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Arindam Sil – Filmmaker, Actor Producer – Speaks on Being a Rotarian and latest trends in Cinema on 4/8/23



DISCOVERING THE NEW NARRATIVES IN THE OLD MOVIE FORMS

Having no lineage of the entertainment media, Arindam was all set to pursue his doctoral program at an American university after graduating from St Xavier's College, Kolkata and completing his M.B.A. from IISWBM, Kolkata. But quite timely he decided to nurture himself as an actor which he quite successfully did. During this period of 34 years in his chosen profession, Arindam has passionately pursued his career as an Actor, Producer, Executive Producer, Line Producer and finally one of the most accepted, followed and loved Director of the Bengali Filmdom.

Starting off as an actor on stage and television, the observant thespian was motivated to tell stories in his own unique way. After twenty-five years of being a well acclaimed actor, an indomitable want to tell stories had propelled him into being a director. He is now a creator who cradles the spirit of a performer.

In 2007, as an actor on stage, he had toured and performed in twelve cities of United States. He has acted in over ten thousand episodes in numerous Bengali Television serials. He was also

a favourite actor of accomplished directors and has worked with Anjan Dutt, Prabhat Roy, Rabiranjana Moitra, Sandip Ray, Koushik Ganguly and the like.

Arindam Sil has directed eleven films till date with back to back blockbuster hits which include Har Har Byomkesh, Ebar Shabor, Durga Sohay, Dhananjay, Mitin Mashi to name a few. In 2009, Arindam Sil founded his production company Nothing Beyond Cinema marking his start as a producer.

Presently, besides being a Director, Producer, and an occasional actor, Arindam Sil is the Chairperson of Film, Media, Entertainment Committee of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and also the Chairperson of the Entertainment Committee of Indian Chamber of Commerce. He is the chartered president of Rotary Club of Kolkata, Urbana. He is also a passionate conservationist and a social activist.

Actor and director Arindam Sil is elemental to the entire community of story tellers and story makers. Being a maestro of bringing literary texts alive on screen to finely knitting originals, Arindam Sil's narrative is exemplary in the world of motion pictures. He has also been a very successful line producer and executive producer to films like Kahaani, Detective Byomkesh Bakshi, Teen, Meri Pyaari Bindu, Gunday and many other films. Arindam Sil's intuitive genius is priceless for the representation of the human condition and sensibility on the silver screen.

Arindam is happily married to Shukla Das, she is a Director Admin & HR at Institution of Engineers in India. They are blessed with daughter Sonika Sil, she is an Associate Director of International Educational Software development firm, based at Bangalore.

August 2023 - Membership and New Club Development Month when Rotary Clubs, around the world focus on membership in Rotary.



Consider Becoming a Rotarian....Today

Potential club members are everywhere. But to get them to join Rotary, clubs must use creativity and imagination, says Past RI President Cliff Dochterman.

"Rotary International leaders keep emphasizing membership growth and extension because Rotary's very survival depends on it," says Dochterman, a member of the Rotary Club of Moraga, California, USA, and author of the ABCs of Rotary, a resource for new members. "If Rotary is to grow, we all must take action."

Dochterman believes clubs can thrive by seeking new

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members, retaining current ones, and sponsoring new clubs in the community. He offers the following tips:

Seeking new members

Clubs must have a specific plan in place, says Dochterman.

- ❖ Use a team approach. Teams should have several members who meet with qualified business and professional leaders to discuss the benefits of joining Rotary.
- ❖ Set aside one club meeting per month to be a "visitor day," to which all club members would invite a friend or prospective member.
- ❖ Seek out natural prospects, including Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars, Rotaractors, and Group Study Exchange (GSE) team members.

Retaining current members

"Keeping current club members is just as important as bringing in new ones. The key is to adapt and change," says Dochterman.

- ❖ Make sure club meetings, service activities, and social events are interesting, fun, and worthwhile.

- ❖ Initiate more hands-on projects so club members will feel that they're making a difference.
- ❖ Eliminate 100 percent attendance requirements.
- ❖ Be alert to the symptoms that lead to resignation. Club leaders should be considerate to members' personal problems.

Sponsoring a new club

"Don't think about cloning your existing club. The new century of Rotary requires and permits a new vision of fellowship and service," says Dochterman. "It's time to think about sponsoring a new kind of Rotary club." For example:

- ❖ A club composed entirely of executives and professionals under the age of 40. The nucleus could be former Rotaractors, GSE team members, and Foundation program alumni.
- ❖ A club in an ethnic or minority section of the community, with members who share common economic and cultural interests.
- ❖ A club that meets in a shopping mall, airport, high-rise office building, golf course, or other non-traditional but convenient location.



R. Gordon R. McNally

RI President 2023-24

At the 2023 Rotary International Convention in Melbourne, I asked all Rotary members to become champions in our effort to illuminate mental health needs near and

far. This includes helping one another feel more supported, advocating for mental health services, and building bridges with experts in the field to expand access to treatment.

It's an important task and a big ask. But it's also something that should feel familiar to every Rotary member — because everything we do is in the spirit of caring, giving, friendship, and compassion, and has been from the beginning of our organization.

We've grown into an amazing global network of 1.4 million interconnected community leaders — leaders who share a deep commitment to doing good in the world. But what makes Rotary powerful isn't just what we do for the communities we serve. We also support and empower each other, by creating a safe space for our members to bring their whole, authentic selves. We show each other comfort and care.

These connections are deeply meaningful. The U.S. surgeon general recently declared loneliness a public health epidemic. Dr. Vivek Murthy said, "We must prioritize building social connection the same way we have prioritized other critical public health issues such as tobacco, obesity, and substance use disorders." I am proud of what Rotary has done across generations to build those kinds of social connections

— and this magazine focused on loneliness and what Rotary can do about it in its January 2023 issue.

Our worldwide community and our foundational value prioritizing Service Above Self makes Rotary a powerful global advocate for mental health. A recently published study by Ohio State University found performing acts of kindness was the only one of three mental health interventions tested that helped people feel more connected to others. Study co-author David Cregg said, "Performing acts of kindness seems to be one of the best ways to promote those connections."

This research suggests what we've known all along — that doing good helps transform not just the communities we serve, but it also transforms us. As we put a greater focus on mental health, let's not think of this effort as something new to Rotary, but rather as something we can do better and as a result have a greater impact on ourselves and the people we serve.

We are not starting this effort from scratch. The Rotary Action Group on Mental Health Initiatives has been focused on these kinds of issues for several years — and we will be looking to members of that group for leadership as we continue to build awareness.

Mental health care fits comfortably within several of our areas of focus. As of May, there are 41 global grant-supported projects with a mental health focus. Many of them have tremendous promise, and we will be highlighting them in the months ahead.

So let's work together to erase the stigma associated with emotional well-being, raise awareness of mental health needs, and improve access to preventive and interventional mental health services.

Together, we will Create Hope in the World.

Know about Rotary Origin: WHAT'S ROTARY?

Rotary is a global network of more than 1.4 million people of action in more than 46,000 clubs who share a passion for and

commitment to enhancing communities and improving lives around the world. Rotary and Rotaract clubs exist in almost every country. Our members change lives locally and connect with other clubs to work on international projects that address today's most pressing challenges. They take action and make a difference, and it brings them personal rewards and lifelong friendships in the process.

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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.

Our ongoing commitment : That commitment endures today through an organization that remains truly international. Only



Paul Harris Rotary founder

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

From the beginning, members have emphasized the importance of acting responsibly and ethically and using our professions as an opportunity to serve. Honoring our commitments, however bold they are, is an ideal characteristic of a Rotary member. In 1932, The Four-Way Test was developed by Herbert Taylor, a Rotary Club of Chicago member and 1954-55 RI president, to guide his attempt to

save a faltering aluminum company. Rotary later adopted it, and it underscores Rotary's value of integrity. The Four-Way Test has long served as an ethical guide for members to live by in their personal and professional relationships.

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

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

RCCSCT - JULY 23 ACTIVITIES

First weekly meeting and second club assembly for the year was held on 14th July 23. 12 members attended and the detailed meeting minutes of the first board meeting minutes was discussed.

21st July 23 – Was a speaker Meeting - Dr. Avisek Kar – Physiotherapist spoke on Lifestyle & Osteoporosis

On this occasion "South City Rotary Network" July 23 bulletin was released.

28th July 23 – Regular Weekly Meeting No. 3 Was Held.



30th July 23 – Two sewing machines were donated free of cost to 2 members of Atmanirbhar Tailoring project of our Madhavpur RCC, under RI District 3291 District Grants 2021-22. Two beneficiaries are MS Parul Baidya & Ms. Jayashri Kayal. Rtn. MPH. Shyamal Bhattacharya participated in the program.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3291 DISTRICT GRANT 2021-22



(No: DG2236691)



Distribution of Sewing Machines

Sunday
30th July, 2023

USHA Company Store
(Grand Hotel Arcade),
Chowringhee, Kolkata



30TH JULY EYE CAMP AT KEORATALA

30th July Eye Camp at Keoratala RCC. Eye camp was held at Keoratala Skill Development Kendra Premises. Total patients screened 148, out of it Power glasses are to be provided for 63, Patients selected for Cataract surgeries are 17, Doctor consultation and medication was done for 10.



DISTRICT AWARDS 2022 23

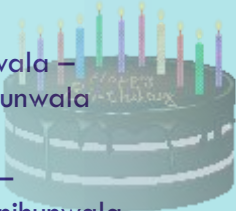
Congratulations to team 2022-23 under the Presidentship of Rtn. Tapan Kumar Haldar & Secretary Chitralkha Datta, the following District Awards were received.



- ❖ Certificate of Appreciation – RCC
- ❖ Certificate of Appreciation – Interact
- ❖ Certificate of Appreciation – Women Empowerment
- ❖ Second Place in Public Image
- ❖ Third Place in Eye Care
- ❖ Certificate of Appreciation – Annual Fund to Rtn.T. Srinithi
- ❖ Recognition for exemplary contribution & performance – Rtn. Ajay Agarwal – AG

Happy Birthdays

- 8th August –**
Rtn Annet Sohini Haldar - Daughter of Rtn Tapan Kumar Haldar
- 11th August –**
Rtn Annet Bilal Faisl – Son of Rtn Faisal Arif
- 20th August –**
Rtn. Eakambaram
- 20th August –**
Rtn Ann Mina Jhunjunwala –
Wife of Rtn. Sunil Jhunjunwala
- 31st August –**
Sri Nitin Agarwal –
Son in law of Rtn. Sunil Jhunjunwala



Wedding Anniversary

- 1st August –**
Rtn.Tapan Haldar & Rtn Ann Ishita Haldar
- 4th August –**
Rtn Shyamal Kanti Bhattacharya & Rtn Ann Sushmita Bhattacharya
- 4th August –**
Rtn. Biren Kumar Mallick & Rtn Ann Arati Mallick
- 9th August –**
Rtn. M J Sultan & Rtn Ann Aneesa Zainab



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