

TODAY'S PROGRAMME

Club Meeting 2006-07
at Nehru Childrens' Museum
at 6.30 p.m.
on 5th April, Thursday.

5th April '07 Thursday joint meeting will be held with Calcutta Metropolitan City at our venue.
Speaker : PDG Sekhar Mehta.

Topic : Theory and Practice of Rotary.

FORTHCOMING PROGRAMME

12th April '07 Thursday speaker Rtn. Aandhi Shah will tell about club bulletin.

19th April '07 Thursday will be announced later.

26th April '07 Thursday Club Assembly

10th May '07 Thursday

Speaker : Please note that Mrs. Mrinalini Mukherjee, one of the best fitness expert in Kolkata will come to our club on 10th May not 3rd May.

Topic : Health and Fitness

All members along with their spouse and children are welcome.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS

Rtn. Sibani Deb
Spouse Dipak

4th Apr.

GREETINGS OF THE DAY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO –

Rtn. Ranjit Kr. Ghosh



5th Apr.

William B. Boyd

President, Rotary International

VIEW FROM THE TOP

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As members of a family of book lovers, we have always made literacy a highest priority in our lives. Our home is full of books, and neither Lorna nor I ever travel without two or three. Reading is a great joy for both of us, and it is a joy we've shared with our children and grandchildren. Unfortunately, for many people around the world, the simple pleasure of reading seems hopelessly out of reach.

Without literacy, all the written words we encounter everyday — not just in books and newspapers, but in maps, labels, street signs, and billboards — are mysteries and roadblocks to full integration into society. For me, teaching someone to read is one of the most rewarding acts of service imaginable. All it costs is patience and time, and the rewards are incalculable.

Like nothing else, literacy is a stepping stone away from poverty. It is a gift of self-reliance, one that can be freely passed on from generation to generation. Once there's literacy in a family, it's almost always there to stay, as literate parents raise literate children. Literate parents are also more likely to raise healthier children, whose horizons will stretch far beyond their own homes and villages. Literacy, quite literally, opens up a new world.

We need to be aware that illiteracy is not a problem only of the developing world. Even in the wealthiest countries with universal education, many people are functionally illiterate. Where illiteracy carries a stigma, it can be especially difficult to combat. Yet, in highly literate societies, being able to read and write is crucial in almost every job. Go into any prison or hospital, and you will find a disproportionate number of people who are functionally illiterate. Too many of those who work in unskilled jobs are illiterate women in Uganda learn to read within days and children exposed to books for the first time in South Africa finding a new world they didn't know existed. We've seen Rotarians in India, Nigeria and Turkey using the concentrated language encounter method to teach thousands of women and children, and some men, to read. The issue is not one of intelligence but of opportunity.

Literacy has rightly been high on Rotary's service agenda for many years now, and it should feature among the projects of every Rotary club. Whether the goal is donating books, running literacy classes, supplying elementary school students with dictionaries, or just helping children with their schoolwork, literacy projects bring great results with very little investment of money. As someone who has spent many hours sitting on undersized chairs listening to children read, I wholeheartedly believe that the stiff muscles are a small price to pay for the lifelong benefits of literacy.

Editor's Desk

Do we know that our capability is beyond our limitation. We don't know our capability.

Thomas Alpha Edition, Bethoven, Helen Keller, O.J. Simpson – all of the them were physically handicapped but they converted their limitation into power. So power is within us.

Thank you.

BOARD MEETING

Board Meeting was held on 31st March on Saturday '07 at 6 p.m. at the residence of Rtn. Shibu Kumar Mallick. 4, Sikdar Para Street, Kolkata - 700 007.

ROTARY QUIZ

Q. What are the basic qualifications for the office of District Governor?

- A. (1) Candidates must be members (other than honorary) in good standing of clubs which have no outstanding indebtedness to RI in the Districts by which they are nominated.
(2) Rotarians for seven or more years (as of the day they take office).
(3) Served as a club President for a full term (as of the date of their nomination).

Q. What are the two Regional Magazines of Rotary in India?

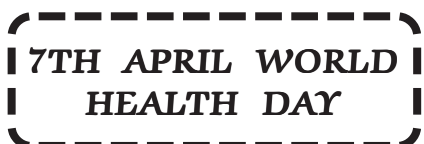
- A. (1) Rotary News
(2) Rotary Samachar

Q. Name of the first Rotary Club in India and year?

- A. Rotary club of Calcutta in 1919.

Q. How many members must a new Rotary Club have before it will be chartered by RI?

- A. Twenty Five.



SUDDEN DEMISE

Nritya Gopal Nandy, Founder of RCC Khoragore suddenly died on 1st April Sunday. We convey our heartfelt condolence for his family.

RECYCLING IS GOOD!

Recycling is essential and there are many environmental, economic and social benefits of recycling. Some of them are :

- **Save natural resources** : Recycling helps conserve precious natural resources and saves raw materials such as oil, trees and minerals. By making products from recycled materials rather than unused materials, the natural resources are saved and fragile land is conserved.
- **Reduce environmental pollution** : Making products from recycled material in most cases create less air and water pollution than products made from unused material because, in a majority of cases, it is easier to re-manufacture recycled products.
- **Save energy** : Using recycled products to make new products uses much less energy than starting from scratch with raw materials. This in turn reduces acid rain, global warming and air pollution.
- **Save space** : When the recycled items are made into new products, this means there is one less item that has ended up in landfill. The more landfill space is conserved and this helps to reduce the problem of waste disposal.
- **Reduce litter** : Items that are being recycled are being used productively and are taken out of the potential waste stream. This can only be good news for our environment.
- **Create jobs** : The recycling process creates more jobs than at landfill. This is good news for the local economy and workforce.

By changing the recyclable waste into new products is also a way of managing solid waste, reducing pollution,....so yes, recycling does matter!!!

MINUTES

Minutes of the 1317th regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of North Calcutta held on 29th March 2007 Thursday at 7 p.m. at NCM.

President Rtn. Dr. Anupam welcomed all members and the guests/speaker Rtn. Utpal Chatterjee who is Assistant Governor zone VIII and one of the most widely travel Indian Journalist.

Then President called the meeting to order followed by National Anthem and announcement of Birthday Greetings by Rtn. Srita and requested Sri Biswanath Chatterjee, RCC Kashipur to talk on the subject of their RCC's problems.

President requested the Guest Speaker to take Chair on the Head Table and the Guest Speaker was introduced by PP Rtn. Gopinath by mentioning Rtn. Utpal Chatterjee's Career as Journalist.

Then the guest speaker started to deliver the topic "Experience of meeting VVIPs by mentioning different situations in India and abroad. He referred his untiring efforts to materialise the interview with different eminent personalities of Politics and Industry of the country and abroad. He narrated his experiences as Journalist during his meeting with Dalai Lama, John Major, Senior Bush, Tony Blair, J.R. Tata and Russy Modi. The session was very interesting through the presentation of the facts. The session was ended with the vote of thanks offered by PP Rtn. Pratap Roy.

Before termination of the meeting our Weekly Bulletin was distributed to the attending members and the President/Secretary requested the members to attend the forthcoming programmes for the month of April '07 and thereby the meeting was terminated.

Members Present	10
Guest	4
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Rtn. Aroon Roy
Secretary

Rtn. Anupam
Bhattacharyya
President