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ROTARY HISTORY

Why the Rotary year begins on 1 July

Attendees at Rotary's first convention in Chicago in 1910. Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the convention ended.

Ever wonder why 1 July is the beginning of the Rotary year? Initially, our conventions played a key role in determining the start date of Rotary's 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. The next August, 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 to determine the proper number of club delegates to the convention.

The executive committee agreed and, in April 1913, designated 30 June as the end of the fiscal year. Since then, the end of the Rotary year has remained 30 June.



From the Editor



Welcome to a new Rotary year!

The Rotary Wheel has turned again. Our annual changeover of office bearers enables us to refocus, re-energise and rejuvenate. It enables new leaders to emerge and it cultivates new ideas and new approaches.

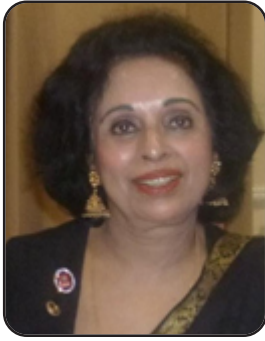
As we usher this year in, however, we do so with mixed feelings. The pandemic has raged havoc throughout the world and in Assam, in particular, recurring floods have intensified the problems causing immense distress. In the midst of innumerable challenges and countless tragedies, an air of uncertainty looms over our heads. But even at this critical juncture we must be aware of the needs around us, believe we can make a difference, and step forward to act. "*Vision to see. Faith to Believe. Courage to do*". These words, inscribed on the sundial of Los Angeles Union Station, represents perfectly what is required of us as rotarians.

During the last four decades, our club has gathered much knowledge and experience. We have carried out innumerable community projects with passion and zeal and have successfully carved out for ourselves a niche in District 3240. As always, we have a number of projects lined up this year as well and we hope that despite the prevailing conditions we will remain committed to delivering excellence in all the various service projects we set out to do.

We welcome our new President, Rtn Giti Bujarbaruah and her team, with warm wishes and pledge our unstinted support and cooperation. As RI President has said, 'with concerted effort we will capture this moment to grow Rotary, making it stronger, more adaptable and even more aligned to our core values'.

Rtn. Priyam Goswami

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WELCOME TO ROTARY



Rtn Dr. Rabin Kr. Sharma



Rtn. Dr. Anjana Choudhury Saikia



Rtn Navaneeta Mahanta

Rotary Club of Gauhati South is proud to welcome Rtn Rabin K.Sharma, Rtn Anjana Choudhury Saikia and Rtn Navaneeta Mahanta to our global community of more than 1.2 million men and women dedicated to building a new world. We value your skills, experience and enthusiasm and we are confident that your participation and involvement in the activities of club will make the Rotary Club of Gauhati South more vibrant and strong. We can assure you that Rotary will provide you with opportunities to exchange ideas and build lifelong friendships with people who share your passion for service. We hope you enjoy your Rotary years.

Welcome, once again.

ENVIRONMENT: ROTARY'S SEVENTH AREA OF FOCUS



The Rotary Foundation Trustees and Rotary International Board of Directors have both unanimously approved adding a new area of focus: supporting the environment. It was believed that creating a distinct area of focus to support the environment will give Rotary members even more ways to bring about positive change in the world and increase our impact.

Supporting the environment becomes Rotary's seventh area of focus, which are categories of service activities supported by global grants. It joins peacebuilding and

conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and community economic development.

Grant applications for projects will be accepted beginning on 1 July 2021. Gifts and commitments from Rotarians and others will be sought to provide global grant support for the new area of focus.



Rotary India Humanity Foundation (RIHF) was formed in 2010 by senior members of Rotary in India to guide, support and execute humanitarian services in India and around the world through the work done by Rotary Clubs, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO), Government Organizations (GO), Faith based Organizations (FBO) and Community-based Organizations (CBO).

RIHF has already made a difference in the lives of thousands by facilitating several service projects in different Areas of Focus and seeks to continue this work through service, facilitation and mobilization.



In the current pandemic scenario of COVID 19, RIHF has helped by mobilizing more than Rs. 30 crores from Rotarians, Rotary Clubs and others for the PM Cares Fund and has also done projects and services worth Rs. 100 Crores for the benefit of communities during the lockdown period throughout India.

REPORT ON THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF GAUHATI SOUTH

The 43rd Installation of the RCGS was held on 3rd July, 2020 on Virtual Platform using Zoom cloud application. The meeting was administered by Rtn Rajkamal Bhuyan and Rotarylet Ms Urshila Bhuyan. The master of ceremony was Rtn. Swapanjyoti Sharma. The meeting started at 6.00 pm which was graced by PDG Rtn. Debasish Mitra of Dist.3291 from Kolkata as the Chief Guest and Shri Kuladhar Saikia, Rtd. DGP, Assam Police and President Axom Sahitya Xobha as the Guest of Honour. Among the other dignitaries present were IPDG Rtn Dr. Debasish Das, PDG Rtn Prabhat Kedia, PDG Rtn. Arijit Endow, PDG Rtn. Dr. Narendra Nath Dutta, PDG Rtn. Sunil Saraf and AG. Abhisekh Jitani. A few guests from other Rotary clubs were also present.

After the Outgoing President Dr. Amrit Pal Singh called the meeting to order, members rose for the National Anthem which was followed by an Invocation song by Anne Suravi Baruah. The welcome address was then given by Rtn Priyam Goswami to welcome all the invited guests and dignitaries present on this occasion. The outgoing Secretary, Rtn. Dipak Bhagawati, presented his secretarial report thru PPT which covered all the activities carried out by our club during the year 2019-20. After this presentation, the outgoing President delivered his speech covering all the service projects completed by our club during his tenure which was later highly appreciated and praised by the PDGs present in the meeting in their speeches.

After the President's speech a video showing the physical change of guards was presented where outgoing President Rtn. Amrit Pal Singh handed over the baton to the incoming President Rtn. Giti Bujarbaruah and outgoing secretary Rtn. Dipak Bhagawati to Rtn. Nawajyoti Sharma respectively. The oath of office to the new President was then administered by the PDG Prabhat Kedia which was followed by the oath of office to Rtn. Bibekananda Saikia, one of the BOD members of our club on behalf of all the Directors, by PDG Sunil Saraf.

Rtn. Giti Buzarbaruah offered her Presidential address after taking over charge and this was followed by the speech from AG, Zone-VII, Rtn. Abhisekh Jitani. He was overwhelmed to be present on this occasion and hoped that RCGS would be able to carry forward the new innovative ideas expressed by the President Giti Bujarbaruah. He also conveyed the message of the DG, Rtn. Subhasish Chatterjee, on three main issues *viz.* the timely contribution of Rotary International dues, 100% retention of members and minimum 100 Dollars contribution to the Rotary Foundation.

President Rtn. Giti Bujarbaruah introduced all the new office bearers of the Club through PPT. The 3 new members who have joined our club and had taken the oath on 1st July in the DGs virtual meeting, were introduced. The new members are Dr. Rabin Kr. Sarma, Dr. Anjana Choudhury Saikia and Ms. Navaneeta Mahanta.

The Guest of Honour, Shri Kuladhar Saikia, was introduced by Rtn. Biswadip Barooah. Sri Saikia released the Souvenir "Udayan", brought out on the occasion, virtually and then addressed the gathering. He lauded the various social services rendered by the Rotary Clubs specially during the pandemic situation and appreciated our club for successfully using this virtual platform under the changed system of communications. He said that the present situation has taught us to learn the eternal truth of life that there is certainty of death but uncertainty of planning of death. He emphasised on the importance of science and the value of humanity but stressed on the judicious use of technology such as the virtual platforms. He apprehended that the compassion for others is missing now a days and requested all to value compassion and empathy keeping in mind that profit value should not be the only notion in the business model.

After this speech, Rtn Atanu Kumar Choudhury introduced our esteemed Chief Guest, PDG Rtn. Debasish Mitra and requested him to deliver his speech. Rtn.

Debasish Mitra in his speech recollected his long association with our club and said he felt like coming home again to take part in this installation programme after almost a decade when he was present in the installation ceremony of Dr. Anil Mahanta as president of our club. He appreciated the outgoing president and his team for their hard work and club services during the past year and hoped that the new team would carry the work forward because as he said, "Leaders change but Leadership does not". According to him Rotary is a box

of wonderful opportunities and we should open it to render our services to humanity.

After the end of the speech from the Chief Guest, the new Secretary presented his report with thanks to all members of the RCGS for entrusting this responsibility to serve them for the year 20-21.

Vote of thanks was then offered by Rtn. Tarun Chandra Bordoloi before the meeting was adjourned by the President at 8.00 pm.



Minutes of the 2104th WRM (Club Assembly) of RCGS held on 10th July,2020

1. The weekly regular meeting convened as Club Assembly started at 6.15 pm on the virtual zoom platform.
2. The President called the meeting to order and requested all to rise for the National Anthem.
3. After the National Anthem, birthday greetings to Rtn. Dipak Bhagawati, Rtn. Indira Bardoloi and Rtn. Dr. Nareswar Sarma were conveyed.
4. Since this meeting is considered as the Club Assembly, President requested all the Directors and Chairpersons of the Club Committees to speak about their plan of action for this year keeping in mind the present situation arising out of Covid-19.
5. Starting with the Director and Chairman Club Service Committee, Rtn. Dr. Anil Mahanta spoke on reviving the existing 3 RCCs at Tribeni Chowk, Maloibari and Bonda. He informed the house about the proposal to set up a Neuro Rehabilitation Centre in collaboration with Vivekananda Kendra at one of their centres at Guwahati. He stated that very soon a MoU would be signed to carry forward the project by approaching a Global Grant from RI.
6. Rtn. Dr. Manoj Choudhury, Chairman, Curative and Preventive Medicine, outlined his plan by saying that

since the present situation does not allow physical meetings, we can start some awareness programme through media publicity on Covid-19, Burn prevention, Cancer prevention etc. as a short term programme. As a long term plan we can take up programmes on hygiene needs, pollution control, garbage management, health check up camps, construction of toilets etc. when the situation improves.

Rtn. Bibekananda Saikia, Director Club Membership Committee, informed that 3 new members have already been inducted on 1st July and hoped to induct 6 to 7 more new members during this year with cooperation from all his committee members.

Rtn. Dipak Bhagawati, Director and Chairman of the Club Administration Committee, spoke mainly on inviting speakers from outside having wide range of knowledge on various professions to our virtual club meetings to make it more interesting at least once a month. He also stressed upon engaging our in-house speakers to talk only on Rotary once a month. Bimonthly family Friday can also be organized. He appealed to the members to voluntarily contribute their fellowship amount to a kitty to be utilized later for some important club service works as it is not possible to have fellowship in physical form.

Rtn. Tarun Ch Bordoloi, Director and Chairman Public Relation Committee, offered greetings to all and said that this is a very important area to be focused upon. He wished to implement various programmes like HTFI, give publicity of Club services in the media and upgrade the club website. As the platform used was set up long back, it required modifications which would take some time to upgrade. Meanwhile, he has uploaded the Souvenir brought out on the occasion of the Installation Ceremony.

Rtn. Rajkamal Bhuyan, as Chairman of the Rotary Foundation Committee, welcomed all members and informed that all sub committees under him should expand by inclusion of more members. He informed the house that Foundation contribution is very important and all members should contribute at least 10 to 15 dollars from the amount saved by them from the unspent fellowship amount and contribute by creating more PHFs. He said 3 PHFs have already been made and he has a plan to give at least 5000 dollars to Rotary Foundation from our club this year. He informed that 500 dollars have been already contributed on 1st July itself. He said that the amount of contribution to Rotary Foundation comes back to District (to DGs fund) every 3rd year which can be utilized by the District for various good projects.

Rtn. Swapanjyoti Sharma, Chairman Signature Programme, expressed that, since it is convenient now to hold webinar using zoom and other virtual platform, our Rotarian friends associated with teaching can join hands to find out various other topics other than HTFI and agree to give new dimension to it by including the topic of Group discussion as suggested by Rtn. Kaberi Bhuyan.

Rtn. Chandan Rajkhowa, Chairman Club Literacy Committee, informed that he has submitted a club target on literacy under the TEACH programme and explained the figures kept under each vertical of TEACH. He informed that our club has already committed for 100 Adult Literates and 19 children for Asha Kiran. Our target for AK is 30 children. He hoped that a good amount of fund can be raised from the contribution from our members and some sponsorship from reputed organisations. He also informed about the success of online teaching by World

Youth Council given to 104 students of two schools recommended by our club, namely the New Guwahati Adarsha Sishu Bidyalaya and Nandi Mikir Lower Primary School of Guwahati. As per the feedback received from the two Head Masters of the school, the online class on English was very good and beneficial to the students of their school. He informed that one more school namely the Rajdhani M.E. school will be joining for the next online class.

7. Initiating the Discussion and suggestions by the members. Rtn. Dr. R.N. Mazumder informed that our club once started a RCC at Tatimura village near Chandrapur, when Rtn. Sweta Pegu was the President, which should now be revived and continued as it close to Guwahati. He suggested that last Friday of the month be considered as Family Friday and Group discussion should be included in the curriculum of HTFI. He supported the idea of one talk on Rotary by our club members every month irrespective of new, old and senior members. Rtn. Kaberi Bhuyan while emphasizing on the idea of incorporation of group discussion into the HTFI programme, volunteered to involve herself in this as now a days it is very important in any recruitment interview.

Rtn. Dhiraj Kakati, while taking part in the discussion appealed to the members to donate at least 10 dollars to Rotary International till the end of August, 2020 by beginning in a small way.

Rtn. Arman Ahmed, as a Chairman of the Sanitation and Water Mission Sub Committee, has given an outline of Rotary Water Mission and spoke on the details of each verticals under WATER which was followed by detailed information by Rtn. Dr. Indira Bardoloi, Co-Chair, of Rotary Sanitation Mission. She outlined the construction of toilets for both boys and girls in 4 schools in Guwahati, provision of drinking water, establishment of wash basins, etc. In addition, she had plans to provide a deep tube well in the Rotary pay Toilet already established by our club in the GMDA parking place at Ganeshguri, Guwahati. For completing all these works she will need an amount of Rs. 17.00 lakh.

8. On request of the President Rtn. Ranjan Bhuyan Chairman, Environment Sub Committee, spoke about how to identify water bodies and to revive them to

preserve the environment in and around Guwahati. He also informed that for taking up plantation works, saplings can be collected from the Social Forestry Department, but to carry out this outdoor activity in institution or parks, the present situation needs to be normalized. He can help organizing webinar on Environmental issues.

9. Rtn. Dr. R. N. Mazumder announced that one of his non Rotarian friends committed to become a PHF from our club who will be second Non Rotarian in our club after Dr. Mazumder's uncle. His payment will be collected after the lockdown.
10. Rtn. Atanu Choudhury expressed his willingness to organize a webinar on HTFI at the end of this month with his final year students if the club agrees.
11. Rtn. Anil Mahanta was requested to offer his special comments wherein he supported the suggestion of Rtn. Dhiraj Kakati that our fellowship money unspent by members may be donated generously which could be of help in implementing a lot of RI programmes by

spending judiciously. Secondly, Rotary should do such projects which are visible and of utility to the people in the society. Lastly, he urged for inclusion of the subject like management for the HTFI programme. With regard to the health and hygiene aspects he has requested to give more stress on female hygiene, cancer prevention, menstrual hygiene instead of only health check up camps and animal health camps. Finally, he called upon to develop and manage the water bodies to make our city beautiful and smart under the Rotary India Water Mission.

12. President then requested the secretary to give his report. Secretary informed that total no. of Rotarians present in the meeting was 33. He also appealed to the members to pay their annual club dues soon for deposition of our mandatory dues to Rotary International and to District 3240.
13. Vote of thanks was offered by Rtn. Satinder Anand.
14. The meeting was adjourned at 8.15 pm.



Following District guidelines, RCGS handed over 5000 masks to Covid warriors. The recipients were: 2000 masks to the Commissioner of Police, 2000 to the Commissioner, Traffic police and 1000 masks to ADGP, Communication. Rtn Dr Manoj Choudhury, Convenor, Curative and Preventive Medicine, procured these masks (the value of which is around Rs. 20,000) as donation. Rtn Dr. Anil Mahanta coordinated the project. Since Guwahati was under lockdown, the masks were collected by officials of the respective departments on 1 July, 2020.