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Minutes of the RWM 2763 held at the Mahendra Smriti Sabhaghar RC Dumdum on 29.11.24 at 6.30 pm

ADDRESS:

President Rtn. Sanjib Roy called the meeting to order, warmly welcoming all members in attendance.



BEGINNING:

The meeting commenced with the National Anthem, led by Rtn. Sekhar Chatterjee at the request of the President.

CLUB BUSINESS:

In the absence of the Secretary, and at the request of the President, honourable Club Learning Facilitator, PP Rtn. Arup Majumdar conducted the club business:

- a) Birthday wishes were extended to Rtn. Dr. Asitava Sur, with all attendees joining in the celebration.
- b) Advance wedding anniversary greetings were offered to PP Rtn. Ashok Guha & Partner Ratna and Rtn. Piyali Ray Paladhi & Partner Sandeep for their anniversaries on

November 31st. Members joined in extending their best wishes.

c) A reminder was given about the District's 2nd President, Secretary, AG, ZS meeting 'SAMAGAM-2' on Wednesday, December 1st, at Haldiram Banquet, Ballygunge, Kolkata.

d) The visit of AG Rtn. Kakoli Nath from RC Laketown was announced for December 6th, prior to the DG's official club visit on Friday, December 13th. Members were requested to attend on both days, and it was suggested that members join the DG visit with their families, as mentioned earlier.

e) All members were urged to attend the Annual Meeting on Friday, December 20th.

f) The President proposed the name of PP Rtn. Kumar Brata Ghosh as the Election Officer. PP Rtn. Pranab Kumar Roy seconded the proposal, which was accepted by all members present. The President declared him the Election Officer for the year.

g) The President requested all members to block their calendars for the Annual Picnic on January 18th, with the venue to be announced once finalized.

DISCUSSION:

a) The President requested PP Rtn. Arup to brief the members about

the November 24th workshop on Organic Farming. Rtn. Arup described the workshop as a significant success, with active participation from over 30 farmers who listened attentively to Professor Krishnendu Acharya, an esteemed practical mentor with a passion for organic farming. He extensively explained the importance of low-cost organic farming in a manner accessible to farmers and demonstrated how it could be implemented with the limited facilities available to them. Members appreciated this approach and wished for the endeavour's grand success.



b) As scheduled, PP Rtn. Kumar shared his impressions of Padma Vibhushan Ratan Tata. He expressed gratitude to the Club for the opportunity to discuss such a significant personality. He emphasized Tata's tireless philanthropic efforts that often remain overshadowed by his monumental achievements in

Indian multinational industrialization. **Rtn. Kumar** advocated for him to be honoured with the highest national accolade of 'Bharat Ratna'. He recounted lesser-known incidents from Tata's life, highlighting his struggles, opposition, and moments of helplessness. Members engaged in the discussion and expressed gratitude for the insights shared, greeting **Rtn. Kumar** with a resounding round of applause.



c) The President and **Rtn. Dr. Asitava Sur** felicitated **PP Rtn. Kumar** with a sapling as a gesture of appreciation for his insightful deliberation. All attendees joined in expressing their gratitude.

d) The President invited all members to celebrate **Rtn. Asitava's** birthday by participating in a cake-cutting ceremony at the head table. Members wished **Rtn. Asitava** a fulfilling life ahead. **Rtn. Asitava** conveyed his heartfelt thanks for the kind wishes and encouraged everyone to enjoy their Rotary experiences to the fullest.



ENDING:

The minutes of RWM 2762, circulated via email and WhatsApp, were confirmed by the 12 members present at the meeting. Sunshine was collected through billing. The President concluded the meeting with special thanks to **PP Rtn. Kumar** and reminded all members to join the next RWM on Friday, December 6th.



Comparing Lions Club and Rotary Club

Lions Clubs International and **Rotary International** have had similar origins, structures, and purposes. Each started with one club in Chicago, Rotary organized by **lawyer Paul Harris** in **1905** and Lions organized by **businessman Melvin Jones** in **1917**.

Both Rotary and Lions quickly mushroomed and both quickly spread to other countries, Canada first for **Rotary in 1912** and for **Lions in 1920**. Each organization is based on each independent club in a town or city, but organized at regional and global levels to enhance service to each club, vocation, community, and the world.

From 1925 when Helen Keller addressed an international Lions convention, Lions have focused on service to the blind and visually impaired, as well as the deaf and hearing-impaired.

A few years earlier Rotarians had launched what became known in 1928 as the Rotary Foundation, providing humanitarian relief throughout the world.

Both organizations have similar numbers and geographic spread with around **1.4 million, members** and **200 countries**, and 49,000 clubs for Lions and 46,000 clubs for Rotarians.

Both groups promote service: Rotary's motto of "service above self" and Lion's call for "unselfish service." Rotary launched in 1985 its largest humanitarian effort ever: PolioPlus (\$600 million), and Lions launched in 1990 its most aggressive

sight-preservation effort: SightFirst (\$143.5 million).

Both organizations focus on youth, both in the community and globally. Both organizations contribute to other efforts worldwide, such as fostering civic organizations and community service, preserving the environment, promoting alcohol and drug education, helping health issues, alleviating hunger, and promoting peace and good will.

The name Rotary was chosen because the members initially rotated the club's subsequent weekly meetings to each other's offices. After a year, the Chicago club grew so much that it became necessary to adopt the now common practice of having a regular meeting place. Both organizations are committed to providing service to their communities.

The Lions Club focuses on providing books for orphanages, play areas and equipment for disabled children, and supporting hospices, among other projects. Rotary also provides similar services, such as helping with disaster relief efforts and providing clean water and sanitation services. When it comes to deciding which organization is better for you, it really depends on your individual needs and interests.

No matter which organization one likes, one'll be making a difference in his community by joining either one. Both organizations are dedicated to providing service to their communities and making a positive impact on the world.