



Rotary

Harmony

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From Editor's Desk

Good Evening Friends: Grassroots at the core, Rotary links 1.2 million members to form an organization of international scope. It started with the vision of one man — Paul Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on 23 February 1905, so professionals with diverse

backgrounds could exchange ideas, form meaningful, lifelong friendships, and give back to their communities. Today we are here to honour the 113th Anniversary of Rotary International. Let us also remember and express our gratitude to all the founding members of our club also whose list appears on the

board and only their efforts have made it possible for all of us to sit here today and talk about Rotary. Rotary International is like a big tree with clubs its branches, members its leaves and service and projects offered to communities like its flowers and fruits. Let us be a part of it to make this a healthy one.

Gist of Minutes of the 3072nd Regular Meeting of RC Shillong held on February 16 2018 at Rotary Corner:

The meeting was called to order and the National Anthem sung. The President welcomed the visiting Rotarian Deval Tibrewalla and thanked Rtn Ajay Gupta for the fellowship. Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. Dates of the vocational awards will be

announced after meeting of the relevant committee. Rotary Marathon: As the PE was out of station he would give the update later. However, the survey of the route has already been done. CDW Project: The President had already contacted the contractor Mr Paswet

and the school shall be surveyed for estimation of the cost towards the same. Win5 Project: Will be discussed after the IPP returns from Beirut. PE Rtn Kailash Varma and SE Akash Chirania **and** DGN Rtn Debashish Das will attend PETS_ at Imphal

District Events:

Multi District Literacy meet will be held at RC Bolpur – Shantiniketan on 25th Feb 2018. 2. PETS: to be held at Imphal on 17th & 18th

Incoming Club Project: Vocational Awards Lecture in Gandhi Buniyadi School

Personal Coloumn :

Thanks to all our Rotarian friends for good wishes and sharing your loving thoughts on arrival of little angel in our family. - Rakesh and Jyotsna

Thanks to Rtn S.L. Singhania for contributing with an article for today's harmony.

GREETINGS

Rtn A.K. Das and Ann Ajopa will be celebrating their wedding anniversary on Feb 27th. We wish them good health, happiness and infinite no of years of togetherness.

Rtn Osmnond Nongbri will celebrate his b'day on MARCH 2ND wishing you good health and happiness

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Contributed by Rtn S.L.Singhania

Dear Rotarians, February is an important month as Rotary was founded in this month. We have been celebrating this month as Peace and Conflict Prevention /Resolution Month. Friends, let us first ask ourselves what is peace. Peace reigns when people are able to resolve their conflicts without violence and work together to improve the quality of their lives. Peace is when everyone has fair and equal access to basic needs for their well being....food, clean drinking water, shelter, education, healthcare and a sustainable living environment. Peace is when everyone has an equal opportunity to work and make a living regardless of race, colour creed, gender, ethnicity and other parameters of identity. Rotarians must follow the 6th century BC Chinese philosopher----LAO TZU’S WORDS: “there must be peace in the heart.” It is only selfless work that brings peace in the heart and we can achieve this by extending a helping hand to the needy and working for the welfare of the communities.

As quoted by C.Bhasker Director Rotary International

If there is to be peace in the world, there must be peace in the Nations.
 If there is to be peace to be in the nations, there must be peace in the cities
 If there is to be peace in the cities, there must be peace between neighbours.
 If there is to be peace between neighbours, there must be peace in the home.
 If there is to be peace in the home, there must be peace in the heart.
 Let us work to achieve peace and show the world Rotary: Making a Difference
 “*Dear Fellow Rotarians*, one hundred thirteen years ago, the four Rotary’s first club held their first meeting. Although non minutes were kept, it’s unlikely anyone talked about service; the club did not begin focussing on the needs of community for another few years. The meeting was held not in a hotel or a restaurant, but in a member’s office; there were so far as we know, no agendas or announcements. No committee reports, speakers, or name tags. The meeting would have failed today’s usual standards for a productive Rotary meeting most resoundingly. It was of course. The most productive Rotary Meeting ever held.” --- By Ian H.S.Riseley, Pres Rotary International

Contributed by S.L. Singhania

She Was An 8 Cow WOMAN : Perhaps you have heard the story of Johnny Lingo, a man who lived in the South Pacific. The islanders all spoke highly of him. He was strong, good looking, and very intelligent, but when it was time for him to find a wife, people shook their heads in disbelief. The woman Johnny chose was plain, skinny, and walked with her shoulders hunched and her head down. She was very hesitant and shy. She was also a bit older than the other married women in the village, which did nothing for her value. But, this man loved her. What surprised everyone most was Johnny’s offer. In order to obtain a wife, you paid for her by giving her father cows. Four to six cows was considered a high price. The other villagers thought he might pay two or three cows at the most. But , he gave eight cows for her !!

Everyone chuckled about it, since they believed his father in law put one over on him. Some thought it was a mistake. Several months later after the wedding, a visitor from the United States came to the island to trade, and heard the story of Johnny Lingo and his eight- cow wife. Upon meeting Johnny and his wife, the visitor was totally taken aback, since this wasn’t a shy, plain ,and hesitant woman, but one who was beautiful, poised and confident.

The visitor asked about this transformation and Johnny Lingo’s response was very simple.” I wanted an eight- cow woman and when I paid that for her and treated her in that fashion, she began to believe that she was an eight cow woman. She discovered she was worth more than any other woman on the islands. And , what matters most is what a woman thinks of herself.”

“If you love all things, you will also attain the divine mystery that is in all things. For, then, your ability to perceive the truth will grow everyday and your mind will open itself to an all-embracing love.’ ----*Fyodor Dostoyevsky*

Dostoevsky, was a Russian novelist, short story writer, essayist, journalist and philosopher. Dostoyevsky’s literary works explore human psychology in the troubled political, social, and spiritual atmospheres of 19th-century Russia, and engage with a variety of realistic philosophical and religious themes.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

BE HAPPY BE BRIGHT BE YOU