

TODAY'S PROGRAMME

Club Meeting 2006-07

at Nehru Childrens' Museum

at 6.30 p.m.

on 19th April, Thursday.

Speaker - Rtn. Srabane Chakraborty.

Topic - Event Management

FORTHCOMING PROGRAMMES

26th April '07 Thursday Club Assembly

3rd May '07 Thursday

Speaker : Mrs. Ranu Banerjee, Secretary Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy. She will tell about need of the Palsy Patient.

10th May '07 Thursday

Speaker : Mrs. Mrinalini Mukherjee, one of the best fitness expert in Kolkata will come to our club on 10th May.

Topic : Health and Fitness

All members along with their spouse and children are welcome.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS

Rtn. Swaran Kr. Damani 22nd Apr.
Ann Sashi 

GREETINGS OF THE DAY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO -

Rtn. Pradip Kr. Banerjee 22nd Apr. 

CLUB NEWS

BOARD MEETING

Next Board Meeting will be held on 28th April Saturday '07 at Insurance Training Centre, 31/1, Sadananda Road, Kolkata - 700 026 near Kalighat Metro and adjacent to Tapan Theatre. Host Secretary Rtn. Aroon Roy, Mobile : 98319 64677, (R) 2440 7546.

SUDDEN DEMISE

Gopal Roy, son of Late K. D. Roy has left for heavenly abode on 16th April '07 at half past 12 at the age of 66. Incidentally he was born and got married on the same day. He was an eminent sports personality at Tennis and Badminton. He was selected for wimbledon. All members of RCNC convey their condolence to his bereaved family. May his departed soul rest in peace.

OUR WEBSITE

www.rotarynorthcalcutta.org

This is our new website address. Members who have not yet send their passport size colour photograph, Please Send it immediately to our E-Officer Rtn. Sujit De.

FOUR WAY TEST

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

FORTHCOMING DISTRICT PROGRAMS

- NABABARSHER ADDA will be held on 21st April '07 on Saturday.
- 2007 ROTA QUIZ OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL District 3290 will be held on 28th April '07 Saturday at Gorky Sadan.
- District Assembly Abhighyan will be held at Hotel Hyatt Regency, Kolkata on May 13th 2007, Sunday. Registration Charges Rs. 750/-. Please register your name.

A CONVERSATION WITH WILFRID J. WILKINSON

By **Vince Aversano**. Editor in chief
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When Wilfrid J. Wilkinson joined the Rotary Club of Trenton, Ont., Canada, in 1962, his club focused on quiet local service. But he soon attended his first RI Convention, where he was inspired by Rotary's international scope. Four decades and numerous RI and Foundation positions later, he poised to take on his biggest job yet: RI President. He unveils the theme he's chosen, Rotary Shares in this chat with Editor in Chief Vince Aversano

[Q] Your presidency comes during your 45th year as a Rotarian. What are the advantages of such a long commitment to the same service organization?

First and foremost, Joan and I have

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had contact with friends at the local level and also internationally. There is also the feeling of satisfaction in knowing you've made a difference, both on your own and together with your club and the whole Rotary world. You can accomplish fantastic things in a service club like Rotary, like our polio eradication campaign.

[Q] You are the first Canadian president in over 50 years. Do you think Canadian Rotarians have a separate identity from their counterparts in the United States?

Yes, but it complements the identity of U.S. Rotarians, as they relish their role of making our organization international. Rotarians in Canada and the U.S. seem to want to be in the same district which causes some administrative problems, but they enjoy it. Of the 23 districts with clubs in Canada, 16 are international. There are at least three clubs that meet one week in the U.S. and the next week in Canada. They're right on the border, and they move their meetings back and forth.

[Q] What has prepared you for being RI president?

What has prepared me is my 44 years of Rotary service. You learn on the job. I had the tremendous advantage of attending, with my wife, my first international convention within my first two years, and she and I immediately saw the opportunities this organization offered. You can't attend an international convention without being struck by its internationality. When you see people in their native dress watch the flag ceremony and listen to inspirational speakers, you realize why this organization is so effective and so important.

[Q] You've talked about becoming a public figure for RI during your presidency. Does this mean you feel the role of president has changed over the past decade?

I don't think the responsibilities have

changed. There is a necessity to be more involved with the media now because Rotary has concluded, rightly, that we have to improve our public image. Therefore, it's a good idea if the president can identify and enunciate that policy and try to heighten the image of Rotary worldwide.

[Q] How do you view Rotary's public image? And what do you think needs to be improved over the next 5 to 10 years?

In my years, I've seen tremendous changes. When I joined Rotary, my club in a small Ontario town focused mainly on the local community, especially physically challenged children. The idea back then was to serve quietly and not seek credit or embarrass anyone you served. That fit the times. But now we have to justify to prospective members why they should join Rotary. To do that, we need to show the local community what is being done and publicize what Rotary is accomplishing. People are bombarded with messages every day through TV, e-mails, cell phone calls. Rotary must adjust to that reality and get our image into that crowded environment. Otherwise, we'll be drowned out.

[Q] At the Malmo-Copenhagen convention, Past RI President Stenhammar talked about necessary changes in the organization. What changes do you think are necessary?

That's a tough question for an incoming president, because the president's job is to operate within the policies and bylaws established by the Board. I feel that most change is made by club members. We now have women as members, and I think that's an essential component. We have the first woman trustee, and soon we'll have the first woman director and, hopefully, the first woman RI president.

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MINUTES

Minutes of the 1319th regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of North Calcutta held on 12th April 2007 Thursday at 7 p.m. at NCM.

President Rtn. Dr. Anupam welcomed all members along with the Guest Speaker Rtn. Aandhi Shah of RC Calcutta Victoria and requested her to

take Chair on the head table and also called the meeting to order followed by National Anthem led by Rtn. Sulata.

President requested Rtn. Dr. Sampa to convey birthday greetings and Rtn. Dr. Hina, Installation Chairperson 2007-08 to brief on Installation Ceremony 2007-08. Simultaneously, PE Rtn. Dr. Amit reported on his visit along with President Rtn. Dr. Anupam and PP Rtn. Gopinath to Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy at Taratala Road on 10th April '07 in the morning hours.

PP Rtn. Gopinath informed the activities of All Bengal Women's Union, 89, Elliot Road during his visit along with President Rtn. Dr. Anupam and Rtn. Goutam on 28th March '07. VP Rtn. Sekhar appraised the members on District Assembly to be held on 13th May '07 at Hyatt Regency and handed over the Registration forms to the President.

Secretary Rtn. Aroon dealt with club business as under :

- Forthcoming programmes on 19th/26th April/3rd & 10th May '07.
- Informed that Rtn. Gautam and Ann Mithu's son Gogol has recovered from illness and come back to home.
- Announcement of the names of 30th Installation Committee 2007-08.
- Requested the members to attend District Assembly 2007-08.

Then, PP Rtn. Gopinath introduced Rtn. Aandhi Shsh, Guest Speaker and mentioned in particular that our club would be benefitted by sharing her experiences to bring out an ideal club bulletin. The Guest speaker defined her Topic - Club Bulletin in the manner of Q/A like what is club BULLETIN/Why it is need/who are customers. She highlighted that the Topics of Bulletin to be divided in different parts -- club programmes/District News/RI News/Minute. The Bulletin should be planned in advance and to stress on the lay out/size/paper/colour of the bulletin. She emphasised that the bulletin to create passion. The session was informative and it would help us to improve our Bulletin. Rtn. Goutam conveyed Vote of Thanks to Rtn.. Shah. The President terminated the meeting.

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Rtn. Aroon Roy
Secretary

Rtn. Anupam
Bhattacharyya
President