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Editor's Column



There are many service organisations in the world today, but Rotary service is unique and visible across the globe. A history of more than a century of meaningful service of Rotary is a treasured pride to be cherished.

We have just stepped into a new Rotary year in a jubilant mood with a long list of accolades to our credit. We also had a wonderful Installation celebration. Naturally all these are boosting up our credibility, inspiring us to march forward...

In keeping with our tradition, we have kick started the year with a delightful programme of Tree Plantation for a greener environment in the very first week of the year. The Rotarians had lot of fun planting trees of their own choice to enhance the beauty of the surrounding and also to purify the air at the vast campus of Veterinary College. These kind of cheerful activities will help to strengthen our bond with our fellow Rotarians. This programme will be followed by other notable projects to address the acute needs of the communities.

In our journey in Rotary Service the Four Way Test remains as practice by individual Rotarians and Rotary Clubs across the world. The Four Way Test is the most crucial part of Rotary's vocational service, as Rotarians practice it daily. It is intended to develop and maintain high ethical standards in human relations and is the basic requirement of Rotary membership. As in any other organizations, a dedicated membership base is the backbone and health of Rotary world wide. We have a good and effective leadership structure, so there is no doubt the Rotary Club of Gauhati South will continue growing and serving in various spheres of our society. Our clubs have to keep doing bigger and more fruitful projects in order to improve the image of Rotary in the community. Our new members should learn to spend meaningful time with senior members who have wide & deep knowledge of Rotary. Serving Rotary with exemplary dedication and result oriented effectiveness should be every Rotarian's duty. "A duty which becomes a desire will ultimately become a delight" Said George Gritter.

There is no doubt that the spirit of Rotary continues to be infectious and will never die. Each of us has the responsibility to help leave a legacy of doing good that will ensure we continue to be strong forever.

Rtn. Giti Bujarbarua
Editor

From the President



Greetings and Best wishes for a Rotary New Year 2015-16 to all the members of R.C.Gauhati South and my sincere thanks to all the members for reposing their trust on me as their president. Rotary International President Rtn. R.K.'Ravi'Ravindran presents a beautiful theme this year "Be a gift to the World" to all the Rotarians of the globe. But what could be the best gift to this Universe and Mankind from Rotarians. In his own words Rotarian Ravi has emphasised on doing good projects by the Rotary clubs that can reap benefit for the humanity and also to make this universe liveable for our future generation and it is possible for Rotary as an Organization. Since persons like Mohamud Eunos of Bangladesh alone could bring a ray of hope or changes to the lives of millions of people, Certainly Rotary International can do miracle. It is also worth mentioning that Rotarians are capable, knowledgeable, energetic, worthiness, resourceful, leaders in their professions and above all dedicated and devoted without self.

As a president of the club and as a member of this prestigious club over the years, I trust and believe that members of the R.C.Gauhati South are energetic, knowledgeable, worthy, resourceful and having a good linkage to the masses. Being the president of the club my endeavour would be to use all these qualities of our club members to implement the projects that may add a drop in the ocean of humanity to be a gift to the World. Let us go together in our endeavour. Together we stand and divide we fall. So, I appeal to all our members to extend their support whatever way it is possible so that we also marching ahead with our R.I.President K.R."Ravi"Ravindran.

Rtn. Dr. Bibeka Nanda Saikia
President

38th INSTALLATION MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF GAUHATI SOUTH HELD ON 3 JULY 2015 AT HOTEL RAJDHANI REGENCY

1. The meeting was called to order by President Rtn. P.D. Choudhury at 7.06 p.m. This was followed by the national anthem.
2. The proceedings commenced with an invocation rendered by Anne Mahmuda Ahmed.
3. Rtn Dr. Anil Kumar Mahanta welcomed all present at the meeting.
4. The Chief Guest of the evening, Dr Kamal Malla Bujarbaruah, Vice Chancellor, Assam Agricultural University, was escorted to the dais by the Seargent-at-arms Rtn. Vikas Bajaj and felicitated by Anne Anjana Choudhury Saikia.
5. PDG Rtn NN Dutta was felicitated by Anne Anjana Goswami. Past AG, Rtn.Jayabrata Banerjee and incoming AG Rtn.Sumitra Goswami, who were present, were also felicitated.
6. The outgoing Secretary, Rtn Ram Mohan Hazarika, then presented his annual report wherein he highlighted the chief events during his tenure.
7. President Rtn.P.D. Choudhury addressed the gathering and presented awards to club members who had actively participated in club activities and had made significant contributions during the year
8. The Late Chitra Prasad Bezbaruah Memorial Award, offered by the family of Late Chitra Prasad Bezbaruah for highest mark in Chemistry in the HSSLC examination, comprising of Rs 5000/- and a citation, was presented to Ms Pranashree Kalita by his wife Smti Indira Bezbaruah and son Rtn. Caushiq Kashyap Bezbaruah.
9. The Late Kaushik Das Memorial Essay Competition Award were awarded to the following:
First Prize of Rs.3,500/-: (Sponsored by Rtn Maj Gen Dr P.N.Das) to Pritysmita Kumar
Second Prize of Rs.2,500/-: (Sponsored by Rtn Prashanta Goswami) to Sharmistha Bhattacharjee
Third Prize of Rs.1,000/-: (Sponsored by Rtn Bibekananda Saikia) to Debo Priyo Deb
10. This was followed by the installation of the new President, Rtn Dr. Bibekananda Saikia.
The oath of office was administered by PDG Rtn Dr. N.N.Dutta.
11. The new officers of the club were introduced by the President and their lapel pins pinned by the Chief Guest. The oath was administered by PDG Rtn Dr.N.N.Dutta.
12. In his speech, the President pledged to do his best and also sought the cooperation of all members in the activities of the club.
13. Smti Anjana Goswami was inducted as a new member of the club, the oath being administered by the President.
14. In her address to the gathering, AG Zone 7, Sumitra Goswami,spoke of her long connection with this club. While congratulating the new office bearers, she urged them to do their utmost to be "a gift to the world".
15. Rtn Atanu Choudhury introduced the Chief Guest, Dr Kamal Malla Bujarbaruah, to the audience. Dr Bujarbaruah released the special souvenir, edited by Rtn Giti Bujarbaruah, issued on the occasion of the Installation Ceremony.
16. In his thought provoking speech, Dr Bujarbaruah commended Rotary for the excellent work it has been doing across the globe. He made special mention of rotary's effort in the eradication of polio. However, he also pointed out that one need not necessarily be a Rotarian to serve communities. He pointed out several issues, like climate change and degradation of biodiversity, for example, which are confronting the world today. The need of the hour, he said, is to recognise the gravity of these problems and work together towards solving them. As a first step, Bujarbaruah noted, we need to change our mindset in order to make a difference which can be our "gift to the world".
17. The Vote of Thanks was given by Rtn Prashanta Goswami.
18. The Secretary noted the presence of :
Rotarians—36; Annes -20; Rotarylets-10;
Visiting Rorarians -6; Guests- 6
TRF collection was Rs 770.00
The Secretary invited all for dinner.
19. The meeting was adjourned at 9.06pm

Installation Ceremony of Rotary Club, Gauhati South



Installation of President



Felicitation of Chief Guest by Anne Anjana



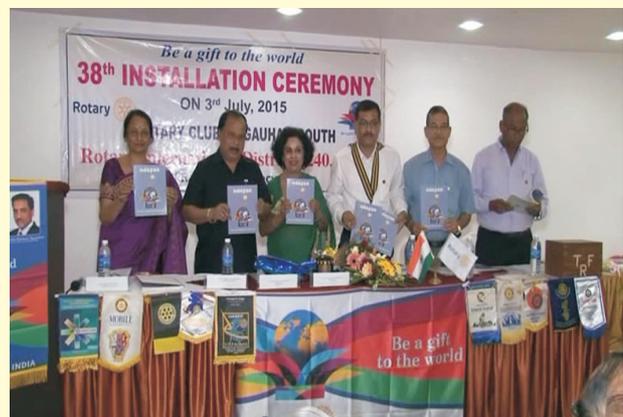
Induction of Anjana Goswami as New member



Address by Chief Guest



Service above Self Award to Rtn. Minoti Borthakur



Release of the Souvenir



New office bearers with Chief Guest



Invocation by Anne Mahmuda

Installation Ceremony of Rotary Club, Gauhati South



AG Sumitra Goswami welcomes New president and Spouse



Highest Donor award to Rtn. Rajkamal Bhuyan



Public relation award to Rtn. Giti Bujarbaruah



Highest attendance award to Rtn. Gayatri Bhattacharya



Welcome address by Rtn. A.K. Mahanta



Vote of thanks by Rtn. Prashanta Goswami

By doing well the duty which is nearest to us, the duty which is in our hands now, we make ourselves stronger; and improving our strength in this manner step by step, we may even reach a state in which it shall be our privilege to do the most coveted and honoured duties in life and society.

Swami Vivekananda

MINUTES OF THE 1860TH MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB, GAUHATI SOUTH

The 1860th meeting of the Rotary Club of Gauhati South was held on the 10th July, 2015 at the Rajdhani Regency Hotel, the regular venue of the Club. In the absence of the Secretary Rtn. Dr. (Mrs) Priyam Goswami, the President Rtn. Dr. Bibeka Nanda Saikia invited Rtn. Prashanta Goswami to take her place. The President called the meeting to order at 6.55 pm and all the members rose to sing the National Anthem.

Being the first meeting of the Rotary year 2015-16, The President invited Anne Mahmuda Ahmed to sing an invocation and she rendered a beautiful Borgeet in her mellifluous voice which was appreciated by all. The President announced the birthday of Rtn. Dr. Nareshwar Sarmah on the 10th July, 2015, and the wedding anniversaries of Rtn. Subhash Goswami & Anne Reena on 4th July, 2015 and Rtn. Tamal Sen & Anne Mandira on 6th July, 2015. However, none of the members were present to receive their greeting cards and the cards were retained for handing over at a later date.

The IPP Rtn. Paramesh Dev Chowdhury rose to make the following announcements :

1. In recognition of her tireless efforts to create awareness about cancer, its prevention and after-care, the State Bank of India has offered her a purse of Rs.50,000/- to help her in her mission.
2. Rtn. Minoti Barthakur has been invited to the Maldives for a series of lectures on cancer awareness.
3. Rotary appreciation pins for inducting new members were presented to Rtn. Renu Goswami for bringing in Rtn. Dr. Tejendra Bordoloi, Rtn. Anjana Buragohain for bringing in Rtn. Ranjana Lahkar and to Rtn. Mahim Chandra Deka for bringing in Rtn. Lohit Hazarika.

The President announced an award for the IPP Rtn. Paramesh Dev Chowdhury for winning the coveted Best Club of the District in Zone 7 for the year 2014-15 at the District Awards function held at Siliguri. The award was presented by the senior most Rotarian of the Club Rtn. Digendra Nath Baruah to Rtn. Chowdhury.

The President further announced that a Tree Plantation programme would be held at the campus of the Veterinary College, Khanapara on the 11th July, 2015 at 4 pm and he sought the support of all the members in making the programme a roaring success.

The President informed the members that Rtn. Arman Ahmed would be producing the film ALIFA and the mahurat would be held on Tuesday the 14th July, 2015 at 9 am at the Rajdhani Regency Hotel. Rtn. Arman Ahmed has invited all the members of the Club with their spouses for the occasion.

Thereafter the President announced the starting up of the Club Assembly. The following plans were presented by the Directors present :

In his capacity as the Chairman of the Rotary

Foundation Committee, Rtn. Prashanta Goswami informed the members that he would try to add at least seven more PHFs to the Club if not all the 14 members that are yet to open their accounts. He further said that the Waiting Shed for City Bus passengers in front of the Guwahati Medical College, which could not be taken up in the preceding year as the clearance from the Guwahati Municipal Corporation did not come in time, would be revived at the District Foundation level. He further mooted the proposal to seek a Global Grant for setting up a Day Care Centre for Geriatric and Alzheimer-affected people in the city.

Rtn. Rajkamal Bhuyan as the Chairman of the Membership Committee harped on mentoring of new members for their retention. A new member becomes a true Rotarian only when Rotary gets into the system of the person. He suggested that efforts should be made to induct at least one member each month. He further informed the house that the Trust Office of the Club has since been sold with the due permission of the Board and his new construction at Lakhimi Path on the RG Baruah Road is ready where he has allocated a room in the ground floor for the Rotary Trust. He proposes to inaugurate the said premises on the 22nd July, 2015 and would like the members to grace the occasion.

The Chairman of the Public Relations Committee Rtn. Vikash Bajaj emphasized on the need to publicize the Club activities through both the visual as well as the print media and sought the support of the members who are in touch with the fourth estate. He further mooted the proposal to have a show similar to the one held a few years ago with Padmashree Sonal Mansigh to sell Rotary and raise funds for Club welfare activities.

Rtn. Gayatri Bhattacharya as the Club Officer for Youth Development informed that the Directory for the year indicated a number of Rotaract and Interact Clubs under Rotary Club, Gauhati South whereas in reality there is only one Rotaract Club that is functioning and none of the Interact clubs are functioning. We need to closely monitor these clubs and try to revive these by including Class VIII in the Interact level. Our Annes who are in the teaching profession should be roped in for the purpose and given the responsibility to open and ensure continuation of these clubs in their respective institutions.

Both Rtn. Ram Mohan Hazarika, Chairman, Club Administration Committee and Rtn. Dr. Rabindra Nath Mazumder, Chairman, Club Service Project Committee were out of station and as such could not present their plans.

The President Rtn. Dr. Bibeka Nanda Saikia called upon Rtn. Renu Goswami, Chairman TEACH to present her plans for the year. She informed the house about the Committee that has been formed with Rtn. Arman Ahmed as the Co-ordinator and the following as members :

1. Rtn. Anjana Buragohain
2. Rtn. Gayatri Bhattacharya
3. Rtn. Paramesh Dev Choudhury
4. Rtn. Vikash Bajaj
5. Rtn. Dr. Tejendra Bordoloi
6. Rtn. Tarun Chandra Bordoloi
7. Rtn. Anamika Choudhury
8. Rtn. Giti Bujarbaruah
9. Rtn. Ram Mohan Hazarika
10. Rtn. Bhupendra Nath Borkotoky

She went to outline the work she proposed to take up under TEACH and WINS and sought a budgetary allocation of Rs.37,500/- for TEACH and Rs.10,000/- for WINS.

The Editor of our Bulletin Rtn. Giti Bujarbaruah rose to inform the house that she would like to present the first bulletin due on the 17th July, 2015 on a positive note and make the second issue due on the 31st July as a Memorial Issue dedicated to the memory of late Rtn. Dr. Umesh Chandra Goswami. The members supported her view and asked her to go ahead.

Rtn. Dr. Anil Kumar Mahanta as the Club Trainer

harped on being selective in bringing in new members and once inducted to constantly monitor them to ensure their participation in Club activities so that Rotary gets into their system.

In his Secretarial Report, Rtn. Prasadanta Goswami informed the house that there were 23 Rotarians, 4 Annes, 4 Rotarylets and 2 guests in today's meeting. The TRF collection for the evening was Rs.440/- Rtn. Sweta Pegu offered the formal vote of thanks where she thanked Anne Mahmuda Ahmed for the beautiful Borgeet she sang for invocation. She thanked the heads of the various divisions for the plans that were presented. She finally thanked Rtn. Vikas Bajaj and Anne Suman for the wonderful fellowship offered.

The President finally declared the meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Why the Rotary year begins on 1 July ?

Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the first convention ended. The convention of the Rotary Clubs of America was held in Rotary's birthplace, Chicago, in 1910.

Ever wonder why the Rotary year begins on 1 July? The international convention initially played a key role in determining the start date of our fiscal and administrative year.

Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the first convention ended, on 18 August 1910. The 1911-12 fiscal year also related to the convention, beginning with the first day of the 1911 convention on 21 August.

At its August 1912 meeting, the Board of Directors ordered an audit of the International Association of Rotary Clubs' finances. The auditors recommended that the organization end its fiscal year on 30 June to give the secretary and treasurer time to prepare a financial statement for the convention and board, and determine the proper number of club delegates to the convention.

The executive committee concurred, and at its April 1913 meeting, designated 30 June as the end of the fiscal year. This also allowed for changes to the schedule for reporting club membership and payments. Even The Rotarian changed its volume numbering system to correspond to the fiscal year (beginning with vol. 5, July 1914).

Rotary continued to hold its annual conventions in July or August until 1917. Delegates to the 1916 event in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, approved a resolution to hold future conventions in June, mainly because of the heat in cities where most of them occurred. The next one was held 17-21 June in Atlanta, Georgia.

The term "Rotary year" has been used to signify Rotary's annual administrative period since at least 1913. An article in The Rotarian that July noted, "The Rotary year that is rapidly drawing to a close has been signaled by several highly successful joint meetings of Clubs that are so situated as to assemble together easily and conveniently."

Since the executive committee's decision in 1913, the end of the Rotary year has remained 30 June.

Collected by :
Rtn Paramesh Dev Choudhury
11-7-2015

Laugh to a healthy life

Mary was discussing the various aspects and possible outcome of the insurance policy with the clerk at the Insurance Agency.

During the discussion, she asked. "Suppose I take the life insurance for my husband today for a million dollars, and tomorrow he dies? What will I get?"

The clerk eyed her suspiciously and replied, "Probably a life sentence."

TREE PLANTATION PROGRAMME OF ROTARY CLUB OF GAUHATI SOUTH

Members of the Rotary Club, Gauhati South undertook its first programme of the Rotary year 2015-16 under the new President of the Club Rtn. Dr. Bibeka Nanda Saikia by planting various fruit, flowering and medicinal plants in the campus of the Veterinary College of the Assam Agricultural University at Khanapara, Guwahati on Saturday the 11th July, 2015. The Dean of the University Dr. Rabindra Nath Goswami was the Chief Guest on the occasion and planted the first sapling to set in motion the programme. The following persons were present on the occasion :

1. Dr. Rabindra Nath Goswami, Dean, Assam Agricultural University
2. Rtn. Dr. Bibeka Nanda Saikia, President, Rotary Club, Gauhati South
3. Rtn. Gaytari Bhattacharya
4. Rtn. Anjana Buragohain
5. Rtn. Minoti Barthakur
6. Rtn. Dr. Sweta Pegu
7. Rtn. Giti Bujarbaruah
8. Rtn. Anjana Goswami
9. Rtn. Ranjana Lahkar
10. Rtn. Prasanta Kumar Das

11. Rtn. Dr. Tejendra Bordoloi
12. Rtn. Dr. Sunil Saikia
13. Rtn. Mahim Chandra Deka
14. Rtn. Dr. Anil Kumar Mahanta
15. Rtn. Rajkamal Bhuyan
16. Rtn. Prashanta Goswami
17. Rtn. Lalit Hazarika
18. Anne Anjana Saikia
19. Anne Kabori Das
20. Dr. Chandan Kumar Gautam, PG Student
21. Dr. Mufidul Haque, -do-
22. Dr. Biju Bora, -do-
23. Dr. Kandarpa Baruah -do-
24. Dr. Tarun Saikia -do-

The programme started with the President welcoming the Chief Guest, the members, the Annes and the PG doctors present on the occasion. All the members present planted a sapling each in the campus. The saplings were procured by the President from the Social Forestry department of the Government of Assam. At the end of the programme, the President offered fellowship and Dr. Chandan Kumar Gautam offered the vote of thanks.

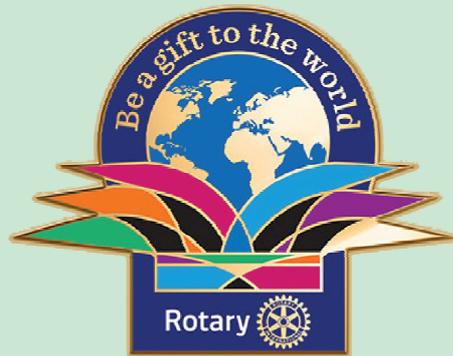


Chief Guest (Tree Plantation)
Dr. R.N. Goswami, Dean, AAU



Rtn. Dr. Anil Mahanta Planting a Tree

Theme of the Year 2015-2016



The clarion call for the Rotary Year 2015- 16 is soul stirring indeed. It goes deep into the heart of every Rotarian to do good in the world. RI President K.R Ravindran, urged all Rotarians in a very graceful way to give the gifts of time, talent and knowledge to address the acute needs of the communities and there by make a genuine difference in the lives of others and in our world.

Laugh to a healthy life

While waiting for my first appointment in the reception room of a new dentist, I noticed his certificate, which bore his full name. Suddenly, I remembered that a tall, handsome boy with the same name had been in my high school class some 30 years ago. Upon seeing him, however I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was too old to have been my classmate. After he had examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended the local high school. "Yes," he replied.

"When did you graduate?" I asked.

He answered, "In 1964."

"Why, you were in my class!" I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely and then asked, "What did you teach?"



Rtn. Tarun Bordoloi and his family at Dushanbe Tajikistan with Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi