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CLUB PROGRAMMES

- Deciding on dates for Kalidhon Girl's School Project
- 28th July 3rd phase of Thalassemia Awareness Project at Siliguri for the Marriage Registrars of the Districts of Jalpaiguri, Cooch Bihar, North and South Dinajpur, Alipurduar, Darjeeling and Kalimpong. This is a joint Project of RCCSW and RCC Suncity.

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

3RD August – Srirupa De

8th August – Rakhi Sen

10th August – Keka Chakra

Anniversary

TODAY'S PROGRAMME.

- The main event of the day is a discourse by a professional artist Sharmila Bagchi who works with senior citizen artists and is trying to bring into the limelight such forgotten artists from the rural areas. She will speak on "MINDFUL MASTERPIECESTHERAPEUTIC BENEFITS OF ART FOR SENIORS" and also the healing effects of art for all.
- Mohua to speak on her experiences and need assessment during her visit to Kalidhon Girl's School.
- Sombudhha to speak on few Awareness Projects he has in mind. He wishes to conduct the Projects in the Madartala locality.
- Rtn Samir Sur to appeal to all the members to participate in the Hilsa Festival on Sunday, 18th August at Country Roads in Panchla along with their spouse, children / grandchildren.
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ROTARY TALKS

The following Rotary Members will serve on the Nominating Committee for President of RI in 2026-2027. The Committee will meet on August 5th 2024.

- Zone 2 – Katsuhiko Tatsuno – RC Tokyo West, Tokyo, Japan . Zone 4 – Bharat Pandya -- RC Borivili, Maharashtra, India.
Zone 6 – Kamal Sanghvi – RC Dhanbad, Jharkhand India. Zone – 8 Jessie Harman - RC Wendouree, Victoria, Australia.
Zone 10 – Guiller Tumangan –RC Makati West, Phillipines. Zone 12 – Chang Gon Yim –RC Daegu West, Daegu, Korea
Zone 14 – Francesco Arezzo -- RC Ragusa, Ragusa, Italy. Zone 16 – Urs Klemm – RC Aarau, Aarau, Switzerland.
Zone 18 – Per Hoyen –RC Aarup, Aarup, Denmark. Zone 20 – Jan Lucas Ket – RC Purmerend, Pumerend, Nethelands / Brian Stoyel -RC Saltash, Cornwall, England. Zone 22 – Sam Okudzeto RC Accra, Ghana. Zone 24 – Jose Alfredo RC Sau Paulo, Brazil.
Zone 26 –Johrita Solari – RC Anaheim, California USA / John C Matthews – RC Coronado, California USA.
ZONE 28 – Hendreen Dean Rohrs—RC Langley Central, British Columbia, Canada.
Zone 30- Kenneth Schuppert – RC Decatur, Alabama, USA. / Karen K Wentz – RC Maryville, Tennessee, USA.
Zone 32 – Julia Phelps – RC Amesbury , Massachuestts, USA. Zone 34 – Jeremy Hurst – RC Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands.

POLIO CASES ON THE RISE. This week 3 Wild Polio Virus cases are reported from Afganistan. Globally cases : 17 as against 12 in 2023. Pakistan has 8 and Afganistan 9. We must see that every child gets Polio Drops. Action: KEEP INDIA POLIO FREE.

Our DG is AKS Dr Krishnendu Gupta. AKS stands for Arch Klump Society- an individual who has contributed \$250,000 to TRF in one shot. He is the only AKSM from D3291. According to TOI, India is the 2nd biggest donor for Rotary in the last 10 years. Arch C Klump said “ The Rotary Foundation is not to build monuments of brick and stone. If we work upon marble , it will perish; if we work on brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds, if we imbue them with the meaning of the spirit of Rotary, we are engraving them on those tablets something that will brighten all eternitv.” RI President said, “Giving and sharing to the Rotary Foundation is also an act of service to others.

From the Club President’s Desk.....

In the new Rotary Year 2024 – 2025, let us join hands together for providing service to the underprivileged community. Community service cannot happen in isolation. It is a team work for sustainable impact. Expanding our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion is so important. I urge every member of our club to participate in the various Projects a planned.

From the Hony Club Secretary cum Editor’s Desk....

A Rotary Story—“When I became a Rotarian” as written by a member of RC Sacramento.
As a new Rotarian, I participated in the dictionary distribution at Oakridge Grade School. As we passed out the dictionaries, I noticed a child sitting with his head on the desk. I found out that his father was in prison and his mother just learnt that she had terminal cancer. I spoke to a psychologist about this child. I was told that such children needed empathy. With the permission of the principal and support of the psychologist, I put together a plan with the help of the Grace Foundation to match emotionally injured children at the school with emotionally injured horses that the Grace Foundation had saved. The school district needed \$100 per student to pay for the bus from school to El Dorado Hills. I asked my Rotary club to finance putting children on a bus as we had raised the basic cost for the program. In 5 minutes, we had enough for the pilot program for these kids. That was my Rotary moment of trust and gratitude for my club members trusting that the program would benefit these children.

Sudha Murty, in her 13 min address in the Parliament shed light on women’s health issues. Making cervical cancer vaccine accessible to women at an early age is