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"The practice of peace and reconciliation is one of the most vital and artistic of human actions."
Thich Nhat Hanh



PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION MONTH

TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Be a People of Action

Rotary



PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION

ROTARY CLUB OF BEHALA

1964 - 2024

HAPPY OCCASIONS

Happy Birthdays



Prabal

S/o Rtn.(Dr.)Parimal
Bhattacharjee
DOB: 3rd February



**PP Rtn Krishnendu
Bhattacharjee**

DOB: 15th February

Happy Anniversary



Mrs Sumita &

PP Rtn Pijush Ranjan Sengupta

D/Anniversary: 10th February

Why we join Rotary?

- ◆ Rotary develops character and brings out the best of the human spirit. It teaches people ethics, humanity, cultural awareness, people skills and the desire and ability to serve. Rotary creates a more positive environment for promoting world understanding and peace.
- ◆ Rotary always benefits two people. The child who is sick, who is hungry, who is thirsty, who has no clothes, no shelter, no education, no future, no hope . . . that child is the beneficiary of Rotary's outreach. That child is Rotary's business.
- ◆ But another benefit comes to the Rotarian, the one actually providing the service. The Rotarian grows and fulfils the real reason for his or her existence, which is to serve others. The Rotarian becomes an emotionally and spiritually healthier person, a better professional, a better parent, a better citizen, a better human being.
- ◆ Yet there are millions of men and women around the world who are Rotarians at heart but who have never joined because of one simple reason – they haven't been asked. We must ask them now!
- ◆ One night I sat wondering why I was a Rotarian. I came up with 20 answers to the question Why join Rotary? They are:
- ◆ **Friendship:** In an increasingly complex world, Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs – the need for friends and fellowship.
- ◆ **Business development:** Rotary consists of a cross-section of every business community.
- ◆ **Personal growth and development:** Membership in Rotary continues one's growth in human relations and personal development.
- ◆ **Leadership development:** Rotary is an organization of leaders and successful people. Serving in Rotary positions is like a college education in leadership.
- ◆ **Citizenship in the community:** The average Rotary club consists of the most active citizens of any community.
- ◆ **Continuing education:** Each week at Rotary there is a program designed to keep people informed as to what is going on in the world.
- ◆ **Fun:** Rotary provides fellowship, social activities and fun in service.
- ◆ **Public speaking skills:** Rotary develops confidence and skill in public communication.
- ◆ **World citizenship:** There are few places without a Rotary club, which means friends around the world. Assistance when travelling: Rotarians who travel can quickly find a doctor, lawyer, hotel, dentist, etc., through Rotary's network.
- ◆ **Entertainment:** Rotary offers conferences, conventions, assemblies and institutes that provide entertainment in addition to Rotary information, education and service. Development of social skills: Every week, members have an opportunity to develop their people skills through Rotary activities.
- ◆ **Family programs:** Rotary provides one of the world's largest Youth Exchange programs, opportunities for spouses and activities to assist family members in the development of values.
- ◆ **Vocational skills:** Every Rotarian is expected to contribute to the development of his or her vocation.
- ◆ **Development of ethics:** Rotarians practise The 4-Way Test, which governs one's ethical standards. Rotarians are expected to be ethical in business and personal relationships.
- ◆ **Cultural awareness:** Virtually every country, culture, religion, race, creed, political persuasion, language, colour and ethnic identity is found in Rotary. Prestige: Rotary is the oldest and most prestigious service club in the world. Its ranks include people who influence policy.
- ◆ **Nice People:** Rotarians, above all, are nice people. They are important people who believe in the adage that while it is nice to be important, it is more important to be nice.
- ◆ **Absence of Official Creed:** Rotary has no secret rituals. It is an open society of people who believe in helping others.
- ◆ **Opportunity to Serve:** Rotary's business is mankind and its product is service. This is perhaps the best reason for becoming a Rotarian – the chance to do something for somebody else while experiencing self-fulfillment in the process.



Club News

" Official Visit by Assistant Governor"

Date: 20-01-2024

Venue: Office of Club President Rtn Debarshi Dutta Gupta at East India Pharmaceuticals Ltd, 6, Nandalal Bose Sarani, Kolkata – 700071

The Assistant Governor of Zone 21 in RID 3291, Rtn Amit Kumar Rungta, conducted an inspection of our Club to ensure that all physical data and uploads on the Rotary India website are up-to-date and accurate before the Official Visit by DG Rtn Hira Lal Yadav scheduled for February 12th. Unfortunately, our Zonal Secretary, Rtn Kallol Halder, was unable to attend the meeting. However, Club President Rtn Debarshi Dutta Gupta, Secretary Rt Sanghamitra Dutta Gupta, and Club Executive Secretary PP Rtn Dr Siddhartha Chakraborty represented our Club with utmost professionalism and commitment.



Being a Chartered Accountant by profession, our AG meticulously scrutinized all the data and was highly satisfied to observe that all the crucial information was systematically presented. He explicitly documented this fact in his report. Not only did he share some valuable insights about the impending OVG, but he also received a young sapling as a symbol of our profound admiration and respect.

District News



‘UTKARSH’ – the District Conference for RY 2023-24 was held at the beautiful Taj Taal Kutir Convention Centre at New Town, Kolkata from 5th to 7th of January 2024.



On 5th there was the election for the office of DGND for RY 2026-27. Rtn Tapas Bhattacharya of RC Dum Dum was elected to the office.

The programmes on 6th and 7th were divided in Plenary Sessions – 12 in number. Highlights were inspiring words by PRIP Rtn Shekhar Mehta, a speech by motivational guru Shiv Khara, talks on District Projects – specially ‘Life Beyond Cancer’ and a talk on Chanakya niti and its relevance today.

The majestic hall of the venue was not quite full all throughout, with a stall in Exhibit Arena happily supplying endless cups of tea and coffee and the beautiful lawn offering a grand view of the lake opposite – an ideal venue for small talks with friends or a stimulating puff of nicotine. And the foods served there were really from the house of Taj. A couple of energising days well spent.

UTTARAN II – The PETS, SETS & TETS for RY 2024-25

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UTTARAN II

25 FEBRUARY 2024

Venue: ITC Sonar, Kolkata

PETS
PRESIDENTS ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR

SETS
SECRETARIES ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR

TETS
TREASURERS ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR

The PETS, SETS & TETS for RY 2024-25 will be held at ITC Sonar, Kolkata on 25th February 2024.

Minutes of the 2nd Club Assembly of Rotary Club of Behala for RY 2023-24 held at Malik Guest House at 6.30 PM on 18th January 2024

- ◆ Club President Rtn Debarshi Dutta Gupta called the Assembly to order.
- ◆ The Projects done in this Rotary Year.
- ◆ A PowerPoint presentation on the issue had been posted in the official WhatsApp group of the club, and is appreciated by all.

Upcoming Projects

1. Continuation of our Water for Toilets Projects.

This is our signature project at Chandanpiri with the aim of installing 900 units, out of which 100 have been installed with recurring Helping Grant from EIRWT. In this Rotary Year 17 units have been installed, and we shall install another 43 in this year to mark 60 yrs of the club. As Rs 1.5 lakh is maximum grant from EIRWT, the remaining amount will be raised by the members.

2. Installation of solar lamp for the fishermen at Namkhana.

A pilot project with 10 units will start soon with sponsorship from our club members, namely Club President Rtn Debarshi Dutta Gupta (5 units), PP Rtn Kaushik Bhattacharyya (3 units), PP Rtn Amarjit Singh Thethi (1 unit) and Rtn Dr Sudipta Chakraborty (1 unit).

PP Rtn Anirudha Gupta had a discussion with the vendor concerned and he will visit our club to make a demonstration.

3. Toilet project in Banspahari KPSC (HS) school.

IPP Rtn Bikash Dutta has inspected the dilapidated toilets at the co-ed school. A rough estimate of the project shows a figure of approximately 2.8 lakhs. Inner Wheel Club of Behala has expressed their willingness to be a Partner in Service.

4. Health Check-up camp for children at Free To Be Kids.

Club Secretary Rtn Sanghamitra Dutta Gupta will coordinate with the doctors from Ramkrishna Mission Seva Pratisthan and fix up a date.

5. Thalassaemia awareness talk and testing at Barisha High School

Rtn Sunit Roy had words with school authorities and fixed up the programme on 4th February. IPP Rtn Bikash Dutta to be requested to confirm the date with M/s Serum who will arrange for the speaker and for testing 100 students.

6. Eye Screening for cataract followed by surgery

Rtn Sunit Roy had preliminary talk with Hindustan Sangha club of Behala, who have requested for the camp on 3rd March. PP Rtn Manika Karmakar will contact GRSM Eye Hospital of Budge Budge and coordinate. PP Rtn Kaushik Bhattacharyya will lend a hand in coordination between stake holders.

◆ Club Finance

Minutes of the 2663rd Regular Club Meeting of Rotary Club of Behala held at Malik Guest House at 6.30 PM on 18th January 2024

- Club President Rtn Debarshi Dutta Gupta called the 2663rd RCM to order.
- Meeting started with National Anthem led by Rtn Dr Sudipta Chakraborty.
- Club Secretary reported on UTKARSH – the District Conference held from 5th to 7th January and attended by Club President Rtn Debarshi Dutta Gupta, Secretary Rtn Sanghamitra Dutta Gupta, Treasurer PP Rtn Dipak Kr Mitra, PP Rtn InduBhusanDas and PP Rtn Dr Siddhartha Chakraborty.
- The memorial service of late Benjamin Madhab Roy, father of Rtn Amit Roy was attended by many members of the club.
- Rtn Amit Roy has expressed his desire to donate a few nebulisers to a hospital in memory of his late Father. President Rtn Debarshi and PP Rtn Dr Siddhartha Chakraborty will decide on the hospital chosen for the cause.
- PP Rtn Dr Siddhartha Chakraborty briefed about the fundraiser for the District Project of Life Beyond Cancer to be held on 23rd Feb, for which a request has come to become the associate co-host for Rs 10000/- . Secretary Rtn Sanghamitra expressed her wish to personally sponsor a child for Rs 15000/-.
- President Rtn Debarshi announced the Official Visit by DG will be on 12th Feb at Bengal Club room No. 300 at 6.30 pm. All members are requested to attend with their spouses.
- The AG visit is scheduled on 20th Jan at the premises of EIPWL office. Club President and Secretary, assisted by Club Executive Secretary & CICO PP Rtn Dr Siddhartha Chakraborty will present the Club.
- President announced that PP Rtn Krishnendu Bhattacharjee and Mrs Sharmishta were blessed with a granddaughter. All members congratulated the new grandparents and wished the little angel.
- Club Secretary Rtn Sanghamitra Dutta Gupta conducted Club Business.
- Next RCM will be on 1st February at regular venue and time.
- Minutes of last RCM as published in Maitree of the day was confirmed
- Meeting was terminated with vote of thanks from and to the Chair.
- Attendance :
- Total Members: 37, Members Present: 14