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FEW TIPS ON HOW TO RETAIN MEMBERS AND INCREASE ATTENDANCE

Though Rotary focuses on increasing membership, but all over the world Clubs has found hard task in retaining members and increasing attendance in meetings. Different ideas and exercises were made to retain members and increasing attendance . On recent visit of RI President 2025-26 Mr.Mario Cesar Martins De Camargo at Madurai, India, while addressing a press meet on 25th September 2024 stated that his thrust area will be to increase the membership of Rotary Clubs worldwide and hence he is now going with a 'People of Action' plan through Vision 2030 to bring more people into the Rotary, "Rotary membership in some leading nations is a problem. We lost three lakh members in countries like US, Canada, UK, Australia, Japan etc. The membership interest is declining... In these countries we lost members and the reason could be old age etc. But, membership in India is not a problem, there is no problem in Korea etc. It is a paradox that the Rotary club membership is coming down in the country where the first Rotary club was founded in the year 1905 by a young lawyer and started public service from thereon....As of today, we have 1.4 million Rotary club members in the world and my focus will be to increase Rotary membership through our local level communication and approach. India gave a lot of money to the Rotary Foundation"

However, the difficulties are, different efforts are made to increase attendance and retain members: Some tips are found to be effective, not absolute, may help Clubs to increase attendance and retain members:

- (a) Share articles , webinars, tutorials and other resources that members can't get elsewhere,
- (b) Arrange and conduct workshop training or certification that help members develop skills
- (c) Regularly add new content to a new members site to keep them close
- (d) Do or organise projects in the areas /community where new or absentee members resides and get them involved.

- (e) Organise events in areas where new members or absentee members reside and allow them to participate and give award or certificate,
- (f) Make one to one calls or personalize messages to build deeper relationships and make them feel that members wants them.
- (g) Do not forget members birthday and wish them even personally.
- (h) On anniversary wish spouse as well and the member and bless them
- (i) If children's birth days are known wish them and bless them.
- (j) If the member / spouse or their children make any achievement call them to the meeting for giving reward encourage and felicitate them,
- (k) Any children of the areas or community where absentee members resides makes any achievement call them to the meeting for giving reward, encourage and felicitate them, this will increase Rotary Image also,
- (l) Actively solicit and act on members feedback to make them feel that their suggestions are valued.
- (m) Organized events in Club like games / talks/ other play with absentee and new members.
- (n) Send at least one or two New or Absentee members sponsored by the Club to one day Rotary District events
- (o) Call New or absentee members as guest to Board meeting of the Club and enjoy food and fellowship sponsored by the Club with them.
- (p) Arrange to send Rotary News magazine, Club bulletin and other items of importance to the absentee members.

Above tips are not conclusive but may help if put on practice

Minutes of meeting No 3226 : Dated 04-11-25: Time 7.00 PM Venue : B.K.Enclave

Meeting No 3226 was called to order by the President Rtn Manoj Kr Das, and National Anthem was sung by all members present in the meeting.

In the absence of Secretary Rtn Mousumi Bhattacharjee

The meeting ended followed by singing of AXOMOR JATIYO SANGEET. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM. and members present are 14 Rotarians and 2 Guest .

Rtn Er Sunadan Dowerah, Vice President took over the charge. He read out the minutes of RWM 3225 which was confirmed and was adopted. He also announce the birthday of Rtn. ANNI Laskar and Abhisek Jain. Members extended good wishes and for good health.

President announced that the Club visit to the old age home, Amar Ghor. Cash contributions of Rs. 10,000 were given by 2 Rotarians, Rtn. SR.Saikia and Rtn. Anjushree. He also informed that Rotary Club of Guwahati signed MOU with Downtown University and participated in- Skill development programme with Downtown University

- World polio day was observed on 24th October 2025.
- Orientation programme for new members held on 2.11.2025

One minute silence was observed in memory of noted flautist Dipak Sharma and Sayed Sadullah, noted artist of All India Radio, Dibrugarh and guitarist.

Last month's newsletter, Pragjyotee, was released.

Decision on the installation of a statue of Late. Zubin Garg to be taken. Discussions are on for a joint project with GMDA on this.

Rtn Utpal Gohain spoke about the RYLA at Bongaigoan and requested th members and President to sponsor two candidate for the event which is starting on 14th of Nov 2025. Decision to sponsor 2 candidates by RCG to be taken.

Guest speaker Pryanka Das Rajkakoti spoke Ms.Priyanka Das gave a very interesting talk on her experiences in France. Her achievements are indeed praiseworthy. The highlights of her career were many but most notably were the following :

- She is an alumnus of Ecole Polytechnic, Paris. This institute began admitting women in 1972
- and she was an invitee at the 50th anniversary of this milestone in 2022.
- Her trip to Antarctica in 2023. Her photo of the black iceberg at Cape Renard was interesting.
- She is a space artist and her artwork of the Brahmaputra on a nickel piece is on the moon.
- She is a recipient of the prestigious Kalman scholarship.

The project Associate of Guwahati Planetorium, Mr.Manash Pratim Sharma elaborated on the project to take the telescope available with RCG, to different schools to arouse interest on astronomy.

Rtn, Utpal Gohain brought to everyone's notice that the elections for next year is to be conducted soon.

Rtn. BL. Sharma agreed to be the election officer.



Pryanka Das Rajkakoti being felicitated Rtn Govind Karamchandani.



Minutes of meeting No- 3227 : Dated 11-11-25 : Time 7.00 PM Venue : B.K.Enclave

Meeting No 3227 was called to order by the President Rtn Manoj Kr Das, and National Anthem was sung by all members present in the meeting.

Club Secretary Rtn Mousumi Bhattacharjee read out the minutes of RWM No 3226 and the same was confirmed and adopted.

The President welcomed all members and guests, and informed the projects taken up by the Club had been successfully implemented.

The President then invited the guest speaker, Ms. Akashitora Dutta.. The Secretary read out her biography, after which Ms. Dutta was felicitated by Rtn. Bandana Dutta.

The guest speaker was earlier a Rotary Peace Fellowship at Chulalongkorn University, Thailand in the year 2016

The President requested all members present in the House to briefly introduce themselves to the guest speaker which each member introduced themselves in turn.

The guest speaker spoke on “The writers as peacemakers... rotary in peace cultivation. ”She narrated a bone-chilling incident from Cambodia, describing her experiences as both a journalist and a Rotary Peace Fellow. She spoke about writers as peacemakers and highlighted the contribution of Rotary in promoting peace and conflict resolution.

She shared her personal journey toward achieving the Rotary Peace Fellowship, explaining how her father, a martyr, deeply influenced and inspired her to pursue journalism. She also recounted her time in Thailand, where she worked and gained valuable professional experience.

Through her stories from Cambodia and other conflict-affected regions, she illustrated how she documented the lives of sufferers and how these experiences shaped her path to becoming a writer and advocate for peace. She expressed her desire to undertake project with Rotary .

The vote of thanks was delivered by Rtn Sunandan Dowerah

The meeting ended followed by singing of AXOMOR JATTYO SANGEET. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM. and Rotarians present 18 Guest -1.



Dr Akashitara Gutta being felicitated by Rtn Bandana Dutta and PDG Rtn Prabhat Kedia



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Guest Speaker
Session

Dr. Akashitora
Dutta

Rotary Peace
Fellow

Writers as Peace
Makers

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ROTARY CLUB OF GUWAHATI

Nov 11, 2025
@ 7 p.m.
Fellowship @
6:30 pm

**ROTARY CLUB OF GUWAHATI
ORGANISED A TALK ON " WRITERS AS
PEACE MAKERS" BY DR. AKASHITORA
DUTTA, ROTARY PEACE FELLOW.**

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Minutes of meeting No 3228 : Dated 18-11-25 : Time 7.00 PM
Venue : B.K.Enclave

Meeting No 3228 was called to order by the President Rtn Manoj Kr Das, and National Anthem was sung by all members present in the meeting.
Club Secretary Rtn Mousumi Bhattacharjee read out the minutes of RWM No 3227 and the same was confirmed and adopted.
The President welcomed all members and the guests and informed that Club has distributed 24 nos of blankets to distress persons Near Hanuman Mandir G.S.Road Opposite Tea Auction Centre.

Guest speaker Sri Sanjib Gohain Boruah IAS(Retd)was introduced by the President and felicitated by Rtn Biswa Dutta. He delivered speech on topic Camera as I see it. Key highlights of his presentation , is his joining Civil Service, however, his deep interest in photography made him busy after his retirement , particularly in macro photography, he explained the working of DSLR cameras, including fitting of lenses and setting lenses by digital project . He displayed various photo in the project captured by him. His view is that the best time for natural photography is before 8.00AM and after 4.00PM.
Club members celebrated 53 birthday of heartthrob of Assam Zubeen Garg by cutting cake and followed by singing “Mayabini” . Also followed by musical evening.



Birthday card presented to Rtn Ajanta Baruah Das and Rtn AINI Laskar



Guest Speaker Sanjib Gohain Boruah being felicitated and addressing the member on topic “ Camera as I see it”

Minutes of meeting No 3229 : Dated 25-11-25 : Time 7.00 PM
Venue : B.K.Enclave

Meeting No 3229 was called to order by the Vice President Rtn Sunandan Dowerah, and National Anthem was sung by all members present in the meeting.

Vote of thanks offered by Sunandan Dowerah
The meeting ended followed by singing of AXOMOR JATTYO SANGEET. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM. Rotarians present are 18.Guest-3.



Celebrated Jonokontho Zubeen Garg Birthday by cutting cake with the members

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ROTARY CLUB OF GUWAHATI CELEBRATED HEART THROB OF ASSAM ZUBEEN'S BIRTHDAY BY DISTRIBUTING BLANKETS TO THE UNDERPRIVILEGED.BENEFICIARIES - 24

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The meeting ended followed by singing of AXOMOR JATTYO SANGEET. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM. and members present are 12 Rotarians.

Club Secretary Rtn Mousumi Bhattacharjee read out the minutes of RWM No 3228 and the same was confirmed and adopted.

Vice President announced that the election for the office bearers for the term 2026-27 has been notified vide notice dated 22-11-2025 and called Rtn Dilip kumar Das to address the members and to acquaint the members on the election process. Rtn Dilip kumar Das, thereafter spoke about the provision in the bye laws and that the election is for the post of President-2027-2028, Vice President, Secretary, Joint Secretary, Treasurer, Directors- 5 Nos all for the year 2026-2027. The last date of submission of the nomination is 28-11-25 and withdrawal of nomination is 02-12-25 and the scrutiny is on 03-12-25 and if there be any election that would be on 09-12-25. The members present interacted on the provision and filed their nomination and submitted to the Vice President.

EDITORIAL

Month of "November "is Rotary International's Rotary Foundation Month.

Rotary Clubs all over the world help communities and people in other countries with projects that aim to provide sustainable ongoing development. This help are not just immediate charity but are sustainable.

The Rotary Foundation enables the Rotarians to invest in people by creating sustainable, measurable and long term economic improvements projects in their communities and livelihoods by :

- * Building the capacity of entrepreneurs, community leaders, local organizations, and community networks to support economic development in impoverished communities;
- * Developing opportunities for productive work;
- * Reducing poverty in under-served communities; and
- * Supporting studies for career-minded professionals related to economic and community development.

Club can take projects in

- (a) Skill developments in different fields that may help business, agriculture, pisciculture, food processing etc

Club Project in the month of November 2025.

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

ON 02-11-25 - Rotary Club of Guwahati organized a Club Orientation program at the Club premises. The Speakers were PDG Rtn Prabhat Kedia spoke about The Rotary Foundation and My Rotary World, Rtn Utpal Gohain on Rotary Opportunities and Effective Leadership Strategies, Rtn Manoj Das on attracting Members, Rtn Pranab Jyoti Sharma on Ethics and Vocational Service and on RLI, Rtn S.R.Saikia on ABC of Rotary. The program was designed for the new members who joined the Club this year i.e. after June 2025. The program started at 10 AM and end by 3 PM. Lunch and Tea was provided by the Club. The Orientation Program was FREE for the new members. For the other members a contribution of Rs 999 was charged to the Director (Club Service),.

List of those who attended the Orientation program on 2nd November are:




1. PDG Rtn Prabhat Kr Kedia
2. Rtn Manoj Kumar Das
3. Rtn Utpal Gohain
4. Rtn Pranav Jyoti Sharma
5. Rtn Sudhanya Biswas
6. Manas P Mazumder
7. Rtn Prachurjya Borborooah.
8. Rtn Dr Ajanta Baruah Das
9. Rtn Ajoy Hazarika
10. Rtn Nilakshi Bordoloi Hazarika
11. Pranjal Barua
12. Rtn Abhisek Jain
13. S.R.Saikia




On 18-11-25- Rotary Club of Guwahati donated Blankets to distress persons Near Hanuman Mandir G.S.Road Opposite Tea Auction Centre, Rotary.Club of Guwahti distributed 24 nos of blankets to destitute where one was disabled and the other was orphan. Nine Rotarians from the Club took the lead in distribution. Ignorant recipient expressed gratitude with smiles on their face.








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On **20-11-25**- Rotary Club of Guwahati organized programme on “ASTRONOMY” at Hariprya Bidyapith , near Kumar Nursing Home Guwahati at 10 AM , for observing **Celestial objects and Planets**. The school children enjoyed the programme and witness the celestial bodies visible in the outer space. With the help of projector the instructor explained the position of different planet in the sky.



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**ROTARY CLUB OF GUWAHATI ORGANISED
A ONE DAY ORIRNTATION PROGRAME FOR
NEW MEMBERS**

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Photo of Orientation program held on 02-11-25



Rotary Members attending programme on “ASTRONOMY”




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ROTARY CLUB OF GUWAHATI ORGANISED AN ASTRONOMICAL DEMO AT HARIPRIYA VIDYAPEETH FOR PRIMARY CLASSES. 81 STUDENTS ENJOYED THE PROGRAMME.

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JUST FEW LINES TO REJUVINATE OUR THOUGHT

The kitchen tap was leaking again. With a sigh, I called a plumber.

A few minutes later, a middle-aged man walked in — calm, steady, carrying a faded toolkit.

I watched him at work. He pulled out a wrench — it was cracked at the handle.

“How will he fix anything with that?” I wondered silently.

He didn’t seem bothered. With a quiet focus, he began loosening the pipe.

A rusted portion needed to be cut off. He reached into his bag again and pulled out a small saw — half of it was missing!

Now I was sure: I’ve called the wrong man for the job.

But within ten minutes, the leak was gone. The tap was shining, and not a single drop escaped.

When I handed him a hundred-rupee note, he shook his head.

“No, Sir. Half of this is enough.”

I stared at him, surprised. “Who refuses extra money these days?”

He smiled — a calm, grounded smile.

“Sir, every job has a fixed worth. If I take more today, I’ll expect more tomorrow. When that doesn’t come, I’ll be unhappy. So I prefer to take only what’s fair. It keeps me content.”

I nodded slowly. “At least buy yourself a new wrench and saw. They’ll make your work easier.”

He chuckled softly. “Ah, Sir... tools are meant to wear out. That’s their destiny. But even when they’re chipped or cracked, they still do their job. Just like people — a few scars don’t make us useless.”

He paused, then added, “When you write in your office, does it matter which pen you use? Expensive or ordinary — if you know how to write, you’ll write well with anything. But if you don’t, even the costliest pen won’t help. The skill lies in the hands, not the tool.”

I stood there speechless. His words sank deep. The satisfaction on his weathered face was something rare — something money can’t buy.

A Thought to Treasure

In our endless race for wealth and comfort, we often forget the true “tools” of life — honesty, hard work, gratitude, and contentment.

When these are intact, even broken tools can create miracles.

But when they’re missing, no riches in the world can fix the leaks within us.

CLUB PROJECT IN OCTOBER 2025

On **24-10-25**- Rotary Club of Guwahati with 4 Rotary Clubs organized a Rally at Shraddhanjali Kanan public park, near Spanish Garden, Zoo Road from 6 AM to mark the World Polio Day to “End Polio Now”. Members of Rotary Club of Guwahati interacted with many morning walkers about the Polio programme who were present in the park and nearby areas.











OTHER ACTIVITIES

ON 03-11-25- Priyanka Das Rajkakoti, Ph.d, Head of Business Export, Vortex-io. France, daughter of Rtn Manoj Kr Das, Priyanka is addressing at NE Summit at Hotel Radisson Blu on 03-11-2025. (Indo French Conference) **Congratulation to** Priyanka Das Rajkakoti



At Chancellor’s Lecture series at Assam Down Town University Priyanka Das Rajkakoti is addressing 04-11-2025 on topic “Earth, Space and Universe, The Three Dimension an Art.




Speaker #26



Dr. Priyanka Das Rajkakat, (Ph.D.)
Head of Business Export, Vortex-ia, France

Chancellor's Lecture Series


TOPIC:
**Earth, Space and Universe: The
Three Dimensions and Art**



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4th November, 2025
03:00 PM

Venue: K-Block, AdtU