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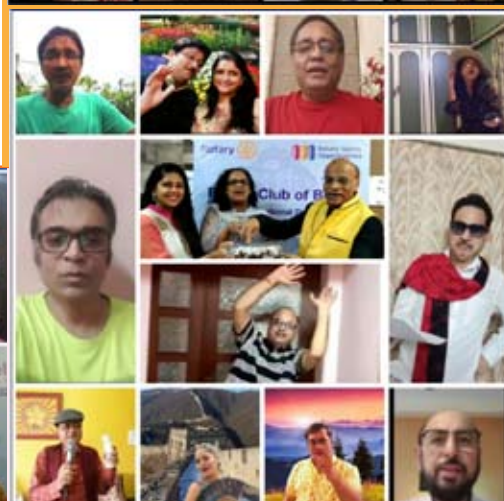
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 **AUGUST IS**
MEMBERSHIP
AND NEW CLUB
DEVELOPMENT MONTH



Today's
SPEAKER



PRIP K R Ravindran
TRF Trustee Chair
and
Opening remarks by
DG Sudip Mukherjee

Theme:
ROTARY IN
CHALLENGING TIMES
August 23, 2020
at 11:00 AM India



Guldasta Charter Night 2020

Aptly themed "Guldasta", meaning a bouquet of 54 flowers representing each President of Rotary Club of Belur since its formation in the year 1967, the Charter night was a roaring success. Lead by PRIP Raja Saboo, members of neighbouring countries Bangladesh and Nepal besides our sister club, Rotray Club of Singapore participated along with District officials, guests, our members, spouses and their families.

The Charter Night "Guldasta", literally had so much to offer which was probably beyond the imagination of most of us. It factually generated electric waves on the E-platform in every sense. Most have viewed many such live programmes in by gone years but to assemble something of this magnitude on an E-platform was beyond comprehension.

An effort which combines the attributes of dedication, perseverance and devotion put in by the core team who probably spent many sleepless nights to stitch it together. Getting members, their children staying in faraway places like Paris, Sydney and many such places to contribute is a no mean task.

Amazingly the kids of family members really got their acts together and outperformed them. Moreover the biggest takeaway of this event was the exhibition of talent put on the show by most as well as all round participation of members. One cannot but single out the combined efforts put in by Secretary, Amar his spouse Swati, Rtn Amitabh Mohan who was in his element hosting and participating with equal gusto not to forget MC Nikita and Rtn Indira for working silently behind the scene under the able guidance of Event Chairman Rtn Sunil Jain.



ROTARY CLUB OF BELUR INTERACT CLUB OF M.C.K.V A SMALL ENDEAVOUR TO FIGHT COVID 19



Date: 03.06.20, the members of M.C.K.V Interact Club had taken the initiative to distribute 50 masks, 50 gloves and 50 bottles of sanitizer gel to the underprivileged members of the locality to battle against the fast-spreading novel coronavirus, the invisible but pernicious enemy. This programme was organized in front of M.C.K.V School, Liluah in the presence of the students and the staff members including the Chairman of the school and the Headmistress of the school. These essential things were distributed amongst the economically distressed people who are mainly the toto-drivers, rickshaw pullers and street vendors. In this nationwide lockdown and economic turmoil when the entire country is in a woeful situation, these people are already in a dire difficulty in safeguarding their and their family's lives as well as livelihoods. Understanding the present ordeal, we the members of M.C.K.V Interact Club deemed it as our duty towards our nation to walk a small step to fight the pandemic. In the midst of this challenging reality, we as Interactors have not lost our hopes keeping the motto ignited in our minds "Together we can and we will".

Objective: To help the economically challenged people to fight the pandemic.

- 1) Number of members participated: 3 students, 2 teachers and the admin staff.
- 2) Number of people benefitted : many
- 3) Classes involved : X , XII
- 4) Amount involved : Rs. 5000.00
- 5) District Officials Present : No
- 6) Joint with any other Organization : No
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CLUB EVENTS

September 5, 2020 RCM
merged with District Programme

DISTRICT EVENTS

Details to be provided soon.

Installation Meeting:

The Interact Club of MCKV held its 14th Installation ceremony "Ashayein", on Thursday, 13th August, 2020 on Zoom cloud platform.

Itr. Pratik Jhunjhunwala, was installed as its President and Itr. Anubhav Sharma as Secretary for Rotary year 2020-21. It was attended by the PDG Rajani Mukherjee, Rtn. Sulagana Daw, District Interact Chair, RID 3291 and President Aloke Kanodia among others.

ROTARY NEWS

TRF Contributions in 2019-20 surpasses previous year

The 2019-20 Rotary year was very unlike any other because of COVID-19. Amid the challenges, our Foundation enabled Rotarians to continue serving their communities in a time of great need. For example, our polio infrastructure was used to detect the coronavirus, and The Rotary Foundation awarded hundreds of district grants, global grants, and disaster response grants to combat it.

Rotarians continued to give generously to our Foundation to help meet these increased needs, and I am delighted to share the news that more than \$408.6 million (unaudited) was raised in 2019-20. This amount surpasses our \$400 million comprehensive goal. In addition, we reached the \$50 million PolioPlus goal for outright contributions, District Designated Funds, and resulting World Fund matches.

Thank you for your incredible support to our Foundation.

Gary C.K. Huang
2019-20 Chair, The Rotary Foundation

Contributed by PDG Ravi Sehgal

DISTRICT NEWS :

Rotary Purulia Covid Centre

The 60 bedded, Rotary Club of Purulia Service Centre – a multi speciality hospital has been converted to Covid Hospital.

Purulia District in West Bengal, severely lacks behind in Health Care facilities and thus with a vision to cater needs of the community with “Quality Service at reasonable cost”, Rotary Purulia Hospital was established.

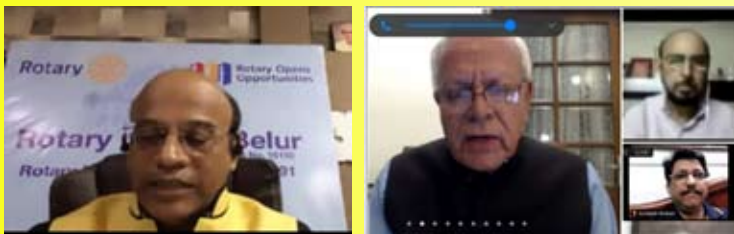
This Multi-Speciality Hospital facility was handed over on 1st April, 2020 to the Dept. of Health & Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal to combat the novel corona virus to support the community. The Hospital has been transformed to a COVID Hospital and is currently being managed by the Govt. of West Bengal, wherein all suspected patients are screened at Purulia Sadar Hospital and then sent here for further treatment. 356 patients were admitted here so far; out of these 77 patients were referred to higher centre for critical treatment. The staff equipped with proper protection gear, is providing their best efforts to serve the patients and heal them. Centre also has free oxygen cylinder services and ambulance with ICU facilities

Contributed by PP Vishnu Dhandhan



CLUB NEWS :

A Multi-Club speaker meeting with Ambassador Ashok Sajjanhar, Former Ambassador of India to Kazakhstan, Sweden and Latvia was jointly organised by our club with Rotary Club of Delhi Ashoka, D-3012, Rotary Club of Bombay West, D-3141 and Rotary Club of Chennai Harmony, D-3232, on August 20, 2020. The talk was on “Analysing the India - China Standoff in Ladakh” was a huge success. More than 25 members of our club participated in the event.



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**A District Programme was organised**  
**Topic: Resilience & Connectivity in the Pandemic**  
**Phase on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020.**

Many Members participated including President Rtn Alope Kumar Kanodia, Rtn Amitabh Mohan, IPP Ramesh Tiwari, PDG Ravi Sehgal, PP Rakesh Bhatia, PP Bubna Radha Krishna, PP Shiv Kumar Lohia.

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President Rtn Alope K Kanodia, attended **Ukraine Virtual International RYLA** on August 15-16, 2020.

Birthdays

■ Rtn Pijush Doshi
on 21st August, 2020

■ Rtn Nirmal Kumar Saha on 29th August, 2020

Anniversaries

K P and Chitra Sajan
on 30th August, 2020

Minutes of
2414th E- RCM &
CHARTER NIGHT
of Rotary Club
of Belur held on
8th of August, at
6:30 pm

As the clock struck 6:30 in the evening, the 54th Charter Celebration themed "GULDASTA" which was held virtually got rolling with MC Nikita, daughter-in-law of President Alope Kanodia welcoming everybody. She then requested the President to start the meeting who called it to order with the customary gong.

The meeting was attended by 59 club members, 26 Annes, 9 Guests and 4 Rotarians from other clubs and district attended the evening program. It was indeed a proud moment to welcome PRIP Raja Saboo ji along with 10 other Delegates of our partner clubs from Bangladesh, Singapore and Nepal.

After National Anthem by the members, invocation to God was rendered by Rtn H K Prasad followed by recorded prayer by sung by Gunjan daughter in law of Ex Belurian Shailendra Shah.

In his address President Alope highlighted his vision and goals for the club in times to come. He quoted "Sometimes you cannot see yourself clearly until you see yourself in the eyes of others", emphasizing that Rotary opens opportunity to connect.

There upon President Alope requested PDG Ravi Sehgal to recognize PRIP RAJA SABOO JI and requested him to say a few words to the gathering.

PRIP Rajaji showered his greetings on all present and informed the awed participants that he had a different connect with Rotary Club of Belur as he always feels like it was his home club for he has so many memories attached with it. He said "Charter is not a certificate that you are part of Rotary International, Charter is always a CHARTER of Responsibility."

It was now the time for club business which was conducted by Secretary Amar Malhotra in a businesslike manner. The proceeding were back with Emcee Nikita who now requested senior members PP S G DAGA, PP G S SHARDA , PP N K MEHTA , and PDG RAVI to address the club and share their vision for the club. DG Sudeep Mukherjee AG Partho Pratim ZS Debapriya Biswas besides several PDGs were recognised for their virtual presence. Recordings of wishes sent by partner members clubs from Nigeria, President Dinesh Sharma from Singapore, PP Radhika Gurung from Rotary Kakarbitta Nepal, Rotary Club of Thimphu, Bhutan PDG Shaukat from Rotary Club of Dhaka, Ex Belurian Ganesh Jatoria, and Ajay Patodia, PP Dr Romel from Rotary Club of Uttara, DIST 32810 were all played thus ending the business session.

MC Nikita now invited Anne Swati to take the program forward .She invited President Alope who started Celebrations with ceremonial popping of Champagne. Thereafter Anne Swati together with Rtn Amitabh wonderfully anchored the program. In a record participation, more than 48 members Annes and the kids of Belurian family joined in to entertain and enjoy the evening through their performances. Programmes were presented in 3 modes: Live, Recorded and a Skit (Bollywood based Rotary fusion)

Rtn Amarnath ji adjudged the program and announced prizes in all categories. Members were enthralled by a dazzling dance performance by Kavya Iyer daughter of Rtn Shankar Ramalingam. Furthermore Aradhya Mohan daughter of Rtn Amitabh Mohan rendered a Solo Song of American singer Taylor Swift mesmerising everyone with a flawless performance . PP Diwakar Sharma captivated everyone with his Shayari in his impeccable style with Ayushman son of Rtn Vijay Sharma playing an instrumental number. PP Rtn Nirmal Saha's grand daughter Afreen followed it up by doing a cute dance number. Raghav son of Secretary Rtn Amar demonstrated his unique skill of reverse video to the delight of all.

First lady Anne Anita Kanodia's recited poem on 'Dulha aisa chahiye'. Rtn Shashi along with wife Anne Meenu Seth recited a poem on 'Positivity in Life'. The mood of the evening was set by a medley by Anne Nivedita Mohan.

The Skit titled "Gul, Guldasta & Gulistan" with more than 20 acts by our members was major stopper of the evening which was thoroughly enjoyed by those viewing the programme.

All tech work involved in preparing the skit was done by Yash Malhotra son of Rtn Amar. Skit was conceived and articulated by Rtn Indra Goenka, Rtn Amitabh Mohan, Rtn Rashmi Patwari and Anne Swati Malhotra.

Rtn Amitabh took over the anchoring and introduced the participants in his flamboyant style.

Atharv, son of Rtn Amitabh Mohan sang a patriotic song with great enthusiasm followed by a motivational poem recited by Anne Anu Dugar with great aplomb. Rtn K P Sajan was the most surprising package of the evening. He along with his lovely daughter Nandini gave a sterling dance performance so full of energy leaving the audience completely spellbound.

Rtn Sunil Sobti too chipped in with his humorous and witty poetry followed by a professional performance by Anne Sushmita Jhavar.

Members enjoyed a poem on Covid 19 written by Rtn Nirmal da and rendered by his friend and fellow Rotarian.

Another star performer was Anne Geeta Bhatia who sang a duo with voice of celebrity bollywood singer Kumar Sanu. Nikita Kanodia daughter in law of Rtn Alok Kanodia showed that she is a bundle of talent as played the guitar by performing Bollywood numbers.

And to end the evening on a high note our Rtn Sunil Jain rendered a melodious song complete in retro attire.

Finally the traditional cake cutting was done by President Alope alongwith his family with members exchanging greetings. With no other club business left, President

Alope terminated the meeting.

COVID GLOBAL GRANT PROJECT GG#2012686 'KARUNA' – SAVE OUR SAVIOURS

Project 'KARUNA' – SAVE OUR SAVIOURS - It was a journey of resilience, collaboration and interdependence started locally but soon spreading to other parts of the world. Ultimately, fructifying on 15th August 2020, the Independence Day of India and indeed a big letter day for Rotary Club of Belur.

The donation received under the Club Covid Global Grant Project GG # 2012686 for USD 47,774 equivalent to INR 35,83,000 was concluded on aforesaid day under the advice of Government of West Bengal, Health Department. At small event organised in the presence of Hon'ble District Magistrate, Howrah, Assistant District Magistrate, Howrah, Chief Medical

Officer, Howrah District, Government of West Bengal, in attendance with DGE Prabir Chatterjee, club members PDG Ravi Sehgal, Secretary Amar Kumar Malhotra, Rtn. Vijay Sharma, Rtn. Anand Agarwal and spouse Swati Malhotra, a total of 6,600 PPE Kits, 6,600 N95 Face Masks and 3,300 Face Shields were donated.

Hon'ble District Magistrate of Howrah appreciated this kind gesture as well as congratulated Rotary Club of Belur and its members for taking upon such a noble and meaningful project. She also cited that Independence Day is the right occasion for rendering support to our frontline warriors of this global pandemic.

The project was possible due to the donation received through crowd funding at the initiative of Rtn. Anand Agarwal and his friends Ayan Sen from Singapore, Monalisa Sen from Belgium, Arpita Chatterjee and Arkadeep Kumar from Australia. Together they initiated a social media awareness campaign worldwide, seeking endorsement for our fight against the pandemic through their social media channel "SAVE OUR SAVIOURS", to garner crowd support and funding.



We are also thankful for the support extended by our International partners Rotary Club of Singapore and Rotary Club of Singapore North.

Report by **Rtn Anand Agarwal**





Human Wisdom

Baby's Eyes Babies are forever born with blue eyes. The melanin in their eyes wants time to be fully deposit or to be dark by ultraviolet light to disclose the baby's true eye colour.



Skeleton Our skeleton keeps renewing itself every ten years which means to every ten years you get a fresh skeleton.

Noise & Eyes Noise causes the pupils of our eyes to expand. Even extremely small noises can do this. Everybody has a exclusive smell, unique finger print and exceptional tongue print. Your eyes stay the



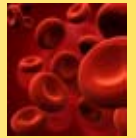
similar size after birth but your nose and ears never stop growing.

No Blood The single part of your body that has no blood supply is the cornea in the eye. It gets its oxygen straight from air.



Women v/s Men The most interesting fact about human body is that women's heart beat quicker than men's. Women blink two times as men do. Women are natural better smellers than men and remain superior smellers over life.

Red Color in Blood When you see blood discharge from a cut in your finger, you might take for granted that it is red because of the iron in it, somewhat as rust has a reddish hue. But the occurrence of the iron is by chance. The red colour arises for the reason that the iron is bound in a ring of atoms in haemoglobin called porphyrin and it's the form of this structure which produces the colour. When there is oxygen present, it changes the form of the porphyrin, giving the red blood cells a more bright shade.



Q: What do you call an Indian standing on one leg?

A: Balan-singh (balancing)

Q: What do you call a Bollywood fish?

A: Salmon Khan

Q: What did the potato say when it answered the phone?

A: "Aaloo?"

Q: What do you call Indian flowers?

A: Patels

Q: What do you call a Hindu man going backwards?

A: Rever Singh (reversing)

Q: Where do cauliflowers hang out?

A: In the Gobi desert

Q: What do you call an Indian entertainer?

A: Dan Singh (dancing)



**MY favourite
exercise
is SMILING!**



Members you may have something interesting to share. Starting with **the hobbies, your family, OR upcoming plans post lockdown OR Books which have impressed you OR the best short story you read. How great was your weekend once OR life experiences which impacted you in more than one ways?** The list is endless so friends do email any such narrative that you wish to share to the Secretary- amar1900@yahoo.com or khannajay@outlook.com.