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“Matri Raksha” Fighting Anemia in Women: 30th screening & treatment Camp Held on September 24, 2023 at Masterpara Sanskritik Parishad, Konnagar, Hooghly



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“MATRI RAKSHA”
Fighting Anaemia in Women
GG 1991152
Free Anaemia and Health Check-up and Treatment Camp

24 September, 2023 (Sunday) | 10 am
Venue - Masterpara Sanskritik Parishad, Konnagar, Hooghly.
Organized by Masterpara Sanskritik Parishad

Supported by: Rotary Club of Nidau Biel, Biel Bienne, Biel uttenburg, Switzerland - RID 1990 & The Rotary Foundation

District Matri Raksha Project, the 30th Camp, by RC Salt Lake Metropolitan Kolkata, this time, in association with Rotary Club of Serampore held on 24th September 2023 at Masterpara Sanskritik Parishad, Konnagar, Hooghly.



After anemia awareness talk given by Dr. Aruna Tantia our camp was started. Total 66 women were screened for Hemoglobin, Sugar and blood pressure.



Each were given free iron for 2 to 6 months, deworming and calcium medicine as prescribed by doctor after checking the patients by Dr. Aruna Tantia. Many were detected with very severe Anemia and few with very high sugar & high blood pressure.



According to camp analysis, 42 (64%) had hemoglobin level below 12g/dl and 26 (39%) had severe anemia (<10g.). Around 5 (7.5%) patients were suffering from Diabetes, 31 (47%) patients were suffering from Hypertensive and referred to physician for further management and sixteen women were advised for ultrasonography.



We meet calendar months' 2nd & 4th Saturdays at GPT Group, JC 25, Salt Lake, Kolkata 700098 at 6.00 PM

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Members of technical team, who served the women at the camp were Jhuma, Alok, Kanchan, Amit and Abhinabo

Rotary History and Anecdotes

Rotary is a global network of 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – *across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.*

Rotary International is a global service organization whose stated human rights purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to *provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and to advance goodwill and peace around the world.*

Rotary started with the vision of one man - *Paul Harris.* The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on 23 February 1905,

Over last 118 years, Rotary, like other surviving institutions, has changed itself to remain inclusive and contemporary *without compromising its dynamism and relevance.*

In this section, the editorial team of Spectrum would like to touch upon and share certain pertinent anecdotes from the rich history of Rotary. We appreciate and welcome considered opinion and views of our valued readers.

Rotary themes

Each January, Rotary members enthusiastically await the incoming Rotary International president's announcement of the next Rotary theme. The president announces the theme at the International Assembly, an annual training event for incoming leaders.



Percy Hodgson, at the 1951 Rotary Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey, U.S., was the 1949-50 Rotary International president credited with starting the tradition of crafting a theme.

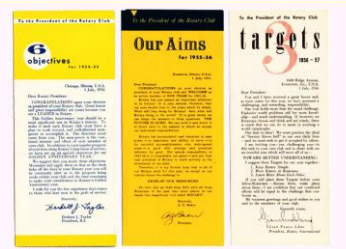
When Hodgson addressed the International Assembly in 1949, he impressed upon the incoming leaders that they had a “glorious opportunity to impart Rotary knowledge” and that “lack of Rotary knowledge can be a deterrent to the successful operation of a Rotary club.” Hodgson’s 83-word theme, which included a list of four objectives, was substantially longer than today’s punchier themes, but it captured his hope that incoming leaders have essential knowledge of Rotary.

Rotarians’ desire to celebrate and support their president’s annual program of service has continued. Other early themes include *Rotary Is Hope in Action* (Joaquin Serratos Cibils, 1953-54), *Kindle the Spark Within* (Nitish C Laharry, 1962-

63), and *Good Will Begins with You* (Ernst G Breitholtz, 1971-72).



Sakuji Tanaka, 2012-13 Rotary International president, and his wife, Kyoko, select patterns and fabrics for his theme tie and scarf. The white flowers represent the iconic cherry blossoms of Japan.



Early theme brochures were almost entirely textual and did not include theme logos. From left: Six Objectives (Herbert J. Taylor, 1954-55), Develop Our Resources (A.Z. Baker, 1955-56), and Three Targets (Gian Paolo Lang, 1956-57)

In the decades that followed, RI presidents introduced theme logos, lapel pins, ties, and scarves and in 2019-20 Socks! Theme ties were introduced in the 1990s, and are now crafted annually. The first scarves showing the RI theme were designed by 1998-99 RI President James L. Lacy and his wife, Claudine, Follow Your Rotary Dream. Many designs incorporate the theme logo for the year. Others, such as those selected by William Boyd from New Zealand and Sakuji Tanaka from Japan, use colors or imagery that reflects their home country.



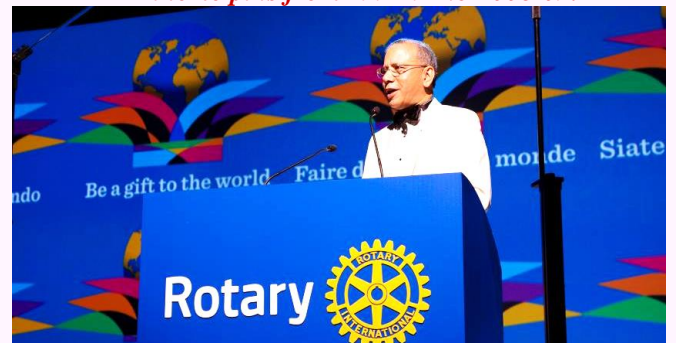
The theme brochure for James L. Bomar Jr. (1979-80)



A selection of RI presidential theme ties.



RI theme pins from 1991-92 to 2008-09.



K.R. Ravindran, 2015-16 Rotary International president, presents his theme, Be a Gift to the World, at the 2015 International Assembly.

In 1955, RI President A.Z. Baker announced a theme, "Develop Our Resources," to serve as Rotary's program of emphasis. Since that time, each Rotary International President has issued a short theme for his/her Rotary year.

2022- 2023 Imagine Rotary



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

2021-2022 Serve to Change Lives

"Service is the rent I pay for the space I occupy on the earth"
Shekhar Mehta, Rotary Calcutta-Mahanagar, Calcutta, India

2020-2021 Rotary Opens Opportunities

2019-2020 Rotary Connects the World

2018-2019 Be the Inspiration

2017-2018 Making A Difference

2016-2017 Rotary Serving Humanity

2015-2016 Be A Gift to the World

2014-2015 Light Up Rotary

2013-2014 Engage Rotary Change Lives

2012-2013 Peace Through Service



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

2011-2012 Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

RI President: Kalyan Banerjee, Rotary Vapi, Gujarat, India

2011-2012 Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

2010-2011 Building Communities Bridging Continents

2009-2010 The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands

2008-2009 Make Dreams Real

2007-2008 Rotary Shares

2006-2007 Lead the Way

2005-2006 Service Above Self

2004-2005 Celebrate Rotary

2003-2004 Lend A Hand

2002-2003 Sow the Seeds of Love

2001-2002 Mankind is Our Business

2000-2001 Create Awareness...Take Action

1999-2000 Act with Consistency, Credibility, Continuity

1998-1999 Follow Your Rotary Dream

1997-1998 Show Rotary Cares

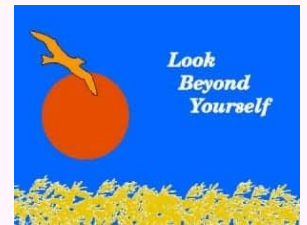
1996-1997 Build the Future with Action and Vision

1995-1996 Act with Integrity - Serve with Love - Work for Peace

1994-1995 Be A Friend

1993-1994 Believe In what You Can Do - Do what You Believe In

1992-1993 Real Happiness is Help Others



1991-1992 Look Beyond Yourself

RI President: Rajendra K. Saboo, Rotary Chandigarh, India
HIGHLIGHTS: The Rotary Foundation celebrates 75th anniversary with contribution of 41 million USD. Polioplus contribution of nearly 4.6 million USD and endowment of over 8 million USD. The Foundation awards 1000 scholarships. Rotary together with UNICEF and WHO, marks achievement of 80% level of immunization of world's children against six major diseases including polio. Saboo convenes four International Conferences for Cooperation and Development and speaks at the UN's celebration of Universal Childhood Immunization. In Hong Kong, Rotary cosponsors Third International Abilitympics (Olympics of Abilities) for the disabled.

1990-1991 Honor Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm

1989-1990 Enjoy Rotary

1988-1989 Put Life in Rotary - Your Life

1987-1988 Rotarians - United in Service Dedicated to Peace

1986-1987 Rotary Brings Hope

1985-1986 You Are the Key

1984-1985 Discover a New World of Service

1983-1984 Share Rotary - Serve People

1982-1983 Mankind is One-Build Bridges of Friendship Throughout the World

1981-1982 World Understand and Peace

1980-1981 Take Time to Serve

1979-1980 Let Service Light the Way

1978-1979 Reach Out

1977-1978 Serve to Unite Mankind

1976-1977 I Believe in Rotary

1975-1976 To Dignify the Human Being

1974-1975 Renew the Spirit of Rotary

1973-1974 A Time for Action

1972-1973 Let's Take a New Look and Act

1971-1972 Good Will Begins with You

1970-1971 Bridge the Gaps

1969-1970 Review and Renew

1968-1969 Participate

1967-1968 Make Your Rotary Membership Effective

1966-1967 Better World through Rotary

1965-1966 Action, Consolidation and Continuity

1964-1965 Live Rotary

1963-1964 Meeting Rotary's Challenge in the Space Age



Nitish Chandra Laharry was an Indian lawyer, social worker and film producer from Kolkata. He was the first person of Asian origin to be elected as the president of Rotary International and was the producer of the first motion picture of Bengal

1962-1963 Kindle the Spark Within

RI President: Nitish Chandra Laharry, Rotary Calcutta, India

HIGHLIGHTS: *Small business clinics project to assist developing nations begins in five countries, Interact, a Rotary-sponsored service club for secondary school youth, started with first club in Melbourne, Florida, USA*

1961-1962 Act. Aim for Action. Communication For Understanding. Test for Leadership.

1960-1961 You are Rotary - Live it!

1959-1960 Vitalize! Personalize! Build Bridges of Friendship

1958-1959 Help Shape the Future

1957-1958 Enlist-Extend-Explore-Serve

1956-1957 Keep Rotary Simple

1955-1956 Develop Our Resources



US President John F Kennedy meets with President of Rotary International, Nitish C Laharry, and others. Left to right: Chargé d’Affaires of India, DN Chatterjee; Senator Edward V Long (Missouri); General Secretary of Rotary International, George R Means; President of the Rotary Club of Washington DC, John J Carmody (mostly hidden); Secretary of Commerce, Luther Hodges; Senator Clinton P Anderson of New Mexico (in back); President Laharry; past president of Rotary International, AZ Baker (in back); President Kennedy. Oval Office, White House, Washington, D.C. July 11, 1962, Courtesy: JFK Library

Sources: Rotary History; Rotary District 5960 and Rotary District 5630, A Century of Service by David C Forward, JFK Library

Upcoming Anemia screening and treatment camps under Global Grant 1991152 titled “Matri Raksha”

The 31st camp shall be on Sunday October 1, 2023 at Patharghata, Newtown

The 32nd camp shall be on Sunday October 15, 2023 at Kulpi, in association with Rotary Kolkata Galaxy

The 33rd camp shall be tentatively on Sunday October 22, 2023 at Patharpratima, in association with Rotary Kolkata Galaxy

October is Economic & Community Development Month



Sanjay Agarwal on October 5, 2023

Ansul Agrawal on October 7, 2023

Past President Dr Chitra Ray on October 15, 2023

TAILPIECE

Rotary Foundation Trustees establish targeted funds to aid Morocco



Deadliest quake in decades leaves over 2,000 dead in Morocco on September 9, 2023 Photo Courtesy: Reuter

The Rotary Foundation Trustees established a new Morocco Earthquake Response Fund in September 2023 to support immediate relief efforts for people affected by the devastating earthquakes. Donors can give directly to relief efforts led by Rotary members.

Contributions will be accepted until 31 December 2023. Districts can apply for grants from the funds until 21 September 2024 or until the funds have all been allocated. Any contributions that haven’t been spent by 21 September 2024 will be transferred to the general Disaster Response Fund, to be made available for disasters worldwide.

How to contribute?

You can give online, by check, or by transferring District Designated Funds.

How to raise money to support these funds?

Anyone can start a fundraiser for the Morocco Earthquake Response Fund on Raise for Rotary.

Contributions are credited and recognized

How to apply for disaster response grants

Disaster response grants are available to District 9010 to support communities affected by the Moroccan earthquake. The district governor and district Rotary Foundation chair of this district need to complete the disaster response grant application, which is available on the Grant Center landing page. The maximum grant amount is \$50,000, based on the availability of funds, and the district may have two open grants at a time. — 21 Sept 2023