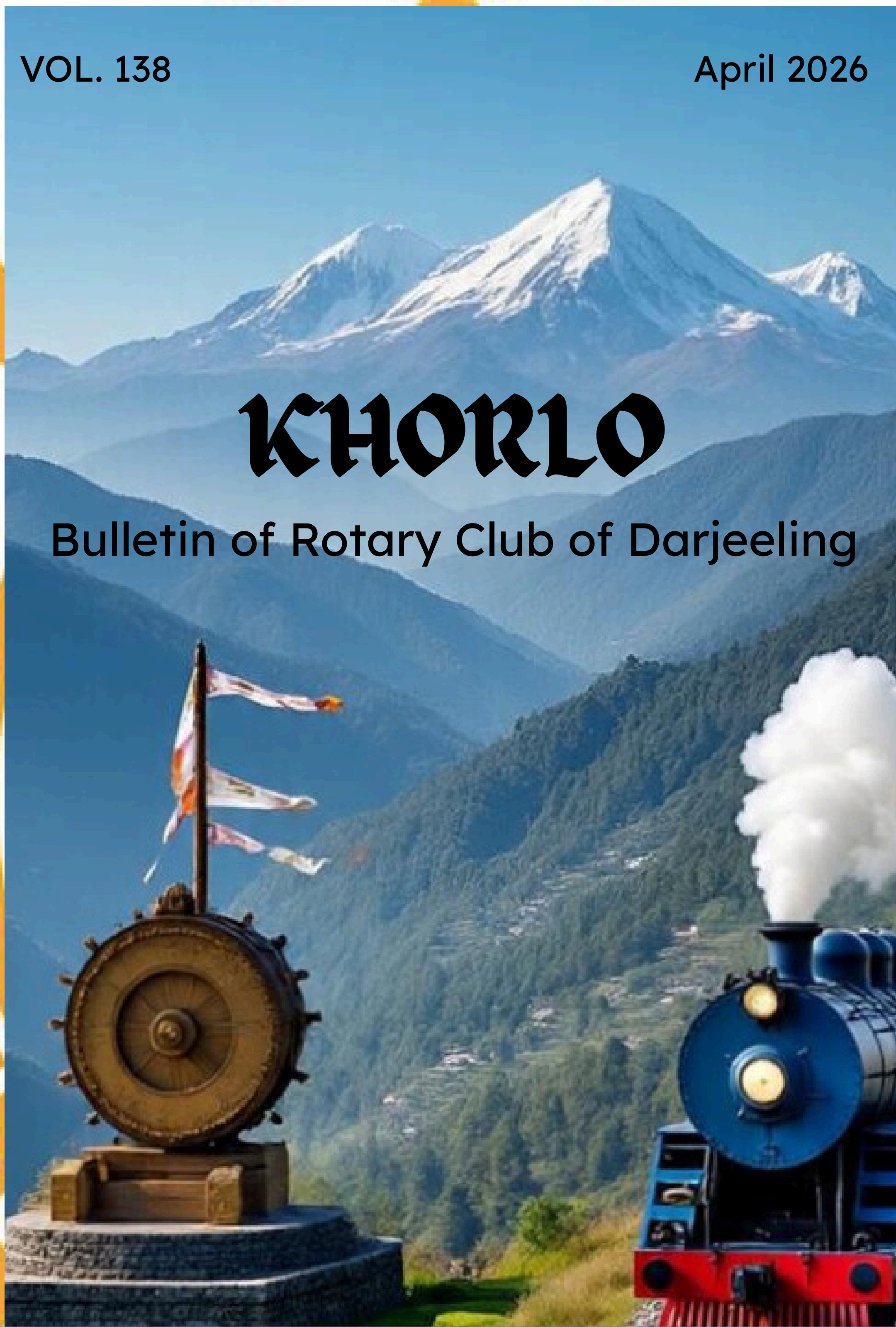


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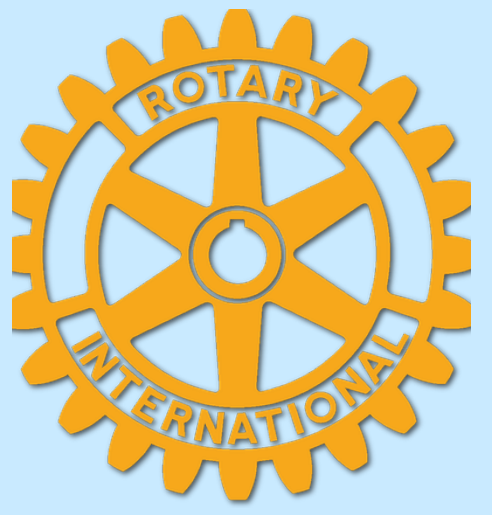


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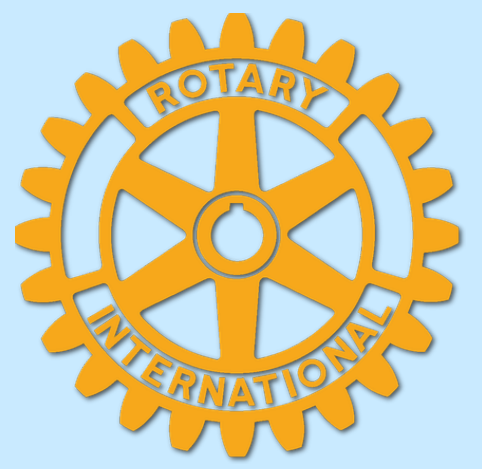
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**We meet at:
Hotel Seven Seventeen.**



5:30p.m.



Women in Rotary

The Rotary Club was founded on February 23, 1905 in Chicago, USA by attorney Paul P. Harris with four members. The club grew by leaps and bounds and did not stay confined to the USA. It spread its wings internationally and became one of the biggest social organisations in the world. However, the club remained predominantly male for a very long time. Female membership was actively resisted, and it took 84 years and a ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court for it to finally open its doors for women membership.

Women were officially admitted to Rotary clubs worldwide only in 1989 and has since then grown to represent almost a quarter of the global membership. It did not take long for women to rise to leadership positions and in the year 2022-23, Rotary International got its first female president, Rtn. Jennifer Jones.

However, women have always been held in prominence and importance in India. Perhaps because our belief in feminine Shakti runs deeper than we admit. In Rotary too, the initial attempts to include women in Rotary was made by an Indian Club, as far back as 1950, wherein they also proposed for the word “male” to be removed from the constitution. It was rejected and took nearly 40 years and some legal intervention to shed, dare I say, “male chauvinism” in the administrative corridors.

Today, Rotary thrives and flourishes. The ancient Chinese philosophy of duality - yin and yang- the seemingly opposite forces of feminine and masculine energy, needs to stay interconnected, interdependent and complementary for the world to thrive and progress in its most natural form. Perhaps, the easterners understood this much before the west, that for anything to progress, the composition has to be equally balanced and not lopsided.


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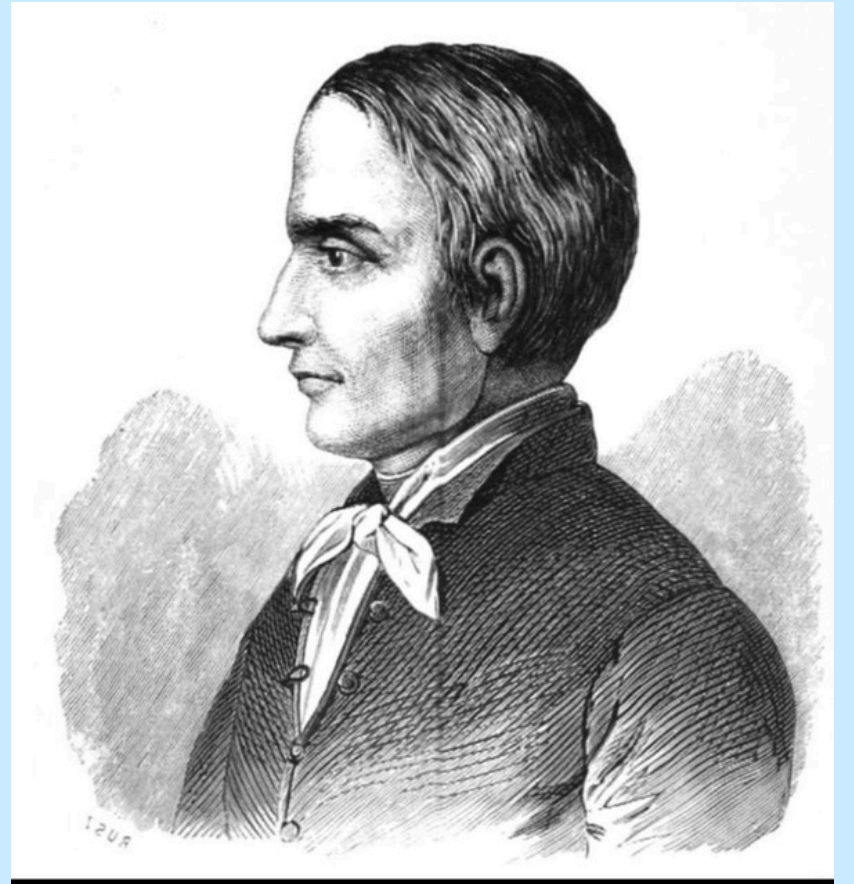
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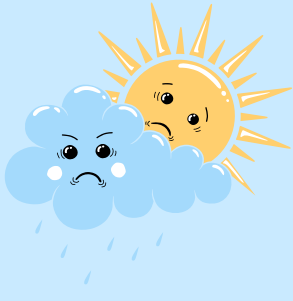
The totem pole standing at Mall Road, below the Darjeeling Gymkhana Club, marks the memory of Hungarian scholar and Tibetologist, Alexander Csoma de Kőrös.

This pole was gifted by the people of Kovaszna (Transylvania, Romania, now Hungary) to the people of Darjeeling, to honour his legacy, It was originally placed at the old cemetery in Darjeeling, but was later moved to Mall Road in 2012. The maintenance and the upkeep of the pole is done by the **Rotary Club of Darjeeling**.

Alexander Csoma de Kőrös (1724- 1842) was an Indologist, Philologist, and founder of Modern Tibetology.. He authored the first Tibetan-English dictionary and a grammar book, transforming European knowledge of Tibetan literature and Buddhism. He died of malaria on April 11, 1842 in Darjeeling, while attempting to reach Lhasa.

He was recognised as a scholar of immense dedication and was often termed as "Hungarian Bodhisattva." The Asiatic Society of Bengal built his tomb in Darjeeling, which remains to this day.

THE MONTH THAT WAS - APRIL



- **Interact Fest:**

- The Interact Meet was held on 18th April at St. Joseph's School, Northpoint , Darjeeling.
- Interactors from St. Joseph's School, North Point, Loreto Convent, NGHS , Mount Hermon and Gyanoday Niketan participated in this day long event which had singing, story telling, Talent hunt, dumb charade, human bingo , comic skit and poster making.

The teams that got podium finishes were:

- 1st - Loreto Convent
 - 2nd- Mount Hermon
 - 3rd - North Point
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- RCD was represented by Rtn Jit, who is the Director , New Generation and Rtn. Mamta, the faculty coordinator of NGHSS.

- **Global Grant project progress:**

- **Mamring Toryok High School**

- The repair, restoration and construction work at Mamrg Toryok High School is at the verge of completion. The Rotary Club of Darjeeling funded by the Global Grant has made 4(four) toilets, 6 urinals and hand wash basins for Girls. Simultaneously , 6 (six) toilets, around 12 urinals and hand wash basins have been constructed for the boys too. A 10 -12 thousand litre capacity water tanks have also been installed with water filtration. Two nos of smart, interactive TVs have been donated to the school to aid in conducting smart classes along with a computer set. The school will also be given a Fret machine.

- **Ranju Valley School:**

- A library will be made in this school. Water tanks with a capacity for 4 thousand litres of water will be installed here along with water filter for drinking water. Hand wash basins will also be constructed. A total of 10 (ten) toilets will be constructed in the school.

- **Others:**

- A five member team of Hungarians visited the totem pole at mall road on 11th April to commemorate the death anniversary of Alexander Csoma de Korso, a Hungarian linguist and founder of modern Tibetan studies. The pole is maintained by the Rotary Club of Darjeeling. RCD was represented by its members and along with the Hungarians, they paid homage to the memory of this great personality.

- Rtn. Navin lost his mother in the early morning of the 26th of April. The club and its members paid condolences and stood by Rtn. Navin in his hour of grief.

- **RWM**

- The club held all its regular meetings barring the one in the election week. The regular functioning of the club was discussed, matters that required attention were attended to and the minutes of the meetings were recorded , read out in the proceeding meetings and house acknowledgement taken.

- The club handed over digital portraits in the form of birthday cards to Rtn. Gopal P., Rtn. Pintoo and Rtn. Dhires.

APRIL IN PICTURES



MAY

BIRTHDAYS

- Rtn Indramani Subba - 1st May*
- Rtn Lopsang Sherpa - 1st May*
- Rtn Kalpana Thapa - 3rd May*
- Rtn Cheten N. Bhutia - 20th May*

ANNIVERSARIES

- Rtn. Kobit Chettri - 1st May*
- Rtn Poonam Kr. Sharma- 13th May*
- Rtn Dawa T. Bhutia - 29th May*
- Rtn Mukesh S. Adhupia - 30th May*

April birthday cards

