



TODAY – District Governor’s Official Club Visit



We welcome

District Governor Nayantara Palchoudhuri

to RCCR –

Rotary Club of Calcutta Renaissance

Indian Rotarians help Ohio school district

More than 800 students of the Trimble Local School District near Athens, Ohio, USA, received thousands of textbooks in August, in part through a gift from an unusual source: Indian Rotarians.

For nearly 18 years, Ram Gawande, an Athens resident and RI District 6690 governor-elect, has been involved in projects aimed at improving communities in his native Nagpur, India.

After hearing of Gawande’s election as district governor, Nagpur Rotarians decided to thank him for his years of support by raising US\$5,100 for a project that would benefit Athens. Gawande used the gift to provide reading and math books to middle schools in the Trimble
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CARDS THAT CARE

New Year cards are readily available with the District. You can see them on the District website. Look under 'C' for Cards. Or Click: www.rotary3291.org/cards.htm. All payments are to be made in cash or by cheques in favor of "R I District 3291 Publication". Orders may be placed with:

PP Rtn Hiten Chaudhuri – 9831217288; PP Rtn Amal Bhattacharya – 9830677527
PP Debasis Bhattacharya – 9830049368 (Dist Treasurer)

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS

9th December :
Rtn Kartik Patel and Ann Bhavita

Announcements

Sat & Sun 20 & 21 December : RCC Conference SWAPNA PURAM –
Yuba Bharati Krirangan Stadium

Fri, Sat & Sun 9 -11 Jan 2009 : Rotary District Conference – KRITAM, Nazrul Manch

About our District Governor

NAYANTARA PALCHOUDHURI

Born into a Rotary family, Nayantara Palchoudhuri graduated with a first class first from the department of International Relations, Jadavpur University. She was a University Gold Medallist and a National Scholar. She proceeded to do her MA in Area Studies from the School of Oriental and African Studies (University of London) and followed it up with a research degree (M Phil) from the London School of Economics and Political Science where she was awarded the prestigious Metcalfe Scholarship.

Nayantara is a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow and her family members, mostly Rotarians, are all Paul Harris Fellows. She is actively involved with her family business of growing and manufacturing tea in North Bengal and is the fourth generation associated with the business.

Nayantara is the immediate past president of Bengal National Chamber of Commerce & Industries (BNCCI) and was the first lady president of this 119 year old institution. She is vice-chairman of Enterprise Development Institute. Nayantara represents various committees in the Indian Tea Association and is Governing Council member of the Tea Research Association.

Currently, she is Director, West Bengal Tea Development Corporation Ltd.; Honorary Treasurer, Indo-British Scholars' Association and Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme; Executive Committee member, Ladies Study Group; Associate Member, Friends of Victoria Memorial; Alumni Leader, London School of Economics and Political Science; and governing body member of the Brahmo Sammilan Samaj.

Nayantara joined Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City as charter member in 1991 and served as president in 2000-2001. Her participation in numerous programmes at district and international levels has been widely acclaimed by Rotary International leaders. She was awarded as Best Secretary, Outstanding President and won the Outstanding Club prize as president.

Nayantara was GSE coordinator in 1993-94, Assistant District Secretary in 1995-96 and 1999-2000, Special Aide to Governor in 1998-99 and 2005-06, Assistant Governor in 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05 and District Chairman (Publications) in 2002-03, She was actively involved in the Rotary Peace Conference in Kathmandu in 1995-96, Arsenic Peace Conference in Kolkata in 1999 and Rotary Institutes held in Kolkata in 1998 and 2004. She is also life member of The 4 Way Test Association of India.

Nayantara is widely travelled and has been part of important government and business delegations abroad. She recently accompanied the chief minister of West Bengal to South East Asia. She is the only person from India who has been selected by the US Government to visit USA in July 2007 for a special programme -the International Visitor's Leadership Programme 2007. Recently, she was awarded the Banga Seva Samman & Nari Samrnan awards.

An avid music lover who holds a diploma in pianoforte from the Royal School of Music, London, Nayantara, who is single, is a member of leading social clubs in Kolkata. In her spare time, she enjoys reading and listening to classical music.

District Governor's Message - Nayantara Palchoudhuri



Rotary International District 3291 Conference 'KRITAM', the most important event of the Rotary 2008-2009 year, is scheduled to be held at Nazrul Mancha, Kolkata from 9th to 11th January, 2009.

The purpose of the District Conference is to advance the Object of Rotary through inspirational talks and discussion of issues important to Rotary clubs in the district and Rotary International, besides the warm fellowship. The conference will showcase Rotary programmes and successful district and club activities.

It will be my team's effort to ensure crisp and interesting plenary sessions by identifying and inviting good speakers to cover areas of Rotary Information, current important issues related to the community we serve, leadership and motivation, besides arranging good entertaining cultural programmes and fellowship. My team will also endeavour to ensure that 'KRITAM' will be your three days of HOME AWAY FROM HOME.

In order to make this event a great success, I invite all Rotarians, spouses and children, Rotaractors, Interactors and all associated with Rotary to attend KRITAM, the first District Conference of District 3291. It is my dream that KRITAM stands tall amongst all the district events besides being the pathfinder for all the future conferences. I am confident that with your presence and active participation YOUR District Conference will not only be a memorable event but the TALK OF THE TOWN.

Let us, therefore, come together and MAKE DREAMS REAL.

Health - Important Tips

The Benefits obtained from the tips below are an enjoyable day, good appetite, complete digestion, feeling fine all time; high energy levels, de-stressed day and good precious deep sleep every night.

- Answer the phone by LEFT ear
- Do not drink coffee TWICE a day
- Do not take pills with COOL water
- Do not have HUGE meals after 5pm
- Reduce the amount of TEA you consume
- Reduce the amount of OILY food you consume
- Drink more WATER in the morning, less at night
- Keep your distance from hand phone CHARGERS
- Do not use headphones/earphone for LONG period of time
- Best sleeping time is from 10pm at night to 6am in the morning
- Do not lie down immediately after taking medicine before sleeping
- When battery is down to the LAST grid/bar, do not answer the phone as the radiation is 1000 times

Source: By email

Minutes of 121st RWM of RCCR

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

- 1) In the absence of the President, President-Elect Rtn. Srijit Maitra called the meeting to order at 6pm.
- 2) The National Anthem was rendered.
- 3) Rtn Srijit announced wedding anniversary wishes to Rtn Sameer for 3rd December.
- 4) Acting secretary Rtn Suman announced the District RCC Conference "Swapna Puran" will be held on Saturday and Sunday, 20th and 21st December at Yuba Bharati Stadium premises.
- 5) Rtn Suman updated on the Paushi project, whereby he said that the first contribution of funds to the Ashram was being planned for the coming Saturday, at the DG's visit.
- 6) The District Governor's official visit is scheduled for Saturday 13th December 2008 to be held from 5pm at DKS Club. All members present were requested to be definitely present for the special meeting.
- 7) Representatives of Child Development Project, Ballygunge, who were visitors to the meeting were asked to describe the type of help they were looking for a possible eye camp for children from economically challenged families. An Eye Camp for around 300 children might be held in January or February 2009 with the help of Sikar Nagarik Parishad, subject to their availability around that period. Rtn Amitava was requested to coordinate with SNP and decide the next course of action.
- 8) Rtn Prakash mentioned the need of urgently collecting club dues a large amount was payable to the DKS authorities through Rtn. Prakash's membership to DKS.
- 9) There being no more matters for discussion, the meeting was terminated at 6:30pm

Members present: 6,

Guests: 3

Sunshine box collection : Rs. 120/-

HUMOUR - Java Interview attended by our dear Banta

Q. Explain 2 tier and 3 -tier Architecture ?

A. Two wheelers like scooters will have 2 tyres and autorickshaws will have 3 tyres.

Q. I want to store more than 10 objects in a remote server? Which methodology will follow?

A. Send it through courier.

Q. Explain RMI Architecture?

A. I am a computer professional not an architect student.

Q. What is JAR file?

A. File that can be kept inside a jar.

Q. What is bean? Where it can be used?

A. A kind of vegetable. In kitchens for cooking they can be used.

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school district, where 40 percent of families with children live below the poverty level.

"This is a scenario of the poor helping the poor," says Gawande, a member of the Rotary Club of Athens. "Rotary in the United States has done a lot for the people of India, and the people of India wanted to say thank you. We've become united under a common mission of improving literacy."

The literacy project was augmented by a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant of \$8,530 and donations of \$2,300 from both the Athens Rotary club and District 6690. Athens Rotarians purchased thousands of math, science, and reading textbooks from the National Geographic Society.