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55th Installation Ceremony Edition

VIEWPOINT

“
Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” - Margaret Mead ”

As the editor of the Concord magazine, I am thrilled to present to you the latest edition. Our team has worked tirelessly to bring you a diverse range of articles, features, and news that reflect the dynamic and vibrant community that we are proud to be a part of. This edition displays the achievements and perspectives of our Rotarians. It provides insightful commentary on current events and trends as a sneak peek into a wide range of activities.

I hope that you find this edition both informative and engaging. Our goal is to provide a platform for the Rotarians to share their voices, ideas, and experiences and to foster a sense of connection and belonging.

Thank you everyone for being so supportive to the team Rotary. I look forward to your feedback and contributions in future editions.

Rtn Vikash Jalan
Editor 'Concord'

MESSAGE FROM DG

Dear President Rtn Niraj Agarwal

I am glad to note that Rotary Club of Tinsukia is going to have their Installation Ceremony on 29th of June 2024 in which you will be installed as President for the year 2024-25.

I am extremely pleased to extend my Greetings & Good Wishes to you as new Leader of your club for the year 2024-25.

Please also convey my congratulations to your IPP for the wonderful year he has given to your club.

I am confident that this year you will take your club to a new height. It is true that we all have some limitations but we can definitely do something for someone to improve the livelihood of less privilege peoples in our society.

Sumita, joins me in wishing a very meaningful year ahead to you & to all the members of your club.

Let us together create 'The Magic of Rotary' in our society

Thanking You

Yours in Rotary

Rtn Sukhminder Singh
DG: 2024-25.

MESSAGE FROM AG

Dear Esteemed Rotarians of Tinsukia,
Congratulations on our Installation Ceremony! As Norman Vincent Peale said, "A good beginning makes the end easy". Witnessing a new chapter for your service-oriented club is truly inspiring. Your legacy of impactful projects, from clean water initiatives to countless others, is truly remarkable. Past President Rtn Dr Kaushik Dey's exceptional work set a high standard, embodying Mother Teresa's spirit: "We can do small things with great love, and that will change the world."

Best wishes to Incoming President Rtn Niraj Agarwal and the team! Your leadership will undoubtedly guide the club to even greater heights.

Together, let's make a lasting impact that reaches far beyond our communities.

Wishing you a successful and fulfilling Rotary year.

Yours in Rotary,

Rtn Dr. Sailesh Sarmah
Assistant Governor, Zone 14

IPP VOICE

My dear Rotary Family,
Greetings.

My tenure of Presidency has finally come to an end. It was a great learning experience for me and my team of Board Members. I, specifically, learnt a lot regarding Management skills during my tenure as a President. We all had a year which was filled with ups and downs. We had a couple of projects and activities in which members helped as much as they could. We all had a very memorable RYLA with the help of all the members.

I will always remember this year as the year you all taught me how to be a good leader.

I am so proud of the Board Members as well as all the Chairman of various committees who left no stones unturned to fulfil their duties.

With loads of love and respect I'm signing off and handing over the Office of Rotary Club of Tinsukia in the able hands of Rtn Niraj Agarwal and his new team. I'm sure he will bring a new light to Rotary Club of Tinsukia.

Long Live Rotary.

Long Live Rotary Club of Tinsukia.

Rtn Dr Kaushik Dey
President 2023-24

PRESIDENT'S EDGE

Greetings everyone,

Tinsukia Rotary Club has been a pioneer of the Rotary movement in our district 3240 for over 50 years. Our club has produced several outstanding leaders. In the past, our club has performed admirably. Our club lend a helpful hand to the community in numerous ways. I commend the club's members and prior leaders for their hard work, devotion, sincerity and desire to accomplish numerous objectives.

This time our RI theme is 'THE MAGIC OF ROTARY'. Personally, I think that magic can be made by Rotarians. If I were to use polio as an example. Rotary has set an example for eradicating polio not just in India but globally. Rotary International is emphasizing the need to prevent polio today as well.

In coming month, Rotary club of Tinsukia is organising LN-4 prosthetic Hand camp and awareness on Anemia and Thalassemia

which are highly required in the present scenarios of the world. This time as a club president, my main moto is fellowship and community service. One of my rotarian friend always says, "Rotary means WE not I!". So if we all come together and join hands, we can create magic in this world.

As I take on the role of president of this prominent organization, I along with my team will do everything in our power to elevate this organization to new heights.

With this, I would like to express my gratitude to everyone for attending our installation ceremony and giving up your valuable time.

Thank you

Long Live Rotary!

Rtn Niraj Agarwal
President 2024-25



FREE LN - 4 PROSTHETIC HAND CAMP

MADE IN USA
SIMPLE FUNCTIONAL

3 Aug 2024 Saturday 9 AM Onwards

FOR REGISTRATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT
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VENUE :
 ROTARY COMMUNITY CENTRE, BORDOLOI NAGAR
 NEAR NAMGHAR, TINSUKIA

FREE
ZERO MAINTENANCE
LN - 4 PROSTHETIC HANDS
 SUITABLE FOR BOTH ADULTS AND CHILDREN
 MUST HAVE ATLEAST 4 inch (10 cms) ARM BELOW THE ELBOW

Rotary Club of Tinsukia
 R.I. Dist. 3240

Executing Partner :
 Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency
 R.I. Dist. 3291

ৰ'চাৰী ক্লাব অৱ তিনিচুকীয়াৰ বিনামূলীয়া প্ৰস্থেটিক হাত সংৰোধন শিবিৰ ৩ আগষ্টত

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Rotary Fellowship - The Connect for Fun, Friendship and Service

- Rtn. Sailesh Sharma

Rotary Fellowships are a lively part of Rotary International, bringing together members who share common interests, hobbies, or professions. These groups go beyond the shared goal of service, offering a unique blend of camaraderie and enjoyment to members worldwide.

Take the Wine Appreciation Fellowship, for example. During a wine-tasting event in Tuscany, members had a memorable mishap when they mistook a local farmer's grape-stomping vat for an antique wine barrel. This led to a hilarious evening of grape-stomping under the stars, bonding over laughter and stained feet.

In the International Travel and Hosting Fellowship, members often share humorous stories of cultural misunderstandings. One member recounts a mix-up in Japan where a host family served fermented soybeans to a guest who disliked them, leading to a comical exchange of apologies and gestures, highlighting the universal language of laughter.

The Rotarians with Disabilities Fellowship exemplifies inclusivity within Rotary. During one gathering, a service dog accidentally set off a fire alarm, causing a bit of chaos. Despite the mishap, the shared laughter and mutual support among members demonstrated the fellowship's strong spirit.

From quilting to police work, Rotary Fellowships reflect the diverse interests and backgrounds within Rotary International. Whether bonding over hobbies or professions, members create lasting memories and friendships.

These fellowships embody the essence of Rotary International's community spirit. For instance, at a BREW event in Belgium, members had a humorous moment when their attempt to order traditional Trappist ales got lost in translation.

Similarly, the Rotary Means Business Fellowship offers a platform for business-minded Rotarians to connect and exchange ideas. At a conference in New York City, a member inadvertently pitched their pet grooming business to a tech investor. Despite the unexpected topic, both parties shared a good-natured laugh and forged an unexpected friendship, showcasing the serendipitous connections these fellowships foster.

Meanwhile, the Rotary Global History Fellowship (RGHF) preserves Rotary's legacy through stories and discoveries. One memorable tale involves a member finding historical Rotary artifacts in their attic during a renovation. This discovery sparked a renewed interest in Rotary's past achievements and milestones, emphasizing the fellowship's role in preserving and celebrating Rotary's rich history.

These anecdotes from diverse Rotary Fellowships highlight the enduring bonds forged through shared interests, laughter, and mutual support. Whether members are toasting over a pint, discussing business strategies, or exploring Rotary's historical roots, these fellowships demonstrate the profound impact of connection and community within the Rotary world. They remind us that while our paths may vary, it is in these moments of fellowship and fun that we discover our strongest bonds and deepest connections. ■

Musings on New Regime VS. Old Regime –Taxation for Individual (light read, non-technical)

- Rtn. Mayur Agarwal

The income tax return filing season is here. After the financial year ends, all involved in any kind of financial activities get busy in arranging records that tell a picture of financial performance during the past year. The records are also arranged to enable one to discharge our duty of sharing the hard-earned income for collective national progress – pay the taxes on income. Because as Mr. Benjamin Franklin famously said, nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes.

Taxation for Individuals & HUF is based on slab rate - meaning that the rates increase with income. However, the taxation system as we knew it went a paradigm shift from FY 2020-21 onwards. A taxpayer was accustomed to plan his savings, insurances, pension etc based on the income tax 'deductions'. Then there were other deductions - on donations, medical expenses, on interest earned, on new employee cost etc. Yet other benefits too in the form of 'exemption'.

Then came the advent of 'new tax regime' which is an optional slab rate. This regime is touted to be simpler with less complexities.

The major differentiation being that the new regime takes away most of the 'deductions' and 'exemptions'. The parameters of both regimes cannot be parallelly compared. Each case needs its own comparison to find out the beneficial regime. Till the FY 2022-23 roughly, ~ INR17 lakhs income was the point where the new regime got beneficial. But there has been a revision in tax rates since FY 2023-24. These new rates in new tax regime has now made it more lucrative than an year ago. Now in the new regime, there is no tax for income upto Rs 7 lakhs. Then again if you have a deduction of investments, Medclaim, pension scheme, interest on self-occupied home loan upto Rs 2L then you get a good deduction of almost Rs 4lakhs in old regime. Therefore, there is no straight-jacket formula to find out the more beneficial regime.

What practically transpires as a direct affect is that the concept of wealth creation, created by using taxation as a tool has given way to simpler regimes. With taxpayers slowly but surely moving on to new regime, many individual financial decisions will now cease to have the angle of income tax. Life insurance and mediclaims will no longer be sold with the income tax angle. Donation to charitable organizations will become purely donations and no benefit shall accrue to the donor in form of income tax.

A good tax calculator is available on incometaxindia.gov.in if you want to have a fare idea where you stand. But then, as the whispers say, it might not be long till you have to juggle between the options. A simpler option may be all that we have to deal with. Till then, enjoy the juggling. ■



Rotary – The Art of Unity

- Rtn. Rajarshi Gogoi

It's been more than 2 years, I am a proud Rotarian. Like so many socio organizations of this world, "Rotary" and "Rotarians" are always ahead of all.

In Rotary, I came to know that it's a continuous process of learning, caring, sharing happiness with humans, for animals and nature to bring together under one umbrella. Team work & team efforts are the key success of every Rotarians and Rotary.

No matter what, Rotary and Rotarians unitedly fought for every problem of our society. Be it the hard time of Covid 19 pandemic, polio free India, shelter for needy people, education of poor and the journey must go on.

As a Rotarian I believe, if you want to bring changes in society you need a few good people and Rotary is doing exactly the same with the support of good people from around the world which are known as "Rotarians".

Universal Truth – Behind every man success there is a women. Rotarians better half are known as "Ann's". Young minds all ways brings new ideas. In Rotary, young minds are known as "Rotaract."

Rotary means "We" not "I" and it is the Art of Unity.

Long Live Rotary and Rotarians. ■

BIRTHDAY

JUNE

1. Rtn Vivek Agarwal- 17th June
2. Rtn Nishant Goyal - 21st June
3. Rtn Sailesh Sharma - 30th June

JULY

1. Rtn Praveen Dhandaria - 5th July
2. Rtn Vivek Goenka - 10th July
3. Rtn Parth Pratim Palit - 11th July
4. Rtn Chandra Paul- 12th July
5. Rtn Virendra Singh - 15th July
6. Rtn Arindam Borthakur - 19th July
7. Rtn Utpal Bordoloi - 22nd July
8. Rtn Mayur Agarwal - 26th July
9. Rtn Binesh Kumar Singh - 30th July

Welcome to Rotary Family
Rtn Neha Sovasaria

iddles

1 A man was going to buy a \$5000 car, but he didn't pay a penny for the car, how is this possible?

2 Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday?

3 What can be heard and caught but never seen?

4 Many things can create one, it can be of any shape or size, it is created for various reasons, and it can shrink or grow with time. What is it?

5 They have not flesh, nor feathers, nor scales, nor bone. Yet they have fingers and thumbs of their own. What are they?

6 This is as light as a feather, yet no man can hold it for long. What is it?

7 This old one runs forever, but never moves at all. He has not lungs nor throat, but still a mighty roaring call. What is it?

8 No sooner spoken than broken. What is it?

1 He didn't pay a penny, he paid \$5000 for the car! 2 Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow 3 A remark 4 A hole 5 Gloves 6 Breath 7 A waterfall 8 Silence

Let's Laugh



- Three Rotary Club members, all a little hard of hearing, were standing by the bowling green in the park. One remarked to the other "Windy isn't it?" "No" the second man replied, "its Thursday". The third man nodded in agreement: "So am I. Lets have a cup of tea"

ANNIVERSARY

JUNE

1. Rtn Prakash Jain - Jaya Jain - 7th June
2. Rtn Manoj More - Sital More - 18th June
3. Rtn Dr. Swaraj - Rtn Tuhina Bhattacharjee - 21st June
4. Rtn Nishant Goyal - Ritu Goyal - 21st June
5. Rtn Praveen - Ritu Dhandaria - 27th June
6. Rtn Madhukar Agarwal - Ankita Agarwal - 28th June
7. Rtn Promothesh-Ruby Das - 30th June

JULY

1. Rtn Adv. Naveen - Rajani Saraf - 3rd July
2. Rtn Dr. Snehil - Rtn Dr. Harshvardhan Bukalsaria -13th July

Rotary Fun Facts

There are more than 1.2 Million Rotarians all over the world in more than 33,000 Rotary Clubs in more than 200 countries in all geographic areas.

The first women joined Rotary in 1987. Today, more than 196,000 woman are members of Rotary International.



The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships is the world's largest, privately funded scholarship program.



Rotarians in the United States make up 28% of all Rotarians worldwide



Providing vitamin A supplements during polio National Immunization Days has averted an estimated 1.5 million childhood deaths since 1998 – testimony to the "plus" in PolioPlus.



Nauru and formerly known as Pleasant Island, is an island country in Micronesia in the South Pacific. Its nearest neighbor is Banaba Island in Kiribati, 182 miles to the east. It has the least amount of any Rotarians in the world, numbering only 11.



The first service project of the first Rotary club of Chicago was installation of public toilets in the city.



The first Rotaract Club was formed in Charlotte, North Carolina, USA.

Source : rotaryshanghai.org



A doctor, lawyer, and a Rotarian in charge of fundraising all die and arrive at the Pearly Gates about the same time. St. Peter tells them they may each have one thing to take with them to Heaven.

The doctor is first, and asks for \$1 million. This is given and proceeds to enter Heaven. The lawyer, not to be outdone, asks for \$2 million. "Very well," say St. Peter and opens the gate to Heaven for the lawyer.

Finally it is time for the Rotarian, who had just finished a fundraising project for The Rotary Foundation. St. Peter asks him what he would like to take to Heaven. The fundraiser moves up very close to St. Peter, and in a soft voice asks, "It it's not too much trouble, could I just have the names of those two people who were ahead of me in line?"

Source : Online