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Minutes of the RWM 2764 held at the Mahendra Smriti Sabhagar RC Dumdum on 06.12.24 at 6.30 pm

ADDRESS:

In the absence of the Honourable President, respected Chair of Club Administration, **PP Rtn. Dr. Asoke Das**, chaired the RWM and called it to order. He welcomed **AG Rtn. Kakali Nath**, **ZS Rtn. Satyabrata Mukherjee**, **Mr. Abhisek Das** guest of **Rtn. Pradip Kumar Chowdhury**, and all members in attendance.



BEGINNING:

The meeting commenced with the National Anthem, led by **Rtn. Piyali Ray Paladhi**, at the request of the President.

CLUB BUSINESS:

The Secretary, **Rtn. Chinmay Roy**, conducted the club business:

a) Belated birthday wishes were extended to **Rtn. Piyali Ray Paladhi**, whose birthday is on December 3rd, with all members joining in the celebration.

b) Advanced birthday greetings were offered to **PP Rtn. Swapan Ganguli** and **PP Rtn. Dr. Asoke Das**,

whose birthdays fall on December 9th and 10th, respectively. Members joined in extending their best wishes.

c) Advance wedding anniversary greetings were given to **PP Rtn. Dr. Prabir Kumar Saha** and his partner, **Urmimala**, whose anniversary is on December 10th, with all members participating.

d) Announced the receipt of the newsletter "LIGHT" from RC Garden Reach.

e) Shared the approval of Helping Grant #0472 for an amount of ₹3 lakhs for 5 E-Rickshaw vans by EIRWT. Members appreciated this initiative.

f) Declared the decision of the Club to participate in the District-aided "Blanket Distribution" by contributing ₹4000.00 for 50 blankets.

g) Reminded all members of the upcoming Club programmes:

- **Official Club Visit (OCV)** by the DG followed by a family dinner on December 13th.
- **Annual Meeting** with high tea on December 20th.
- **Charter Night** celebration with cultural events and family dinner on January 3rd.
- **Annual Picnic** on January 18th.
- h) Informed members about the finalization of this year's District Conference "Sammelan"—2025, to be held at Nicco Park East Side Pavilion from January 3rd to 5th. The registration charges would be ₹6500/head and ₹12000/couple.





Registration Charges:
Single ₹ 6500/-
Couple ₹ 12000/-
Guest ₹ 6500/-

(Includes two lunch and two dinner)

Account Name:
RID 3291 A/C Events 24-25
A/C Number: 402024202511
IFSC: RATN0000311
Bank Name: RBL Bank

Kits are not assured for registration on and after 26th December, 2024

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JANUARY
2025

EMINENT SPEAKERS

SPACIOUS CONFERENCE HALL

GOURMET CUISINE

WHOLESOME ENTERTAINMENT

HOUSE OF FELLOWSHIP

NICCO PARK
EAST SIDE PAVILION
HM Block, Sector IV,
Bidhannagar, Kolkata 700106

DISCUSSION:

a) At the request of the members, **Mr. Abhisek Das**, (DGM in a leading IT MNC), guest of **Rtn. Pradip** introduced himself and his lovely family, including his wife and daughter. He expressed his gratitude for being invited to this esteemed Club.

b) The Treasurer, **PP Rtn. Swarnendu Sekhar Saha**, reported the receipt of SAD-I dues from all members except four and requested the remaining members to clear their dues promptly.

c) Upon request, AG and ZS declared that they had verified all the required documents uploaded on the Rotary India website prior to

the OCV of DG, scheduled for December 13th, and found everything to be in order. They expressed their satisfaction and thanked the club administration.



d) The President invited all members to celebrate **Rtn. Piyali's** birthday by participating in a cake-cutting ceremony at the head table. Members wished **Rtn. Piyali** a happy life ahead. **Rtn. Piyali** conveyed his heartfelt thanks for the kind wishes and wished everyone a meaningful life for all the days to come.

ENDING:

The minutes of RWM 2763, circulated via email and WhatsApp, were confirmed by the 13 attending members in the presence of three honourable guests. Sunshine was collected through billing. The President concluded the meeting with special thanks to the AG, ZS, and the special guest present and requested all members to join the next RWM with their families on Friday, December 13th, when the DG will officially visit the Club.



Free Eye Check-up & Spectacles Distribution at Eruli Bazar, Nadia on 02.12.2024 for 136 Spectacles and 36 Cataract Surgeries

DECEMBER



DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH

"The prevention of disease today is one of the most important factors in line of human endeavour." Charles Mayo



Rotary
District 7030



Rotary Opens Opportunities



Free Eye Check-up & Spectacles Distribution at Sripally Bazar, 24 Parganas (N) on 04.12.2024 for 132 Spectacles and 42 Cataract Surgeries.



DGN Tapas Bhattacharya in End Polio Relay Race at Rotary Institute'24, Kochi on 06.11.24.

Enclø:
Brief Biodata of Prospective Member respected Mr. Abhisek Das introduced by distinguished Rtn. Pradip Kumar Chowdhury.

Mr. Abhisek Das

Managing Newage IT Industry dedicated to benefit of all stakeholders and Society as a whole.

Key Skills and Knowledge	Personal Info
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A Rotarian astronaut lives her out-of-this-world dreams

Samantha Cristoforetti longed for space travel since she was a kid. An excerpt of her sharing the cosmic awe with her fellow earthlings.

This story originally appeared in the December 2024 issue of Rotary magazine.

Dozens of members of the Rotary Club of Köln am Rhein gather on a pleasant Monday evening. The night's speaker, Samantha Cristoforetti, an out-of-this-world member of the club, joined from International Space Station to give the Rotarians a virtual tour of her floating workplace.

Cristoforetti is four months into her second stint on the space station, that orbits the Earth every 90 minutes. Her hair set loose.

Cristoforetti's journey to space began during her childhood in a tiny village in the Italian Alps. When she was 17 and a senior in high school, she traveled to St. Paul, Minnesota, as an exchange student. At Space Camp, she studied the space shuttle and simulated a 24-hour mission.

She studied engineering and became one of the first female fighter pilots in the Italian Air Force. In 2008, Among 8,412 qualified applicants in The European Space Agency she was selected and finally joined the training in 2009.

It was during one of these trainings that Bernd Böttiger, a member of the Rotary Club of Köln am Rhein, first met Cristoforetti. Böttiger, an internationally renowned specialist in emergency medicine. In November 2014, after what may have felt like light-years of training, Cristoforetti was ready to rocket to space.

Once on board the space station, new astronauts may receive a pin, to mark their membership in a rotary club.



Cristoforetti brought the Köln am Rhein Rotary club banner to the Int. Space Sta

They reach the space station in about six hours and, after a couple of hours of procedures, the hatch between the Soyuz spacecraft and the research station opens. With a gentle push from Shkaplerov, Cristoforetti squeezes through.

Cristoforetti has participated in two missions, her first from November 2014 to June 2015, at the time the longest ever for a woman in space at 200 days; the second from April to October 2022, which included a couple of weeks as space station commander, making her Europe's first woman to hold the role.

Work hours run from about 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and start with a morning meeting. The station is first and foremost a scientific research vessel. During her missions, Cristoforetti has contributed to research on health topics such as the effect of noise on hearing, the maintenance of muscle tone, and osteoporosis, as well as other areas of science like the physics of emulsions and the properties of metals.

On her second mission, Cristoforetti participated in a seven-hour "extravehicular activity," what the rest of us know as a spacewalk, the first by a European woman.

Once she is back on Earth, She experienced something akin to reverse culture shock.

Cristoforetti is an astronaut, engineer, fighter pilot — and a TikTok sensation. Her biography on the social media platform reads, "European Space Agency Astronaut boldly going where no Tiktoker has gone before. Her TikTok feed runs the gamut from science experiments to space life tidbits. Videos include how to use the space toilet, floating 101, and flying into the aurora borealis. In a clip about how to drink coffee in space, a foil pouch floats beside her as a graphic reading "coffee please" flashes on the screen and the song "Coffee Break" by Jonah Nilsson plays in the background.

As part of a UNICEF initiative, she sang the John Lennon classic "Imagine" from the space station cupola. When she's earthbound, Cristoforetti lives in Cologne with her partner and two children. Impressed with her character, Böttiger invited her to join the Köln am Rhein Rotary club between her first and second missions.

Beyond space, Cristoforetti's work has taken her from the ocean floor (she lived 19 meters below the Earth's surface for nine days as commander of NASA's NEEMO 23 crew) to Norwegian fjords, where she participated in a field expedition studying lunar-like geology.

As the meeting closes, her fellow club members thank her with thunderous applause.