the Rotarians of Duarte 40 years ago. Their determination, persistence and enduring goodwill set the stage for the organization we have become : *Rotary Serving Humanity*.

John F. Germ,

President, Rotary International.

Source: Rotary News, March 2017

Flame Congratulates DG SHYAMASHREE

Flame is happy to inform readers that our District Governor Shyamashree Sen has been presented with a Certificate of appreciation by the Indian National Polio Plus Committee of Rotary International for her exemplary contribution to Keep India Polio Free.

RC Ballygunge members were part of her journey towards Keeping India Polio Free and heartily congratulate her for this attainment.

FLAME WELCOMES MEMBERS TO OUR AGM (part postponed and reconvened) THIS EVENING



RCB PULSE POLIO ON SUNDAY 2ND APRIL 2017.

RC Ballygunge joined the nationwide Routine Pulse Polio Immunisation on Sunday 2nd April '17, as part of the KEEP INDIA POLIO FREE PROGRAMME. This National Immunisation Day started for us from 9.00am when Rtns Dibyendu Sekhor Lahiri and Biswajit Banerjee joined PP Prodeep Coomar in going around our allotted booths in Ward No 68 of KMC in the Ballygunge area. The booths covered were :

- Patha Bhavan School
 - South Point School
 - Satyabhama Institution for Boys
 - Bharat Sevashram Sangha, Jamir Lane,
 - Jagat Bandhu Vidyapith
 - Kamala Chatterjee School,
 - KMC Ward 68 Office Polio Booth
 - KMC Ward 68 School , Cornfield Road
 - Ballygunge Silpa Sikshayatan, Ballygunge Place and
 - Calcutta Girls Academy.
- A few moments of our Sunday morning rounds are captured in these pix.



HAPPY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

Flame wishes PP Rtn Ashoke Chandra A Very Happy Birthday and Many Happy Returns for his Birthday on 4th April