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Today's EVENT

Annual General Meeting

PE Indra Goenka will be announcing her team for Rotary Year 2021-22



DISCOVER YOGA - A SUMMATION

A webinar that was as consequential as it could be for both the speakers from Singapore, Anand and Ruchica are splendid narrators. The captivating session of almost an hour was full of wisdom in respect to various aspects of stress and its management with the help of yoga workouts. In fact some of the exercises were performed live complete with audience participating in full enthusiasm. The interactive exchange that followed the presentation had members clear many a doubts about the yoga learnt on the day as well as being done by them in their daily way of life. In the end a informative programme with bagful of takeaways.

ROTARY NEWS

The 2020–21 RI Board of Directors met virtually on 26 October and 18–19 November 2020. At these meetings, the Board reviewed nine committee reports and recorded 27 decisions.

Programs and Awards

The Board

- clarified its September decision removing the past governor qualification for serving in the positions of Rotary coordinator or Rotary public image coordinator to further stipulate that such a non-past governor must have “strong relationships with the district and zone leadership” to qualify for serving in these positions;
- agreed, in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, to restrict long- and short-term youth exchanges through 30 June 2021;
- amended the Standard Rotaract Club Constitution to encourage a recommended number of 12 charter members to start a new Rotaract club;
- recognized the Rotary Action Group for Refugees, Forced Displacement, and Migration.

Meetings

The Board

- agreed that the 2021 International Assembly is to be held virtually between 1–11 February 2021 and further agreed that subject to the 2021 RI Convention being held onsite in Taipei, Taiwan, to hold a two-day, in-person event in Taipei as a continuation of the Assembly program;
- recognizing the successful shift of Rotarians’ use of online training resources due to the COVID-19 pandemic, recommended that after the pandemic clubs and districts adopt a flexible training approach that uses a combination of online and in-person learning options;
- extended the current Taipei convention registration fee structure for all registration categories through 15 February 2021.

Administration and Finances

The Board

- following the nomination by President Knaack, elected Hendreen Dean Rohrs to fill the unexpired term of Jennifer Jones as a Rotary Foundation Trustee;
- reviewed President-elect Mehta’s 2021–22 committee structure, which includes four Board committees: Executive, Administration, Programs, and Council on Legislation Advisory; and 12 standing committees: Audit, 2022 Houston Convention, 2023 Melbourne Convention, Communications, Constitution and Bylaws, Districting, Election Review, Finance, Membership, Operations Review, Rotaract, and Strategic Planning. President-elect Mehta further planned five other committees to advise the Board: 2022 International Assembly, Interact Advisory Council, Leadership Development and Training, Shaping Rotary’s Future, and Young Past Governors;
- continued its discussion of a possible new structural model for Rotary and requested the Shaping Rotary’s Future Committee to continue developing this structure in discussion with Rotary senior leaders and with feedback from Rotarians and Rotaractors via virtual focus groups;
- encouraged districts to adopt and use, where beneficial, virtual and virtual/in-person district conferences, for efficiency, efficacy, cost-savings, and inclusiveness;
- in its ongoing response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, continued restrictions on Rotary-funded travel through 31 March 2021;
- adopted the 2021–22 annual goals for Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation as follows:

GOALS FOR PRIORITY 1 – INCREASE OUR IMPACT

- Eradicate polio and highlight Rotary’s role.

- Increase contributions to the Annual Fund and PolioPlus while building the Endowment Fund to \$2.025 billion by 2025.
- Improve and effectively communicate the measurable impact of:
 - Service projects by clubs;
 - District grants, global grants, programs of scale, PolioPlus and the Rotary Peace Centers.
- Build new partnerships, including opportunities with government agencies, to enhance the global foot print of humanitarian projects.
- Focus our program efforts to increase our impact.

GOALS FOR PRIORITY 2 – EXPAND OUR REACH

- Grow Rotary membership to 1.3 million by:
 - Emphasizing “Each One, Bring One” as the call to action for attracting new and more diverse members into our existing clubs;
 - Increasing and diversifying participant base by starting new and innovative clubs and participant engagement channels.
 - Increasing the coordination and accountability of the directors, regional leaders and district membership chairs.
- Strengthen Rotary’s brand and image including increased focus on social media.

GOALS FOR PRIORITY 3 – ENHANCE PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT

- Enhance engagement with an emphasis on leveraging technology among Interact, Rotaract and Rotary club members and other Rotary participants.
- Increase collaboration between all participants, in particular between Rotary clubs and Rotaract clubs.
- Use our core values as a focus for engagement.
- Enhance engagement through business networking opportunities amongst Rotary participants.

GOALS FOR PRIORITY 4 – INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO ADAPT

- Support and encourage the use of virtual connectivity to optimize in-person meetings, trainings, fundraising and service projects.
- Review our volunteer leadership structure and improve responsibility and accountability.
- Support regionalization of governance and service delivery.

Source: Rotary International

Birthdays

Tarun Kanti Paul
on 1st January

Yadav Ranjan Kumar on 5th January

Anniversaries

Ravindra Prakash and Sumati Sehgal
on 6th January

CLUB EVENTS

2nd January, 2021

Speaker : **Dr. Bivas Chaudhuri**, I.S.S.

9th January, 2021

**Merged with Blood Donation Camp
at RCC Khalna on 10th January**

16th January, 2021

**1st physical Meeting in the New Year at HHI
at 4.30 p.m. Speaker : Rtn Sunil Sobti**

UPCOMING
EVENTS!

**Minutes of 2426th
E- RCM of Rotary
Club of Belur held
on 19th of December,
2020 at 5pm**

The 2426th e-Regular Club meeting was called to order by President Alope Kanodia. He requested members to rise for the national anthem. Thereafter invocation to God was done wonderfully by Rtn Suresh Khuteta. President Alope updated the members with current workings and Secretary Amar announced the Birthdays, Anniversaries and other club business.

More than 34 members and spouses attended the Virtual RCM. It was a day to discover Yoga with Ms Ruchica Patni, CEO and founder Yoga Library, Singapore and Co-founder Mr Anand Goyal. They were duly introduced by Rtn Ajay Khanna.

We all were in for an engrossing session to understand our body dynamics focusing on how we need to revive and how we can relax ourselves. They gave an impressive presentation and kept it interactive too. We all were in for some practical dosage on how we focus on our breathing and its connection with relaxation of our mind and body.

Members took keen interest and asked relevant questions.

With no other business, President Alope terminated the meeting.

Rtn Alope Kanodia, President
Rtn Amar Malhotra, Secretary

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Christian festival celebrating the birth of Jesus. The English term Christmas ("mass on Christ's day") is of fairly recent origin. The earlier term Yule may have derived from the Germanic jol or the Anglo-Saxon geol, which referred to the feast of the winter solstice. The corresponding terms in other languages—Navidad in Spanish, Natale in Italian, Noël in French—all probably denote nativity. The German word Weihnachten denotes "hallowed night." Since the early 20th century, Christmas has also been a secular family holiday, observed by Christians and non-Christians alike, devoid of Christian elements, and marked by an increasingly elaborate exchange of gifts decorating Christmas trees, attending church, sharing meals with family and friends. In this secular Christmas celebration, a mythical figure named Santa Claus plays the pivotal role and waiting for Santa to arrive part.



After the rough year that 2020 has been, we are all looking forward to the most wonderful time of the year when people across the world come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on December 25. Each year families get together; some visit their friends and indulge in memorable parties to celebrate the festive season. Christmas is a time of joy and warmth, surrounded with the love of family members and the comradery of friends. Over the years, it is has become much more than just the celebration of Jesus Christ's birth; now it is seen to embody the spirit of giving and affection that one carries along with them for the rest of the year and is also celebrated by people across faiths.



Total 362 patients were treated in the month of November 2020.  **Club Clinic**



न कलम रखती थी , न किताब रखती थी,
फिर भी पूरे घर का हिसाब रखती थी ।
सीधी थी, सरल थी, पर स्वाब रखती थी,
हम पर हमेशा अपने आंचल की छांव रखती थी।।
ऐसी थी हमारी मां....

- Sangita Kejriwal
spouse of Rtn Kishan K Kejriwal

Obituary

Savitri Devi Kejriwal left for her heavenly abode on 25th December 2020 at Kolkata. She was the mother of PP Kishan Kumar Kejriwal and the wife of our late member Shyam Suder Kejriwal who preceded her in death. A soft-spoken, humble, pious lady she was loved and admired by all for her amicable disposition.

She always provided support and love for her family which was the biggest priority in her life. Despite her large family, she always made time for everyone and her greatest joy was making others happy. Savitri Devi was a very charitable and kind-hearted person with a healing touch.

She leaves behind three sons and two daughters, loving grandchildren, numerous relatives and well-wishers.