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ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA SOUTH WEST

Rotary International District: 3291

Club No: 16197

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Rtn Krishnendu Gupta
District Governor

Rtn Kamalesh Bose
Club President

Rtn Ruma Mitra
Hony. Club Secretary

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REGULAR MEETING No: 2938
27 September 2024.

TODAY'S AGENDA:

Madartala Health Camp Project on Sunday 29th September. Rtn Mohua Das to delegate duties and share details of the Project. Rtn Sombuddha Banerjee to share details of the Awareness Programme he proposes to conduct on 'Safe use of electricity' at the Madartala Bazar Club house on 29th September.

President to share the progress he's made regarding the Souvenir and appeal to the members to come forward and help in its publication.

Rtn Dr.Sushmita Mitra Banerjee to update the members on Health Camp Project. Hony Secretary to update the members on the 'Random Blood Group Testing' to be conducted by the St.Xavier's students at Madartala on 29th September.

UPCOMING PROJECTS:

Madartala Health Camp and Safe Use of Electricity on 29th September 2024
RCC Suchetana Project and Cervical Cancer Awareness Project in 2 Blind Schools will be after the Pujas

CELEBRATIONS: BIRTHDAYS

3RD October: PP Rtn Gautam Banerjee
7th October: Rtn Prosenjit Sarker
10th October: Rtn Dilip Kumar Sen
22nd October: Mrs.Bithi Roychoudhury

PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

A Rotary Anecdote.....

The other day, on browsing through the old edition of Whistle, I came across wives of Rotarians being addressed with a title 'Ann' before their names. My curiosity led me to unearth an interesting history, which I would like to share.

In many Rotary Clubs throughout the world, wives of male members were affectionately called 'Anns'. In 1914, San Fransico Rotarians boarded a special train to attend a Convention at Houston. In those days few wives attended Rotary events but, on this train, the only woman aboard was Rotarian Bru Brunnier's wife, Ann. As the train picked up additional convention bound delegates, Mrs Ann Brunnier's was introduced as Rotarian Ann. This title soon became 'Rotary Ann'.

A number of stunts and songs were organised that would be performed in Houston convention and one of the Rotarians wrote 'Rotary Ann' chant.

On the train's arrival at Houston depot, a delegation greeted the West Coast Rotarians. One of the greeters was Rotarian Guy Gundaker, whose wife was also named Ann. During the rousing demonstration someone started the 'Rotary Ann' chant. The two petite ladies, Ann Brunnier and Ann Gundaker were hoisted to the men's shoulders and paraded about the hall. The group loved the title given to the to the two women. Immediately the same term of endearment was used for all wives in attendance and the 'Rotary Ann' was here to stay.

However, in 1987, the US Supreme Court ruled that Rotary Clubs could not exclude women from membership based on gender. Thus, more and more women joined as members of Rotary Clubs. The first lady President was Rotarian Dr Sylvia Witlock of Rotary Club of California from 1987-88. She was elected for the second term as well.

Today wives of Rotarians are more commonly known as 'Rotary spouses' or 'Partners'.

HON. SECRETARY SPEAKS

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.....

Every one of us is put in this world to contribute. Age, religion, background do not matter. No matter how large or small, each effort makes an important difference. You can change the world by helping one person at a time or simply having the desire to make a difference in the world is enough to start your journey.

You don't have to be a Gandhi or a Mother Teresa, everyone has the capability of making a difference. It is our responsibility to seek ways to contribute. Start small and local just by adding value to the community where you live. By showing concern and love to the people around you, it will cause a ripple effect of positive feelings and spread out into the world.....imagine everyone doing this....

You already have what it takes to make the world a better place. The greatest thing that you can do to make a difference in the world is to be yourself. Be happy with yourself, love yourself. Happiness and love are the 2 greatest gifts you can give to the world.....so start within you.

Empower and influence people around you by starting to do things that make a difference and the best way to convince people is to lead by example. Every effort counts, no matter how insignificant it may seem.....just do somethingand do something goodand bring a smile on someone's face.....

THE ANNUAL RI. PRESIDENT'S THEME

Important changes to presidential theme messaging each year.

As part of Rotary's ongoing commitment to adaptability the annual presidential theme is evolving into a strategic presidential message tied directly to our Action Plan. This change will take effect 1 July 2025.

The RI president will still promote an annual message.

What will be different:

- A presidential message aligned with the Action Plan
- New approval process with a broader group of stakeholders, led by the Executive Committee of the Board
- No separate presidential logo
- The big annual reveal at the International Assembly by the president-elect will stay intact.
- Presidential materials: year colors, scarves, ties, and more
- The president's inspirational message for Rotary members each year

THE ROTARY COMMUNITY

There is an interesting

10 "I" rule which will be very helpful in getting and grooming new members:

1. Investigate - To find new members
2. Identify - Spot the right persons
3. Inform - Tell them about Rotary
4. Inspire - Explain success stories
5. Invite - To the club meetings
6. Introduce - To the members
7. Induct - In a grand function
8. Involve - The new member in club meetings and proceedings
9. Include - Them in service committees
10. Instill - Rotary into them and make them love the organisation.

DURGA PUJO!

This will be our last meeting before DURGA PUJO.

Our next REGULAR MEETING is scheduled to be held on 25 October 2024. [11 October is Ashtami & Nabami – a HOLIDAY].

On behalf of President Kamallesh and First Lady Mitali the fellow who put this Bulletin together, wishes all SOU'WESTERS and their loved ones a

VERY HAPPY PUJO!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting on 3 October 2024, 7.00 PM at CRC.