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Minutes of the RWM 2744 held at the Mahendra Smriti Sabhagar RC Dumdum on 05.07.24 at 6.30 pm

ADDRESS:

The President, Rtn. Sanjib Roy, called the meeting to order and extended a warm welcome to Mr. Raja Roy Chowdhury, honourable guest of DGN Tapas Bhattacharya and the members at the first Regular Weekly Meeting of the new Rotary year 2024-25.



BEGINNING:

As requested, the new member Rtn. Pradip Kumar Chowdhury led the National Anthem.



CLUB BUSINESS:

At the onset, the President distributed sweets to all the members and proudly announced the club's achievements in winning the 3rd prize in Economic & Community Development and a

Certificate of Appreciation in Community Support and Health Check-up under the 26 to 50 members category clubs at "Swikriti" the District Award Ceremony 2023-2024.

He displayed the awards, and the members applauded the achievements, expressing hopes for many more accolades in the coming years. The President then requested Secretary PP Rtn. Chinmay Roy to conduct the club business.

The Secretary greeted all on his behalf and conducted the club business.

- a) Extended belated wedding anniversary greetings to PP Rtn. Dr. Asoke Das and his gracious partner Anita for their anniversary on 2nd July.
- b) Extended advanced wedding anniversary greetings to Rtn. Suman Kumar Guha and his charming partner Barnali for their anniversary on 9th July.
- c) Informed members of the receipt of the Newsletter "LIGHT" from RC Garden Reach.
- d) Reported the distribution of umbrellas, table tennis bats, and balls to the 50 inmates of Dakshin Kolkata Sevasram by our Interact club of Maheswari Girls School. This was funded by the cash amount of Rs. 5000.00 received along with the Parulbala Memorial Rotary Excellence

Award, sponsored by PP Rtn. Dr. Asoke Das in memory of his pious mother. The members appreciated the gesture of the interactors.



Members expressed gratitude to PP Rtn. Dr. Das for sponsoring the Parulbala Memorial Rotary Excellence Award and the Subhasini Memorial Rotary Excellence Award, sponsored in memory of the gracious mother of Anne Anita Das. Members applauded PP Rtn. Dr. Das and Anne Anita.



e) Proudly declared that our RCC Dipsankar Memorial Welfare Trust had been adjudged the second-best RCC in RI District 3291, bagging six district awards in the RCC Award

Ceremony 2023-24 of the District. Members praised the RCC's performance for their untiring efforts and commitment, particularly given its functioning for just one year and three months.



f) Reported the Doctors' Day celebration by the club along with our RCC Dipsankar Memorial Welfare Trust at Ranaghat Sub-Divisional Hospital on 1st July, the birthday of Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy, and the first day of the new Rotary Year. Certificates of appreciation, flower bouquets, and sweet boxes were awarded to 50 doctors and 5 nurses. The President, along with four other Rotarians, attended the event.



DISCUSSION:

a) The President reported on the District Changeover Ceremony at Dhano Dhanyo Auditorium, Kolkata, where he attended with his family and four other Rotarians from our club. The program started with a Musical Concert at the auditorium. DG 2023-2024 Hira Lal Yadav ceremoniously passed the DG pin to DG 2024-2025 AKS Dr. Krishnendu Gupta. Distinguished guests included RI President 2021-2022 Shekhar Mehta & Rashi Mehta, RID Anirudha Roychowdhury and Shipra Roychowdhury, DGN Tapas Bhattacharya, Swami Sarvalokananda ji Maharaj, and Swami Nityakamananda ji Maharaj. PDG Angsuman Bandyopadhyay, also attended the function.

b) The President discussed the

latest status of Khudiram Colony Medical Centre and emphasized the importance of starting its functioning urgently.

c) On request, Chair of Literacy, Rtn. Suman Guha, discussed the prospects and possibilities of implementing the Easy School program as per district guidelines. He expressed hope that, with the cooperation of all members, the club could implement the program in 20 schools in the vicinity this year.

d) As requested, Treasurer PP Rtn. Swarnendu Saha, reported the distribution of certificates to the candidates of the 1st batch of General Duty Assistant & Nursing trainees upon successful completion of the program on 27th May at Nehru Children Museum. IPDG Hiralal Yadav and PDG Subimal Bhattacharya were present as Chief Guests. He reiterated the importance of such programs in addressing the need for trained nurses and improving youth employability.

e) Chair of Membership, Rtn. Dr. Dhananjay Ghosh, on request, discussed the importance of Membership Development with reference to our club and requested all members to try to induct new members.

f) Chair of Club Administration, PP Rtn. Dr. Das, as requested, discussed a new way of celebrating wedding anniversaries with an Anniversary Cake, Card, and flowers. Members appreciated the idea. The President thanked Rtn. Dr. Das and also Chair of Service Projects, PP Rtn. Rupankar Sengupta, for initiating the welcomed change.

g) The President requested Mr. Raja Roy Chowdhury, the guest of the evening to interact with the members by introducing him and his ideas about Rotary. Everyone present appreciated his ideas.

ENDING:

The minutes of RWM 2743, circulated

via email and WhatsApp, were confirmed by the 14 members attending the meeting in the presence of the honourable guest. Sunshine was collected through bills. The meeting was terminated by the President, with heartfelt thanks to all present for the first meeting of the year and a wish to meet in the next RWM on Friday the 12th July.



This year's presidential theme is "The Magic of Rotary", a call on members to recognize and amplify Rotary's power to save lives.

"It's up to you. You create the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member."

RI President Stephanie Urchick, a member of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA, said she saw the magic of Rotary on display when she was helping install water filters in the Dominican Republic. Two boys were watching as dirty water entered the filter, then ran out clean at the other end. "One of the boys grabbed my sleeve and said, 'Show me the magic again,'" she said. "Obviously, the water filter wasn't magic. We worked hard to transport those filters, install them, and work with community leaders in the area to maintain them. But those boys knew that easy access to clean water would change their lives. Knowing that I played a small part in that certainly changed my life."

Prioritizing peace

Urchick urged members to champion Rotary's Action Plan, find a balance between continuity and change, and work for peace.

Balancing continuity and change

Urchick also underscored the necessity of balancing continuity and change, both of which animate Rotary's Action Plan.

"The plan is all about building on our best ideas, not abandoning them,"