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"When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it."

-- Henry Ford

From the Editor

One of the core areas of focus of Rotary international is Economic and Community Development, and in the Rotary calendar, October is the month dedicated to this area. Therefore, this is indeed a good time to reflect on the work that Rotary is doing in this area of focus.

Consider these statistics:

- 795 million people, or 1 in 9 people around the world do not have enough to eat
- 60% of the world's hungry people are women and girls
- 70% of the world's poorest people live in rural areas and depend on agriculture and related activities for their livelihood

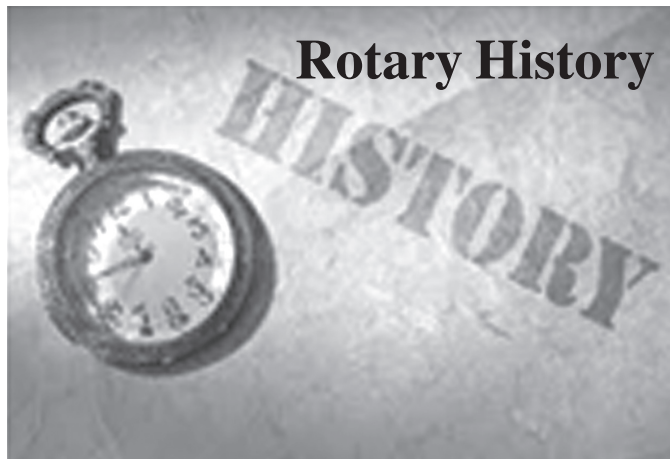


Like education and health strategies, generating income and creating opportunities for a productive workforce and entrepreneurship are essential for alleviating poverty. We must keep in mind that for the poor, labour is often the only asset available to them to improve their well being.

The purpose of Economic and Community Development is to revitalise communities. Some of the ways Rotary supports economic and community development include building the capacity of entrepreneurs, community leaders, and local organizations; developing opportunities for productive work; reducing poverty in under-served communities and supporting studies for career-minded professionals. Rotary projects aim to create sustainable development and long-term economic improvements by supporting investments in people to create measurable and enduring economic improvement in their lives and communities. It is therefore not surprising that over 10% of all Rotary-funded projects are developed in this area. In fact, in the Rotary year 2023-24, The Rotary Foundation spent 9.2 million US dollars to grow local economies and reduce poverty around the world.

The work of Rotary begins in the community as every community has its own unique needs and concerns. Our own club, too, has been actively engaged in community projects and has succeeded in training many people to become resources for their respective communities.





CHESLEY R. PERRY: ROTARY'S FIRST GENERAL SECRETARY

Chesley Reynolds Perry, a Spanish-American War veteran and former Chicago Public Library employee, served as Rotary's first Secretary and is known as "the builder of Rotary International." While Rotary's president changes every year, only 12 people have served as General Secretary, a role that's equivalent to a chief executive — and at 32 years, Perry served the longest.

In August 1910, the newly formed National Association of Rotary Clubs (now Rotary International) unanimously selected Perry for the role then known as Secretary. He accepted the part-time position at \$100 per month, with an agreement that the amount of time he would devote would

remain unspecified. By 1912, the job had evolved into a full-time executive role, and Perry's pay was increased.

Perry's own office on LaSalle Street in Chicago, Illinois, USA, served as the first headquarters of the association. By 1911, Rotary had established an office in the First National Bank Building at the intersection of Dearborn and Monroe in Chicago.

Perry concurrently served as editor and business manager of The Rotarian from 1911 to 1928, and he opened Rotary's first international office, in Zurich, Switzerland, in February 1925. He oversaw the expansion of Rotary as it grew during his tenure from 16 clubs in the United States to more than 5,000 worldwide. His title was officially changed to General Secretary in 1941-42, his final year in office.

Perry had announced his plans to retire in 1940, but agreed to remain in his post while the organization trained his successor, Philip C. Lovejoy. A number of clubs sought to nominate

Perry for RI president in 1942-43, but he declined, saying, "I am gratefully conscious of the high compliment thereby being paid to me."

After retiring, Perry remained a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago, which he'd joined in 1908. But he wasn't done being a leader, and served as club president in 1944-45. In 1954, Rotary offered him the title "Secretary Emeritus" to honour his years of service, but he again declined, preferring the role of an ordinary Rotarian.

Perry died on 21 February 1960 at the age of 87.



ONE DAY TRAINING PROGRAMME ON PIG FARMING

Rotary Club of Gauhati South organised a one day training programme on pig farming cum exposure visit for 42 female farmers on 27th September 2024 in collaboration with Assam Centre for Rural Development (ACRD). These farmers were selected from 20 different self help groups from Baksa District of BLT of Assam. The Krishi Vigyan Kendra (AAU) of Kamrup, Kahikuchi, imparted the training and facilitated the exposure visit to their farm. The farmers were from the scheduled tribe community. Four Rotarians participated in the programme.

Rtn. Nawajyoti Sarma gave a welcome address while Dr. Dharendra Nath Kalita Project co-ordinator and Head of the KVK Kamrup, Rtn. Dr. Chandan Rajkhowa, President RCGS and Dr. Krishna Sarma executive member ACRD addressed the farmers and inspired them with their valuable inputs. Dr. Eilakshi Deka, Subject Matter Specialist, conducted the training and the exposure visit of the farmers to KVK pig farm.



THE 2311 WEEKLY REGULAR MEETING HELD ON 27th SEPTEMBER, 2024

The 2311th WRM was held on 27 September, 2024, at Hotel Rajdhani Regency. The President called the meeting to order at 7 PM. After the National Anthem the President welcomed all the Rotarians, Annes and guests present. The President greeted Rtn. Giti Bujarbarua on her birthday and honoured her for offering the fellowship.

Following this, the President requested the Rotarians to donate to the Foundation and avail the 50% matching grant from the District. He also informed the house that if 5 members of the club donated towards PHF they would be eligible for an additional matching grant of 20% over and above 50%.

The President gave a proposal to induct Rtn. Dipankar Roy as Executive Secretary in place of Roteractor Anish Devberma who is on a long study leave. The house unanimously agreed to the proposal.

Rtn. Priyam Goswami introduced Prof. Anuradha Dutta, the guest speaker of the evening. She was former HOD Political Science, Gauhati University and also former Director, Peace Studies, Omeo Kumar Das Institute of

Social Change and Development. Prof. Dutta spoke on the “Trajectory of Women in Assam: Continuity and Change”. Elaborating on the subject, she spoke on the effectiveness of the Mahila Samities during the freedom struggle, leadership provided by persons like Chandraprova Saikiani, Amol probha Das and others and also their efforts at development of skills in women thereby empowering women. She then dwelt on some vital issues relating to women today, especially those concerning adult illiteracy, school dropout rate of girls and also of the unemployability of the present generation even those with degrees. She lauded Rotary’s RILM and Tree Plantation projects and offered to help if needed. It was a very engaging talk.

Rtn. Manjusri Baruah presented the statistics of the meeting in the absence of secretary: 15 Rotarians, 4 Annes, and 3 guests with a total of 22 persons were present in the meeting. The sunshine collection was Rs.320.00.

Rtn. Devajyoti Hazarika offered the formal Vote of Thanks. The President adjourned the meeting at 8 pm after the rendition of the Jatiya Sangeet.







THE 2312th WEEKLY REGULAR MEETING HELD ON 4th OCTOBER, 2024

The 2312th Weekly Rotary Meeting (WRM) was held on 4th October 2024 at the Rajdhani Regency Hotel. The meeting was called to order by the President at 7pm. Following the National Anthem, the President extended a warm welcome to all Rotarians, Annes, Rotaractors, and guests present.

The President took the opportunity to greet Rtn. Apurba Misra on his birthday and expressed gratitude to Rtn. Dr. Simranjeet Singh for sponsoring the fellowship for the evening. He then encouraged members who had not yet contributed the minimum amount to the Rotary Foundation this year to do so, with the goal of making the club an EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) club. He further

informed the assembly that the club is considering supporting a school each year to raise awareness in various areas, helping students to better prepare for their futures.

Rtn. Nawajyoti Sarma introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Arun Madhab Barua, Consultant at Apollo Fertility Centre. Dr. Barua delivered a talk on cervical cancer awareness, discussing in detail the etiology, diagnosis, prevention, and control of the disease. He emphasized that if preventive measures are taken in time, cervical cancer is almost entirely preventable. He also stressed the importance of raising awareness among the younger generation and their parents about the risks and prevention of this disease. Dr. Barua suggested that Rotary could play a key role in

promoting awareness and vaccination for young girls. The talk was highly informative, and members appreciated learning new and valuable information on the topic. Rtn. Priyama Goswami provided the meeting statistics: 21 Rotarians, 4 Annes, 2 Rotarylets, and 1 guest were in attendance, for a total of 28 participants. The sunshine collection amounted to Rs. 230.00.

A formal Vote of Thanks was delivered by Rtn. Priyam Goswami.

The President adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm, after the rendition of the Jatiya Sangeet.





An INSPIRING QUOTES BY FAMOUS ROTARIANS

“Life is like a landscape. You live in the midst of it but can describe it only from the vantage point of distance.”Charles Lindberg

Lindbergh was an American aviator and the first person to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. He was also a consultant to Pan American World Airways and the U.S. Department of Defense, and served on several aeronautical boards and committees. Charles Lindbergh was a member of the Rotary Club of Edinburgh, Scotland. His quote mirrors Rotary’s global perspective in understanding and addressing issues.

