

REACHOUT



Rotary Club of Central Calcutta
Rotary International District 3291

We meet on Friday at The Oberoi Grand at 6.30pm for 7.00pm



Jhulan Basu
District Governor



Sudip Sen
President



Manoj Mehta
Secretary



Meeta Lakhota
Editor

FEBRUARY IS PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION

Share this publication with people you would like to invite to Rotary



Why 'Rotary Day' is celebrated on 23rd February



On 23 February 1905, Paul P. Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram E. Shorey gathered in Loehr's office for what would become known as the first Rotary club meeting.

Harris's desire for camaraderie among business associates brought together these four men and eventually led to an international organization of service and fellowship.

Read about each of the first four Rotarians below, and about Harry L. Ruggles, who is often called the "fifth Rotarian."

Rotary's founder, **Harris**, was born in Wisconsin, USA, on 19 April 1868. He was raised by his paternal grandparents in Vermont and attended the University of Vermont, Princeton, and the University of Iowa. He was Rotary President from 1910 to 1912 and a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago until his death on 27 January 1947.

Loehr, a mining engineer, was born on 18 October 1864 in Carlinville, Illinois. He was a Rotarian for only a few years, never holding office at the club or international level. But that first Rotary meeting was held in his office, Room

Today's Programme

Joint meeting with RC Garden Reach, RC Calcutta Mega City & RC South City Towers Kolkata

Guest Speaker is **Dr Anirudha Sengupta**, Public Health expert from WHO. PDG Raj Kumar Rajgaria will speak on "Significance of Rotary Day". The meeting will be followed by dinner.

711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago. He died in Chicago on 23 May 1918.

A Rotarian for only a few years, **Shorey** served as recording secretary during the club's first year. He was born in Maine in August 1862 and died in March 1944.

Schiele, a coal dealer, served as the Chicago club's first President in 1905 and Rotary International's third treasurer in 1945. Born in Terre Haute, Indiana, in June 1870, Schiele attended Terre Haute Business College and served in the U S Army during the Spanish-American War. He was President of the Schiele Coal Company from 1902 until his retirement in 1939. He and Harris became lifelong friends

continued on page...4

ROTARY'S AREAS OF FOCUS



U K R O T A R I A N S

A team of 13 Rotarians from UK reached Kolkata on Friday, 19th February. They were received at the airport by PDG Raju Rajgaria, PP Manoj Jain, PE Sanjay Ganeriwala and Rtn Amit Rungta. They visited The Victoria Memorial and Akshardham Temple on 20th morning and then went on to Rotary Siksha Kendra, where a Sit & Draw was held for the children.



On 21st February, they visited the polio booths and administered polio drops to the children. They also participated in the awareness done by announcements made from an auto rickshaw.



Awareness was also done by hiring a tram which started from Mullick Bazar at 12.30 to Khidderpore and then back. 50 school children were also in the tram ride along with the UK delegation and Rotarians from our clubs – PDG Raju Rajgaria, PP Brij Lakhotia, PP Shri Ratan Jhawar, PP Manoj Jain, Sushil Agarwal and Madhav Mohta. Snacks were provided for the children.



Health check up for school children

Sun, 21st Feb: A Health check up camp was held for the students of classes II and III at Krishna Mandal Bidya Mandir, 16 BL Mondal Road, Kolkata 78 from 10 AM onwards. General Health and eye checkup of 200 students was done and spectacles will be given to 42 students.

Rotary Day, continued from page 1

and lived near each other on the South Side of Chicago. Schiele died on 17 December 1945 and is buried near Harris at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Originally from Michigan, Ruggles was a graduate of Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and joined Rotary at its second meeting. He was treasurer of the Chicago club during its first year, President from 1908 to 1910, and a Rotary director from 1912 to 1913. He is known for having introduced singing to Rotary club meetings. His printing company, H.L. Ruggles & Co., printed the first issue of The National Rotarian and the first Rotary songbook. He died on 23 October 1959, an honorary member of seven clubs in addition to his home club, the Rotary Club of Chicago.

FORTHCOMING PROGRAMMES

Sat 27th & Sun 28th Feb: District Conference – 14 Registrations received - further announcements by President

Fri 4th Mar: RWM at Oberoi Grand with Shri Arghya Mitra, ex Director Price Waterhouse as Guest Speaker to speak on “Budget”

Fri 11th Mar: Presidential Conference at Netaji Indoor Stadium and Inauguration of our WASH in Schools Project

Sat 12th Mar: Presidential Conference at Netaji Indoor Stadium and Dinner Banquet at Oberoi Grand

Sun 13th Mar: Presidential Conference at Netaji Indoor Stadium

Sat 19th Mar: District Governor’s official Visit and Holi Meet at Haldiram’s Banquets, Ballygunge from 5pm

Fri, 1st Apr: Joint RWM with RC Calcutta New Alipore

A N A P P E A L

Global Grant # 1533087 for equipment for Joynagar Eye Hospital and 1000 IOL surgeries - (Grant Amount \$ 74,548). Our share of contribution towards the grant is \$25,150 - \$ 10,000 has been contributed by Sri Sakate Khaitan (Son of PP Binod Khaitan) and \$ 300 was arranged by our past member Ms Monika Srivastava. Members are requested to contribute the balance amount urgently.

R O V I N G A M B A S S A D O R S



PP Binod Khaitan attended the 14th Triennial Conference of the Association of Inner Wheel clubs in India on 5th February.



PP Meeta Lakhotia attended Srijon-2, Assistant Governor’s Training Seminar at Country Roads, Panchla on 20th & 21st February.

LAST REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING THROUGH THE LENS

5 F E B R U A R Y 2 0 1 6



5 F E B R U A R Y 2 0 1 6

ReachOutwishes
Happy Birthday to



आप जिये हजारे साल,
साल के दिन हों पचास हजार

Pramod Kumar Mundra 24 Feb

Sudip Sen 25 Feb

Happy Anniversary & Blissful togetherness

सालगिरह की
मंगल कामनाएँ

PP Prem & Bimla Lihala
24 February

Pradeep Kumar & Rashmi Jain
26 February

PP Brij Mohan & PP Meeta Lakhotia
27 February

Neeraj & Rani Agrawal
27 February

Rahul & Umang Bengani
27 February

Sumit & Shweta Dalan
28 February

Vivek & Sarita Phumra
28 February

Giriraj & Shailja Tekriwal
2 March