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*"The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion
and the will to help others"*

-- Albert Schweitzer

From the Editor

To 'do good in the world' was an Endowment Fund proposed by Arch Klumph in 1917. The first contribution \$26. 50 from Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri and thus the Rotary Foundation was born. The Rotary Foundation's mission is to improve health, education and environment whilst also alleviating poverty and promoting peace. Yes, Rotary makes amazing things happen, and its greatest contribution is improving quality of life. Our contribution to Rotary thus helps to fund humanitarian and educational programs and program operations. Clubs and Districts apply for and receive Foundation Grants and carry out worthy projects worldwide.



We, as Rotarians, feel encouraged to support the Annual Fund with a personal contribution every year. Thus, our humble contribution goes out to teach children to read, feed the hungry, build wells, care for the sick and shelter for the poor. It is good to know that Rotary Foundation receives about 65 million Dollars every year to continue its humanitarian activities. There is a Rotary Foundation Committee that helps the District Governor in motivating Rotarians to participate in all programs of the Foundation and the Committee also helps in applying for the Rotary Foundation Grants. Thus, Rotary moves on.

Every Rotarian makes a sincere effort to bring a smile on the faces of the people whose lives have been touched and bettered in some way or the other.



A TRIBUTE TO SHRI KIRAN KUMAR BHATRA

Rtn. AG Rajesh Bhatra, recently lost his beloved father, Shri Kiran Kumar Bhatra, on the 10th of November. Shri Bhatra was a distinguished advocate whose unwavering commitment to justice, fairness, and the rule of law left an enduring legacy in the legal community.

As an advocate, Shri Kiran Kumar Bhatra was known for his integrity, dedication, and tireless efforts to serve his clients and society. His legacy continues to live on through his son, Rtn. Rajesh Bhatra, who has followed in his father's footsteps not only as an advocate but also as a leader in the Rotary community.



Bhatra's teachings remains evident in Rajesh's tireless commitment to justice and service, both in his legal career and his role within Rotary.

SOME ROTARY FIRSTS AND FACTS

- The first Rotary club meeting was in Chicago, Illinois, on February 23, 1905.
- The first regular luncheon meetings were in Oakland, California, chartered in 1909.
- The first Rotary convention was in Chicago in 1910.
- The first service project of the first Rotary club of Chicago was installation of public toilets in the city
- The Rotary emblem was printed on a commemorative stamp for the first time in 1931 at the time of the Vienna Convention.
- The first Rotary club banner (from the Houston Space Center) to orbit the moon was carried by astronaut Frank Borman, a member of that club.
- The first Rotary International convention held outside the United States was in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1921.
- Rotary first established the Paul Harris Fellow recognition in 1957 for contributors of US \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation
- The first Rotaract Club was formed in Charlotte, North Carolina, USA.
- The first women joined Rotary in 1987.
- In 1911 Paul Harris gave Chesley Perry a budget of

\$25.44 to mimeograph and mail a new publication, The National Rotarian, to all 2,000 Rotarians in the 23 clubs nationwide. This was the first Rotary Magazine

- RYLA, the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, began in 1959 when Rotarians from Queensland, Australia, organized a weeklong conference for

outstanding young people. In 1971 the RI Board officially adopted RYLA as a youth program.

- The first youth exchange was when the Rotary Club of Copenhagen (Denmark) arranged to host several American boys in 1921.
- Rotarians in the United States make up 28% of all Rotarians worldwide



INFORMATION ABOUT THE ROTARY FOUNDATION (TRF)

- **What the TRF does**

The TRF is a not-for-profit organization that funds projects to improve health, education, and alleviate poverty. The TRF's projects include:

- Providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Supporting education
- Fighting disease
- Saving mothers and children
- Growing local economies
- Promoting peace

- **How to contribute**

There are several ways to contribute to the TRF, including:

- Donating securities, such as stocks and mutual funds
- Making an IRA rollover
- Receiving a corporate matching gift
- Making a check, draft, or wire payment
- Participating in Facebook fundraising

- **How to make a payment**

To make a check or draft payment, you can:

- Make the check or draft payable to "The Rotary Foundation"
- Include a completed contribution form

- **How to make a named gift**

You can designate a specific name for your contribution with an endowed or term gift:

- **Endowed gifts:** These gifts are invested in perpetuity, with a portion of the earnings spent on a designated program
- **Term gifts:** These gifts are spent in their entirety on a specific program over an agreed period of time.



THE 2315TH WEEKLY ROTARY MEETING HELD ON 8TH NOVEMBER, 2024 AT RAJDHANI REGENCY HOTEL

The 2315th Weekly Rotary Meeting commenced promptly at 7:00 PM. The session began with the National Anthem, followed by a warm welcome extended by President to all Rotarians, Annes, Rotaractors, and guests. The President expressed gratitude to Rtn. Jayanta Madhav Barua for graciously hosting the fellowship and presented him with a token of appreciation. The President extended warm birthday greetings to Rtn. Anjana Choudhury Saikia, Rtn. Gayatree Goswamee, and Rtn. Jayanta Madhav Barua. Rtn. Devajyoti Hazarika introduced the Guest Speaker, Mr. Nazrul Islam, IAS, who was then honored with a Gamusa and a token of appreciation by Rtn. Tarun Ch. Bordoloi. Mr. Nazrul Islam delivered an engaging and informative presentation on the topic: *‘‘Acquainting Ourselves with the Recent Changes in Government E-

Seva Portals for Citizen Use.’’* He provided valuable insights into the updated functionalities of these portals, enabling attendees to navigate them with greater ease. During the session, some members even successfully accessed their *khajana* records live, demonstrating the practicality of the updates. Meeting Statistics was presented by Secretary RtnPriyama Goswami, 21 Rotarians, 4 Annes, 2 Rotarylets, 3 Guest Total: 28 participants. Sunshine Collection: Rs. 300.00. The President concluded the meeting with a formal vote of thanks and adjourned the session at 8:10 PM. The proceedings ended with the rendition of the *Jatiya Sangeet*.

Tickle your funny bones.....





THE 2316TH WEEKLY ROTARY MEETING HELD ON 15TH NOVEMBER, 2024 AT RAJDHANI REGENCY HOTEL

The 2316th Weekly Rotary Meeting commenced promptly at 6:30 PM. The meeting was chaired by Vice President Rtn. Dipak Bhagawarti in the absence of President Rtn. Chandan Rajkhowa. The session began with the National Anthem, followed by the Vice President extending a warm welcome to all Rotarians, Annes, Rotaractors, and guests. The Vice President expressed gratitude to Rtn. Dipak Chakravarty for graciously hosting the fellowship and presented him with a token of appreciation. Warm birthday greetings were extended to Rtn. Bibekananda Saikia, Rtn. Indira Bardoloi, and Rtn. Nivedita Barua.

Anniversary greetings were also conveyed to Rtn. Dipak Chakravarty and his spouse. Rtn. Anjana Choudhury Saikia provided updates on the upcoming teacher training program scheduled for 22nd and 23rd November at T.C. School. Rtn. Nibadita Barua handed over a flag she had exchanged at RC Scranton, PA,

Canada. She also shared her experiences and the hospitality she received during her visit. Rtn. Jamuna Prasad Sarma introduced the Guest Speaker, Dr. Apurba Bhattacharyya, who was felicitated by Rtn. Renu Goswami. Dr. Bhattacharyya delivered an insightful and impactful presentation on "Lifestyle Diseases and the Key to Long Life." He discussed the importance of maintaining a balanced daily routine through exercise and a healthy diet to promote overall well-being and longevity. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks and appreciation for the Guest Speaker and participants. Meeting Statistics was presented by Secretary Rtn. Priyama Goswami, 23 Rotarians, 5 Annes, 1 Rotarylets, 1 Guest. Total: 30 participants. Sunshine Collection: Rs. 450.00. The Rtn. Bishwajit Barooah concluded the meeting with a formal vote of thanks and adjourned the session at 7:50 PM. The proceedings ended with the rendition of the Jatiya Sangeet.





Tickle your funny bones.....

**Why did an old man
fall in a well?**

Because he couldn't see
that well!



Student taking a German language
exam. Examiner says:

- Make a sentence in German: "A
frog jumps in a swamp".

Student:

- Einen Moment! Der frog in the
swamp der slap, der slap, der slap!



Best Retirement Jokes

1. "Retirement: When you stop living at work
and start working at living!"

2. "Retirement is the only time when you can
have a life without having a job!"

3. "Why do retirees never get a speeding
ticket? They can't afford to waste time!"

4. "Retirement is wonderful. It's doing nothing
without worrying about getting caught!"

5. "Retirement: the time in your life when time
is no longer money!"

**Teacher: Why are you sleeping in
the class ??**

**Student: Your Voice is so sweet
Mam that's why
I am getting sleep**

**Teacher: Then why other people
are not sleeping?**

**Student: They are not Listening to
you Mam 😊😊**

