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TODAY

Guest Speaker, Mr. A. K. Mukhopadhyay
Discussions on the Central Budget

COMING UP

August is Membership Development & Extension Month

- Aug. 07** - BRING A FRIEND. Guest Speaker PDG Anirudha Roychoudhuri, DRMC
- Aug 14** - Guest Speaker, Acharya Bijoy Krishna Das, Bhakti Vedanta Gita Foundation : "Bhagabat Gita"
- Aug 21** - Meeting Postponed to Aug. 22
- Aug 22** - Fellowship Programme – BARSHA MANGAL [Dinner Meeting]
- Aug 28** - Club Assembly

BIRTHDAY

- Aug. 02** : PP Joyanta Kumar Mitra
- Aug. 03** : Mrs. Sirupa De

CLUB PROGRAMMES

- Aug. 01** : 2nd Meeting of Board of Directors, 2009-10. Detailed notice served.
- Aug. 02** : *Sapling Distribution at RCC Sherpur.*
1.30 pm - departure from Kolkata.
2.30 pm–3.30 pm - Sapling Distribution.
3.30 pm–4 pm - Meeting with RCC Sherpur members.
4.15 PM - departure for Kolkata.
- Aug. 15** : *Independence Day Celebration at RCC Hussain Shah.* 9.30 am–10 am - Flag Hoisting. 11.15 am–12.15 pm - Preliminary eye checkup camp.

District Programmes

- August 2** : 1st Presidents' Meet. Venue - ROTARY SADAN from 6.30 pm onwards.
- August 9** : The next SNID will be held on Sunday, 9th August in the West Bengal - Migratory population.
- August 9** : ICM on Rotary Theme. Venue - ROTARY SADAN; Registration : 3 pm to 3.30 pm; Programme : 3.30 pm to 5 pm.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP AWARENESS CAMP

21-22-23 August, 2009 : St. Xavier's College, Calcutta

St. Xavier's College Calcutta in association with Rotary Club of Calcutta South West is organizing the Entrepreneurship Awareness Camp on 21-22-23 August, 2009 at St Xavier's College Calcutta. The Camp is targeted towards undergraduate students (about 20), where they will be briefed about Entrepreneurship, Business Plan Preparation and they will meet some successful entrepreneurs. After a two-day session they will be given one-week time, when they will prepare science based Business Plans and present it before a panel of judges. The best 3 teams will be awarded.

Members are requested to attend the opening and closing ceremony of the program.

GET TO KNOW YOUR PRESIDENT

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When asked how Rotary should help young people today, he leans forward and gives a steely, straight-on look. "Think of what we can do. Water, literacy, education, health. There is so much that we Rotarians can do to help young people throughout the world. The one thing we cannot do is nothing. We can't do everything, but we can do our very best."

As RIBI president, Kenny encouraged clubs to support WaterAid, which conducts water and sanitation projects worldwide. During his year in

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

office, Rotarians raised £550,000 for WaterAid projects in Tanzania. Kenny has continued to support collaboration between Rotary clubs and WaterAid, traveling to Tanzania in 2002 to visit projects. In late 2007, Prince Charles, president of WaterAid, honored him with the President's Award for Outstanding Voluntary Contributions to WaterAid.

After the club meeting, Kenny drives home to Linlithgow, where a 15th-century palace, birthplace of Mary Queen of Scots, rises over the local loch. Inside his house, his wife, June, is pouring tea for the visiting video team. On a walk in his garden, Kenny proudly points to his "listed" trees, which means they are protected in much the same way as historic homes. Just over the garden wall is the local golf club.

He has ambitious plans for his presidential term. As his RI theme, The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands, suggests, he wants Rotarians to take personal responsibility for Rotary's future. "On membership, for example, Rotary can do nothing, but every Rotarian can do something. There are a lot of good [potential] Rotarians in the community who have never been asked to join," he says.

Rotary clubs must consider the question of time and cost of meetings, he adds. "It's up to each club to decide where to eat, or indeed if they will eat at all. There's nothing in the [RI] Constitution that says you have to have a meal. Young people seem prepared now to support a cause, but they're not prepared to join an organization. So we must make our Rotary meeting attractive to make young people want to join." Back in the house, as June pours more tea, she's asked if she'll miss her home and friends when she travels. "I will," she replies. "But I'm fortunate. I have good friends here, and I will keep in touch with them. I'm also very proud of John."

John and June met through his colleagues in the early 1960s. June takes up the story and describes a world that many Rotarians will remember with fondness. "We just started going out once or twice at first, then we started to see each other every other week. We went dancing and were going out with each other for four years before we became engaged. We were engaged for a year before we were married. In those days, you went out with someone longer than you would today. We've been very happily married for 44 years."

June, in particular, and John excelled at curling, known as "chess on ice" for its complex strategies. The Scottish game, which is now played throughout the world and is an Olympic event, involves hurling large granite stones at a target at the opposite end of an ice rink. In Scotland it's called "the roaring game," not because of the shouting that takes place (and there is a lot of that), but because of the sound the stones make as they travel across the ice. "I played it competitively and loved every minute of it," she says. John interjects, "She was really very good!"

June, who loves entertaining, is an accomplished cook and pianist. She served in every club office in Inner Wheel, but as John moved up through the Rotary ranks, she devoted more time to assisting him. "He loves the organization," June says. Rotary's high ethical standards are something we both believe in. We also meet so many tremendous people. Kind people. Good people. We have been blessed," she adds. "Rotary gives us the opportunity to do something for those less fortunate than we are."

John concurs: "Rotary is about helping others. We are the fortunate ones. And to those that much is given, much is expected. There will never be peace in this world as long as there's poverty. We must continue to face up to the challenges of poverty. Shortages of food and water will become a major issue this century. Rotary is not the United Nations.

We'll never solve all the problems of the world. That is not the function of Rotary. But we can be there to help and do what we can in a practical way."

Bob Tomlinson is a member of the Rotary Club of Kirkintilloch, Scotland, and an award-winning journalist.

Concluded!!

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OPINION POLL RESULTS

THE QUESTION : SHOULD WE CONTINUE PRINTING THE MINUTES OF OUR RWM IN THE BULLETIN CONSIDERING ITS WIDE CIRCULATION ?

NUMBER OF RESPONSES : 13

ANSWERED "YES" : 02

ANSWERED "NO" : 11**

** WITH ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS

MINUTES OF THE 2455TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 24.07.09 AT COMMUNE, KOLKATA AT 7.00 PM

- President Rtn. Subhro Banerjee calls the 2455th RWM to order.
- National Anthem.
- President welcomes PP Rtn. Dr. Smritikana Chatterjee, to the RWM after her illness, and Rotaract Secretary Soma.
- President announces the forthcoming programmes in the RWM, for 31 July and 7 August 2009. Since August is the Membership Development Month, President requests everyone to "Bring a Friend" on 7 August where the Guest Speaker will be PDG Anirudha Roychowdhury.
- President announces the coming up projects at RCC's : 26 July - Interaction with RCC Hussain Shah; 15 August - Flag Hosting at RCC Hussain Shah on Independence Day. 21 – 23 August - Entrepreneurship Awareness Camp (EAC), St. Xaviers College, Kolkata. President also announces that PDG Debasis Mitra will be representing our district in the Nominating Committee for RI Director (2011-2013) from Zone VI in place of PDG Raj Kumar Rajgaria.
- President requests PP Rtn. Dr. Arup Mitra to speak about EAC.
- PP Rtn. Dr. Arup Mitra speaks about how he has planned to give awareness to the students. At present he has planned to start the programme with 30 students. He has planned to invite Guest lecturers on Tax Regulation, Environmental Regulation, Insurance Sector. In the final session there will be Business Plans presented by the Students, followed by Prize Distribution.
- President requests Rotaractors to participate. Suggestions given to include the names of Rtns. Inrajit Sen, Siddhartha Ghosh and IPP Debasis De.
- President announces the forthcoming District Programmes on 2 & 9 August.
- President request the Club Secretary to conduct the club business.
- Club Secretary conducts the club business and announces the Birthday of Mrs. Chandana Bando on July 23rd.
- The 2454th RWM could not be passed because of absence of quorum.
- President announces the Sunshine Box Collection of Rs. 140 by Rtn. Siddhartha Ghosh (Members present - 10, Rotaractor - 1).
- President terminates the 2455th RWM.

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