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RI Presidential Message - August'25



If we are to truly change the world with The Magic of Rotary, it's up to all of us to foster a sense of belonging in our clubs. But every club should take its own path to get there, and the Action Plan can help you find your way. What does that look like?

Take for instance the Rotary Club of Beveren-Waas in Belgium. It was chartered in 1974 but has evolved with the times, developing both a strategic plan and a membership plan. To find new members, the club analyzes the city's professions to help focus its search, and all new members are quickly assigned tasks and roles.

The club also mixes up meeting times, alternating between evening and afternoon sessions, making them accessible for all members.

Sometimes, circumstances force clubs to make changes. But as people of action, we know that behind every obstacle is an opportunity.

The Rotary Club of Holyoke in Massachusetts was forced from its meeting place because of rising costs after the COVID-19 pandemic, but members took this setback and turned it into a strength. The club started meeting in a library community room that was available for no charge and catering lunch from a nearby deli. Lunch costs \$10 per person but it's optional, so no one has to spend money to attend a meeting. What a great way to work toward being "fair to all concerned."

Since making this change, the Holyoke club has gained 13 members. I suspect part of its membership growth is due to the club's sense of inclusivity — the first step toward belonging.

If you ask members what they expect from the club experience, you might find that your club doesn't meet expectations. Think of this as an opportunity to reshape your club in exciting ways, as alternative club models are making a positive impact.

For example, a Rotary Fellowship called Beers Rotarians Enjoy Worldwide, or BREW, has worked closely with the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Rotary Action Group for the past eight years to assist with clean water projects. In that time, BREW has funneled 25 percent of its dues to those initiatives.

BREW is one of many examples of members pursuing belonging to improve the world.

I can't stress enough the importance of belonging. Clubs become simply irresistible when all members feel that they are exactly where they need to be. To me, belonging is the spark that ignites The Magic of Rotary.

As you receive feedback from club members and the community you serve, I urge you to pursue that spark. The Action Plan can help you find the path to success, and if you light your way with the spirit of belonging, that path will lead to a bright future for your club, your community, and the world.



31st Installation Ceremony

Sabujer Abhijan



Tree Plantation - "SABUJER ABHIJAN":

Tree Plantation of Rotary Club of Salt Lake Central under the banner "Sabujer Abhijan" had been organized on 4th August, 2024 at 9.30

a.m. jointly with DL Block Residents' Association and with Ward No. 32 of Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation at DL Block Play Ground and adjacent area. Local Councilor Smt. Kakali Saha graced the occasion as 'Guest of Honour'.

Two variety of saplings has been planted, wherein 15 Nos. were of Fruit and 10 Nos. were of Flower. Apart from that, 50 Pcs. small indoor plant with pot and food packets had been distributed amongst the attendees in the said programme. Arrangement for labour, water, sound system, Decorator and 'Uttariyo' for guest and dignitaries were also arranged by the Ward No. 32 of Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation. Our Trust has bore the cost of such saplings and its cages which was Rs. 10,400/- (approx.). Our above project has been published in widely circulated 'AajKaal' Newspaper.

From our Club CP Rtn. Arindam Nandy, President Rtn. Priyanka Mukherjee, Secretary Rtn. Shyamasree Chowdhury, Sgt.-at-Arms Rtn. Suchismita Deb, Editor Rtn. Deria Sarkar, President Elect Rtn. Prasanta Deb, IPP Rtn. Pradip Shome, PP & Trust President Rtn. Saroj Kumar Kayal, PP Rtn. Subir Chatterjee, Rtn. Chandan Dhar,



Attending in District Event "SWARAJ" at Alipore Central Jail on 15th August 2024



Raksha Bandhan celebrated on 19th August 2024 at Karunamoyee and CK Market area.



Mega Health Check up camp at Dishari, Salt Lake organized by RC Laban Hrad. Our Club participated as a co-host



Mega Health & Eye Check up camp at Baguiati in association with Netaji Kishor Sangha



In-house speaker Rtn. Suchismita Deb she speak about "Bangla Sahityer Susamay"



Attended District Membership Seminar

RI Presidential Message - September '25



The Magic of Rotary is belonging, and it's a feeling that can appear when you least expect it.

Earlier this year, I was in Slovakia serving as a president's representative during a six-week trip through Europe. When I wrote to Katarina Cechova, governor of District 2240 at the time, I mentioned that my grandmother Veronica Zilka grew up in a small village in the area before settling in the U.S.

It wasn't long before Cechova tracked down my grandmother's village, Jakubova Vol'a. She even organized a visit for me, where I received an unforgettable Slovakian welcome.

When I entered the community center of Jakubova Vol'a, a small crowd of people dressed in traditional Slovakian clothing greeted me. They sang with beautiful and powerful Central European voices that reminded me of my grandmother.

A lot of families play cards or games when they get together. When I was young, my father would pick up his accordion and lead my family in song. My grandmother would sing along with her impressive voice.

When I walked into the community center and heard traditional music from my childhood — when I saw a woman play the accordion the way my dad played — I suddenly felt like a little girl sitting at my grandmother's house in Monessen, Pennsylvania. I burst into tears of joy at the memories.

But the magic didn't stop there. District Governor Cechova really outdid herself. A local genealogist worked with a videographer to make a short film about my grandmother. We watched the video together in the community center.

When the video ended, I turned around and saw a man standing in the back of the room. I quickly learned that this stranger, Frantisek Zilka, was my second cousin. His grandmother and mine had been sisters. I felt like I had been struck by lightning.

I visited my newfound cousin's home, which happens to be the home where my grandmother was born. There, he shared old photographs I had never seen of my dad, my uncle, and my grandmother.

Since then, I can't stop thinking about my family of Rotary. When I refer to you as my family, I'm not just being kind. I really think of everyone in Rotary as my family. But I never would have imagined that my Rotary family would introduce me to long-lost personal family.

Sitting in that community center listening to traditional Slovakian music from my childhood filled me with joy and a profound sense of belonging. I am so grateful to District Governor Cechova and everyone who helped create that magical experience.

As members of Rotary, we have a unique opportunity to share the same magic with each other and with the world. I encourage you to consider how you can help spread that magic and ensure other members of your club — other members of our Rotary family — feel like they truly belong.



Rotary Fellowship tour at 'Mongal Dhara' tourist lodge, Brrackpur



Teacher's Day Celebration at Salt Point School, Salt Lake on 5th September



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