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August: Igniting Enthusiasm for Membership and New Club Development in

Rotary - Rtn. Soumya Roy, Club Bulletin Editor

August sets ablaze with an unparalleled and vibrant enthusiasm, as it assumes the extraordinary role of the "Rotary month of Membership and New Club Development." This awe-inspiring month becomes an extraordinary canvas on which Rotarians worldwide passionately paint their commitment to expanding the Rotary family. Every corner of the globe pulsates with electrifying energy, as Rotary clubs, like beacons of hope, ardently strive to attract new members who share their fervour for service, fellowship, and making a tangible impact on society.



From bustling metropolises to serene rural communities, the atmosphere crackles with excitement as Rotarians engage in an array of dynamic activities. They wield their collective creativity, tireless dedication, and unwavering passion to captivate and inspire individuals who yearn to be part of something greater. August becomes a symphony of invitations, conversations, and connections, as Rotarians reach out to their networks, spreading the contagious excitement about the extraordinary work Rotary accomplishes around the world

But August does not stop at the boundaries of existing clubs; it boldly pioneers the formation of new Rotary clubs, forging pathways towards a future brimming with promise and purpose. Like seeds bursting forth from fertile soil, these nascent clubs spring to life, becoming nurturing grounds for fresh ideas, innovative projects, and unwavering commitment to Rotary's core values. They embody the audacious belief that together, they can reshape communities, inspire change, and leave an indelible mark on the world.

In this grand tapestry of enthusiasm, Rotarians seize the opportunity to establish new clubs, creating microcosms of empowerment, empathy, and extraordinary transformation. They become catalysts for change, igniting sparks of inspiration that ripple across borders, cultures, and generations. August serves as a reminder that the Rotary spirit is not confined to a calendar month but thrives in the hearts and minds of those who dare to dream big and take bold action.

The resounding enthusiasm that permeates August magnifies Rotary's impact, echoing far beyond the limits of any single club or district. It showcases the power of collective action, unity, and the profound difference that a global network of individuals can make when fuelled by an unyielding commitment to serve others.

In this magnificent celebration of Membership and New Club Development, Rotary captures the imagination, engages communities, and embraces individuals with open arms. August becomes a testament to the unwavering belief that Rotary is not just an organization but a way of life - a vibrant tapestry woven with threads of service, fellowship, and a shared vision for a brighter future.

As the world bears witness to the awe-inspiring spirit of August, it serves as a call to action, urging individuals to join this extraordinary movement of changemakers, visionaries, and compassionate souls. It symbolizes the limitless potential that lies within every human heart and reminds us that, united in purpose, we can create a world where hope reigns supreme and where the transformative power of Rotary can be felt by all.

So, let us embrace the vibrant spirit of August, and together, let us ignite the flame of enthusiasm, foster new connections, and boldly pave the way for a future where Rotary's impact knows no bounds.



One aspect of Rotary is
"Club Service". We can do
better if we join hands.
So, we attended the
Installation ceremony of
Rotary Club of Calcutta
Sutanuti, a 16 year old club
wherein Rtn. Sinchana
Bhattacharjee presented
the Vote of Thanks for the
club in the form of a
Rabindra Sangeet.



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Celebrating Doctor's Day at Medica Super Speciality Hospital, Kolkata



A special time spent with the specially-abled children at Morning Glory Integrated School



Flag Exchange with RC Purulia



Talents exhibited by children at MGIS



Project Durga: Cervical Cancer & Breast Cancer Screening for women around 30 - 60 Years





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Consultation by Rnt. Dr. Sutapa Bannerjee to children of MGIS



Project Sushasthya: Live Workshop and Interaction with senior Doctors for dietary management of children with CP, ASD or DS



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A Contribution from extended Empathy family

Bonds Beyond: Friendship and Benevolence

Priyanka Dutta (Roy)

In the quaint hamlet of Harmonyville, an anecdote unfolds wherein a special day of communal unity, denoted as Friendship Day, intertwines seamlessly with a Blood Donation Camp - a convergence that profoundly underscores the residents' shared affection and the town's ethos.

Within this milieu, the inhabitants of Harmonyville foster an ardent appreciation for the bonds of fellowship that bind them. Annually, the advent of Friendship Day engenders festivities replete with jubilation and benevolence. However, the present year was marked by a departure from the norm. A sudden depletion of the local hospital's blood supplies precipitated a disquieting concern, thereby galvanizing the township's denizens to amalgamate their customary Friendship Day revelry with a philanthropic Blood Donation Camp.

In anticipation of the imminent occurrence, an atmosphere charged with anticipation pervades the vicinity. Endearing exchanges of heartfelt messages and steadfast commitments to mutual support transpire amongst friends. The town's square becomes adorned with an array of vibrant banners, emblematic of the spirit of amity and the imperative of altruistic contribution.

On the designated day, compatriots congregate at the municipal hall, bedecked with tokens of friendship and expressions of joy. Adjacent to the festivities stands the Blood Donation Camp, serving as a poignant representation of the essence of altruistic love and concern. An ambiance of camaraderie envelops the scene as friends encourage one another to partake in the noble endeayour.

For many, this occasion marks their inaugural foray into blood donation, engendering a mixture of trepidation and resolve. The seasoned donors provide reassurance, recounting their personal narratives that underscore how a solitary gesture of benevolence can irrevocably alter destinies. Unified by their shared objective, the friends take turns to make blood donations, cognizant of the fact that their selfless contribution possesses the capacity to furnish a fresh lease on life to an anonymous recipient.

Amidst the tapestry of laughter and conviviality, friendships burgeon in strength, their foundations solidified by the pursuit of a collective mission. The Blood Donation Camp metamorphoses into a living exemplar of the transcendence of camaraderie beyond its traditional role of standing by during felicitous moments, extending its reach to encompass the capacity to institute affirmative transformation in the lives of strangers as well.

As dusk descends upon the landscape, Harmonyville radiates an aura of exultation and pride. Friendship Day transmutes into a fete emblematic of affection, empathy, and solidarity, reiterating the tenet that authentic friends are those who provide support not exclusively in times of elation but also during moments of exigency.

Hence, the tradition, conflating friendship and blood donation, perpetuates unabated, rendering Harmonyville a beacon of a community that profoundly comprehends the quintessence of camaraderie and the potency intrinsic to selfless bestowal.



Priyanka Dutta (Roy) is a dedicated Rotary Spouse Member, demonstrating her commitment to community service. As the spouse of Rtn. Soumya Roy, she contributes actively to various Rotary activities. Her passion for making a positive impact is evident through her enthusiastic involvement in various activities aimed at social welfare and humanitarian causes.



Glimpses





- DIAGNOSTICS
- Unlike other hospitals and medical centres, Suraksha Diagnostics is spread across 41 centres incl. 38 in West Bengal and 1 each at Paina, Gowahati and Shillong
- Tests include MRI, CT SCAN, USG., Mammography., OPG., X Ray, Cardiology Gastroenterology., Neurology & Pathology
- ♦ This initiative will continue to be valid till 30 June 2025
- Rotarians need to fill up & submit the Google Form at the earliest by Apr 2023 in Phase I to avail this opportunity
- Every centre of Suraksha Diagnostics will provide the 20% discount, once the Rotarian / dependent shows a PDF from his/ her cell phone which a Rotarian will receive within 1 week of submission of the filled in Google form

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