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*I don't think of all the misery but of the beauty that still remains.*

*Anne Frank*

## From the Editor



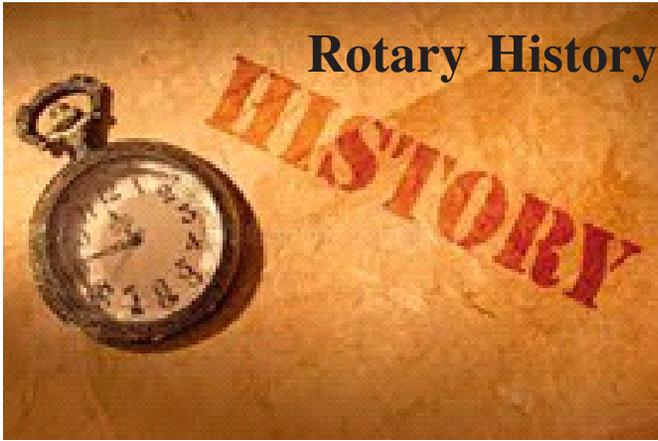
According to the Rotary calendar, September is Basic Education and Literacy Month. Across the world, Rotarians are committed to supporting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4 to ensure inclusive and quality education for all and promoting lifelong learning. Rotary's goal is to empower communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. We are all aware that literacy is at the heart of basic education for all, and essential for eradicating poverty, reducing child mortality, curbing population growth, achieving gender equality and ensuring sustainable development, peace and democracy.

The Rotary India Literacy Mission aims to work towards total literacy and quality education in India. In order to achieve this, RILM has designed a comprehensive programme, T-E-A-C-H, wherein T stands for Teacher Support, E for E learning, A for Adult literacy, C for Child Development and H for Happy School. Our club has been very active in almost every aspect of TEACH ever since the inception of this programme.

The combined efforts of hundreds of Rotary clubs, together with their partner organizations, have added up to large-scale results. Over an estimated 7 million children are benefiting from RILM's teacher training component alone. As each of the components has a specific focus and is interlinked with each other in achieving the common goal of bringing total literacy and improving the learning outcomes of primary education in various parts of the country, the programme's overall reach is enormous.

We hope that with our concerted efforts we shall be able to achieve our goal in the near future.





### ***THE ROOTS OF ROTARY’S POLIO ERADICATION EFFORTS***

On 29 September 1979, volunteers administered drops of oral polio vaccine to children at a health centre in Guadalupe Viejo, Makati, Philippines. The event in metropolitan Manila was arranged and attended by Rotarians and delegates from the Philippine Ministry of

Health. When James L. Bomar Jr., then RI president, put the first drops of vaccine into a child’s mouth, he ceremonially launched the Philippine poliomyelitis immunization effort. Rotary’s first Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grant project was underway. Bomar and Enrique M. Garcia, the country’s Minister of Health, had earlier signed an agreement committing Rotary International and the government of the Philippines to a joint multiyear effort to immunize about 6 million children against polio, at a cost of about \$760,000. In a 1993 interview, Bomar reminisced about the trip. He recalled how the brother of one of the children he had immunized tugged on his pant leg to get his attention and said, “Thank you, thank you, Rotary.” The project’s success led Rotary to make polio eradication a top priority. Rotary launched PolioPlus in 1985 and was a founding member of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988. Through decades of commitment and work by Rotary and our partners, more than 2.6 billion children have received the oral polio vaccine.



### **PLANTATION PROGRAMME**

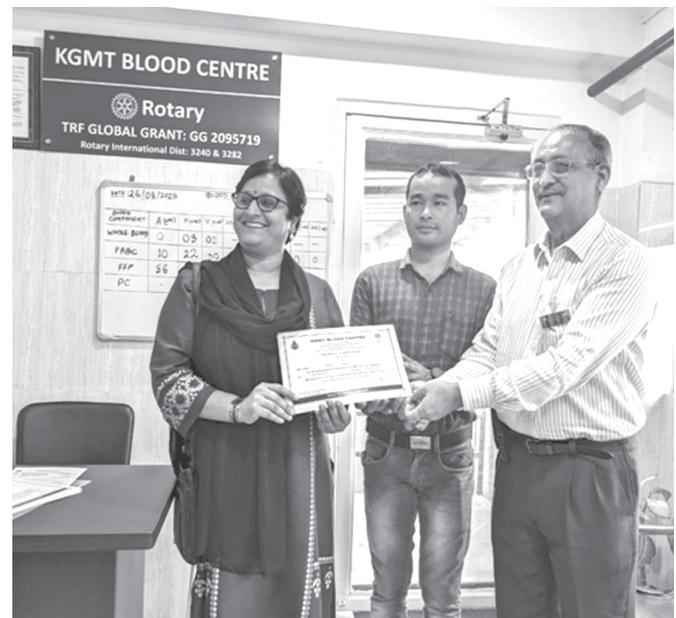
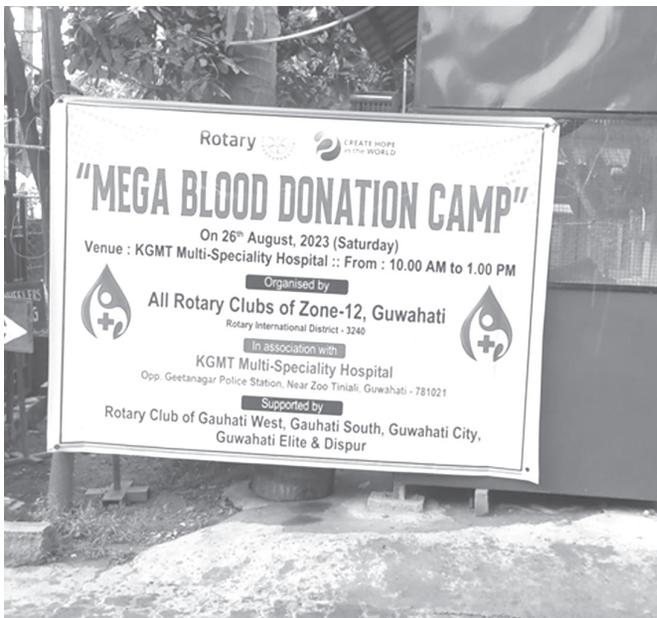
A plantation drive was carried out jointly by Rotary Club of Gauhati South, Gauhati Commerce College NSS and Sri Sri Radhakrishna Sewa Ashram on 26th August 2023 at *Bonda Anchalik Janajati Krira aru Sanskritik Vikash Kendra* Khelpathar, Bonda and Hatisila Ganesh Mandir, Panikhaiti. A total of 35 fruit and other saplings were planted. President Rtn. Nawajyoti Sarma, Rtn. Giti Bujarbaruah, Rtn. P.M.Goswami, NSS volunteers led by their Programme Officers, Rtn. Dr. Sweta Pegu and Dr. Sumadhur Roy along with the local people of the two areas took part in the programme.





## MEGA BLOOD DONATION CAMP ORGANISED BY ROTARY CLUBS OF ZONE XII

A mega blood donation camp was organised by all the five Rotary clubs of zone xii at KGMT Hospital, Zoo Narengi Road Guwahati on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 from 10.30 am to 1pm. Representatives of Rotary Club of Gauhati South led by the President, besides Rotarians of Rotary Clubs other four clubs were present on the occasion. Quite a good numbers of Donors took part in the camp. AG Zone XII, Rtn Anurag Jain, took the initiative in organizing this camp.





## MINUTES OF THE 2257<sup>TH</sup> WEEKLY REGULAR MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2023

The 2257<sup>th</sup> Weekly Meeting of the Rotary year 2023-24 was called to order at 7.30 pm by the President Rtn Nawajyoti Sharma. The meeting began with the rendering of the National Anthem. Rtn Atanu Choudhury extended the warm welcome to all attendees through his introductory speech. He also shared his happy moments in Rotary, by recounting poignant moment from involvement in rotary service like volunteering in polio initiatives etc.

Following this was a puzzle quiz, presented by President Rtn. Nawajyoti Sharma. The question was “What is the TRF donation amount to become a major donor and which Indian has donated 1 million dollar to Rotary Foundation? Rtn. Minoti Barthakur emerged as the winner by providing the correct answers.

The President then informed the house about Blood Donation Camp, modalities for Registration for District Conference at Sonapur to be held on 5,6,7 January,2024 (Rs 6000.00 before 31<sup>st</sup> August and Rs 7000.00 after 31 August) and the Tree Plantation programme to be held on 26 August at Bonda and Panikhaiti by our club in collaboration with NSS wing of the Gauhati Commerce College led by Rtn. Sweta Pegu.

The Guest Speaker, Ms Brishti Bannerji, was introduced by Rtn. Biswadip Baruah, which was followed by her

talk on “Review of Comprehensive Master Plan of Guwahati (2025)”

The Executive Secretary, Rtr Anish Debbarma, reported the statistics of members present as Rotarian - 18, Anne - 2, Guest -2, Rotaractors- 2, Rotarylet- 0 **Total no 41** Sunshine Collection was **Rs 410/- (Rupees Four Hundred ten only)**

Rtn Dr. Chandan Rajkhowa offered the Formal Vote of thanks followed by rendering of Jatiya Sangeet.

The meeting was adjourned by the President at 8:35 pm Fellowship was offered by Rtn Millie Kakati.





## MINUTES OF THE 2258<sup>TH</sup> WEEKLY REGULAR MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

The President Rtn. Nawajyoti Sharma called the 2258<sup>th</sup> Weekly Meeting of the Rotary year 2023-2024 to order at 7:10 PM, commencing with the singing of the National Anthem.

Rtn Biswadip Barooah extended a warm welcome to all attendees and shared his cherished Rotary experiences. He highlighted his joyful 30-year journey in Rotary and fondly recalled his tenure as President in 2005. He shared memorable moments from the Rotary Conference in Chicago, including an incident where Ann Suravi, his spouse, had an accident but received prompt treatment

and recovered. An engaging puzzle quiz took place, with Rtn Gayatree Goswamee emerging as the winner, receiving a pen and a chocolate from the President.

All guest Rotractors were invited to give self-introductions. Birthday cards and a chocolate was presented to Rtr Anish Debbarma.

PP Rtn Rajesh Bhatra provided an update on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Marwari Hospital regarding opening of a Blood Bank for Thalassemia patients. He mentioned that Rtn Rajkamal Bhuyan, Rtn Dr. Robin Mazumdar, and himself had met

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with Mr. Bajaj, the chairman of the blood bank unit of Marwari Hospital, who showed great enthusiasm and positivity towards collaborating with Rotary.

Rtn Dr. P.M. Goswami introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Shyamanta Ram Phookun, in a brief and wonderful manner. The President facilitated the guest speaker with a Gamocha. Mr. Shyamanta Ram Phookun delivered an engaging talk on “**Slithering Serpents,**” highlighting the importance of snakes in our ecosystem. He also discussed the proper procedures for taking care of snakebite victims, emphasizing the importance of remaining calm

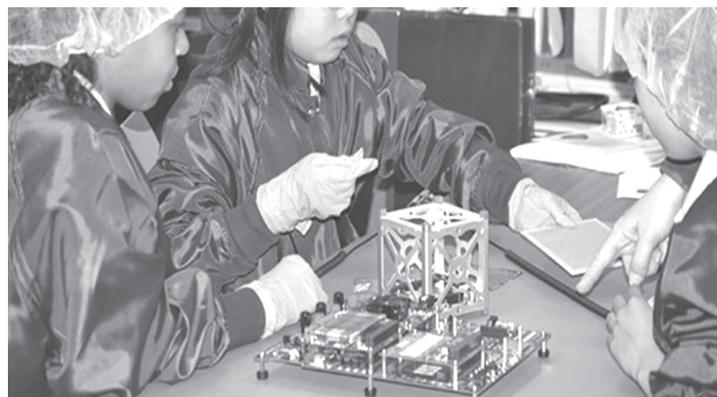
and seeking medical attention promptly. An interactive session followed the presentation.

After the conclusion of the talk Secretary Rtn. Priyama Goswami reported the Statistics as follows- Rotarians - 16, Anne - 3, Guests - 1, Rotaractors - 6, **Totaling 26**, attendees.

The Sunshine Collection for the day amounted to **Rs 200/-** Rtn Dipak Bhagawati offered the formal Vote of Thanks, followed by the rendition of the Jatiya Sangeet.

The meeting concluded with the President adjourning proceedings at 8:35 PM

Fellowship was given by Rtn. Dr. Hitesh Baruah.



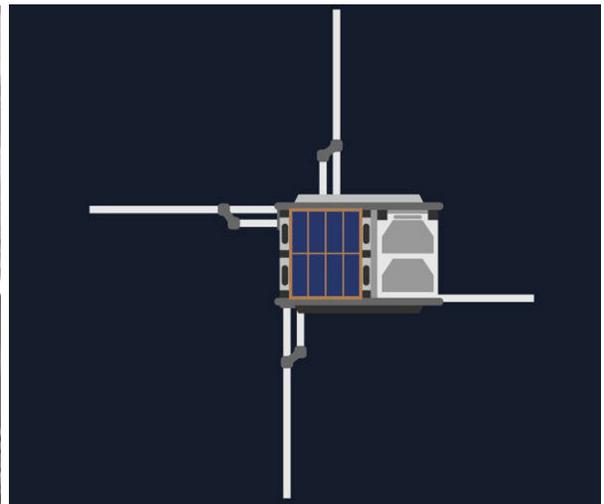
## CUBE SATELLITES

Rtn Indira Bordoloi

Space exploration is very important to study the ambience of the planets, objects of the solar system, stars, galaxies and the whole Universe. So satellites are launched by different International Space Agencies like NASA, ESA, ISRO, JAXA etc to explore our vast Universe. But the traditional huge satellites are so expensive that only a few rich countries can afford a satellite mission.

Fortunately, in 1999, Prof. J P Suari from California State University and B Twiggs from Stanford University invented a miniature satellite called Cube Satellite (CubeSats). CubeSats consists of some Units (U). A modular Unit is cubic in shape having 10 cm sides and mass not more than 1.3 kg. CubeSats are deployed into the space sending it with a rocket as a secondary payload or directly from the International Space Station (ISS), which is a habitable satellite orbiting round the Earth since 1998. Initially the objective of a CubeSat was academic. These miniature satellites were designed, built, tested and

operated by the students of Universities, colleges, high schools, even by elementary schools under the guidance of the expert scientists. Thus the interest of students grew in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) subjects and they developed self confidence. Gradually due to its low cost, costing only about Rs 60,000 per Unit, small size, easy deployment mechanism, CubeSats became more popular among the scientists for scientific studies, technologists to test innovative technology to be applied in future missions and commercial purposes also. Now, Space-X company from California has placed a constellation of 4000 miniature satellites for internet purpose. Besides these, more than 2000 CubeSats have been launched by countries of the world since 2003 till date. CubeSats are going to bring about a revolutionary change in Space Exploration scenario in the near future



## “AHA” MOMENTS

Rtn Gayatri Bhattacharyya

Have you ever heard of ‘A-ha’? I had not either, until I came across the term in some article I read recently.

The writer spoke about ‘A-ha moments’, and defined these as ‘eureka moments’. I was mystified, - the definition was as difficult to understand as the term itself! Then, I found out that eureka moments were those moments when one overcome obstacles and celebrate the victories. Some persons apparently were asked about their A-ha moments, and the replies were very interesting. For example, a socialite said that her A-ha moment was when she won the title of ‘Miss Delhi’; another person, revealed that her eureka moment came when she started practising one particular type of Bhuddist philosophy, - I forget the name of that philosophy. Another example was that of a holistic healer, whose A-ha moment came when she noticed that the ‘sun line’ on the palm of one of her patients was dipping. She advised the patient some Feng Shui changes, and these changes saved the patient’s life!

The experiences of some more persons interviewed are given in the article. Frankly, I found the whole idea, or theory, whatever you may call it, rather weird. It was a moment, these persons said, that was an eye – opener; they became wiser, and their lives became richer, because of their personal A-ha moments! They also said that it stirred something within them, and they were able to approach, or look at, a situation in a new perspective.

In a more mundane way, I would say that almost everyone has had their A-ha moments, in their daily lives, - like for example, when your daily help does not turn up. You arm yourself with a bucket and mop, and start the seemingly easy job of cleaning your floor. It is after you finish that you discover that you had so many muscles and how bad the pain in these unknown muscles can be! But that was your A-ha moment, - or should I say, your ‘Ahhaaaaa’ moment; your moment of victory, no matter the PAIN! .

