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TODAY

July 10 : Rotaract Club of Calcutta South West Installation.

COMING UP

July 17 – Entrepreneurship Awareness Camp - Concept by PP Dr. Arup Kr. Mitra.

July 24 – TBA.

July 31 – TBA.

CONGRATULATIONS

Rtr. Sreyoshi Bose, who takes over as President, Rotaract Club of Calcutta South West, at their Installation TODAY!

Mrs. Neeta Dasgupta, who takes over as President, Inner Wheel Club of South West Calcutta, at their Installation TOMORROW!

BIRTHDAY

July 11 : Rtn. Sameer Ingole

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHANGE OF VENUE

STARTING FRIDAY 17 JULY 2009, THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA SOUTH WEST RWM VENUE WILL SHIFT TO "COMMUNE," 7B, CHOWRINGHEE TERRACE, KOLKATA 20.

THE RWM TIMINGS WILL, HOWEVER, REMAIN UNCHANGED :

6.30 PM – 7.00 PM : REGISTRATION & FELLOWSHIP

7.00 PM – 8.00 PM : RWM

Club Dues

Members are requested to pay the bills for the First half of Rotary Year. This would enable the club to pay the RI & Dist. dues as per schedule.

IWC South West Calcutta Installation

The Inner Wheel Club of South West Calcutta will have their installation ceremony on Saturday, 11 July 2009. Souwester's congratulate the 2009-10 team under the leadership of Mrs. Neeta Dasgupta.

Appeal - Contribute to Trust

Sou'westers are requested to make a contribution of Rs. 1000 to The Rotary Club of South West Calcutta Trust or organise donations. This will enable us to take up meaningful projects during the year.

GET TO KNOW YOUR PRESIDENT

Scot's Honor Story by Bob Tomlinson

At RI World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, a large envelope is delivered to John Kenny – a Monday-morning ritual. The man chosen to lead more than 1.2 million Rotarians, whose past offices and honors include president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland, RI director, Rotary Foundation trustee and Major Donor, judge, and deputy lieutenant to Queen Elizabeth II, opens the package. The contents include professional and Rotary information as well as vital news from his homeland: the results of the latest game played by the Falkirk Football Club.

"I love football," he says with a laugh. "When I was a young boy, my dad took me to see Falkirk every second week, when they were at home. When Falkirk were playing away, my grandfather took me to see Stenhousemuir. To this day, no matter where I am in the world, I like to know how my team is doing. It keeps me in touch with my roots."

Preparing for the year ahead, Kenny of course misses most meetings of the Rotary Club of Grangemouth, Scotland, which he joined in 1970. Back on a rare visit, he has spent a hectic morning with Rotary International's video crew, fielding questions about his upcoming term as the first RI president from Scotland. As he enters the Leapark Hotel for the club's weekly meeting, a Rotarian bagpiper greets him with a song. "It's always good to come home," he says.

He greets each of the 40 members of his club, chatting about club projects, inquiring about family members. He expects no special treatment and expresses surprise that he's listed as the guest speaker.

That humility isn't reserved for the business and community leaders in his club. After he graduated from the University of Glasgow School of Law, one of his first assignments was to represent shipbuilding companies against action taken by shipyard workers. "Working with the Clydesiders [Scottish union activists] was to prove valuable to me," he says. He moved back to his home area and joined the legal firm of Tait & McKenzie in Grangemouth, where he represented the workers. "

I knew all the questions the bosses' side would ask, so I could advise the men accordingly," he says. "I also knew, by the time of year, if the company wanted a quick resolution or not. So I could tell our clients, the

We meet every Friday at The Commune, 7B Chowringhee Terrace, Kolkata at 6.30 PM

working men, when to time their answer. It helped them obtain the best settlement.”

Kenny enjoyed his time as a lawyer, covering all aspects of legal work, and retired as senior partner of his firm. His keen intellect and deep understanding of all sides of an issue have inspired his rise in law and Rotary. “John can cut to the heart of a subject before some of us even know what the subject is,” says fellow club member Colin Mailer, who has known Kenny for three decades. “He is a man with vision and would never set a target for himself or others which he did not think could be achieved.”

When they met, Kenny’s office building in Grangemouth was next to that of Mailer, then editor of the local newspaper. “I was returning from lunch when my secretary said, ‘Mr. Kenny, the lawyer, wants to speak to you.’ As a newspaperman, you never felt comfortable when a lawyer called you,” Mailer says.

Kenny, who was about to become club president, invited Mailer to become a member. One of the first Rotarians he recruited, Mailer is now serving again as club president.

Mailer is precisely whom Kenny has in mind when he describes where he plans to take Rotary during his presidential year: back to the future. His priority for membership is quality, not quantity. “Rotary has sometimes gone along a dangerous route, especially on membership,” Kenny says. “An influx of members this year, but how many stay for the next year? We must look at retention. To do that, we must bring in the right people, not just look at numbers.”

To be continued

RI PRESIDENT’S JULY MESSAGE

My fellow Rotarians,

It is traditional in Rotary that each Rotary International president is given the opportunity every month to write a message to all Rotarians in the pages of this magazine. I am grateful for this tradition, which gives me the opportunity to communicate with every one of you directly, for it is my firm belief that The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands.

It is a great honor to have been chosen as the first RI president from Scotland in the 104 years of this organization, and to have the privilege of serving the Rotarians of the world. Because there is no RI – no Board of Directors or president, no world headquarters or Rotary convention – without the ordinary weekly meeting of Rotarians in our own home clubs.

In Rotary, everything we are, and everything we aspire to become, lies in the hands of Rotarians in their clubs. If our clubs are congenial and our meetings well run, if our service is carefully planned and competently carried out, if our members are qualified, honest, and respected in their vocations and communities, then all of Rotary will thrive. This is why I say The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands.

Water, health and hunger, and literacy will be our emphases in the year ahead. In this Rotary year, I ask Rotarians everywhere to continue to learn from our experiences and to build upon our successes. I ask you all to continue to work for the health and well-being of not only children but their families and people everywhere. I ask you particularly to focus on water and sanitation, as the scarcity of clean water is an increasingly serious issue in many parts of the world.

In Scotland, we have a saying that I’m fond of quoting : “We must look beyond our own parish pump.” It means that we must look

beyond our own home and our own community. We must be aware that ours is only one community, of one country, of the many communities and countries in this world.

In every one of those communities, there is work to be done. As Rotarians, we will not stand idly by. As Rotarians, we will accept our responsibility. We can, and we must. For we know that Rotary is only as great as its clubs – and our clubs are only as great as the members within them.

The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands.

John Kenny

President, Rotary International

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MINUTES OF THE 2453RD RWM HELD ON 03.07.09 AT ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS, KOLKATA AT 7.00 PM

- President Rtn. Subhro Banerjee calls the 2453rd RWM to order and requests everyone to rise for the National Anthem.
- National Anthem.
- President thanks everyone for participation in the installation ceremony. Welcomes Rtn. Shyamashree Sen, AG Zone 15, Rtn. Subrata Chakraborty, AG Zone 25. Welcomes Mr. Partha Haldar and Mr. Anup Kumar Mukherjee and requests them to introduce themselves. Announces today’s DG’s felicitation program, which is represented by PDG S.S. Bose. Announces the forthcoming projects. Requests both AGs to inaugurate the club website.
- Rtn. Sameer Ingole presents the website. PP Goutam Bannerjee suggests brief history of our club to be included in the website.
- President proposes a change of club venue from Academy of Fine Arts to Commune. Passed by the members present.
- President requests Rtn Shyamashree Sen, AG zone 15, to conduct the COTS.
- AG Shyamashree Sen conducts the COTS - speaks on the necessity of COTS, RI Theme for 2009-2010, thrust area of DG Utpal Majumdar, club leadership plan, effective club, best facilities, role of club committees, role of club president and club secretary and other officers. She also speaks about club services - membership development classification, rotary information, attendance in regularly weekly meetings, role of bulletin committee, fellowship committee, board of directors, rotary public image, vocational service, vocational awards, vocational training. In the community services – she speaks about medical concerns, partners in service, youth service, rotary foundation, matching grants, and points to remember and wishes good luck to the club.
- President thanks AG Shyamashree Sen, shares the plan of action for 2009-2010. Requests members to contribute to TRF. Presents mementos to AG Shyamashree Sen, AG Subrata Chakravarty and AG Nirmal Roy Chowdhury.
- President announces the MILESTONE - of Rotarian Aparesh Ghosh for completing 25 years and Rotarian Gopal Daga, for completing 20 years as Rotarian and as Sou’westers.
- President announces the resignation of three members and hands over to club secretary for club business.
- Club Secretary, Rtn. Dr. Sumit Kr. Mitra announces the wedding anniversaries of PP Nirmal Kumar and Mrs. Bithi Roychowdhury on July 07 and July 09 for Rotarian Kamal and Mrs. Neelu Sethia.
- The 2452nd RWM minutes could not be passed because of the absence of quorum.
- President announces the Sunshine Box Collection of Rs. 210 by Rtn. Gautam Bannerjee. (Members present - 9, Visiting Rotarian - 1, Member’s guests - 3).
- President terminates the 2453rd RWM meeting.

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