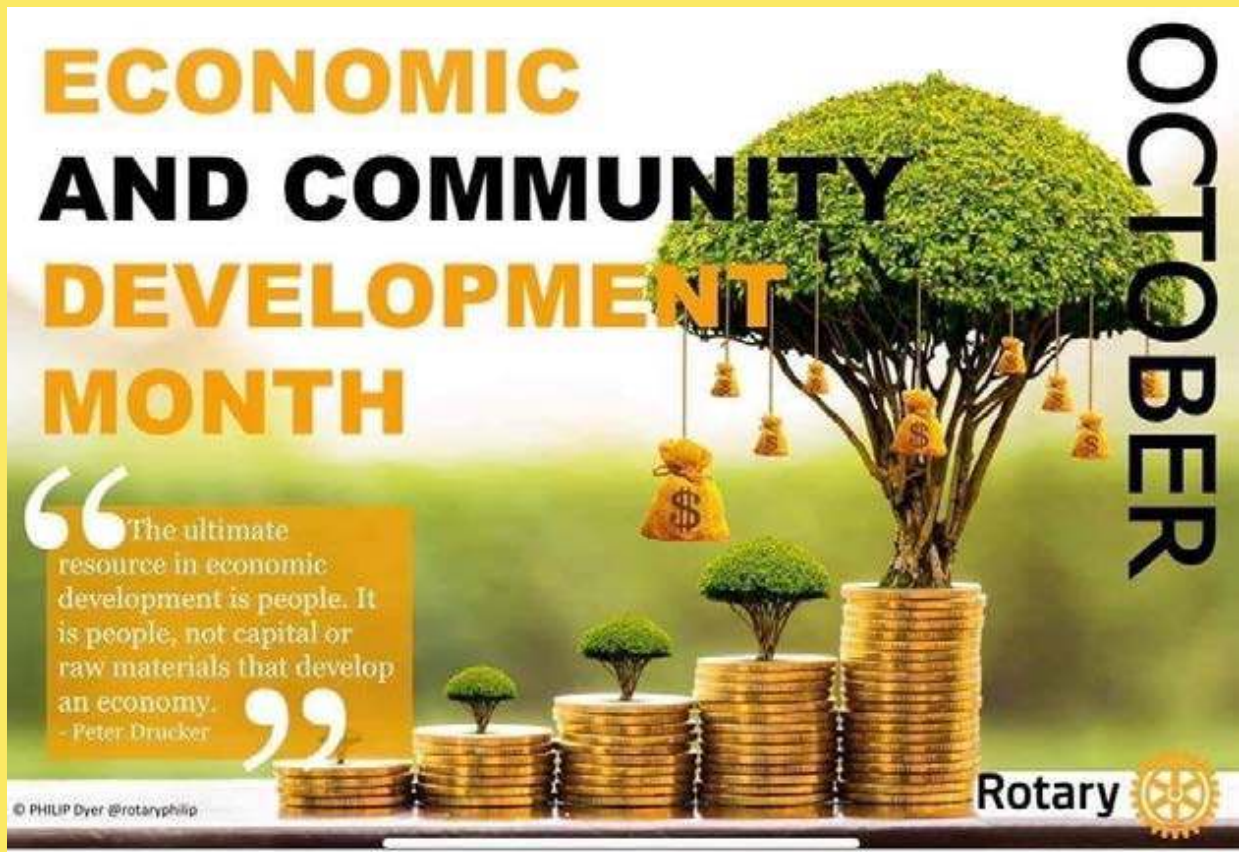


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“The ultimate resource in economic development is people. It is people, not capital or raw materials that develop an economy.”
- Peter Drucker

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The graphic features a tree with gold dollar bags hanging from its branches, growing out of a stack of gold coins. The background is a soft-focus green landscape. The text 'ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH' is in large, bold, orange and black letters. 'OCTOBER' is written vertically in large black letters on the right. A quote by Peter Drucker is in a white box with orange borders. The Rotary logo is in the bottom right corner of the graphic.

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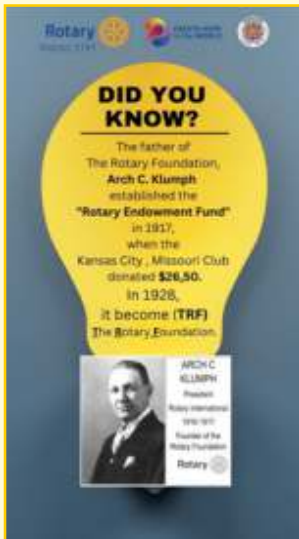


HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

- 9th October : Club President Rtn Debarshi Dutta Gupta
10th October : Rtn Shamshir Singh Kapany
11th October : Rohin, son of PP Rtn Prasunjit Mukherjee
13th October : Hamandeep, son of PP Rtn Amarjit Singh Thethi



- 6th October : Mrs Inderpal & PP Rtn Amarjit Singh Thethi



Due to some unforeseen reason, Maitree could not be published on 21st September.

Our regrets.

- Ed Team

The Club in Action

Report on visit to RCC Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama at Chandanpiri on 05-09-2023

It was a very pleasant day, not too sunny, but with occasional mild drizzle as our members set out for RCC Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama at Chandanpiri.

After the routine 'Chai break' for breakfast, the team comprising of Club President Rtn Debarshi Dutta Gupta, Secretary Rtn Sanghamitra Dutta Gupta, PP Rtn Anirudha Gupta, Mrs Urmi Gupta, Rtn Dr Sudipta Chakraborty and PP Rtn Dr Siddhartha Chakraborty reached Chandanpiri at 12.30.

The usual welcome with sweet green coconuts, and we proceeded to the large under-construction 'Ramakrishna Mandir' presently being used as a gathering

hall, with cute little students awaiting our arrival. All the team members were formally welcomed by them. After the opening song and a dance, the programme started with garlanding a photograph of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and Sri Swapan Chakraborty talking about the great man.

A couple of football were gifted to the students, and PP Rtn Dr Siddhartha Chakraborty had an interactive talk with the kids on general hygiene.

Twenty-five cheques of stipend, sponsored by Gouri Gupta Trust and each amounting to Rs four thousand, were handed over to meritorious girl students to help in their education.

Finally, two hundred saplings of fruit bearing trees were distributed among the students and their parents.

It was a marvellous day full of happiness and joy.





Installation Ceremony of Interact Club of Bridge International School



The 7th Installation Ceremony of Interact Club of Bridge International School was held on 15th of September at school premises of 77/1/1 Hazra Road.

Club President Rtn Debarshi Dutta Gupta and Secretary Rtn Sanghamitra Dutta Gupta attended the programme and were felicitated.



Health Check-up camp at Bridge International School on 26th October



A Health Check-up camp was organized by the authorities of Bridge International School in association with Ramkrishna Mission Seva Pratishthan.

Apart from general health check-up, there also was a pep-talk on nutrition by Dr Sumita Basu.

Club President Rtn Debarshi Dutta

Gupta and Secretary Rtn Sanghamitra Dutta Gupta attended the programme as Special Guests.

RI NEWS

Mário César Martins de Camargo of Brazil selected to be 2025-26 Rotary International President



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De Camargo plans to boost Rotary's public image by working from the top down.

"Rotary today has strong competition for members and funds," he says. "We need to rejuvenate the brand, especially in some zones. We should utilize post-pandemic meeting tools

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... to allow the president to address Rotarians all over the globe. We also need to develop more long-term partnerships with political, community, and business leaders. Let's emphasize our greatest asset: 1.4 million volunteers."

He also hopes to improve Rotary's process for appointments and governance.

"Rotary should adopt a more transparent system to appoint volunteers for positions, with clear criteria and data-based evaluation of results," he says.

De Camargo was president of GráficaBandeirantes and has been a consultant to the print industry in Brazil. He has also served as president and chair of several printing and graphics trade associations, including the Brazilian Association of Graphic Technology and ABIGRAF, the Brazilian Printing Industry Association.

He has served on the board of Casa da Esperança (House of Hope), a hospital sponsored by his Rotary club that serves 150,000 children with disabilities every year.

De Camargo studied in the U.S. and Germany and holds degrees from EAESP-FundaçãoGetulio Vargas in business administration and Faculdade de Direito de São Bernardo do Campo in law. He was a Youth Exchange participant to Minnesota, USA, in 1974-75, which inspired a lifelong commitment to the program.

A Rotarian since 1980, de Camargo served as his club's Youth Exchange Officer in 1981, at age 24. He has served Rotary as director, trustee, RI learning facilitator, committee member and chair, and task force member.

De Camargo and his wife, Denise, are Major Donors and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation.

Minutes of the 2655th Regular Club Meeting of Rotary Club of Behala held at Malik Guest House at 6.30 pm on 7th September 2023.

- Club President Rtn Debarshi Dutta Gupta called the meeting to order.
- National Anthem was led by Rtn Dr Sudipta Chakraborty.
- IPP Rtn Bikash Dutta reported that the next phase of our ongoing Water for Toilet project at Chandanpiri has been approved by EIRWT.
- PP Rtn Debabrata Joardar attended a Zoom meeting on 28th Aug, the Master Class being on Project Positive Health. He nicely summarised the talk for the members present.
- The club co-hosted an awareness programme on Thyroid Cancer with survivors meet, hosted by RC Calcutta Charnock City on 2nd September. Club President Rtn Debarshi Dutta Gupta, Club Secretary Rtn Sanghamitra Dutta Gupta and PP Rtn Dr Siddhartha Chakraborty represented the club.
- Club Secretary Rtn Sanghamitra Dutta Gupta reported on the event.
- Club President Rtn Debarshi Dutta Gupta reported on our visit to RCC Sri Ramakrishna Ashram at Chandanpiri on 5th September.
- He reported that the teachers over there have requested for construction of two toilets in the campus.
- He also reported on himself and Club Secretary Rtn Sanghamitra visiting Interact Club of Bridge International School for their Installation Ceremony on 15th September. The District Interact Chair Rtn Apala Datta also attended the programme.
- The Special Guests of the day – a team of three leaders from Inner Wheel Club of Behala, namely Club President Sharmila Sur, Fundraising Chair Bijoyinee Roy Choudhury and Fundraising Treasurer PDC Indrani Chatterjee – then requested all our club members to join their Fundraising Programme to be held on 7th October evening at Bengal Chamber of Commerce, where there will be entertainment by the famous singer Neepabithi followed by Dinner.
- Club Secretary Rtn Sanghamitra conducted usual club business.
- Next RCM will be held on 21st September at Mallick Guest House at usual time.
- Minutes of the last meeting as published in Maitree of the day was confirmed.
- Club President Rtn Debarshi terminated the meeting with vote of thanks from and to the chair.

Meeting statistics :

Total members : 37, Members present : 12, Guests : 03.

Minutes of the 2656th Regular Club Meeting of Rotary Club of Behala held at Malik Guest House at 6.30 pm on 21st September 2023.

- Club President Rtn Debarshi Dutta Gupta called the meeting to order.
- National Anthem was led by PP Rtn Manika Karmakar.
- President Rtn Debarshi informed with regret that due to some unavoidable circumstances Maitree of the day could not be published. It was suggested that Rtn Sunit Roy will be the Joint Editor and Maitree will be published with assistance from Dark Horse.
- He announced that a Health Check-up Camp is being organised at Bridge International School with a team of doctors from Ramkrishna Mission Seva Pratisthan on 26th September. All our members have been invited to attend the programme.
- He also informed that there will be distribution of Puja clothes to the children of Hope Foundation jointly by RC Behala and Interact Club of Bridge International. The date will be informed shortly.
- Club Secretary Rtn Sanghamitra Dutta Gupta conducted usual club business.
- The Board meeting will be held on 28th September at residence of PP Rtn Swapan Marwaha (Alexandra Court, 60/1, J L Nehru Road) at 7-30 pm.
- Next RCM will be on 5th October at Malik Guest House at 6.30 pm
- Meeting was terminated with vote of thanks from and to the chair.
- A ceremonial cake was cut by members whose birthdays fell in September.
- Attendance Statistics :
Total members : 37, Members present : 08.

Excerpts from the Minutes of Board Meeting of Rotary Club of Behala held at the residence of PP Rtn Swapan Marwaha at Alexandra Court, 60/1, J L Nehru Road, Kolkata at 7.30 pm on 28-09-2023.

- The meeting was chaired by Club President Rtn Debarshi Dutta Gupta.
- Agenda # 1. Club finance.
Discussed.
Decided that defaulting members to be contacted individually. Few Board members volunteered to collect cheque from the defaulters, if required.
- Agenda # 2. RC Behala Welfare Trust.
PP Rtn Deepnath Roy Chowdhury explained the necessity of having the Trust and the salient points discussed at the Trust meeting.
It is needed to build up the corpus fund of the Trust. The members of the Governing Body of Trust will contribute @ Rs 5,000/- soon, and other club members will then be requested to follow suit.
- Agenda # 3. Discussions regarding RCCs.
 - a) RCC at Chandanpiri. Work for 13 units of our Water for Toilet project has started. With completion of this phase, there would be 100 units established by us. DG and other District leadership may be invited to visit the RCC during handing over of this lot. Then we shall submit application for next phase.
 - b) The project of providing solar lamps to fishing boats may be taken up later.
 - c) A team from the club will visit RCC at Dhosa to assess their requirements.
- Agenda # 4. Modifications of the current Club By laws.
Few modifications of the current Club Bylaws were suggested and unanimously adopted. Copy will be sent to all members.
- Agenda # 5. Annual excursion of the club.
There will be an excursion in the winter. Opinion of members regarding location will be sought.
- Meeting ended with vote of thanks from and to the Chair.