

Friendship

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58 of Ageless Brilliance

YEARS

Rotary Club of Belur commemorates its Charter day on the 5th of August each year with great reverence and significance. This chosen date holds a deep-rooted historical importance that traces back to the inception of our esteemed club in the year 1965. It symbolizes not just a mere anniversary but a timeless reminder of the visionary aspirations and relentless efforts of our founding members who embarked on a remarkable journey to establish the Rotary Club of Belur.

The narrative of our club's genesis is a saga of perseverance, resilience, and unwavering dedication in the face of formidable challenges. The path towards acquiring the prestigious status of a Rotary club was laden with obstacles that tested the spirit and resolve of our dedicated team. Despite the adversities and setbacks encountered on this arduous path, the founding members stood united in their commitment towards a common goal - the realization of a vibrant and impactful Rotary Club in Belur.

The pivotal moment in our club's history arrived on the 14th of January 1967, when the hard-fought provisional charter was finally granted, signifying a momentous milestone

in our journey. With 30 enthusiastic members onboard, the club embraced this achievement with gratitude and a renewed sense of purpose, poised to make a difference in the community and beyond.

In an era devoid of the instant communication privileges we enjoy today, the exchange of information was a meticulous process that relied heavily on traditional means such as letters delivered by post department. It was the 16th of June 1967 when the awaited news of our club's official membership with Rotary International reached us after a patient wait of five months,

underscoring the perseverance and patience that defined our early days.

The crowning moment, however, was further delayed as the Charter certificate embarked on a 51-day journey before finding its way to the shores of Calcutta, where it was warmly received by the founder president and members with a profound sense of accomplishment and pride. In an unanimous decision, the founders chose the 5th of August as the day of celebration for the Charter, a poignant tribute to the enduring spirit, remarkable journey, and remarkable accomplishments of the Rotary Club of Belur that continues to inspire generations of Rotarians and community members alike.



TODAY'S PROGRAMME

RETRO BOLLYWOOD NIGHT

"Ye evening mujhe
de de thakur"

Get your filmy style out
in celebrating
Rotary Club of Belur's
58th Charter Day



Minutes of meeting no 2530th Regular Club Meeting held on Saturday 27th July 2024, 5.00 pm at Hotel Hindustan International

President Anand Agarwal called the meeting to order and requested everyone to rise for the National Anthem

Rtn Sanjay Bajaj came forward to offer the Invocation.

Rtn Sharad Dugar conducted the Club business by updating on the forthcoming programmes and announcing the Birthdays and Anniversary of the members.

President Anand Agarwal started the meeting with overview of Club Projects, District Projects and Global Grant Projects.

1. Club Projects:

Under Club projects updates were given about

- i) Upcoming Hospital Project at Uluberia
- ii) Belur Seva Kendra project which is situated on Basanti Highway
- iii) Wash Project in Kulgamini School at Liluah
- iv) Fund Raising Projects through organizing events
- v) Restarting of RCC at Uluberia
- vi) Starting a new Interact at Kulgamini School at Liluah
- vii) Blood donation camps to be organized at our RCC
- viii) Eye camps through RCC

2. District Projects:

- i) Mosquito Net Project
Past President Kunal Ved suggested on distributing mosquito net which would be chemically treated.
- ii) Suggestion came from members to involve partner clubs to do joint projects. It would achieve in doing projects of larger scale.

3. Existing Foundation and Global Grant Projects

- i) Past President Vishnu JI Dhandania gave an overview of what Global Grant was for the benefit of the new members joined recently. He spoke about Future Vision Program of Big Sustainable Projects. He highlighted that the project should be of a minimum of US Dollars 35000 which is the requirement to apply for Global Grant. He also added that a club can have ten Global Grant Projects at a time.
- ii) Our Club has two exiting Global Grant Project which are
 - a) Cervical Cancer Vaccination
 - b) Nigerian Chil Cardiac Surgery
 - c) Past President Ajay Agarwal informed that the Global Grant project on Wash 3 is also on application stage and should be approved in the next 4 – 6 weeks.

4. Future projects Projects planned under Global Grant

- i) Upgradation of library situated in Jadavpur University
Past President Vishnu JI Dhandania spoke about the library project that has been taken up by our club in association with the Jadavpur Global Alumni association and our project partner Ranjit Chakravarti from USA who is also part of the association and informed the members about the progress of it.
- ii) President Anand Agarwal said a Safe Drinking Water Project should be taken up with Non-Rotarians.
- iii) Rain Water Harvesting and Fruit Tree Plantation in Villages was discussed by Director Environment Rtn Santosh ji Mohta
- iv) Avoidable Blindness Project with Susrut Hospital should be continued was said by few members. This time the project would be focused at a district or a block with a target of complete eradication of avoidable blindness in the district or block.

5. Projects to be Taken up in the coming months:

- i) Blood Donation Project – One camp every month starting from September 2024
- ii) Organ Donation Awareness program to be started collaborating with Charnok Hospital
- iii) Bharat Vikas Parishad (Home for under privileged children)
President Anand Expressed his eagerness to Past President Amarnath ji who runs this Special Home to help in this project whenever needed.
- iv) Immediate Past President Amar Malhotra gave his views on visiting 10 – 15 schools and identify children in need of the Cervical Vaccination. Bhanu babu also gave an idea of going to the schools where we have done Wash Projects and to identify children for cervical vaccination.
- v) Solar Project – Installing of Solar Energy in Villages was discussed where a committee should be made to do a recce.
6. The CSR grant system of the foundation was discussed at length. Projects was discussed where a company has to contribute US Dollars 21000 to the foundation in a pre-specified project for which the club would get back US Dollars 20000 dollars within 15 days for implementation of the project. Rtn Rashmi Patwari and Rtn B.D.Agarwal showed their interest in contributing in the CSR based Project.

The meeting ended with no other business

Rtn Sharad Dugar, Pro tem Secretary Rtn Anand Agarwal, President



Rtn Rajesh Agarwal

10th August

Rtn Kushal Jasoria

10th August



10th August 24 Saturday RCM and Toilet block and Wash station inauguration at Kulkamini girls School at Liluah

15th August 24 Thursday Independence day programme and formation of RCC at Uluberia

आथा कि आनन्द!

যত্ন বছর পালা বদল, তিরিশে জুনের পরে,
সবাই জানে এটাই রীতি, রোটারির ঘরে ঘরে।
এ বছরে বছর শেষের দু-দুটি দিন আগে,
বেলুড় রথের নব যাত্রার জয়ধ্বনি জাগে।
রথের রশ্মি **আনন্দ** আজ আনন্দের সাথে
গর্ব ভরে নিয়েছে ভুলে আপন শক্ত হাতে।
এখন তবে শুনিয়ে যাই... আজ **আনন্দ** কথা,
কেমনতর মানুষ তিনি, কেমন তিনি নেতা।
বিন্যাসীক্ষা সেন্ট জেভিয়ার্সে, দিন্মীতে হিসাবশাস্ত্র,
পেশার ক্ষেত্রে চার্টার্ড অ্যাকাউন্টসিকেই করেছে জীবনে অস্ত্র।
চা-বাগিচার মালিক তিনি, ভীষণ ব্যস্ত রাজ,
আরো কত তার বুলিতে, কে রাখে তার খোঁজ।
সেন্ট জেভিয়ার্সের সাথে আছে এখনও নিবিড় যোগ
নিত্য নানা কর্মকাণ্ড সেথায় করে উপভোগ।
এটা কিন্তু মানতে হবে, সোনায়ও থাকে খাদ
আর বিশ্বভ্রমণ জুড়ে পাতা ঘেমের মরণ ফাঁদ।
ক্লাস সেভেনের পাঠশালাতে শেল **ছায়া**-র দেখা,
অমনি শুরু হয়ে গেল নতুন পাঠ শেখা।
সেই **ছায়া**-ই আজ ছায়ার মতো জড়িয়ে সর্ব অঙ্গে
আনন্দের দোদুল দোলায় আছে সঙ্গে সঙ্গে।
ডালোলাগার অনেক কিছুই **আনন্দ**-কে টানে
কখনো ক্রিকেট খেলা, কখনো পুরানো হিন্দি গানে।
আবার কখনো সুযোগ বুঝে বেড়াতে চলে যাওয়া,
কখনো কখনো লেটেক্স নিউস টিভিতে শুনতে চাওয়া।
আনন্দ-ছায়া-র দুটি সন্তান, দুজনেই থাকে দূরে,
একজন আছে অস্ট্রেলিয়ায়, আর একজন সিঙ্গাপুরে।
আনন্দ কাহিনী আজ এইটুকু, বাকী কথা সারা বছর ধরে
আজ আনন্দ লুটেপুটে নিই, সবাই আমরা হৃদয় ভরে।

28th June 2024

Poem written by Poet Laureate Rtn Nirmal Kumar Saha
curated by Rtn Piyush Doshi, Director, Public Image



Rtn Mohan Vaswani of RC Singapore is being conferred as an Honorary Member of RC Belur, Dist 3291, India.



Rtn Tom Wolf, President of RC Singapore pinning the RC Belur Badge on Rtn Mohan Vaswani.

District Awards 2023-24

1. Outstanding club
2. 1st in Four Way Test promotion.
3. 2nd in computer literacy.
4. 2nd in Interact
5. 2nd in supportive to physically challenged
6. 2nd in Support to District
7. 2nd in Mental Health
8. 3rd in Heart surgery.
9. 3rd in Community Support
10. 3rd in Bulletin

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION :

- Polio
- Public image.
- Welfare of senior citizen.
- Family of Rotary
- Blood Donation

DISTRICT OFFICIALS APPRECIATIONS :

- Assistant government PP Ajay Kumar Agrawal.
- Committee Chair PP Amitabh Mohan





REPORT ON CLEANLINESS DRIVE AT G.T. ROAD

On July 20, 2024, seven Interactors from Class 11, accompanied by three teachers, participated in a cleanliness drive at G.T. Road adjoining the school. The primary objective of the project was to promote environmental awareness and foster a sense of responsibility towards maintaining public hygiene among students. During the drive, the team cleaned the area with brooms and sprinkled bleaching powder to ensure thorough sanitation. This hands-on activity aimed to improve the local environment and encourage community members to uphold cleanliness standards. Through this experience, students learned the importance of cleanliness and its direct impact on health and well-being. They understood the detrimental effects of pollution and the significance of personal involvement in community service. Additionally, the activity helped develop teamwork, cooperation, and a sense of civic duty among the students, leaving them with a sense of accomplishment and a deeper understanding of their role in maintaining a clean and healthy environment.



REPORT ON COTTON BAG DISTRIBUTION

On 3 July, in observance of International Plastic Bag Free Day, the students of Class 9 took a proactive step towards environmental conservation by distributing cotton bags to parents who were carrying plastic bags. The objective of this initiative was to raise awareness about the detrimental effects of plastic bags on the environment and to promote the use of sustainable alternatives.

During this activity, students interacted with the parents, explaining the environmental benefits of switching to reusable bags. They emphasized how plastic bags contribute to pollution, harm wildlife, and take centuries to decompose. By handing out cotton bags, they provided a practical solution to reduce plastic waste.

Through this experience, the students learned the importance of community engagement in addressing environmental issues. They developed communication and advocacy skills and gained a sense of responsibility towards protecting the planet. This initiative not only educated the community but also empowered the students to take meaningful action for a sustainable future.

