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MINUTES OF THE 2510 RCM OF ROTARY CLUB OF BELUR HELD AT HHI ON 13TH OCTOBER AT 6 PM.

The meeting was attended by 25 members. This was the closure ceremony of the WASH PROJECT GRANT 1869981, which involved the construction of 20 toilets and wash stations in 20 schools at different locations. The occasion was graced by the presence of the Chief Guest, PRIP Shekhar Mehta, and the Guest of Honour, DG Hiral Lal Yadav. The function was also attended by other co-host sponsoring clubs, school principals, and some students from the beneficiary schools.

President Amar Malhotra called the meeting to order and requested members to rise for the national anthem. Rtn Swati Malhotra then delivered an invocation to God. President Amar Malhotra gave a welcome speech, followed by a secretarial announcement by Secretary Suresh Khunteta. PDG Ravi Sehgal, the primary contact of the project, shared detailed information about the project. Project Coordinator Vishnu Dhandhanian explained the history and finer details of the project. A book was launched by the dignitaries on this occasion. Additionally, a video message from Rtn Ranjit Chakraborty, an international primary contact of the project based in the USA, was shared.

Project Management Consultant Ms. Alope Parna Ghosh, along with the principals from the participating schools, were felicitated. The teachers from the schools expressed their appreciation for the project and shared their sentiments.

PRIP Shekhar Mehta delivered a highly motivational speech, which was followed by a speech from DG Hira Lal Yadav, who applauded the club's efforts in successfully executing meaningful projects and pledged his full cooperation.

A cake cutting ceremony was held to celebrate the birthdays of PDG Ravi Sehgal and PRIP Shekhar Mehta.

PE Anand Agarwal delivered the vote of thanks. President Amar Malhotra concluded the meeting and invited everyone to join for fellowship.

Rtn Amar Malhotra, President

Rtn Suresh Ch. Khunteta, Secretary



TODAY'S SPEAKER



RAJESH GOYAL, a visionary techpreneur and innovator, is dedicated to harnessing the disruptive power of AI technologies to reshape traditional business practices, redefine work dynamics, and transform our everyday lives. His groundbreaking creation, AskYourSherpa, a revolutionary WhatsApp chatbot, democratizes the accessibility of cutting-edge technologies like "Generative AI" for the masses. In recognition of his exceptional AI prowess and solutions, Rajesh was recently honoured by ASSOCHAM, one of India's leading trade associations.

After graduating from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur in 1996, Rajesh began his career with a brief stint at Britannia, baking biscuits, before diving into the tech world. In his 16-year journey with Cognizant, his achievements there include building a quarter billion-dollar business unit from scratch. He later joined Atos, a billion-dollar global business unit for 3 ½ years.

As the Founder and CEO of DigitalSherpa.AI, Rajesh's dynamic leadership extends beyond the realm of technology. He is also the driving force behind Wownooks, an extraordinary venture offering premium co-working spaces and serviced offices.



ROTARY CLUB OF BELUR

**CHANCE TO
BECOME A
MODEL**

**Traditional
Runway
Show
2023**

**ON
19TH NOV
Diwali meet**

Contact
Rtn Swati Malhotra Rtn Rakesh Bhatia

Jai Jagannath

BELUR OUTSTATION TRIP

Come join an all-expense-paid trip to Puri where you would visit world-famous Jagannath Temple, stay in a Swiss Tent on the beach near Konark and take pictures on one of the finest beaches of India!

Now is your chance!

ITINERARY:

2nd February, 2024

6.15 a.m. to 12.30p.m. Howrah to Puri (Vande Bharat express)
Same Day - Puri Darshan, Bhog Prasad, Stay overnight.

3rd February, 2024

leave after breakfast for
- Swiss Tent Beach Stay near Konark

4th February, 2024

To Bhubaneswar Joint Project at lunch.
Then 3 pm back to Howrah 9 p.m. (Vande Bharat)

Cost :

Couple 21,000/- and Single 17,500/-

Send deposit to Chair (Outstation Trip)

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PP Rakesh Bhatia 9830345495

Secretary Suresh Ch Khunteta

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* Children above 6 years will be treated as adult



EVENTS

11th November No RCM

19th November Deepawali Meet at THE BACK YARD

26th November Annual program at BAL VIKAS KENDRA

2nd December RCM

9th December AGM

DISTRICT PROGRAM :

18th November :

District Diwali Meet

HOW ROTARY KEEPS YOUR DONATIONS SAFE

The Sherlock Holmes of Rotary

How Rotary keeps your donations safe

By Christina Lanzona

Charity Navigator has consistently given its highest rating, four stars, to The Rotary Foundation, year after year. In the most recent rating, The Foundation received a perfect score of 100 for financial health, accountability, and transparency — indicating the organization is using its donations effectively and donors can give with confidence.

One reason for the top-tier marks is that Rotary takes any accusations of fraudulent activity seriously. Rotary has an entire department dedicated to investigating fraud and the misuse of Foundation grant funds: Rotary's Stewardship Department.

The good news, though, is such issues don't happen often. In fact, most grant funding is used exactly as intended and leads to sustainable outcomes in Rotary's areas of focus.

What we do

The mission of Rotary's Stewardship Department is to assure Rotary's stakeholders that the funding provided by The Rotary Foundation is properly managed. We operate from the Evanston, Illinois, and South Asia offices, bringing a systematic and disciplined approach to grant oversight, while also assisting clubs and districts in developing localized governance processes for grant implementation, financial management, and document retention.

We also oversee reporting for Rotary grants, the district qualification process, and The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers, a group of Rotary volunteer experts who help plan and evaluate Rotary grants.

We're basically the Sherlock Holmes of Rotary, but with more paperwork.

The investigation begins

We receive allegations from Rotary members and nonmembers mostly via email, but sometimes the information is reported

directly to a Rotary staff member or a district leader. We take every allegation seriously and work closely with grants staff and club and district leaders throughout the process.

Most of what we do is review grant documentation and financial records to confirm or refute the allegations. We may request the district investigate and collect more information. In some cases, an auditor from the Cadre will conduct an on-site verification of physical assets, vendors, and financial records.

The audit evaluation is then submitted to key Rotary staff, who take further action based on the recommendations. If fraud or misuse is confirmed, we may recommend a member, club, or district be suspended from participating in Rotary grants. In most cases, we're able to recover the misused funds.

Lessons learned

There are varied reasons why grant funding may be mishandled, but in our experience, these rare instances come down to several common themes:

- A lack of transparency among grant sponsors
- Ineffective communication among grant sponsors
- The project is led by one person or a small group, so there's little to no accountability
- Grant funds are handed over to a cooperating organization, and Rotary members are not managing grant funds or actively participating in project implementation
- Poor record-keeping and document retention

Best practices

There are many steps that Rotary members can take to ensure that grant funds are responsibly managed:

- Review relevant documentation. If you are planning a global grant, the terms and conditions and the area

of focus policy statements are critical documents.

- Conduct a competitive bidding process for any significant purchases.
- Ensure your club or district has a written financial management plan and is following the other stewardship requirements outlined in the club and district qualification memorandum of understanding.
- Use project planning resources, like the Cadre or Rotary Action Groups, to strengthen your application and increase your project's impact.
- Disclose any potential conflicts of interest to Rotary grants staff.

A note about conflicts of interest

Rotary members tend to have a lot of connections — with local or regional governments, with schools, churches, hospitals, and leaders in their communities. These connections are great, and they often lead to the development of Rotary grant projects.

Conflicts of interest occur when people are in a position to make or influence a decision about a Rotary grant that could benefit themselves, their family, their business, or an entity for which they serve in a paid or voluntary leadership or advisory position.

It's important to remember that any link between a Rotary member and an entity involved in a grant must be disclosed to Rotary grants staff during the application process.

To learn more about the Stewardship Department, send the office an email to stewardshipdepartment@rotary.org.

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AROR Nityananda School
work in full swing. Windows already completed. Floor work going on ~PP Rakesh Bhatia



PP Rakesh Bhatia and Ann Geeta Bhatia gave us an opportunity of Divine Experience at the CRUISE ON GANGES. 20 Belurians attended the spiritual program



POOJA PARIKRAMA

was supported by Rotary Club of Belur for members Hemophilia Society on 19th October, 2023.

Congratulations

Pratha Ved daughter of PP Kunal and Heena Ved became **1st Runner up** in Garba competition (SANGAATH) during Durga Puja, 2023 at #jwmarriot



MEGA UMBRELLAS DISTRIBUTION AT LANSDOWNE MARKET 19TH OCTOBER, 2023.

The drive was lead by Public Image Director Piyush Doshi. Needy were identified beafore hand and attended by PP Rakesh Bhatia, President Amar Kumar Malhotra with Secretary Rtn Suresh Khunteta.



World Restart a Heart Day

16 Oct'23 - Today on the occasion of World Restart a Heart (WRAH) day, As Club Director (Projects) of Rotary Club of Belur, conducted a workshop at Akshar school , Kolkata under the guidance of Rtn Dr S Swaika, Dr Simantika Ghosh and others. The enthusiastic efforts of Mr S Balakrishnan of ITC is highly appreciated. There were more than 60 students with the school principal and teachers who were imparted this ab initio training. This project needs to spread to save lives. Jeevandaan & Rotary Belur have taken this initiative to train people in groups. Please feel free to contact us.

~ PP Rakesh Bhatia - Director Projects.



Rotary Club of Belur had a Pre Puja Celebration with kids of **AASHIYANA NGO** at Madhyamgram. Lunch was fed to all and Food provisions. Equipment to maintain Hygiene was donated. Sports goods and games were given as a token Puja Gift



Happy Birthday

5th November : Narendra Prasad Gupta
 8th November : Shiv Kumar Lohia
 8th November : Ann Archana Prasad
 15th November : Ann Sangita Kejriwal
 15th November : Rajesh Ramamoorthy

Anniversary

16th November
 Prashant and Namrata Maheshwari



VISIT TO ASHA BHAWAN - AMTALLA

On 18th October, our team, consisting of Rtn Biren K. Mallick from RC Cal South City Towers, Alokeparna and myself, paid a visit to Amtalla, to inspect the nearly completed Water and Sanitation facilities at Asha Bhawan and Bodhoday School. The work is expected to complete end November and Inauguration in December.

~ PP Vishnu Dhandhanian, Project Chair.



10/18/23
13:17



Sadbhavana Bicycle Yatra

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Ref :- Sne.S.B.Y/ 403/2023
To,
Hon Mr. Amar Malhotra,
Rotary Club of Belur, Kolkata,
Bengal, India.

Subject : A Heartfelt Gratitude for your Incredible Support.

Dear Amarji,

Greetings from Snehalaya Family !

We hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. We are writing to express our deepest gratitude for your unwavering support and generous contributions towards our mission of India-Bangladesh Good Will Cycle Rally. This tough mission has not only been possible because of you and your team but also successful beyond our wildest dreams. **You have** Gandhi Bhavan Program & Offered us tasty food.

Snehalaya has organized this Sadbhavana Cycle Rally (Goodwill Rally) to strengthen the bonds of friendship between India and Bangladesh. We also would like to share lot of out of the box - uncommon ideas to young social entrepreneur's. Hence, visited social initiatives and met hundreds of change makers on way. We have joined the World Youth Peace Camp organized by Gandhi Ashram Trust (GAT) at Noakhali in Bangladesh. We got the opportunity to meet the civil society members, the youth and social organizations, the students in college and universities in both the countries. This journey has changed our perspective. Your belief in our cause and commitment to making a difference have been truly inspiring. Your support has provided us with the resources needed to overcome countless challenges and obstacles along the way, ensuring that our mission remains on track.

We are humbled by the impact your support on our mission. Your team has also helped us in raising awareness for a crucial cause, your contribution has made a lasting difference. It is through your selflessness and generosity that we have been able to achieve milestones that once seemed unattainable. Our journey from Kolkata to Noakhali via Tungipara was about 1600 kms. You gave us valuable tips and contacts for safety and security of participants. We would also like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those in your team who volunteered their time, skills, and expertise. Your dedication and passion have been invaluable in helping us fulfil our mission Sadbhavana. Once again, we cannot thank you enough for your incredible generosity, belief, and support. You have shown us the true meaning of compassion and humanity, and for that, we are eternally grateful. Please treat this letter of gratitude also as an invitation to visit Snehalaya India at Ahmednagar. We will be more than happy to receive you with your here convenience.

With warm regards,

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DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2023-24

Hosted by Rotary Clubs of District 3291

UTKARSH

TAAL-KUTIR CONVENTION CENTRE, NEWTOWN, KOLKATA



SAVE THE DATE

6TH & 7TH JANUARY 2024



**Treatment at Club
Clinic in October
2023**

Total patients treated at Club
Clinic LILUAH HOWARH

- xxx Beneficiaries

- report by PP Kishan Kejriwal

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