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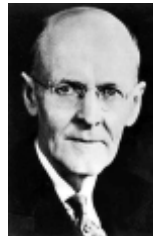
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## REMINISCING HISTORY OF ROTARY

Rotary started with the vision of one man — Paul Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on 23 February 1905, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships.

Over time, Rotary's reach and vision gradually extended to humanitarian service. Members have a long track record of addressing challenges in their communities and around the world.

Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves.



Paul Harris  
Rotary founder

### Our ongoing commitment

That commitment endures today through an organization that remains truly international. Only 16 years after being founded, Rotary had clubs on six continents. Our members now span the globe, working to solve some of our world's most challenging problems.

We're not afraid to dream big and set bold goals. We began our fight against polio in 1979 with a project to immunize 6 million children in the Philippines. Today, polio remains endemic in only two countries — down from 125 in 1988.

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

— Mahatma Gandhi.



Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

# CHARTER NIGHT ON 22<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2024







Our Charter night was August 12, 1979.

Charter night is different from Inauguration. I think inauguration is the formal welcoming into Rotary whereas Charter night is more of a celebration of the new club joining the Rotary family and we joined the Rotary family way back in 1979.

Charter Night is traditionally celebrated close to the anniversary of our Club's founding charter date. The Immediate Past President assists the Club President in organizing Charter Night. The President Dr. Amlan Bhattacharya has not kept the Charter Night a typical formal affair. A keynote speaker of general interest to the Rotarians and guests were invited. All members were billed for the event to encourage attendance. It was a great informal happy hour get-together after work on the 4th Thursday of the month, was coordinated by the Membership Chair. There was a great informal happy hour get-together after work on the 4th Thursday of the month, was coordinated by the Membership Chair. There was a great music when we all were driven back to the time and the golden era of the legendary singer Padma Vibhushan and Bharat Ratna Shri Bhupen Hazarika.

The event was designed in such a way so that all the members enjoy to the fullest, socialize and celebrate the night. The prospective members were also invited to get to know our Club.

The President cut the cake to celebrate the special night. The programme ended as usual with the magical singing presentation of our very beloved Rotarian Joy Ganguly and sumptuous dinner.





## Editor's Column

Dear Readers,

As you all aware that under the given scenario, the Cervical cancer has become an alarming disease amongst the women of the society we live in and we, being, a Rotarian, it is our duties to educate in whatever possible manner in order to prevent them.

Cervical cancer, the fourth most common cancer among women worldwide, is caused almost entirely by human papillomavirus (HPV). High-risk types of HPV can lead to cervical intraepithelial lesions which, over time, can progress to cervical cancer.

Cervical cancer is a largely preventable disease. Primary prevention and screening are the most effective modalities for decreasing the healthcare burden and mortality attributable to cervical cancer. Since 2006, HPV vaccination has been available to prevent cervical cancer. Interprofessional team members must educate young female patients (ideally, prior to initiating sexual activity) and their families about this highly effective vaccine. This activity details primary prevention strategies, screening guidelines, diagnostic evaluations, current staging, and specific treatment modalities for invasive cervical cancer.

Come, lets unite our hands to fight back and prevent our mother, daughters, sisters and family from this disease.

Rotary District 3291

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Who touched you?

## DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR

On 31st August 2024 at  
Kalakunj (Kala Mandir Basement), 3.30pm

Keynote Speakers

Chief Guest: P.D.G. Sharat Chandra  
Regional Coordinator  
RI Zone 6

Guest of Honour: P.D.G. Jhulan Basu  
Asst. Regional Coordinator  
RI Zone 6

P.D.G. Ravi Sehgal  
District Membership Chair  
RI Dist 3291

Host Clubs

- RC Budge Budge
- RC Calcutta Chowrenghee
- RC Calcutta Mega City
- RC Calcutta Old City
- RC Calcutta Sutanuti
- RC Tollygunge
- RC Calcutta Visionaries

Lead Host Clubs

- RC Belur
- RC Calcutta

Supporting Co Host Clubs  
shall be acknowledged  
in the Seminar.

## Minutes of the 2503<sup>rd</sup> RWM held on 22nd August 2024 at The Casa Broadway Hotel, for celebration of the 46<sup>th</sup> Charter Night

- President called the 2503rd RWM to order.
- President requested all to rise for the National Anthem and the same was sung in chorus by the members and guests present.
- President informed the members of a Condolence Meeting (at the Prakash Bhawan, Salt Lake) arranged by the District 3291 in memory of the young Doctor who was murdered and raped at the RG Kar Hospital. All members unanimously decried and condemned the heinous crime and demanded justice for the victim. One Minute silence was observed by the members of the club as a respect to the victim.
- President announced the celebration of the 46th Charter Night of the Club, to be held along with the RWM.
- President informed the members that the next RWM will be held on 27th August 2024, wherein a proposal on a Global Grant would be discussed. The members were informed that the forthcoming RWM (on 27th August) will be held jointly with RC Garden Reach, along with probably another club from Howrah.
- President informed the members that the club is exploring opportunities to collaborate with Coal India Limited. The club will help in executing service projects, while Coal India Limited will help with their CSR funds.
- President informed the members that on 5th September 2024 a service project will be done at the Gandhi Vidyalaya on the occasion of the Teachers' Day. Members were informed that 28 teachers would be felicitated and approx. 200 students would be provided food packets during the said programme. The President requested Rtn. Sabari Bose to lead this service project.
- President informed the members that on 14th September 2024, a service project will be conducted on "Mental Health" at the Rotary Sadan.
- President informed the members that on 31st August 2024 a programme will be conducted by District 3291 on Membership Development.
- President informed the members that the club is exploring options to conduct a service programme with the LGBT community.
- President informed the members that on 19th August 2024, the members of the club had a programme with children with disabilities, along with NIPS, on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan. President attended this project along with PP Rtn. Ashif Shah.
- Chartered Member, Rtn Debajyoti Dutta, shared wonderful memories of foundation of the club.
- Chartered Member, PP Pradeep Majumdar, shared his best wishes and hoped the club would reach greater heights soon.
- President handed over to the Joint Secretary, Rtn. Joydeep Mookerjee, for the happy announcements. Rtn. Joydeep Mookerjee informed the members of the forthcoming birthday of Rtn. Dr Sandip Banerjee, which is on 26th August.
- Joint Secretary, Rtn. Joydeep Mookerjee welcomed the members to join the RWM and to participate in important matters concerning the club.
- The Minutes of the last meeting was confirmed.
- Joint Secretary, Rtn. Joydeep Mookerjee, handed over to the President for business.
- President terminated the meeting (RWM 2503).

Members Present - 22    Guests Present - 13