

Rotary Club of Belvedere Gardens Calcutta

CLUB NO. 31255

R.I. DIST 3291



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R.I. THEME 2009-10

Rtn John Kenny
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Dist. Governor 2009-10

Rtn Debajit Choudhury
President 2009-10

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Secretary 2009-10

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Editor

VOL. XVI NO.:23 MEETS EVERY SUNDAY : THE ASTOR HOTEL AT 11.00 AM

DATED 24TH JAN. 2010

We Welcome GSE Team from District 6170

PDG Linda Schuk - Team Leader

Linda is Past District Governor (2005-06) for District 6170 Arkansas. She has been a Rotarian for 10 years and was charter president of her club. She is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow. Linda is currently serving as the Membership chair of her club. She has served as Foundation Chair for the district and has been Registration chair for Multi-district PETS for three years.



Linda is retired from management of a national non-profit organization and owner of a family insurance business. Linda and her husband Gaylen have two sons and four grandchildren. Some of Linda's hobbies are traveling, bicycling, hiking, yoga, quilting and reading.

Linda and her husband, also a Rotarian, have been involved with GSE for more than 35 years and hosted many GSE team members in their home.

As District 6170 GSE Team Leader Linda hopes to learn about District 3291 India, its humanitarian projects, the cultures and lifestyles of families in India.

Steve Huddleston



Steve is a native of Arkadelphia, Arkansas and has been employed by the City of Arkadelphia as the Recreation Programmer for Parks and Recreation for seven years. He has one younger sister, Carrie, who is married and lives in Dallas, Texas and works as an ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher. Steve's family owned and operated a marine dealership at nearby Lake DeGray for over 30 years.

As a Recreation Programmer his job responsibilities involve organizing small community activities, festivals, and organized sports for the community.

Steve is recently engaged to be married to Jennifer Mace possibly in Italy after the GSE trip. Steve and Jennifer have two dogs.

In his spare time Steve likes to go camping and also enjoys recreational hiking and biking. He is a sports fan and would enjoy watching a cricket match while in India. Steve is being sponsored by the Arkadelphia Rotary Club.

TO DAYS - PROGRAMME

- 9.30 AM - GSE TEAM FROM DISTRICT 6170 TO VIEW A CRICKET MATCH & EDEN GARDENS
- 11.30 AM - RWM WITH GSE TEAM AT CALCUTTA ROWING CLUB FOLLOWED BY FELLOWSHIP & LUNCH

FORTHCOMING - PROGRAMME

- 25TH JAN. - VISIT TO JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY WITH GSE TEAM
JOINT MEETING WITH RC CALCUTTA METRO SOUTH FROM 7.00 PM AT COMMUNE , 7B CHOWRINGHEE TERRACE, KOLKATA - 20
- 26TH JAN. - WITNESSING REPUBLIC DAY PARADE BY GSE TEAM FOLLOWED BY PICNIC AT GUPTA GARDEN, JOKA
- 31ST JAN - HEALTH CHECKUP AT OUR RCC SHISHUKALYAN, CHETLA
BLOOD DONATION CAMP AT RAJA BAZAR
- 7TH FEB - PULSE POLIO NID AT KMC WARD NO.77

Thelton Hughes

Thelton is 34 years old and has lived his entire life in and around Arkadelphia, Arkansas. He and his wife Kalena have two dogs, Bobo and Summit. He has a large extended family. His mother had 12 brothers and sisters, while his father had 13 siblings. Thelton says, "Family Reunions are fun!"



Thelton has been teaching 6th grade for 11 years. The subjects he teaches include math, science, social studies, and reading. In addition to teaching 6th grade, he works with the high school and junior high marching bands as the percussion instructor. Thelton is a member of a rock band that plays in local clubs, at weddings, and other events.

Thelton enjoys spending time outdoors. He likes playing with his dogs and playing, softball, basketball, and Ultimate Frisbee. He hopes to experience some local athletic events while in India.

Thelton is being sponsored by the Rotary club of Malvern.



Bortika, our conference of light had lit the spirit of celebrations with the grand reception of RIPR PDG Himanshu Basu and his gracious wife Lynda by

DG,Utpalda ,PDG Debashis and other district officials .The gorgeous ladies of our district, rotaractors welcomed him with the sound of conch shells, flowers alongwith the music of band. With him ,we welcomed Shri Sourav Ganguli too. After the hoisting of the Rotary flag, RIPR went to inaugurate the 'Club Exhibits' gallery ably assisted by Chitralkha, the Club Exhibits Chair for Bortika. RIPR went through all the displays and was overwhelmed to see the works of the clubs.He wishes to revisit the gallery. Meanwhile Nachiketa, the Bengal singer was mesmerizing the audience at the main auditorium with his melodious songs.RIPR and Ann,Sourav Ganguli enjoyed the music too. A welcome dance ws also performed by PROYASH.It was a lovely beginning of the 3-day conference.

Host club President Kuldip Singh invited dignitaries to light the lamp thus making the formal sessions to start.Rtn Promad Mathur called Bortika to order.Jana-gana-mana was sung.

DG and Ann Sunayana boudi conveyed his respect to all the PDGs with gifts and shawls.

IPDG Nayantara was handed over the IPDG lapel pin alongwith some gifts from DG.

DG delivered his welcome speech with grace and conviction. Heart 2 heart beneficiaries (150 kids)were presented at the dias. Various district projects were showcased.

RIPR PDG Himanshu Basu presented his deliberations on Rotary Today.

Chief Guest His Excellency Governor of WB Shri Devanand Kunwar expressed his views, congratulating ROTARY for their services.

Various district administrative announcements were made and the day ended with the grand music by Smt Usha Uthup; enthralled the gathering.

The food and fellowship went high in the chill of January in an ambience of festivity, fun and enjoyment.

FACT FILE

In the world, a total of 40 million people are completely blind. Sixty five percent of this is in Asia alone.

One fourth of the vision-impaired in the world are Indians. Of this, 80 percent is due to cataract.

A total of 27 million people in the world have partial loss of vision.

At least 4.6 million people are blind due to corneal diseases, out of which 90 percent are below 45 years of age.

Of the 4.6 million affected with corneal diseases, at least 3 million can benefit from corneal transplantation.

- Spread the message across to the people regarding the importance of eyes and eye donation.
- Though we cannot live forever, let our eyes live and give sight for the needy.
- Many eyes are getting wasted either through burial or cremation of the dead body. Instead, eyes could be donated to a person with corneal blindness so that he/she is gifted with a vision of seeing this world.
- Light up the darkness in life. Enable the blind to see this beautiful world, through your eyes.

Pledge and donate your eyes.

Congratulations

Rtn Uttam Ganguli Elected as DGN 2012-13

Rotary Club of Belvedere gardens Calcutta congratulates to Rtn Uttam Ganguli of Rotary Club of Rabindra Sarobar Calcutta for being declared Dist. Governor Nominee for 2012-13 in Bortika - District Conference on 17th January, 2010.

Sandra Smith

Sandra Smith is a native of Arkansas where she currently serves as the Dean of Students at Southern Arkansas University. At 30, Sandra is the youngest person named Dean of Students at SAU. Through her position, she serves as the chief judicial officer and supervises several departments in the student affairs division.Sandra is currently pursuing her doctorate degree in higher education administration and hopes to one day serve as a vice president for student affairs at a regional university.



Sandra lives in Waldo, AR where she enjoys a variety of hobbies such as cooking, fishing, and watching movies with friends. She also has two dogs, Sadie and Macy, which she enjoys spending time playing with.

Sandra is looking forward to her visit to India and learning more about the culture of India and higher education in India.

Sandra is being sponsored by the Rotary Club of Magnolia.

Jason Johnston



Jason Johnston is a graduate Henderson State University with a degree in English. He was married on June 6, 2009 to Courtney Hill. Jason has been employed by Group Living, Inc. for three years and supervises clients of the organization. Group Living, Inc is a non-profit organization that works with developmentally disabled persons to help them become more independent in the community.

Jason loves to play sports in his spare time such as baseball, football, basketball, and golf! He also enjoys watching thoroughbred horse racing in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Jason and his wife have a pet dog named Ladybird.

Jason is being sponsored by the Rotary Club of Arkadelphia-Sunrise.

HOSPITEX 2010

Rtn Dr. Nemani requested to participate in this program to held between 1st March - 5th March 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 relavant Publicity.

“ ROTARY ”

Rotary can make a difference in the World

A British newspaper once asked its readers, “What is wrong with the world?”

One of the letters it received was from the famous writer, GK Chesterton. His answer to the question was very short. It just said, “I am.” The world is dangerous not because of those who do harm but because of those who look at without doing anything. Are you ready to make a real difference in the world around you? Aml. . . ?

The power to make a difference lies within each one of us. If our faith is strong and constant, our effort to make a difference will be more than what we ever thought possible. All we need to do is to act as if our desires were already realities. To make a difference does not mean making a big splash or doing something that makes people yell “Wow!” Some people proudly call it ‘leaving a legacy.’

Making a difference is doing ordinary things differently. Are you willing to help a needy child overcome the obstacles of poverty through a sponsorship? Can you put aside your indifference as regards those underprivileged and approach the HIV/AIDS affected with a little love and compassion? Have you ever thought of providing education to those children who are still out of school? Have you ever considered those children who die each year from curable, infectious and parasitic diseases such as diarrhoea, malaria and tuberculosis?

Mother Teresa, was once asked “What is the secret of your success? Is it hard work, dedication, ability or discipline?” She smiled and said “It is hard to say, but one thing I know, love to serve – love to give and if you give yourself, life will give you back something to cherish. You can make a difference in this world.”

If we can share the tears of the lowly, we will soften our hearts, wash our eyes and clear our vision. They in turn, will witness our selfless desire to be of help. Most of the have-nots are generally afraid to put their faith in the offers of help because many of them have an ulterior motive. They have selfish reasons to offer assistance. When they realise that Rotary is different. Rotary is serious, Rotary has to axe to grind that Rotarians can share tears and Jears, then they give total co-operation, unstinted faith and enthusiastic response. Never be afraid of tears that you share with others. It is the best cleaning fluid ever.

Rise in the eyes of the community by sharing your time, energy and resources. It will make them know, ‘Yes, Rotary shares, Rotary Can make a difference in the world.’ Remember, to the world, you may be just one person. Yet, to one person, you may be the world! Let your presence in the world be one that radiates love, peace and happiness and in turn let the world speak for you !

Rtn. Ashok Mahajan RI Director 2007 - 2009

QUOTES

“What you spend years in creating, others could destroy overnight :

Create anyway.

The Good you do today will often be forgotten :

Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it may never be enough :

Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God :

It was never between you and them anyway.”

- Mother Teresa

The true Rotary spirit is not the selfish one of trying to see how much you can get out of your fellow members but the more altruistic one of trying to see how much benefit and good you can do for your fellow members. As each one tries to give business to someone else in the club or influence business to someone else in the club, he finds that there is a law of compensation and his reward comes from the fact that someone else is giving business or influencing business to him.

Rotary does not necessarily require a direct exchange of business between any two members. A may be able to give business to B without being situated so as to receive any return from B but B may be able to do something of value for C and C in turn may be able to patronize A. This is the rotation of business. As each Rotarian undertakes to help his brother Rotarians without demanding a direct return to him from them, there is produced a condition of friendship and fellowship upon a higher plane than the usual selfish and sordid relationships of commercial life.

According to the local temperaments of the residents of the different cities of the country there is some difference in the conduct of the various Rotary Clubs. Some are particular strong for civic work, for the betterment and building up of the communities in which they are located. Some clubs make a strong feature of sociability and good-fellowship. In some cities formal dress suit dinners are not unusual, others are emphatically informal.

In any event the predominating idea is one of service-to the community, to the club, or to the individual members. There is no place for drones in the rotary lives. Rotarians are all busy bees.

In all the clubs as there is but one man admitted from each line of business there is no business jealousy among the members and there is no prudery about avowing and advertising one’s business in the club. In Rotary Club things are done openly and frankly that in other clubs must be done sub-rosa. Rotary Clubs are composed of men who are old enough to know how to do business and young enough to want more business to do. Rotary has proved that business and brotherhood will mix. In brief a Rotary Club is one kind of thing-every other club is something else.

(from THE NATIONAL ROTARIAN, Jan. 1911 issue)

Benefits of Rotary

Rotary membership provides the opportunity to:

- * **Become connected to your community.**
- * **Work with others in addressing community needs.**
- * **Interact with other professionals in your community; assist with RI’s international humanitarian service efforts.**
- * **Establish contacts with an international network of professionals.**
- * **Develop leadership skills.**
- * **Involve family in promoting service efforts.**

Our Club Exhibit at Dist. Conference 2009-10



EYE CHECK UP CAMP ON 23.01.10. IN ASSOCIATION WITH KOLKATA BASTI FEDERATION

The club organised a Free Eye check & Spectacles Distribution Camp at Kusumkumari Girls School in Tollygunge Area with three opticians on 23.01.10 in association with Kolkata Basti Federation.

Total nos. of patients who attended the camp - 177.

Spectacles ordered for 78 patients. Spectacles will be distributed to patients on 31.01. 2010.

Nos. of patients who will require IOL- 15.

Arrangements will be made for Cataract Surgery for 15 patients free of cost by the club.

Hypnotism

A Woman comes home and tells her husband, "Remember those headaches I've been having all these years? Well, they're gone."

"No more headaches?" the husband asks, "What happened?"

His wife replies, "Margie referred me to a hypnotist. He told me to stand in front of a mirror, stare at myself and repeat I do not have a headache;

I do not have a headache,

I do not have a headache.'

It worked! The headaches are all gone."

"Well, that is wonderful," replies the husband.

His wife then says, "You know, you haven't been exactly a ball of fire in the bedroom these last few years. Why don't

you go see the hypnotist and see if he can do anything for that?" The husband agrees to try it.

Following his appointment, the husband comes home, rips off his clothes, picks up his wife and carries her into the bedroom.

He puts her on the bed and says, "Don't move, I'll be right back."

He goes into the bathroom, comes back a few minutes later, jumps into bed, and makes passionate love to his wife like never before.

His wife says, "Boy that was wonderful!"

The husband says, "Don't move! I will be right back."

He goes into the bathroom, returns and round two was even better than the first time.

The wife sits up and her head is spinning.

Her husband again says, "Don't move, I'll be right back."

With that, he goes back in the bathroom.

This time, his wife quietly follows him and there, in the bathroom, she sees him standing at the mirror and saying,

She is not my wife.

She is not my wife.

She is not my wife!"

