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Minutes of the 947st RGM of RC UTTARPARA

No	: 947 th Regular General Meeting
Date:	: 12 th September, 2009
Venue	: Uttarpara House Owners Association Hall
Called to order by	: Rtr. Sarathi Pal
At(Time)	: 07:00 pm
National Anthem	: Sung in unision
Minutes confirmation	: 946 th Regular General Meeting
President's Announcement	: Memebbers were requested to be punctual and attend the club meetings regularly and pay the pending dues to the treasurer. The new constitution and bye laws are to be made within next week
Birthday Greetings to	: Rtr. Avik Ghosh
Wedding Anniversaries to	: None
Mails sent	: None
Mails received	: Invitation to attend Eye check up camp. RCCMegacity's invitation for iftar party
Bulletins sent	: None
Bulletins received	: RC Behala's Santoor
Club Discussions/report	: 1. Induction of prospective members 2. Discussions on upcoming project- Inter School Fest- work delegated to members 3. Permanent meeting venue to be located 4. Club T-shirt to be made 5. Bus-stand renovation within next week 6. Tree plantation drives 7. First Aid Training Camp 8. FLAiR to be published next week 9. Special edition of FLAiR on World Ozone Day
Other Club Project Discussions	: None
Recognitions:	: None
Next Meeting	: 19 th September, venue to be notified
<u>Sergeant-at-arms Report:</u>	Members Present- 09 Prospective members- 1 Guests- 02 Other Rotaractors- 0 Rotarians- 1 Sunshine Collected Rs 26
Terminated at	: 9:00 pm
By	: Rtr. Sarathi Pal

EDITORIAL

Dear friends,

Congratulations and thank you all involved in helping publish the second issue of FLAiR for the RotaYear 09-10.

The beginning of RotaYear 09-10 has seen many projects among which several have been completed by our club and there are a few in the pipeline. This bulletin portrays our activities for the months of July and the month of August including our 19th installation ceremony.

I request readers to go through the issue and get a pictorial description of activities in Rotaract. Comments, feedback and ideas are always welcome.

Happy Reading,

M Bhattacharjee
Rtr. Mainak Bhattacharjee
[Editor]

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. ROTASIA 2010 at Aurangabad. Please register immediately to avail the cheaper slabs
2. SHAROD SHIROMANI: Please register yourself to book a seat in the bus. Host clubs pay per seat Rs. 150 and Rs. 250 for others
3. DISTRICT CONFERENCE to be held at ICCR on February 13th and 14th. Registrations for Rs. 400 upto 31st October.
4. IDYEP teams to be formed. Please contact your cluster secretary for details.

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Theme for the RotaYear: Make a difference today for a better tomorrow

We meet every Saturday at 6:00 PM

Venue: Uttarpara House Owners Association Hall, Uttarpara (Near Gauri Bus Stop and Gana Bhawan)

FROM THE CHRONICLES

Date: 26-07-2009, Sunday

Time: 06-00pm

Venue: Swami Niswambalananda Girls College

Rotaract club of Uttarpara had their 19th installation ceremony at the original meeting place i.e. SNG college. Rtr. Sarathi Pal was handed over the presidency by Rtr. Sohomjit Ganguly. The chief guest for the evening was eminent film director Rtn. Jaisri Bhattacharya. The guest of honour was Rtn. PP PDRR Brotindro Mullick. Rtn. Sanjay Mukherjee, president of Rotary club of Serampore, DRR Ayesha Alam, DRR-e Aanton Mukherjee and forty one rotaractors from seventeen rotaract clubs were present on the occasion. All old archives of the club were put into display which impressed the gathering.



Date: 31-07-2009, Friday

Time: 06-30pm

Venue: Rtr. Mainak's Residence (Konnagar)

We enjoyed our first club fellowship at our club service director Rtr. Mainak's residence. There were eight members present. We interacted with each other over snacks and then were treated to a sumptuous dinner.

Date: 01-08-2009

Time: 06:30pm

Venue: Rtn. Sundip Singal's Residence

We had our first club assembly this year. All members were informed about the avenues in which Rotaract works and their involvement in the club activities. Guest speakers included our Ex-Rtr PP Partho Mukherjee and Ex-Rtr PP Rtn. Sundip Singal.



Date: 02-08-2009

Time: 09:00 am

Venue: Cheshire Home, Serampore

Unlike the Friendship days of earlier years, this year we made it special as we celebrated the day with the inmates of Cheshire Home, a home for the mentally challenged and old people. We distributed cakes and befriended the inmates by tying friendship bands. Then Rtr. Pinaki played his guitar to the tune of a few songs to which a lady in the home sang a few lines. Then Rtr. Priyanka narrated a poem which mesmerised all present. We also bought a few candles and greeting cards which they had crafted.

Date: 05-08-2009

Time: 5-30 pm

Venue: Uttarpara Gymnasium

Members got together to celebrate Raksha bandhan with the underprivileged children of the locality at Uttarpara Gymnasium. Rakhis were tied to each other and sweets distributed. The overwhelming joy that reflected on the innocent little faces truly made us feel closer to them and we promised to come back and have other fun events with them in the future.



Date: 05-08-2009

Time: 08-00pm

Venue: Rtr. Ritesh's residence, J.K. Street, Uttarpara

Today, we had our second official club fellowship and get-together on Rtr. Ritesh's birthday at his residence. A cake was cut by him and then followed the usual ritual of birthday-bumps as we took effort to punch him with friendly good-wishes. Then dinner was served and we enjoyed our hearts out.

Date: 15-08-2009
Time: 9-30 AM
Venue: Vagrants' Home and Destitutes' Home at Uttarpara Kheyaghat

Independence Day occupies a special place in the heart of every Indian citizen and to make it even more special we decided to celebrate the day with the vagrant women and destitute children at Vagrants' Home and Destitutes' Home.

We initiated the proceedings of the day when Rtn. Sanjay Mukherjee, President of Rotary Club of Serampore, hoisted the tricolor at the crossing near Uttarpara Co-operative Bank. The National Anthem was sung by all Rotaractors, Rotarians, Innerwheel members and the mass gathered around. Then sweets were distributed to all present at the occasion.

Then we moved on to the Vagrants home for women, where we gifted them a stereo speaker with FM which the inmates can listen and enjoy. Rtr. Sarathi Pal planted a tree at the place to commemorate the world forest week.

Next we went to the destitutes' home adjacent to the vagrants' home where we distributed 60 pairs of sandals which our parent Rotary, Rotary club of Serampore sponsored. Another fruit tree was planted there by Rtr. Sarathi Pal and we gave the remaining plants to the gardener to plant them in different locations.

Then we organised a boat trip, the national flag on top of it to cherish the day...the day for which many a people have given their lives. Truly, again a again this day makes us realize the importance of being responsible citizens of the society.



Date: 16-08-2009
Time: 07-00pm
Venue: Rtr. Priyanka's residence

We celebrated Rtr. Susmit Kar's birthday at Rtr. Priyanka's residence. A cake was cut by him...a portion of which was smeared on his face. Birthday-bumps continued as usual which has now become our club ritual.

Then Rtr. Susmit took us to the nearby restaurant URMILA for the grand treat. The get-together was another testament of the fact that Rotaract stands for "Fellowship through Service"

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Date: 22-08-2009
Time: 05-30pm
Venue: Rotary Sadan
Rtr. Sarathi, Rtr. Priyanka and Rtr. Mainak attends the District Governor's meeting with Rotaractors at Rotary Sadan

Date: 23-08-2009
Time: 10:00 am
Venue: Rajasthan Club Grounds
Five members of participated in RotaSoccer while Rtr. Priyanka cheered the players from the sidelines. The blue team, which we were a part of won the game and Rtr. Sarathi was awarded the Man of the Match award.

Date: 30-08-2009
Time: 04:00 PM
Venue: ICCR
26 Rotaract Clubs including us teamed together to script RAINBOW, celebrating a spectrum of talent for the underprivileged children, one of Rotaract's unique initiatives, in the last decade. We were ably supported by Rotary Club of Behala, Rotary Club of Sun City, Rotary Club of Jadavpur, Inner Wheel Club of Behala, Inner Wheel Club of South West Calcutta, Rotary's District Rotaract Committee, Rotary's District Interact Committee, Inner Wheel District 329 and the RYLA Committee.

THE OBSTACLE IN OUR PATH

In ancient times, a king had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it.

Many loudly blamed the king for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the big stone out of the way. Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. On approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. As the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the king indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many others never understand. **MORAL:** Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve one's condition.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Rtr. Ritesh Kundu : 05th August
Rtr. Susmit Kar : 16th August

SERGEANT-at-arms REPORT

Average attendance: 85.21%