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TODAY

Aug. 28 : Club Assembly

COMING UP

September is New Generations Month

- Sep. 04 – Dr. Arun Kumar Mitra Memorial Quiz
- Sep. 11 – Dr. Arun Kumar Mitra Memorial Quiz – Finals
- Sep. 18 – NO MEETING - HOLIDAY, MAHALAYA
- Sep. 25 – NO MEETING - HOLIDAY, DURGA PUJA

Birthday

Aug. 30 : Mrs. Mita Thakker

CLUB PROGRAMMES

- Sept. 05** : Blood Donation camp and Thalaessamia Awareness camp at Manshatala, Khidderpore in association with 74 Pally, Khidderpore. Ashok Laboratory will organize the blood donation camp. The camp will start at 9.30 AM. Members are requested to participate in the project.
- Sept. 04 & 11** : Dr Arun Mitra Memorial quiz the annual youth event of RCCSW will be held at **The Academy of Fine Arts**. About 11 teams from different schools in Kolkata will participate in this event. Ms Shalini Mukherjee the little Champ finalist will be present at the prize distribution ceremony on 11 September.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP AWARENESS WORKSHOP – A REPORT

RCCSW organized a 3 days workshop in association with St. Xavier's Kolkata on 21- 22-23 August 2009 at St Xavier's. Thirty five under-graduate students including a medical student participated in the work shop. Dr. Fr. John Felix Raj SJ, Principal

St. Xavier's College, Kolkata inaugurated the workshop along with President Subhro.

The three days workshop was addressed by Rtn. Subhasis Bandopadhyay, PDG Aniruddha Roychowdhury, Rtn. Dr. Arup Mitra, Mr. Ayan Chattopadhyay, Dy. Manager Bajaj Allianz, Prof. S M Gomes. The Entrepreneurship projects of six teams were evaluated by Rtn. Subhro Banerjee. IPP Debasis De, Rtn. Siddhartha Ghosh and Rtn. Partha Halder were also present on the occasion.

A SHELTER FORM THE RAIN – A PROJECT

Two schools will be donated plastic tarpaulin to make their students a bit more comfortable in this rainy season. One of the schools is located at RCC Sherpur and the other one is at Punna near Barisha. This project is sponsored by Rtn. Partha Halder and Mr. Suresh Agarwal, a well-wisher.

DISTRICT PROGRAMMES

4 WAY TEST – MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Rotary's "4-Way Test – Man of the Year" Award will be presented this time to Padma Vibhusan Pandit Sri Birju Maharaj at a function being organized on 29th August, 2009 at 6 p.m. at G.D. Birla Sabhaghar, Kolkata, by RC Belur.

The Chief Guest for this programme is Sri Soumitra Chatterjee, Doyen of Bengal Film Industry.

ICM ON MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The ICM on MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT is scheduled to be held on 30 August 2009. Details from the DG's office are awaited.

WHO IS YOUR TOMMY?

William Pollard Jr., PDG District 7600 (Virginia, USA)

When I think of why we should ask someone to join Rotary, I think of Tommy. Two years after starting my banking career in Richmond, I was asked to work in my hometown of Petersburg. One of the first people to visit me was Tommy Adkins, a retired banker, who asked me to attend a Rotary club meeting.

While I was growing up in Petersburg, Tommy lived on the same street as

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

my family. I even delivered his newspaper. I had no idea what Rotary was but accepted Tommy's kind invitation to visit the Rotary Club of Petersburg. Tommy passed away several years ago, and he probably never realized the impact he had on my professional and personal life:

Because of Tommy, I have participated in many service projects helping others.

Because of Tommy, I have tried to follow The Four-Way Test.

Because of Tommy, I have supported The Rotary Foundation.

Because of Tommy, I helped 2008-09 RI President Dong Kurn Lee reduce child mortality.

Because of Tommy, my mother is a Rotarian.

Because of Tommy, I had stood before you as your dist governor.

Because of Tommy, I have made so many new friendships through Rotary.

So I have three questions for each of you:

Who is your Tommy?

What impact has Rotary had on your life?

Have you been or will you be someone else's Tommy?

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Courtesy : PP Dr. Dipak Ranjan Sarbadhikari, Rotaweek # 913 dated 23/08/09

[ED : My TOMMY is PP Timir Baran Banerjee, who is yours??]

MEMBERSHIP INCREASES DURING 2008-09 ROTARY YEAR

Jennifer Lee Atkin, RI News

In a year of economic havoc that rocked global markets and shook consumer confidence, Rotary International's most important asset – its members – steadily grew.

As of 30 June, the end of the 2008-09 RI year, there were 1,234,527 members in 33,790 Rotary clubs. That's an increase of 3,044 members and 520 clubs from the previous year.

"Businesses in tough economies plan how to grow, and most businesses then do grow. Rotary clubs also have to plan for their futures and take action on those plans," said Mike McGovern, chair of RI's Membership Development and Retention Committee.

"New clubs are forming in communities with existing clubs by offering alternative times and the opportunity to bring fresh perspectives to Rotary," McGovern added.

More than 5,700 clubs in the 534 RI districts achieved a membership growth rate of 10 percent or better during the 2008-09 year. The 10 percent goal was set by 2008-09 RI President Dong Kurn Lee, who presided over 12 presidential membership conferences held on six continents during the year. Each conference was attended by between 300 and 1,500 Rotarians. Lee also made personal calls to each of Rotary's district governors.

"We must reach out to people who are different from us and from the members in our club, because this is the way to a stronger club with more connections and better potential," Lee said at the 2009 International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.

Rotary clubs must continue to build membership during the 2009-10 year, said RI President John Kenny.

"I will simply rely on you, as responsible people, to see to it that we have more qualified members, true Rotarians, at the end of the year than we had at the beginning. And I will rely on you to do

your best to see to the mentoring of our newest members, for retention is no less important than recruitment," Kenny told Rotarians at the RI Convention in Birmingham, England.

"Rotary grows when members are motivated to invite Rotarians into their clubs and when Rotarians believe they are contributing to a greater good," McGovern said.

Source : RI News Weekly Update, dated 21/08/09

MINUTES OF THE 2459TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 22.08.09 AT COMMUNE, KOLKATA AT 7.00 PM

- President Rtn. Subhro Banerjee calls the 2459th RWM to order.
- National Anthem.
- President welcomes the Annes and the Rotaractors. He also thanked all for following the dress code for the eve. President welcomes PP R. K. Dasgupta and PP Hilolle Sen, after a long absence.
- President announces the Projects carried out at RCC Hussain Shah on the Independence Day. He requests IPP Debasis De to report on the eye check up camp.
- IPP gives a brief report on the eye check up camp where 60 people came for the checkup, out of which 40 people were referred for further treatment. President thanks the members and the Rotaractors for their involvement in the programme.
- President announces the Dist. Programmes - Pulse Polio Workshop on 23rd August, 4 Way Test Man of the Year Award on 29th August and ICM on Membership Development on 30th August, 2009.
- President announces the Entrepreneurship programme, organized at St. Xaviers by PP Dr. Arup Mitra.
- President request the Hony. Club Secretary Dr. Sumit Kr. Mitra, to conduct the club business.
- Hony. Club Secretary conducts club business and announces the Birthdays of Mrs. Mala Sen on 22nd, PP Timir Baran Banerjee's on 25th August. He also announces the participation of Rotaract President Sreyoshi in Independence Day Celebration organized by the Rotaract Club of Bangalore South.
- President requests Rotaract President Sreyoshi to conduct the BARSHA MANGAL programme.
- Rotaract President Sreyoshi assisted by Rotaract Secretary, Soma conducted a very entertaining programme. Participants include PP Subrata Chakraborty, PP R. K. Dasgupta, President Subhro, Rtn. Sameer, Anne Keka, Anne Asoka, Anne Manashree and Anne Mounita, Rotaractors Rahul Banerjee, Rahul Saha, Kaushik and Amrita.
- PP Timir Baran Banerjee and Club Secretary Dr. Sumit Kr. Mitra, also participated in the programme, from the Audience side. Before the end of the programme, PPs R. K. Dasgupta, Subrata Chakraborty, Mrs. Keka Chakraborty and Amrita sung some fabulous songs.
- President thanks the Rotaractors, specially the President and Secretary for conducting the programme.
- The minutes of the 2457th and 2458th RWM are confirmed.
- President announces the Sunshine Box Collection of Rs. 710 by PP Mohitosh Chatterjee (Members present-16, Club Guests-8, Rotaractors-7).
- President terminates the 2459th RWM and requests everyone to join in the Fellowship Dinner.

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