



FOUNDATION LOOKS TO THE FUTURE WITH NEW GOALS

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Foundation Trustee Chair-elect PRIP Jonathan Majiyagbe asked the more than 530 district governors-elect attending the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA, to accept the duty of achieving the goals and to Make Dreams Real .

The 2008-09 Foundation goals are:

1. Keep our promise to eradicate polio .
2. Embrace the two pillars of support for The Rotary Foundation - the Annual Programs Fund through Every Rotarian, Every Year and the Permanent Fund.
3. Participate in Your Foundation/Our Foundation, a "lend a hand" program for sharing funds from club and district foundations to permanently establish the Rotary World Peace Fellows program and support global polio eradication.
4. Enhance Rotary's public image.
5. Support the Future Vision Plan of The Rotary Foundation.

The first two items are similar to the 2007-08 goals of eradicating polio and ensuring contributions to the Foundation. The last three, however, are new.

If Rotarians work together toward the third goal of supporting Your Foundation/Our Foundation, Majiyagbe believes the Foundation can both permanently endow the Rotary World Peace Fellowships program and help eradicate polio.

"Many Rotary clubs and districts have their own endowment funds or foundations, some of which have greater funds than our Rotary Foundation," he said. "In the past, The Rotary Foundation has sometimes viewed these entities as competitors for Rotarian contributions, but I would like to change that perspective. I would like to see our relationship move from that of competitors to partners."

The Foundation can accomplish much more if club and district foundations contribute at least 10 percent of their funds to the polio eradication effort and the peace fellowships program, said Majiyagbe. He also urged Rotarians to use their affinity credit cards , which have raised US\$5.5 million for the Foundation since the program's inception in 2000.

With so much to accomplish, now is the ideal time to work on the fourth goal of enhancing Rotary's public image, a task that must be carried out at the grassroots level. "Better public acknowledgement will help us attract new members to our Rotary clubs, and it will help us attract new donors to our Foundation," he said.

The last goal of supporting the Future Vision Plan will help keep the Foundation viable, make it more efficient, and "meet the needs of the ages," said Majiyagbe.

Announcements

Sunday 9 November : Vocational Service Award to P.C. Sorcar (Jr), Mahajati Sadan, 6pm

Saturday 15 November : Inter-City Meet on Rotary Foundation, G.D.Birla Sabhagar, 3pm

Minutes of 117th RWM of RCCR

held on Saturday, 25th October, 2008 at DKS Club, at 6:00 pm.

- 1) President Rtn. Niharendu Chakravarty called the meeting to order at 6:25pm.
- 2) National Anthem was rendered.
- 3) President announced that the District Bijoya-Diwaki Meet will be held on Saturday 1st November 2008 at Nalban. Our club will be co-hosting the event.
- 4) A discussion on the next visit to Antyoday Ashram, Paushi was made. It was decided that the District Governor could be invited to visit the ashram on the day of the DG's Official Visit.
- 5) Rtn. Suman conveyed the wishes of Dr. T.K. Basu of part-sponsoring the construction of a hostel of the girl inmates of Antyoday Ashram. Rtn. Mausam offered to match the expenses of the construction. A preliminary inspection and quotations have to be acquired from possible contractors, Rtn. Prakash offered to get a suitable contractor for the purpose. This project would be valuable as one of the thrust areas this year is "Care for the Girl Child".
- 6) Rtn. Prakash spoke of plans for the forthcoming J4U 2008-09, and suggested that the programme be done without funds raised from participating companies. We would request R.C. Calcutta to sponsor the venue for the event, and there would be no major contributions involved from our club's side.
- 7) President requested Rtn. Chirabrata to organise the exhibition of paintings drawn by children of Antyoday Ashram, at K.C. Das's, Esplanade.
- 8) Rtn Chirabrata also spoke of possibilities of organizing a Cancer Detection Camp in collaboration with Ananda Vikas and our member Dr. A.N. Sen.
- 9) There would be no RWM next Saturday 1st November 2008 due to the District Bijoya-Diwali Meet.
- 10) Sunshine Box Collection was Rs. 120/-
- 11) There being no other matter to discuss, the meeting was terminated at 7:15pm.

Members present: 6,
Guests: 2

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The next RLI 2-day graduate programme will be held at Rotary Sadan, 94/2, Chowringhee Road, Kolkata 700 020 on **Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th November, 2008** (Courtesy R. C. Calcutta).

The fees for the course is Rs. 400/- only (inclusive of tea, snacks, lunch & study materials) which may either be deposited with

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3. Rotary Sadan, Chowringhee Road, Kolkata (Contact Mr. Prabir - 22239797).