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Minutes of the RWM 2701

held at *Mahendra Sabhaghar*, RC Dum Dum
on 28.07.2023 at 7.00 pm.

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GREETINGS:

Honourable President **Rtn. Tarun Kanti Biswas** chaired and called the RWM 2701 to order. He welcomed all the members present physically or virtually to the RWM.

INVOCATION:

As requested by the President, **PP Rtn. Swarnendu Sekhar Saha** led the National Anthem.

CLUB BUSINESS:

Honourable Secretary conducted the club business.

- a) **Birthday Greeting** was extended to valued **PP Rtn. Suresh Kumar Jalan** fell on August 3rd. 2023 and members present joined him.
- b) **Wedding Anniversary** was extended to respected **Rtn. Rajat Chowdhury and gracious Partner Sreoshi** fell on August 2nd. 2023 and members present joined him.
- c) **Marriage Anniversary** was extended to esteemed **Rtn. Sanjib Roy and affable Partner Chhaya** falling on August 3rd. 2023 and members present joined him.

c) Receipt of the Bulletin published by RC Port Blair acknowledged and appreciated.

d) As scheduled, the **Interact Club of Maheswari Girls High School** distributed sanitary napkins among sixty underprivileged girls and women of Liluah at Thakuran Pukur, Vivek Sangha near Don Bosco School, Liluah on July 22nd. 2023 at 11.00 a.m.

Respected **Rtn. Chumki Sengupta**, **PP Rtn. Rupankar Sengupta** and Honourable Secretary **Rtn. Chinmay Roy** had been kind enough to grace the occasion.

Honourable Rotary friend **Mr. Kamal Prakash Agarwal & his gracious partner**, a philanthropic family of Liluah cordially offered sumptuous breakfast to all the participants at their residence near the venue, along with a Chocolate bar and benevolently donated 60 towels to the beneficiaries. Mr. Kamal accompanied the team throughout the event. Their exemplary 'service above self' had been highly appreciated.

The Project was a grand success. Members present raised their hands for the Interactors, Rotarians and the great couple.

e) It was informed that in the last Joint Board Meeting dated July 26th. 2023, the board had decided to sponsor a new Interact Club at **Humaniaponta Abdul Aziz High School**, Nadia. Members present endorsed and appreciated the sponsorship.

f) The installation programme of the **Interact Club of Maheswari Girls High School** will be on July 29th. 2023. at the school premise. As requested earlier, members were reminded to join the same.

g) It was informed that in the last Joint Board Meeting dated July 26th. 2023, the board had decided to go for an awareness project on Plastic Waste Management to be finally declared by the President on August 15th. 2023.





DISCUSSION:

- President praised Rotary friend **Mr. Kamal Prakash Agarwal and his family** who incidentally was an old acquaintance to him. He informed that Mr. Agarwal had been associated with humanitarian projects for a long time.
- On request, respected **Rtn. Suman Guha** delineated the awareness project on Plastic Waste Management outlines, so far conceived. Members present appreciated the idea.
- With the permission of the Chair, distinguished **PP Rtn. Kumar Brata Ghosh** announced a family get-together followed by fellowship and dinner at the Club Venue on the evening of Saturday, August 5th. 2023. He invited all the Rotarians to grace the occasion with their family members.
- The President on behalf of the club members accepted the invitation and looking at the convenience of the members, after a brief discussion, declared that the next RWM would be conducted on August 5th. 2023. instead of August 4th. 2023. Members present accepted the invitation wholeheartedly and appreciated the decision of the President with a big round of applause.
- Learned **Rtn. Dr. Dhananjoy Ghosh**, with the permission of the Chair, appreciated the brisk mention of **Sir Winston Churchill**, a famous Rotarian in the last issue of Buzz. As requested, he further elaborated on the leadership characteristics mentioned by Sir Churchill. Members present were enlightened by the elaboration and applauded Rtn. Dr. Ghosh. While discussing the leadership qualities respected **PP Rtn. Ashok Guha** expressed that his courage for public speaking increased manifold after joining Rotary.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Minutes of RWM 2700 circulated via mail. Nine Members were present. Sunshine would be collected through bills. The meeting was adjourned by the President with a note to meet in the next RWM scheduled on Saturday 05.08.23 followed by a fellowship and family get-together party thrown by **PP Rtn. Kumar Brata Ghosh** and thanks to all.

PP Rtn. Kumar Brata Ghosh
invites all the Rotarians with
family

Family get-together
On: 5th. August '2023
At: Club Venue
Time: After the RWM



3rd. August '2023 – Birthday – PP Rtn. Suresh Kumar Jalan
5th. August '2023 – Birthday – PP Rtn. Dr. Subir Kumar Pramanik
2nd. August '2023 – Wedding Anniversary – Rtn. Rajat Chowdhury and Partner Sreoshi
3rd. August '2023 – Wedding Anniversary – Rtn. Sanjib Roy and Partner Chhaya

First Women in Rotary

Dr. Sylvia Whitlock

B.A. in Psychology, Masters cum laude, in Education, Ph.D., cum laude, in Education, Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy.

Worked for the United Nations, as a Statistical Clerk and then pursue her carrier in educational.

Served as President twice, Secretary, Treasurer, and Foundation Representative.

At district level, she chaired the Four Way Test Speech committee for six years, the Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee for six years, receiving a Service Award from DG Don Aikin, and Simplified Grants for two years. She has been an assistant governor, presenter in Governors Institutes, and speaker in Rotary Clubs conventions and meetings, here and overseas, including South Africa, Jamaica, Washington and Texas.

Sylvia is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and benefactor .



The Mouse That Roared': The story of women in Rotary

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When Rotary International was founded in Chicago by attorney Paul Harris in 1905 it was a time when men dominated the workforce. Women were mostly confined to the home and the glass ceiling didn't even exist. Women were still 15 years away from being granted the right to vote in the United States. Rotary was very much a "man's world", with women excluded from membership. Despite its evolution into an organization that eagerly seeks woman members and counts women at every level of its leadership, it is still, unfairly, seen that way. Today's Rotary is benefitted by women at every leadership level. How that came to be is an interesting story.

The first gathering of individual Rotary Clubs was the meeting of the National Association of Rotary Clubs in Chicago in 1910. Some delegates from among the 16 Clubs represented made the first attempt to officially sanction Women's Auxiliaries. They were overwhelmingly rejected. Similar attempts were made at the 1912 Convention in Duluth, Minnesota and were also rejected.

In 1914, San Francisco Rotarian Henry Brunier traveled on a special train to Houston for the third Rotary convention with his wife, Ann. During the lengthy journey Ann, the only woman on the train, became popularly known as "Rotary Ann". In Houston the Bruniers met Guy and Ann Gundaker, of Philadelphia. The two Anns became fast friends and the term Rotary Ann flourished, became widely used, and lasted well into the 1980's as an affectionate term for Rotarians' wives.

By 1923, Rotary had become a truly international organization and Rotarians in Manchester, England produced an invitation for Rotary wives to discuss "proposed formation of a ladies Rotary Club in Manchester". The idea of a women's Rotary Club got nowhere, but it led to the formation by the wives in 1924 of "Inner Wheel". Today's Inner Wheel is one of the world's largest women's service organizations, with over 100,000 members in 100 countries.

It was not until 1964 in Toronto that a proposal to admit women into Rotary was put before an International Convention. It was rejected, as were similar efforts in New York City in 1972. On June 1, 1977, the Rotary Club of Duarte, California installed three woman members, submitting their paperwork with only their first initials and last names. Within months, Rotary International discovered the subterfuge and revoked the Club's charter. When the Club requested a hearing they were ordered to oust the three women. When they refused to do so, their charter was revoked.

Thus was begun a protracted and lengthy court battle that was ultimately decided by the U .S. Supreme Court in a unanimous 1986 decision. The Rotary Club of Duarte, California – dubbed "The Mouse That Roared" by a Rotary officer - had won its 9 year battle and **Sylvia Whitlock** was elected Club President. Locally, in 1989, **Bettie Hayes, Linda Parrish and Trish Undergood** were welcomed into membership in the Rotary Club of Vero Beach and became its first women members.

Women began assuming leadership positions throughout the Rotary world as Club Presidents, District Governors and officers, and beyond. In 2013, Anne L. Matthews began her term as Rotary Vice President and is currently being followed by by Home Stay's special guest, Vice President Jennifer Jones, of Windsor, Ontario, Canada. Today, women comprise more than 20% of Rotary's worldwide membership.