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Happy New Year 2016

Editor's Column

Cheers to 2016. The New Year is the time of unfolding horizons, to rediscover new strength with hopes anew, new resolutions with new creativity to achieve new goals. Hope the joyful spirit keep glowing in our hearts by helping others to have a better life. Lets give a warm welcome to the New Year and cherish each moment that the year shall behold. Wish you all a really, really fulfilling and joyous 2016.

In the Rotary Calendar January is considered as Rotary Vocational Service Month. Vocational Service is one of Rotary's Avenues of Service. Vocational Service calls every Rotarian to aspire to high ethical standard in their occupation, recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations and contribute their vocational talents to the problems and needs of society.

Rotary is probably the first service organization to be founded for the sake of an idea, the idea that each member has the chance to shape the destiny of the community where they live. In the area of Vocational Service, Rotarians help individuals young and old to achieve their potentials in their occupations and working with integrity as a means of attracting and mentoring the new generation. No aspect of Rotary is more closely related to each member than a personal responsibility to our desirable vocations.

One of the prime goals of Vocational Service is to promote and advance Rotary's high ethical standards. Two useful tools Rotarians have to assess these standards are The Four-Way Test and The Rotary Code of Conduct. Rotarians have the dual responsibility of representing their vocation within the club and exemplifying the ideals of Rotary within the workplace.

Hope each of us continue to go forward with our activities while valuing and preserving honesty, fairness and integrity. And in this New Year may we continue to share the genuine fellowship that adds happiness and warmth to our organization.

Rtn. Giti Bujarbarua

1882nd MEETING OF THE RC GAUHATI SOUTH HELD ON 18th DECEMBER 2015 VENUE: HOTEL RAJDHANI REGENCY

1. The President called the meeting to order at 6.45 pm. This was followed by the National Anthem.
2. The President welcomed all Rotarians, Annes, and guests present.
3. The wedding anniversary of Rtn Bhupen Borkotoky and Anne Bonu was announced, but they were absent.
4. The President reminded members of the dates of the District Conference at Dimapur (8-10 January, 2016) and once again requested them to attend the same.
5. Rtn Anil Mahanta announced that he had received the nomination papers for all the positions of office bearers for the year 2016-17. He stated that nomination papers could be withdrawn before the end of the meeting. Elections would be held on 25 December.
6. The Secretary read out an invitation from Rtn Babulal Khetawat of RC Dimapur requesting all to attend the inauguration of his showroom of marble and granite at Tetelia on 23 December at 4 pm.
7. The Secretary next introduced the Guest Speaker of the evening, Dr Kasturi Bhattacharyya, Senior Consultant and Academic Coordinator, Sri Sankardeva Netralaya, Guwahati.
8. Dr Bhattacharyya made an extremely interesting and lucid presentation on "Common Eye Diseases". This was followed by a lively interactive session.
9. Rtn A.K. Mahanta felicitated Dr Bhattacharyya.
10. The Vote of Thanks was offered by Rtn Dhiraj Kakaty. Fellowship was given by Rtn R.M. Hazarika.
11. The Secretary reported the presence of 23 Rotarians, 7 Annes, and 5 Guests. TRF collection was Rs. 290
12. The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.



Felicitations of Guest speaker Dr Kasturi Bhattacharyya



Guest Speaker Dr Kasturi Bhattacharyya

Technology Story

By Leo Kelion



Over recent years, Apple has organised two Autumn events to unveil its latest products. This year it packed all the news into one mammoth announcement.

A new Apple TV set top box, a refreshed iPhone and new larger iPad Pro were all unveiled.

But the focus for many was the Apple Pencil. Critics made hay of the fact that when Steve Jobs was in charge, he had seemingly mocked the idea that Apple would make a stylus for one of its i-devices.

But when the reviews came in, the add-on was widely praised as a design tool.

Whether or not it, and the larger tablet, will reverse a decline in iPad sales is still to be determined.

Teaching and touching the future

Posted on December 15, 2015



By Julia Phelps

In May 2013, four science teachers from the Philippines were preparing to return home after a visit to the United States as part of a **vocational training team (VTT)**. They'd spent 30 days observing classrooms, visiting science museums, meeting with policymakers, and making presentations to Rotary clubs in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

It was an emotional time for all of us, as we had learned much more than science instructional strategies. We had learned that, no matter what country we hail from, we all want the best for our students. We want them to succeed. And as teachers, we want to make a difference in their lives.

As hosts, we were very proud of what we had accomplished. The teachers returned to their schools in the Philippines and immediately made an impact. They won regional and national teaching competitions, they were promoted to master teacher, and the performance level of their students improved significantly. They were making a difference.

I was in the Philippines last month and made a point to reconnect with the members of this vocational training team. I was able to visit two schools and see the teachers implementing the hands-on techniques they had learned during their VTT experience. I saw young girls conduct an experiment and then explain why they thought the results had happened. I watched students work collaboratively to complete assigned tasks. Students were excited and engaged in learning science. It took me back to our original conversations, but this time, they were not abstract ideas or comments or thoughts.

Had the visit ended there, it would have been worth the time and effort. However, Manny Sy Peng, the governor of

District 3770, had arranged for an intercity meeting where we got to hear from the team members about life after they returned home. They told us about the impact the VTT had on them professionally and personally. We heard the following:

- "Thank you, (District Governor) Terri Kidder, you changed the life of a simple teacher."
- "I came out of myself, I became more self-confident. The VTT journey has never ended."
- "My dream is to create a teacher resource center in my school."
- "Julia, you told us to come back and make a difference in our schools and communities and we have."

Tears welled up in my eyes as I listened to these and other comments. How many times have I called on Rotarians to "make a difference?" These teachers took my words to heart and did just that. I was bursting with pride, not only as an educator but as a Rotarian, at what we had collectively accomplished.

The impact was truly what Rotary leaders had envisioned when they designed the new grant model. We were asked for long-term impact. Here it was, right in front of me.

Teacher and U.S. astronaut Christa McAuliffe said, "I touch the future, I teach." This sentiment was evident in the classrooms I visited and in the lives of the four teachers who were members of this vocational training team.

Learn how you can support **vocational training teams** through a Rotary Foundation global grant. ■



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Vocational Training



A student uses a table saw for a project at Vida y Esperanza, a vocational school for elementary to high school students in Sacatepequez, Guatemala. The products made in this workshop are sold or given to families in need. Rotarians support the school through global grant.



Rodeo coach Tim Kelly (right) helps students with a writing project at the Shaftesbury Rodeo Academy in Murgon, Queensland, Australia. This program is supported by Rotary global grant through District 9600, the Rotary Club of Bribie Island, Queensland, Australia



The cast and crew at an on-location video shoot for the Power of One Film School. Many students continue to study film in high school and college after getting involved in the Power of One Film School. PACT is funded with help from over **15 Canadian Rotary clubs.**



A vocational high school in Rignac, France, gave baking lessons to local primary school students. The Interact club is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Rodez, Aveyron



Rosette Namusisi weaves mats with her siblings in their home outside Kalisizo, Uganda. They were living alone without adult supervision when the Rotary Club of Kalisizo stepped in to support them.

Home repair project unites community

Posted on **December 8, 2015**

By *Gregg Alexander, Rotary Club of Bozeman Sunrise, Montana, USA*

For six years now, my Rotary Club has provided home repair assistance to local residents through the Bozeman Fix-Up Festival. Giving preference to elderly and disabled homeowners, we strive to provide home improvements to low-income residents who either can't afford them or are physically unable

to complete the work themselves. The impact of this one-day event stretches far beyond just benefits to the homeowners: The festival touches many lives and brings the community together.

Finding homeowners in need

We begin planning in January and wrap up in mid-November. We begin by developing a budget and conducting outreach to find applicants. We partner with local nonprofits to educate and identify

homeowners who may be in need of assistance. We do require that they own their home and that they fall below the state of Montana's poverty level.

We publicize the project on the radio, through TV interviews, and social media marketing to drive interested people to our website, where they can fill out an application. Once the April application deadline is past, our committee members conduct interviews, go on home visits, and verify applicants' income.

Over the last five years, we've completed work on almost 60 homes.

Funding and volunteers

While homes are being evaluated, the festival committee seeks out businesses and organizations to sponsor each home. Sponsors must provide a certain level of funding, along with a number of volunteers on Fix-Up Day to complete the work. We've found that sponsors find the festival rewarding and a great team-building activity.

To make all this happen in one day takes many dedicated volunteers. Each project has to be detailed out, a list of materials created and delivered, skilled laborers assigned to work with sponsor teams, meals secured, trash and debris removal planned, material runners assigned for additional materials, and much more! All of this has to be done for each home, so it's a large undertaking — made possible by lots of volunteer hours from the Rotarians on the committee.

The impact

After six years, our operations have become more efficient. But it's still amazing to see the festival come together in a single day. Walking around and talking with volunteers and homeowners, you realize that the reward isn't only for the people being helped but also for everyone involved. The day is filled with smiles, hugs, tears of joy, and pride and humility shared as a community. The day reminds us all that we are in this together and it is our duty to place Service Above Self.

See other projects like this, or list your project on Rotary Showcase.

Minutes of 1883rd Club meeting of R.C.Gauhati South held on 25th December 2015. Venue : Hotel Rajdhani Regency

1. President Rtn Dr.B.N.Saikia called the meeting at 6-30 PM.
2. National Anthem was sung.
3. President welcomed the members, Annes, Rotary lets and Guests. And Wished Merry Christmas.
4. Birthday of Rtn Minoti Barthakur and Rtn Tamal Sen was announced. Birthday card for Rtn Tejendra Bordoloi was handed over by senior Rotarian Dr. Malati Baruwa.
5. President informed the club about District Conference at Dimapur. All together 16 members have registered from our club.
6. President informed about Health Camp at RCC Trieni Chowk on next Sunday, 27.12.15.. Members are to gather near AGP office at Ambari by 8-30 AM and proceed to Tribeni Chowk near Baihata.
7. Information about selection of Rtn Dr. Sayantan Gupta from R.C.Malda as DGN 2018-19 has come.
8. Request for Advertisement in Souvenir for District Conference at Dimapur has come from D.G. President requested members to collect at least one or two advertisement for sending to the District.
9. Rtn Dr.Anil Kr.Mahanta gave election updated. As only one nomination has been received against the posts, no voting will be required. The office bearers for the year 2016-17 has been announced as under :-

President for 2017-18 :Rtn Sweta Pegu

Vice President :Dr. Priyam Goswami

Secretary	:Rtn Arman Ahmed
Treasurer	:Rtn Prasanta Kr. Das
Sgt at Arms	:Rtn Adib Ahmed
Directors	:Rtn Jaynata Madhav Baruah Rtn Dr.R.N.Mazumdar Rtn Prashanta Goswami Rtn Rajkamal Bhuyan Rtn Biswadip Barooah

As Club Trainer, Rtn Anil Kr. Mahanta gave a talk on functioning of Rotary with power point presentation

10. Rtn Dr.R.N.Mazumdar suggested that Club Trainer should give such informative talks at least four times in a year so that new members are benefitted .
11. Rtn Dr. Malati Baruwa recited a self composed poem on the occasion of Christmas.
- 12.. Christmas carol was presented by P.G. student of college of Veterinary Science.
13. A Christmas cake was cut and shared by all present in the meeting.
14. Secretarial announcement was done as under :-

Rtn present	19
Anne	5
Rotary let	1
Guest	8

Fellowship was offered by Rtn Sweta Pegu and Sun Shine collection Rs.290.00
15. Rtn Gayatri Bhattacharjya announced that her son and sister has donated Rs. 10,000.00 each for Teach Programme.
16. President adjourned the meeting at 8-15 PM.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ON THE 20TH OCTOBER,2015

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Rotary Club, Gauhati South was held on Sunday the 20th October,2015 at the residence of the President Rtn. Dr. Bibekananda Saikia at 6.30 pm. The following office bearers and guests were present at the meeting :

1. Rtn.(Dr) Bibekananda Saikia
2. Rtn. Prasanta Kumar Das
3. Rtn. Ram Mohan Hazarika
4. Rtn. Bhupendra Nath Das
5. Rtn. Rajkamal Bhuyan
6. Rtn. Prashanta Goswami
7. Rtn. (Dr) Anil Kumar Mahanta
8. Rtn. Anjana Goswami
9. Rtn. Gayatri Bhattacharya
10. Rtn. Anjana Buragohain
11. Rtn. Renu Goswami
12. Rtn. Minoti Barthkur
13. Rtn. Giti Bujarbaruah
14. Rtn. Vikash Bajaj
15. Rtn. Tarun Chandra Bordoloi

The President welcomed the Directors and guests and thanked them for sparing time from their busy schedules to be present at his house for the meeting.

The following issues were discussed and decisions arrived at :

1. The president informed the members that a Health Camp is being organized for Sunday the 27th December,2015 at Muktapur village of Triveni Chowk and requested the members to join the programme.
2. January has been declared the month of Vocational Services. The Vocational Awards for the year will have to be presented during the month. The President urged the Directors and members to suggest two names for the two Vocational Awards that the Club has been presenting every year.
3. The RCC at Moloibari will be revived and the President has been in touch with the concerned people of the locality for this.
4. A team of experts in Floriculture is ready to train a group of florists develop this lucrative trade. A minimum of at least 8 trainees are required for this training programme. Nurseries in and around Guwahati are to be contacted for this purpose.
5. The left-over T-shirts and Caps from the Swach Bharat Walkathon are lying in the Trust Office and a decision needs to be taken as to what is to be done with these. The bill for the same is also to be settled at the earliest. A sum of Rs.15,000/- has already been paid and another Rs.6,000/- is to be paid. Rtn. Rajkamal Bhuyan undertook the responsibility of finding out a way to realise the payment and dispose off the left over T-shirts and Caps.
6. It was decided that the fund collected for Flood Relief will be utilized for buying food items, matches, candles and Rotarians can contribute by adding their unwanted (but without

damage) clothes and donate in some camp in and around Morigaon area.

7. It was decided that proper procedures are to be strictly followed in handling all money matters relating to purchase of materials and settlement of bills. All bills are to be presented to the President and only after the approval the Treasurer will release payments against bills by account payee cheques only. No bill can be settled by any member other than the Treasurer.
 8. The President proposes to conduct the following during the next few months of his Presidency :
 - a) Floriculture Camp - 1 No
 - b) Animal Welfare Camp - 2 Nos
 - c) Health Camp - 2 Nos
 - d) How To Face An Interview - 4 Nos.
 - e) Rotaract Club at Vety College - 1 No.
 - f) Fishery Camp - 1 No.
 9. Rtn. Minoti Barthakur and Rtn. Giti Bujarbaruah committed to contribute Rs. 1,000/- each towards the training of two teachers.
 10. The annual picnic of the club would be held on the 17th January,2016. The venue has been tentatively finalized as the Fishery of our RCC at Lakhimpur in Sipajhar. Rtn. Rajkamal Bhuyan and Rtn. Prashanta Goswami were given the responsibility of finalizing the details.
 11. The Rotary International President would be visiting Guwahati on the 12th February,2016 and he along with the First Lady would arrive at 2 pm. Details of the programme and the venue would be subsequently intimated to all the members.
 12. The Public Toilet project is still at an uncertain stage because of the land. Rtn. Rasjkamal Bhuyan was requested to hasten up the matter with the GMDA.
 13. Search for candidates for the award of the Peace Scholarship for the year 2016-17 will have to be started soon as all selection has to be completed before the 31st May,2016.
 14. Contributions for PHF from the Club to be finalized within January,2016 so that the contribution to the TRF can be announced during the RIP's visit.
- There being no other issues for discussion, the meeting rose with a vote of thanks to the President and the First Lady Anjana Saikia hosted a delicious dinner for the Directors, their spouses and members present. ■



Group photo after the Board Meeting at President Rtn. Dr. Bibekananda Saikia's Residence

SECOND HEALTH CHECK-UP CAMP OF ROTARY CLUB, GAUHATI SOUTH

The second Health Check-up Camp of Rotary Club, Gauhati South during the Rotary year 2015-16 was conducted at an interior village of Muktapur near our RCC at Bogolchuk on Sunday the 27th December, 2015 from 10.30 am till 2.30 pm. The following members of the Rotary Club, Gauhati South participated in the camp :

1. Rtn. Dr. Bibekananda Saikia
2. Rtn. Dr. Anil Kumar Mahanta
3. Rtn. Dr. Rabindra Nath Majumdar
4. Rtn. Dr. Rupam Das
4. Rtn. Bhupendra Nath Das
5. Rtn. Prashanta Goswami
6. Rtn. Sweta Pegu
7. Rtn. Anjana Goswami
8. Rtn. Indira Bordoloi
9. Anne Amiya Majumdar
10. Anne Mahmuda Ahmed

While Rtn. Dr. Anil Kumar Mahanta and Rtn. Dr. Rabindra Nath Majumdar made all the arrangements for the doctors, paramedics and the medicine, the arrangements at the venue was organized by the President of the RCC, Bagalchuk Shri Hem Chandra Deka. The medical staff that had undertaken the examination of the patients comprised of :

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| 1. Dr. Zaheer P. Islam | Gauhati Medical College | 94351-55052 |
| 2. Dr. Saksham Mittal | - do - | 99542-30436 |
| 3. Dr. Sagar Tontanahal | - do - | 87498-85499 |
| 4. Dr. Namrata Sharmja | - do - | 88768-02187 |
| 5. Dr. Rashmi Kumari | - do - | 87528-01529 |
| 6. Dr. Santosh Reddy | Down Town Hospital | 97111-03839 |
| 7. Dr. Vidyasagar Patil | - do - | 78969-77054 |

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| 8. Miss Indu Chetry | - do - | Para-medic |
| 9. Miss Rinkumoni Talukdar | - do - | - do - |
| 10. Miss Bashongina Kharmudai | - do - | - do - |

Altogether 222 patients comprising of men, women and children were attended to by the panel of doctors and free medicines were handed over as prescribed. It was observed that stomach ailments were the most common complaint together with dermatological problems and joint pains. Patients continued to come even after the Health Camp was closed but since young doctors and Para-medics had to return back before darkness fell, it was not possible to extend further services.

A brief meeting was held after the closure of the Camp where the President of the RCC thanked the President and members of the Rotary Club and the doctors and Para-medics for coming all the way from Guwahati and rendering their services in this remote village. The President of Rotary Club, Gauhati South Rtn. Dr. Bibekananda Saikia addressed the gathering and conveyed his gratitude to the President of the RCC for making the necessary arrangements. He thanked Rtn. Dr. Mahanta and Rtn. Dr. Majumdar for organizing the Camp and the accompanying Rotarians and Annes for the support. He also thanked the local persons for the hospitality extended. The President of the Club was felicitated with a Phulam Gamocha together with the doctors.

A simple but delicious lunch was served to the visiting team by the local organizers.



Health camp at Muktapur Village



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Group Photo of the Health camp at Muktapur Village

Glimpses of Club Meeting on 25th December, 2015



Christmas celebration



Birth day greetings



Singing Christmas Carol by the students of Veterinary College



Felicitation of students



Rtn Dr Malatee Barua reciting a poem



Rtn Dr .A. K Mahanta delivering a talk

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