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### TODAY

**Aug. 07 :** BRING A FRIEND

Guest Speaker PDG Anirudha Roychoudhuri, DRMC

### COMING UP

**August is Membership Development & Extension Month**

**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. 08** : Mrs. Rakhi Sen

**Aug. 10** : Mrs. Keka Chakraborty

**Aug. 10** : First Lady Manashree Banerjee

**Aug. 12** : PP Satya Sundar Sarangi

**Aug. 13** : Mrs. Sharmila Banerjee

### Wedding Anniversary

**Anne Kajol & Rtn. Subhashis Bandopadhyay on 8 August**

### CLUB PROGRAMMES

**Aug. 15** : *Independence Day Celebration at RCC Hussain Shah.*

9.30 am–10 am - Flag Hoisting.

1.15 pm–12.15 pm - Preliminary eye checkup camp.

### District Programmes

**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.

### RI PRESIDENT'S AUGUST MESSAGE

My fellow Rotarians,

I have always thought it important to bear in mind that Rotary is a voluntary organization, composed of people who are all themselves leaders. When addressing such an audience, I have never thought it fitting to exhort or demand. Every Rotary club is and must be autonomous: The leadership of Rotary International exists not to control, but to motivate and guide.

And so when we in Rotary speak about the importance of membership, I believe it of the utmost importance to bear in mind that the primary experience of Rotary, for the overwhelming majority of Rotarians, is of the club: of club meetings, club projects, and fellow club members.

When Paul Harris began the first Rotary club 104 years ago, he did not initially think of service. Instead, he had in mind a place where people of good character, intelligence, and morals could enjoy each other's fellowship and friendship. The service came later, as a natural outgrowth of the gathering of such people.

Every good Rotarian, every member who shares our core values, will make a club that much stronger, and that much more attractive for others to join. Unfortunately, it is also

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

the case that bringing in the wrong person can have the opposite effect. Rotarians are and must be people of a certain caliber – people with the capacity to do great deeds, the sense to do them wisely, and the strength of character to do them honestly and well.

In the end, I believe that the best way to bring new members into Rotary is the way it has been done for generations: One member invites a carefully chosen friend, client, or colleague to a meeting and, if the match is a good one, proposes that individual for membership. This is the way that our clubs remain harmonious; it is the way that new clubs become old clubs, and new members become Rotarians for life.

The membership challenges that we face today are considerable, and in many ways new. There is no denying the difficulties posed by the current global financial situation. But in the words of Henry Ford, "If money is your hope for independence you will never have it. The only real security that a man will have in this world is a reserve of knowledge, experience, and ability." And as long as we all do our jobs well, and bring in new members carefully, this is a security we in Rotary will never lack.

### **John Kenny**

*President, Rotary International*

*Courtesy : eFlash\_Rotary*

### **TRF CHAIR'S AUGUST MESSAGE**

*"Fighting polio with urgency and hope."*

The Rotary year we have just begun will be pivotal in determining the course of our Foundation in this, Rotary's second century of service. There are new challenges before us – challenges that we must rise to meet in order to keep the promises we have made. The first of those promises, of course, is to eradicate polio. This is our number-one priority as an organization, and it will remain so until the job is done.

Last year, more than 1,600 cases of the disease were identified around the world. This is a great improvement from the worst days of polio epidemics, which many of us remember from decades ago. But it is not good enough, and it will not be good enough until the number is zero. We cannot pause or slacken our efforts. We know all too well what happens when we do not reach every child. We saw it in Nigeria in 2003 and have seen it again in the Horn of Africa.

In March, Rotary approved US\$500,000 in emergency grants to UNICEF and the World Health Organization to help contain the outbreak of wild poliovirus that had spread from war-torn South Sudan into parts of Ethiopia, Kenya, and Uganda. This funding allowed for increased immunization activities in the three countries affected by the spread, and separate rounds of immunization have continued in South Sudan to halt the source of the outbreak. We are optimistic that this outbreak will be contained, and remain confident in the viability of eradication. These recent events only serve to highlight the importance of our continued work. It is not enough merely to keep the number of new outbreaks low. We must bring it to zero.

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### **IMPORTANT NOMINATING COMMITTEES TO MEET**

- 1. RI DIRECTOR ZONE 6A FOR 2011-2013 [made up of RI Districts 3110, 3120, 3240, 3250, 3260, 3291 & 3292]**
  - Suggestions to reach Nominating Committee not later than 1 September 2009.
  - Nominating Committee to meet in Varanasi on 13 September 2009.
- 2. RI PRESIDENT FOR 2011-2012**
  - 34 member RI President Nominating Committee [one from each RI Zone] will meet on 10 – 11 August to select RI President 2011-2012.

### **MINUTES OF THE 2456<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 31.07.09 AT COMMUNE, KOLKATA AT 7.00 PM**

- President Rtn. Subhro Banerjee calls the 2456<sup>th</sup> RWM to order.
- President requested Rtn. Siddhartha Ghosh to be the acting secretary for the RWM.
- National Anthem was sung.
- President welcomed guest speaker Rtn. A. K. Mukhopadhyay.
- President announces the forthcoming club programmes and district programmes. August being the Membership Development & Extension month, President requested everyone to bring a friend on next RWM on 7 August where the Guest Speaker will be PDG Anirudha Roychowdhury. President announced the forthcoming projects, 15 August - Flag Hosting at RCC Hussain Shah on Independence Day. 21- 23 August - Entrepreneurship Awareness Camp (EAC) at St. Xaviers College, Kolkata.
- President requests Rtn. Siddhartha Ghosh to brief members on programme to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> August at RCC Hussain Shah.
- President requests guest speaker Rtn. A.K. Mukhopadhyay to speak on the Union Budget 2009-2010. Rtn. A. K. Mukhopadhyay discussed the Central Budget in details.
- President requests PP Gautam Banerjee to offer the vote of thanks to speaker Rtn. A. K. Mukhopadhyay. Vote of thanks was proposed by PP Gautam Banerjee and all members present joined him in regular Rotary manner.
- President announced that next meeting of BoD would be held on 1 August at the Hindustan Road chamber of PP T B Banerjee. PP Gautam Banerjee requests that hard copy of minutes of Board meeting to be provided to members who are not having E-mail access.
- PP Timir Baran Banerjee suggested that attendance Committee should arrange for Classification survey immediately since the last date of reporting is 31<sup>st</sup> August 2009.
- President request the acting Club Secretary Rtn. Siddhartha Ghosh to conduct the club business.
- Acting Club Secretary conducts the club business and announces the Birthdays of PP Jayanta Kr. Mitra on 02<sup>nd</sup> August and Ann Srirupa De on 03<sup>rd</sup> August.
- The 2455<sup>th</sup> RWM could not be passed due to quorum.
- President announces the Sunshine Box Collection of Rs. 140 by IPP Rtn. Debasis De. (Members present - 10, Visiting Rotarian - 01 & Member's Guest - 01).
- President terminated the 2456<sup>th</sup> RWM.

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