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## October is Vocational Service Month

The month of October has been designated as the Vocational Service month. It is in this month when Clubs all over the world highlight the activities of this Avenue and honor citizens of the community in their respective vocations. Lectures are also arranged by eminent persons. Our club's activities during the month are

A talk on the 4-Way Test; A talk on "How Rotary Clubs could help the Centre for sustainable Development". This is a joint meeting with another Club; A talk on vocational excellence of fighter pilots by the Ex Vice Chief of Air Staff, Indian Air Force; A talk on vocational excellence in performing heart surgeries by a leading Heart Surgeon; Honoring of police and postal personnel. 6. A talk by the Dy.Superintendent of Police on Law and Order.

Vocational Service is the second Avenue of Service and is also called the fountain head of Rotary. The main concept of Vocational Service is that each holder of a classification in Rotary is obligated to share the ideals of Service in all relationships of his business or profession with others. It is interesting to see the origin of this particular Service in Rotary. Paul Harris launched the Rotary movement with the idea of mixing friendship and business which could result in more business and more friendship for every one involved. His idea was unusual since in those years the entrepreneurship in Chicago was unrestrained by the government in their pursuit for power and wealth. Therefore at that time a businessmen's competitor was regarded as an enemy ! Paul therefore started a club where the membership was limited to one man representing one business or profession. In other words, it was the classification principle of membership. Men who joined the club were not competitors in the same field but men who were motivated primarily by business which they expected to receive from the other club members. In doing so they discovered something else- fellowship- the opportunity to confer and enjoy the friendship of men of other occupations.

An important phase in the development of this Avenue of Service occurred during the great depression of the 1930s. The 4-way test came into being. The test laid down a high ethical code and fair play in business or profession to be followed by Rotarians. The two popular slogans, "He who profits most who serves best" and "Service Above Self" came into use as early as 1911.

### Champion Motivator Samim Rizvi visits our Club



Samim Rizvi with Rtms & Rotaractors

The last meeting of the New Generation month was held on Monday the 26th September, 2011. We could not have had a better speaker than Sri. Samim Rizvi, who graced the occasion as Chief Guest. He was the personification of self motivation. He conveyed to us, and the Rotaractors present at the meeting, the importance of maintaining good health. His own life was an example of what one could achieve through will power and determination. His emotional experiences during his participation in marathons held the audience spell bound.

To Samim, cycling to Chennai and back over the weekend appeared to be effortless. After all he had cycled to Mumbai and back covering a distance of 2200 kms in just three and a half days ! If that surprises you , you will be shocked to know that he ran the same route in 22 days! The most phenomenal achievement was his 'Race Across America' ( RAAM ) in June 2011 in which he cycled covering a distance of 4828 kms in just 12 days. He was the first Indian to complete the RAAM in the 30-year history of the race. His happiest moment was to see the Indian flag hoisted when he completed the race.

Samim cycles and runs for a cause which is close to his heart, namely, Global Warming. He is committed to the 'Pure Water Exchange' organisation which provides drinking water and toilets for the needy around the world. He is training to qualify for the 2012 Olympics in the Individual Time Trial where no Indian has qualified since 1964. Samim is certainly a role model to the young and old alike. Check out his blog at [www.samrizvi.com](http://www.samrizvi.com)

## Rotary Idol: Nazneen is the winner; Sierra runners up



Anne Nazneen Jamal wins the First Prize



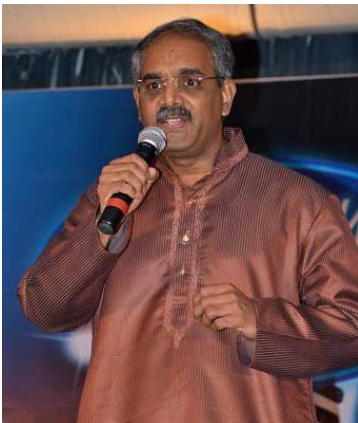
Annette Megha Agarwal

Our District 3190 organized a singing competition for Rotarians, Annes and Annettes. 84 Clubs from the district took part in this event. The prelim rounds were held on 29 & 30th Sep. Amongst the finalists were Annes Nazneen Jamal, Sierra Pearson; Rtn. Vidyut Shenoy and Annette Megha Agarwal.

With the sheer talent of our members, and encouragement by Manoj Agarwal, it was not a surprise that we walked away with the top spot. Nazeen was awarded the

First Prize in the 50+ category. Sierra was awarded the Second Prize. Annette Megha Agarwal won the First Prize in her category.

A Hearty Congratulations to all winners and participants.



Rtn. Vidyut Shenoy



Anne Sierra Pearson

## Shyam carries on the good work at Sonnahallipura

Rtn. Shyam Aggarwal is completely dedicated to the upliftment of Sonnahallipura Village. Here is his report after the visit on 24th Sep.

**Micro Finance:** The finances were reviewed. The repayments and granting of fresh loans are going on well. As of now we have given Rs. 3 lakhs as grants. We shall be giving another Rs. 1 lakh on 30 Sept. We had started the SMO in Jan 2011 with 6 SHGs and about 80 members, which has expanded to 9 SHGs and 128 members. The program is working very well and there has not been a single default as of now. Those taking loan return the same in ten months at 1% interest per month or they give back 11% at the end.

**Gifts for Residents:** They have liked the clothes, shoes, books, games and toys that we have been taking for them each visit. This time there is a special request from Anganwadi. They would like to have bed sheets, bed covers, durries & blankets that they can spread on the floor for the children to sleep in the afternoon. Mattresses and pillows are also welcome.

**Sanitary Napkins For Young Girls:** This project was started in June and by August ladies were trained and machines installed. First sale was made on 15 Aug. Seminars and workshops were held for 80 headmistresses and lady teachers as also for 1500 girls in end August. I am pleased to inform you that in September orders were received from more than 1000 girls. They are being subsidized at Rs. 5 per monthly requirement and the balance is paid by our Club and Manipal Foundation. We hope to reach production level of 2000 by October and will have to expand then.

**School Students Coaching:** A new program has started on 15 September. 30 girls from class VIII and class IX have been selected for coaching in English, Spoken English, Maths and Science. The teachers' salary is shared by Rotary and Manipal and the students are not charged. However they have committed to improve by 10% each year. We shall be reviewing each of the above 4 programs and also find out the difficulties that the girls and ladies have and how we can solve them.

Shyam also requests us to donate the following:

**Books and Magazines:** This time there was a special request for Books on Spoken English and English Grammar as well as used text books and stationary items.

**Clothes & Footwear:** They are needed for the women, men, teenagers and children. All items of clothing are required and would be greatly appreciated. They have also requested for raincoats.

**Toys and Games:** All types are appreciated, with emphasis on games which help in their learning abilities.

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## Onam Celebrations - A Grand Fellowship Event

Onam is an ancient festival which still survives in modern times. It is Kerala's rice harvest festival and the festival of rain and flowers. It falls on the Malayalam month of Chingam . It celebrates the annual visit of the demon King Mahabali from the underworld. According to the legend, Kerala witnessed its golden era during the reign of King Mahabali. It is this visit of Mahabali that is celebrated as Onam every year. People celebrate the festival in a grand way and impress upon their dear King that they are happy and wish him well. The central feature of Onam is the grand feast called Onasadya, prepared on ThiruOnam. On 25th Sep, The Onam festival was organised and celebrated by our Club at the Kochhar Institute. Members and their families along with guests attended in traditional Kerala attire. The Ladies presented a traditional Kerala dance called Kaikottikali. The children performed a dance sequence called Pulliyottam. There was a Malayalam group song too sung by Non Malayalees ! A tableau on Mahabali-VVaman recalled the history of Onam. The dance performance by a professional danseur Mr. Roopesh awed the audience. All five Avenue members participated in the "Pookalam" ( Flower Rangoli ) competition. The Avenue of Community Service bagged the first prize.

A Pookalam made in the shape of the Rotary logo placed just in front of the stage was very well done. Freshly cut tender coconut was served as a refreshing welcome drink followed by a delicious Kerala style Sadhya which was relished by everyone.

A note by our President: This is to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the Rotarians, Annes and Annettes for their co-operation in making the Onam fellowship a grand success. I would in particular like to thank Jayashree, Kesavadas & Sugunan who helped in organizing the event.

Appreciation for Kamala Uday, Bhama, Krish, Renuka Abraham, Kavita Kekre, Annie Randhawa, Asad, Harish Anand & the Annettes who actively participated in making the Pookalam competition a success. Sowmya Srikanth & Valsala Shivashankaran for helping in the Stage management.

I would like to specially express my gratitude to all the Annes who participated in the Kaikottikalli and spent a whole month of their time practicing the same to produce a fantastic dance: Sushila Menon, Gayatri Chandrashekhar, Valli, Prabha Sugunan, Meenakshi , Jayashri Prabhakar, Kavita Pishay, Kavita Kekre, Varsha Koppikkar and Jayashree Kesh.

A special heartfelt thanks to Gayatri Chandrashekar for helping with the practice sessions despite her professional commitments. A big kudos to the enthusiastic new members - Prabha, Meenakshi and Varsha, and the excellent support received from Valli, a trained dancer herself; and of course the experienced members for all their support.

A special congrats to all the Annettes who enthusiastically came for the practices and took part in the grand finale of the Pulikalli dance which was superbly enacted - Megha Agarwal, Nandan, Jashan Mane, Fida Mane, Akash Reddy, Aryan Reddy, Shifa Asad and Saira Asad. Thanks to Vidya Pradeep for the excellent co-ordination, and to Annie Randhawa for MC ing the program.

A great big thank you to Mahaballi - George Pearson and to Vaman - Annette Yash Koppikkar for a great job done. If i have missed out anyone, it is unintentional. Thank you for all the co-operation and I look forward to the same in the future.



Annes all decked up!



George as Mahabali



Pookalam



Happy Rotarians & Annes



Annettes enjoying their lunch

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- October 03 – Rtn. Ramesh Chand Agarwal
- October 03 – Anne Pavitra Reddy
- October 04 – Rtn. Ramani Aiyer
- October 04 – Anne Kumud Shirish Mathur
- October 04 – Rtn. Suresh Patel
- October 04 – Anne Vidhya Visvanathan
- October 05 – Rtn. Ramesh Agarwal
- October 06 – Anne Asha Vaswani
- October 06 – Anne Meera Achar
- October 07 – Anne Anita Suresh Hari
- October 08 – Anne Kavita Kekre
- October 08 – Anne Valsala Sivasankaran
- October 09 – Anne Devi Devaraj
- October 10 – Rtn. Brindavan Balaji
- October 11 – Anne Radhika Venkatesh
- October 15 – Rtn. Devaraj
- October 16 – Rtn. Somil Mittal
- October 16 – Anne Deepika Lokesh
- October 16 – Rtn. R. Nagaraja

### Wedding Anniversaries

- October 03 – Varamahalakshmi & D. Ravikumar
- October 07 – Meera & Vijaykumar Achar
- October 08 – Simran & Ranjeet Gulati
- October 11 – Mukta & Harpreet Rana
- October 12 – Sneha Prabha & O.P.Khanna
- October 13 – Sarojni & D.V.Rao
- October 14 – Jayashree & Lalit Kumar Sawhney

### When was first Rotary Club in India chartered?

Rotary in India was born at 11 Government Place in the Dalhousie Square area of Calcutta within the English surroundings of Peliti's Restaurant on 26th September 1919. The building where Peliti's used to be still stands opposite Raj Bhavan.

Peliti's Restaurant was started by Federico Peliti, with a great tradition in bakery and confectionery products. Peliti was a Manufacturing Confectioner and was by appointment to the Viceroy, the Earl of Mayo. He started his restaurant and confectionery business in 1870. Peliti's was famous for their three course lunch which could be had very quickly at Rs 1.50. The price remained unchanged from 1917 to 1924. It was here at a lunch meeting on September 26, 1919 that the Rotary Club of Calcutta was organised thus making that day our Foundation Day and ushering the movement in India, and indeed in the mainland of Asia. It was initiated by an expatriate businessman RJ Coombes who had returned to Calcutta from a business trip to USA with an authority to organise a club here.

He succeeded in interesting a few of his European friends, particularly the Freemasons, and at a luncheon meeting of some 45 men a formal resolution was passed to organise a Rotary Club with a membership 20. The club was granted its charter on January 1, 1920. Though the Pelitis were not known to be members of our club, Peliti's continued to be the venue for all the Regular General Meetings of the club till it closed down after Independence.

*Courtesy: PP Binod Khaitan, RC Central Kolkata, Dist 3291*

### Forthcoming Events

October 10<sup>th</sup> – Joint Meeting at Rotary House of Friendship – Dr. Ravindra will speak on "Rotary Clubs contribution for Sustainable Development" – 7pm onwards.

October 17<sup>th</sup> – Monday Meeting at RHOS – Dr. Vivek Jawali will speak on "Performing Heart surgeries with a zero margin of error"

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