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AUGUST

2571st REGULAR CLUB MEETING

Rotary



Rotary Opens
Opportunities

COVER STORY



**6th August, 1945 the day the earth
stood still & changed the world forever.
75th Hiroshima Day being observed
worldwide.**

August : Membership & New Club Development Month

TOP STORIES

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THE FOUR-WAY TEST OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

- 1. IS IT THE TRUTH ?**
- 2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERN ?**
- 3. WILL IT BUILD GOOD WILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERN ?**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

7th August

PP Rtn Probir Roy

10th August

PP Rtn Anirudha Gupta

11th August

Darpan son of PP Rtn Deepnath Roy Chowdhury

13th August

Sourav son of PP Rtn Krishnendu Bhattacharjee

14th August

PP Rtn Dipak Kumar Mitra

18th August

Rachna wife of PP Rtn Prasunjit Mukherjee

19th August

PP Rtn Deepnath Roy Chowdhury

21st August

Dr Sudipta wife of PP Rtn Dr Siddhartha Chakraborty

22nd August

Alekhya son of President Sugata Mazumdar

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kindly pay your Semi-Annual Dues.



AN EARNEST REQUEST

All members and their family are requested to please contribute to Maitree. That only can make it more enjoyable.

Send your articles, paintings or other material to < sid.ctvs@gmail.com > for publishing in this platform.

UPCOMING DAYS

We are going to celebrate our Charter Nite on 24th August – online, unfortunately. Members, family members and guests will become live performers. A jolly good fellowship, we look forward to it.

Rotary Rotary Opens Opportunities

ROTARY DISTRICT 3291 INITIATIVE

CHIEF GUEST: Rtn. Vinod Bhandari (CLCP President)

GUEST OF HONOUR: Rtn. Dr. Sudipta Chandra (ALS - Co-ordinator)

PANEL DISCUSSION
ON
EK CHAMMACH KUM (SUGAR), CHAAR KADAM AAGE
CHAPTER ONE : THE JOURNEY BEGINS

PANELISTS:

- MS.KANKONA DEY, NUTRITIONIST
- DR.SARFARAZ DAIG, GI, LAP & BARIATRIC SURGN
- MS.SMARNANIKA TRIPATHY, PSYCHOLOGIST

ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA PRESIDENCY
CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO JOIN US
ON FRIDAY, 7TH AUGUST 2020, 7 PM (IST)

ZOOM LOGIN STARTS AT 6:45 PM (IST) | MEETING ID - 469 978 4899 | PASSWORD - 123456

PRESIDENT, IWC. SOUTH WEST CALCUTTA
PRESIDENT, RC. CALCUTTA SOUTH WEST

Invite you to a discussion on
COVID 19 & A Medical Response

With
Prof. Supratik Basu, FRCP (Lond), FRCPath (Lond)
(Senior Haematologist)

on ZOOM at 6.00 pm on Saturday, August 8, 2020

MRS. ANITA GHOSH, DIST. CHAIRMAN IW. DIST 329
RTN. SUDIP MUKHERJEE, DIST. GOVERNOR RI. DIST. 3291

Will Grace the Occasion:
Zoom LOG IN ID : 94690368912
<https://diageo.zoom.us/j/94690368912>

PDC Sarmila Bose, President IWC, South West Calcutta
PDG. Siddhartha S. Bose, Programme Chairman
Dr. Arup Kr Mitra, President RC, Calcutta South West

LIVE WEBINAR

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ROTARY DISTRICT 3291 INITIATIVE

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Kunal Sarkar
Senior Vice Chairman, Medica Hospitals Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata
Chairman, Kolkata Heart Foundation (KHF)

DISTRICT GOVERNOR: Rtn. Sudip Mukherjee
RI District 3291

"WE WILL OVERCOME... WITH LESSONS LEARNT"

SUNDAY 09 August 2020 • 11:00 AM
ZOOM Meeting ID - 821 7801 8221 • Passcode - 12345

Organised By:
ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA SOUTH CITY TOWERS
Rtn. Ajay Agarwal (President)

COVER STORY

Editorial

WAR NEVER AGAIN !



PP Rtn Dr Siddhartha Chakraborty
Editor 20-21

Captain Charles B McVay III, skipper of the heavy cruiser USS Indianapolis glanced at the 140 Kg lead-lined steel box locked to special brackets welded to the deck of his cabin. He has picked up this and the large wooden crate fixed to the aft-deck at San Francisco's Hunters Point Naval Shipyard on 16 July 1945, and is dashing at full steam to deliver them at Tinian Island in ten days' time. Must be something very important . . .

Over to Tinian - one of the Mariana Islands in Pacific ocean, and a base for US Army Air Force. Colonel Paul W Tibbets, the commander of the 509th Composite Group stationed there had few four-engine heavy bomber B-29 Superfortress – modified to carry large bombs - at his command. The group has practiced dropping large 'pumpkin' bombs on some cities of Japan and now was running some sorties over Hiroshima. And waiting . . .

The port city of Hiroshima, in the south-western Honshu, Japan and headquarters to Imperial Second General Army, was calmly absorbed in its manufacturing and logistic duty.



Hiroshima Before Bombing

The 3.5 lakh residents in wooden homes were by now accustomed to air-raid sirens, but the aircrafts flying overhead mercifully did not bomb them.

Almighty be praised . . .

The much-awaited order arrived. Tibbets choose the aircraft for his mission on 5th August and christened her Enola Gay after his mother. The cylindrical "Little Boy" with 64 kg of uranium 235 was loaded, and the aircraft flew off from North Tinian Field at 2.45 AM on 6th August 1945 on a special mission . . .



Little Boy Unit On Trailer Cradle In Pit, Before Being Loaded Into Enola Gay's Bomb Bay

Six year old Aika was on way to school with her mother. Oh, what a beautiful bed of lavender in the park! As she stopped to admire, there was the air-raid siren going off again . . .



Enola Gay team - Col. Tibbets In Centre

Enola Gay flew all of 2526 kilometers and reached above her target with the bomb armed and safety devise unlocked on flight. Good visibility. At 8.09 Tibbets started his bomb run . . .

Aika looked up to see the big bird . . .

Major Thomas Ferebee, the bombardier intent on eyepiece of his bombsight, released the load at 8.15 AM local

time. As designed, it exploded about 1900 feet above ground with an energy equivalent to 16 kilotons of TNT . . .

There was a pika —a brilliant flash of light—followed by a don —a loud booming sound. About 80,000 people perished in an instant, another 70,000 injured by the blast or the firestorm.

Dresses of many just vaporized, imprinting the design on burnt skin. Another 30,000 would later suffer from hazards of radiation.



Victims

A 12 square kilometer area was devastated. No tree, no house, no sound of life except the groans of injured.

Only the burned out structures of few concrete structures, constructed very strong in an earthquake-resistant design, stood still as mute witness to the carnage.

Like the proverbial Phoenix, Hiroshima has blossomed again,



Mute Witness

home to about 2.8 million people. The skeleton of once beautiful Prefectural Industrial Promotion Hall with a beautiful dome – venue of many exhibitions in his days of glory – became known as Genbaku ("A-Bomb") Dome. A serene Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park in the triangle shaped piece of land bordered by



The Dome After Bombing

two rivers was established by its side in 1964, and in December 1996 UNESCO registered the Dome in the World Heritage List. It is now the Hiroshima Peace Memorial, and continues to be the park's primary landmark, other one being the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum.



Peace Memorial Park

Every year on 6th August thousands of people from all over the globe assemble in the park, and pray for world peace.

War never again!

Prayer At Peace Memorial Park

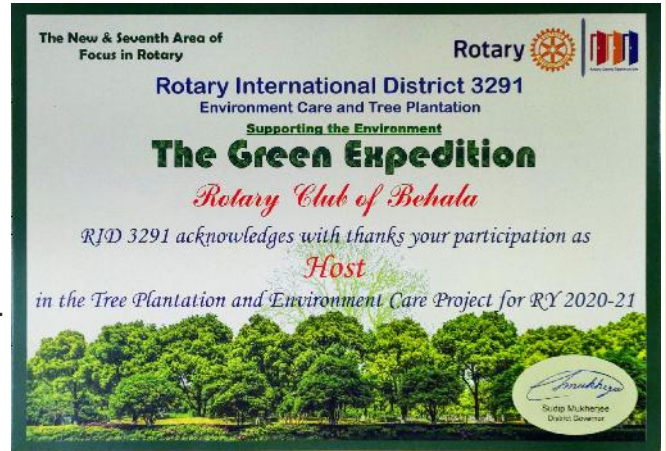




THE WEEK THAT WAS...

RI DISTRICT 3291

Supporting environment is the latest addition to Rotary's areas of focus. On 2nd August there was 'The Green Expedition' - a mega project of tree plantation at Dhyan Ashram, Diamond Harbour Road and at St Xavier's College campus, Raghavpur. 25 mahogany saplings were transplanted at Dhyan Ashram. We were one of the host-clubs for the project.



Club



1st August, our 57th Virtual Installation Ceremony was a grand success. It was

attended by Members with spouses, District Officials, Past District Governor's, Inner Wheel members, Rotaractors, Interactors & District Governor Elect from RID 3250. Total Attendance was : 82.



Our first joint project was The Green Expedition. We were one of the host -clubs for the project. We were represented at the venue by IPP

Rtn Kaushik Bhattacharyya and Editor PP Rtn Dr Siddhartha Chakraborty.

FROM THE WORLD OF ROTARY

Presidential Message for the month of August, 2020

The year 2020 has brought monumental changes that have already included a global pandemic and a renewed call for social justice. We are reminded that we live in a constantly changing world, and Rotary is a reflection of that world.

We must be ready to listen and adapt, always drawing upon our core values of service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership. If we live these values and apply The Four-Way Test to all aspects of our lives, we will be prepared to lead at all times.

I am proud of how we have proven our ability to adapt. Faced with a pandemic, Rotary has not stopped. We moved meetings online and found new ways to serve. We turned the canceled 2020 Rotary International Convention in Honolulu into our first virtual convention. Each week, we are proving that Rotary is a flexible gathering that happens anywhere — in traditional meetings, on cellphones, and on computers. Rotary offers a way to connect for everyone who wants to, at any time, and will continue to do so.

Some have even told me that they enjoy Rotary's mix of online and in-person meetings more now than before! How can we build on this momentum and seize the opportunity to embrace change so that Rotary keeps thriving?

For me, supporting new types of clubs is key. They are no longer just experiments but a real part of Rotary today. In addition to traditional clubs, we have e-clubs, Rotaract clubs, cause-based clubs, and passport clubs. These help make Rotary more inclusive, more flexible, and more attractive to new members. Visit these clubs, exchange ideas and partner with them, and promote them to one another and to our communities.

We all agree that we need to grow Rotary, but sometimes we can get caught up in the numbers game and lose sight of the bigger picture. After all, an increase in membership is meaningless if next year, those new members leave our clubs. Let's grow Rotary sustainably. Rotary's flexible options for participation will engage members and show the community how we're different from any other club. Let's celebrate that Rotary is now less about rules and more about joining together in a variety of ways besides traditional meetings.

I recommend that each club hold an annual strategy meeting to ask — and honestly answer — if we are doing all we can for our members and if our club reflects the community we serve. We are taking this approach at the international level, too. I am proud that six women are serving with me on the RI Board of Directors this year, the most we have ever had. Let's keep Rotary moving in this direction at every level. We need more perspectives, more diversity, for Rotary to thrive.

It's fascinating to imagine how we will find new ways to adapt and stay nimble this year and beyond. But I am also inspired about what hasn't changed and never will in Rotary: the friendships, the networking, the ethics, and the service. Indeed, these are the values that make Rotary attractive to all.

As Rotary's founder, Paul Harris, said, we have to be revolutionary from time to time. Now is such a time. Rotary Opens Opportunities — countless ones — for us to embrace change that will strengthen us even as we remain true to our core values.



Holger Knaack
RI President 2020-21

FAMILY CORNER

5TH AUGUST 2007 CHANGED MY LIFE

Rtn Shuvranshu Mitra

Life is a Drama, I have witnessed it since childhood. I am about to narrate the biggest drama happened in my life that presented me with the biggest stage and a mic. All ears my respected friends.

It was a beautiful rain soaked evening, when my father returned home from his office and smirked at me while handing over a folder paper, the year was 2003. It was an application/candidate form for RYLA taking place at RKM Narendrapur. 3days with the unknown my hands froze, a cup of hot milo helped. My schooling helped (winks) !

After 4 RYLA's & lots of confidence, I got the opportunity to attend the best RYLA at IIM Joka. A bag full of accolades, lots of hugging & goodbyes, appeared a young lady & introduced herself as a daughter of a Rotarian. You love attending RYLA's, I heard it in your intro speech, she said, my obvious answer was yes but then thought why is she asking me? She said, would you like to join rotary for youngsters like us? I took the phone out of my pocket and told, "may I have your number"? She smiled and gave it to me. (Oh no, she never called) !

As the sun was setting & being tired after a hectic day at college's TT tournament, I saw that lady again at a metro station. She told me about a youth body under Rotary and she is a member. Next weekend I went to Calcutta Blind School and came face to face with 7 ordinary youngsters. After the meeting I remember them as "remarkable".

My older cousin was getting married on the same day, yes the day, 5th August, 2007. For the 1st time I went inside Rotary Sadan and was greeted with a friendship band, chocolate & a rose. A small gathering of 60 odd people. My name was called, handed over a certificate and a badge, I bowed and took a seat. I am a ROTARACTOR of Behala.

I was so engrossed with the movement that the person who introduced me to Rotary, my father told me to stop. Later he was so proud when people told him you son is an asset for the movement.

The best therapy of the life came a membership fees of Rs. 300 annually and in return made me a good human being. It conquered all my fears and reshaped me year on year. After spending 7 years and serving at various capacities in club & rotaract district with memorabilia's all over my house, I bid goodbye to the 1st & Best Club of RID 3291.

That one day changed my life, a new family, a huge stage with all the fascinating characters and most importantly the roll of honor, the unending applause and self satisfaction made me a champion for life.

But the seed of service above self and fellowship through service was ingrained in me. It's a way of life and I was no exception.

Since 2007, I was inspired by many individuals who left an unforgetting mark on my life. One such person who helped with every problem & trusted me blindly was Jayanta Sir. I hope to serve the mankind many many years to come



QUIZ
time

There would be 5 questions on Rotary in every issue of Maitree. The answers, along with reference and names of successful friends will be published in next issue.

Please send your answers to the Editor over WhatsApp (9830 030 020) within 7 days. Next issue is on 6th Aug. Happy head-scratching.

QUIZ #3

- #1 What is Rotary Club Health Check ?
- #2 What is the tool to enhance club experience of members ?
- #3 What is the tool to plan engaging members in the club activities ?
- #4 Welcoming younger professionals into Rotary is essential for us. Which tool will help us in this objective ?
- #5 In the changing world Rotary aims to change. Which tool may guide us?

Answers to Quiz #2

#1 Why was the name Rotary selected by the early members ?

Ans: Because meeting locations rotated among their offices (Rotary Basics)

#2 What are Rotary's areas of focus?

Ans: Promoting Peace, Fighting Disease, Providing Clean Water, Saving Mother & Children, Supporting Education, Growing Local Economies & Supporting Environment (Rotary Basics)

#3 Polio Eradication has been one of the success stories of Rotary. When and how did it begin?

Ans: It began in 1979 with a Multi-year Immunisation project in Philippines (Rotary Basics)

#4 When and where was the first International Convention of Rotary held?

Ans: Chicago, USA in 1910 (Rotary Basics)

#5 What are Rotary Action Groups?

Ans: These are groups of voluntary Rotarians with expertise & interest in the specific subject & help clubs and Districts in different projects (Rotary Basics)

SORRY.

The time was rather too short for sending answers for Quiz #2.

MINUTES OF THE 57TH INSTALLATION & 2570TH RCM OF ROTARY CLUB OF BEHALA HELD AT ZOOM DIGITAL PLATFORM ON 1ST AUGUST, 2020.

Past President Rtn Krishnendu Bhattacharjee as the Master of Ceremony.

- # PP Rtn Krishnendu Bhattacharjee welcomed all members, distinguished leaders from RID 3291, Spouses, Rotaractors, Interactors & other guests.
- # Outgoing President Rtn Kaushik Bhattacharyya called the meeting to order.
- # Meeting started with National Anthem played on screen.
- # Outgoing President Rtn Kaushik thanked all members for the support and encouragement in running the club over a year and wished the Incoming President Sugata.
- # Outgoing Secretary Rtn Bikash Dutta placed the Secretary's Report for RY 2019-20 which was presented on screen.
- # Incoming President Rtn Sugata Mazumdar was introduced by Rtn Debarshi Dutta Gupta & installed by Outgoing President Rtn Kaushik Bhattacharyya.
- # Incoming Secretary Rtn Shuvranshu Mitra was also introduced.
- # Club President Rtn Sugata Mazumdar thanked outgoing President and Secretary and briefly stated his aims and objectives for RY 20-21.
- # He then presented the Office Bearers of the club for the RY 2020-2021.
- # DG, RID 3291 Rtn Sudip Mukherjee was formally introduced by PP Rtn Debabrata Joardar. Then he addressed the audience, giving special emphasis on membership and Rotary Foundation.
- # Club Editor PP Rtn Dr Siddhartha Chakraborty released Maitree E-bulletin, Installation issue.
- # Club Secretary Rtn Shuvranshu Mitra conducted club business. He announced that next RCM will be held on 5th August at 7.30pm on Zoom.
- # DGN Rtn Ajay Law addressed the members.
- # Senior District leaders like PDG Rtn Rajani Mukerji & Shyamashree Sen and Rtn Pratim Banerjee, DGE of RID 3250 wished the Club President and his team.
- # Mrs Sakuntala Ghosh Hazra, President of Inner Wheel Club of Behala presented an e-card and wished the club President and his team.
- # PP Rtn Deepnath Roy Chowdhury placed the formal vote of thanks.
- # Minutes of 2569th Regular Club Meeting was confirmed by the members.
- # Meeting terminated with vote of thanks from and to the Chair.

Meeting Attendance :

Total Members : 32. Total Participants : 82.