

Rotary Club of Belvedere Gardens Calcutta

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BOYD RECEIVES ROYAL AWARD

Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth II bestowed **Rotary International President William B. Boyd** with the Com-

panion of the **Queen's Service Order Award**.

The award is given to New Zealand residents who have served as a valuable volunteer to the community, whether in elected or public office. The queen appoints 30 people each year.

"While Lorna [Boyd's wife] and I are honoured for me to receive the QSO, we recognise that this is recognition of the standing of Rotary in our community," says Boyd.

The queen honoured Boyd for his work in the New Zealand community, which he's served as a Rotarian since 1971. He's also served in his community as an elder and youth leader in the Presbyterian church, scout master, secretary of several school committees, and 30 years as a rugby referee with the rugby union.

Russell Clarke, President of the Pakuranga Rotary Club, New Zealand, says that members are collectively delighted that Boyd has received recognition. "The club is extremely proud of Bill and Lorna's wonderful work for Rotary. The feedback from Rotarians worldwide has been that Bill is a real leader of the Rotary movement. The club is proud that the queen has honoured Bill and Rotary with this award." Rob Crabtree, Past Governor of RI District 9920 added, "Bill and Lorna epitomise Service Above Self." An awards ceremony will take place later in the year, after Boyd completes his term as RI president. He will receive a citation for service to the community as well as a badge and a medal.

EACH ONE TEACH ONE

Literacy is the tonic that can transform a sluggish community with sadness and poverty to a vibrant force. Literacy does not mean only the three Rs - Reading, wRiting and aRithmetic. Of course these are essential to promote Literacy but the buck does not stop here. Unless this Literacy is laced with learning an ability which provides you an occupation that ensures financial returns, no gain will come to the community. The stress is, therefore on literacy programmes that ensure a gainful occupation. We name it "Functional" Literacy but by whatever name we call it, we must promote the teaching of a trade to the multitude.

Personally we do not have the time and the expertise to teach such Literacy to the needy. We can, however, promote such projects that offer vocational courses to the youth. We can sponsor, subsidise, promote or propagate the value-based educational efforts. There are a large number of institutions that cater to this need. We can establish our own institution or assist the existing institutions that can impart the skills to the needy through financial assistance, candidate sponsorship or special workshops. If we can help people become what they are capable of becoming is truly a great service we can render.

We can train the unskilled and raise their level of competence which will be Rotary's reward in the finest sense.

Rtn. Ashok Mahajan
RI Director-Elect 2007-2009

Minutes of 532nd RWM of Rotary Club of Belvedere Gardens Calcutta held at Astor Hotel on 04.10.2009 at 11 AM

In the absence of President and Vice President, IPP Rtn Deep Chandra was requested to conduct the proceedings. Rtn Aloke Dey served as Acting Secretary.

Rtn Arindam Pakrashi narrated his experience of Visiting Sweden and interaction with 4 Rotary Clubs. He had exchanged flags with the following 4 Rotary Clubs and had discussion with their members on exchanging ideas, sharing thoughts and exploring avenues of working together.

RC SKOVDE (80 Members)

They have been briefed on our ShishuKalyan Project and specially classroom construction. We need to send a project report to them for appropriate funding through Rotary Channels. A delegation is scheduled to Visit on March 2010

RC - SKARA

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RC - VORAS

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RC TIDAHOLM

Rtn Arindam have briefed them about our activities. Future project partnership need to be explored. A delegation from Club including Olympic Gymnastics Jury Lisbeth Gothborg is to visit Kolkata on 8th February 2010. They will be coming as Rotarians to check out progress on projects where they have contributed. All the Members present at the RWM unanimously feel that

- We should have a joint Interaction Program with this club members during their visit
- There should be a cross cultural program
- We should invite other club members
- We should try to involve District and get it duly recognized

President is requested to review the same and take decision through consultation with Board of Directors

Ambulance Donation

President Rtn Debajit Choudhury's contribution along with help from NIS is recognized for taking the club at this level and involved with such a prestigious project

Program on Environment

IPP Deep Chandra mooted the idea of conducting a program on 9th Nov on Environment. This will stress mainly on topics of conservation like water, electricity. Rtn Jayashree Roy has agreed to provide all necessary help. The idea is involve District and co-partner other Clubs. RC Calcutta Metro City has agreed to be a Co - Partner

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HOSPITEX 2010

Rtn Dr. Nemani proposes to participate in this program to held between 4th Jan - 8th Jan 2010 at Rabindrasadan Prangan. The club may put up a stall to showcase our work in Medical fields and also provide speakers on seminars related to Lifestyle, Communicable Disease, Health due to Environmental Change etc. With an approximate footfall of 1,50,000/ - per day the opportunity gives our club a unique chance to spread Rotary Awareness and do relevant Publicity.

Last but not the least

President's prolonged absence from club make members speculate about his serious effort with respect to getting matching grants from Rotary Clubs in USA. Members are looking forward to hear from him in this regard !!!!!!!

