



Eye Camp at Antyoday Ashram, Paushi:

Reported by Rtn. Suman Sarbadhikari

RCCR organized their first ever Eye Camp at Paushi village , 22 km before Contai town, held in collaboration with Sikar Nagarik Parishad (SNP) and Lions Eye Hospital, Howrah. About 2,500 patients were given consultations over a two-day period on 23rd and 24th August 2008.

Sri Balaram Karan, who runs the Antyoday Anath Ashram, was more than happy to take up all responsibilities right from publicizing the eye camp to villages near and far, to organizing the camp at the Ashram premises with élan.

The RCCR team consisted of Rtns. Nihar, Sameer, Sanjay, Suman, Vipul, Vijay-ji, Amitava and Kartik. We were greeted to soft Rabindrasangeet being played over the PA system at the Ashram – all spick-and-span. The SNP members had laid down a very detailed planning of the execution of the camp so everything was very smooth. RCCR and SNP members enjoyed coordinating the whole show together, assisting the 8 doctors/optometrists from Lions Eye Hospital, Howrah and their staff to see as many as 800 patients on Day I and 1600 on Day II. The children of AAA made sure we get as many cups of tea each, as there were hours in a day!

About 450 patients have been given dates for cataract operations, about 777 patients prescribed medicines and 1500 patients were given dates in mid-September when spectacles will be made for them and distributed to them. The cataract operations will take place from the first week of September at the Lions Eye Hospital, Howrah. All expenses for the operations and spectacles have been donated by the Sikar Nagarik Parishad.

There was excellent camaraderie exchanged between SNP and RCCR during the entire two days, especially at our overnight stay at Contai.

Members who had missed the camp – well, you REALLY missed the wonderful experience!

NOTE: A collection of photos and video clips on this camp is available, if interested please contact Rtn. Suman for a copy.



ATTENDANCE of July 2008

Number of members : 17

Number of meetings held : 4

Percentage of attendance : 76%

Minutes of 111th Regular Weekly Meeting of RCCR
held on Saturday, 16th August, 2008 at DKS Club at 5:30 pm.

1. Rtn. Niharendu Chakravarty called on the 111th RWM to order at 5-30 p.m. followed by the National Anthem.
2. Minutes of the 110th RWM has been circulated and confirmed.
3. Decisions taken by the Board on 1st Board Meeting on 13.08.08 hosted by Rtn Mausam Lihala at The Spring Club :
*Rtn Nawneet Sodhani deliberated on the Status of Deficit Accounts. The cut off date for presentation of any details of adjustments or waiver claims of members for the financial Rota year 2007-08 is 31.08.08. Members should clear their dues by 30.09.2008. Members are also requested to pay dues on account of 08-09 1st half of 4000 INR by 30.10.08
4. Rtn. Chirabrata deliberated on prospective project proposals which are as follows:
 - a) Adult Literacy Center at Paushi as committed at the District Program Launch of Dream Projects at Rabindra Okakura Bhavan Salt Lake on 15th of August 2008.
 - b) City Beautification Project in association CFGA
 - c) Road Safety Project in association with Apollo Tyres ref to Rtn. Arindam Mukherjee's proposal.
 - d) Rtn Mausam Lihala's proposal of formation of team of Civic Marshals in association with endorsements from Government Civic body like KMC and mobilization of resources like Interact and Rotaract.
 - e) Auction of AAA students Paintings.

Excluding the above proposals being implemented and realized a brief outlook of the year ahead is being provided for all of our members which is as follows:

- 23.08.08 to 24.08.08** : IOL Camp at Paushi. Antyoday Anath Ashram. E Midnapore.
01.09.08 to 15.09.08 * Initiative on opening Rotaract Club with Pailan Institute Of Management / Praxis, Settlement of J4U Accounts, Decision of FCR Account with reference to RCCR Account Paushi with RC Calcutta, Initiative on J4U/E4U and Planning.
20.09.08 : International Youth RYLA, Paushi Pre Puja Visit.
01.10.08 to 30.10.08 Sharad Swikriti, Baithaki on Vijaya Sammelan.
01.11.08 to 15.11.08 : ROTASIA Bangladesh
17.11.08 RIP Visit.
07.12.08 DG Visit.
31.12.09 New Year Eve
01.01.09 to 15.01.09 City Beautification Project with CFGA
01.02.09 to 28.02.09 J4U /E4U.

This excludes Joint Meetings, Zonal meetings, District Conference, District Picnic other District Projects, ICM, Workshops etc.

Announcements: ICM on Membership and Retention 08-09 on 23rd August 2008 at GD Birla Sabhagar.

Happy Birthday Rtn. Mausam Lihala 12th August 2008.

7. As there was no more business to transact Rtn Niharendu Chakravarty terminated the meeting at 7-10 p.m.

Members present: 9, Guests : NIL
Sunshine Amount collected: Rs. 160 kept with Rtn. Nawneet Sodhani

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

24th August : Rtn Vipul Shah