



THE FLAMINGO HUB

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THEY JUST HAVE THE HEART"

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RID 3262

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-PAUL HARRIS
(FOUNDER OF ROTARY)

EDITORIAL



RTN. MR. PARTHA SARATHI HANSDAH (OAS)

A year passed and the club is now entering in to second year of its existence. In fact, a good day to remember and enjoy. OCV of DG on this special day adds flavour to this special moment. I congratulate all our esteemed members specially to our charter members for all their efforts to bring up this club. I welcome DG Pravudutta Subudhi, First Lady Rtn.Manjusha Subuddhi, AG Aayush Jasoria and all the dignitaries who have made this day a special day for all of us.

Official Club Visit of the District Governor is a customary and mandatory event of the club where DG verifies all records, scrutinizes all activities and provides valuable inputs for improvement. We are fortunate that we are left with three more months to improve upon before the end of this Rotary year and we look forward to receiving comments, compliments and suggestions.

Our year began under the dynamic leadership of our Charter President Rtn.Dr.Smita Sinha who keeps trying to make us united and involved as she believes that coming together is the first step for doing together. As PRIP Shekhar Mehta says; "An informed Rotarian is an involved Rotarian", she keeps updating all of us with Rotary knowledge and various events and encourages us to take up one project each to follow our passions. Some of us have already started their signature projects and few others are on the process of taking up while still few are trying to investigate their own inner callings – what do they want in Rotary, how can they channelize their inner potency as Rotary gives a wonderful platform to serve the humanity in any form one wants. There are wide range of areas to work for. As a new comer to Rotary, I keep watching our club activities. I am amazed to see the quantum of service projects our new club has accomplished in last 9 months- more than 100 projects; small and big, one time and sustainable ones. We also had many challenges. This journey so far was not always a bed of roses. But we also overcame the challenges. This is where the leadership role comes in to. Problems are inevitable. But, solving them is what it matters ultimately to keep the organization to move on. We realized that at the time of the crisis be it financial or social or technical, experience counts a lot in resolving the issues along with tactfulness, calmness and patience.

As we move on as a flamingo family with different age group all coming together with the aspiration to further the betterment of the society, we feel happy and proud to be the member of this club. We have already made our presence visible due to the amount of good work our members are doing. Like our President, we have few other passionate Rotarians who dream to bring out positive changes in the communities we live in and also beyond. We want to see the same rigour in all our members. As we move on to the second year, we will definitely do better. And we will!!!

RI PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

RTN. JENNIFER JONES



March 2023

As we planned for this Rotary year, I could have never "imagined" the breadth of stories we would encounter nor the scope of the people we would meet.

I find oxygen in sharing time with our members — hearing their truths and learning about their personal journeys and their deepest desires for goodness.

And so it was that I encountered two very different men with very similar stories.

One-hundred-year-old Genshitsu Sen is a remarkable human being and a joyful soul. We greeted each other in Kyoto, during my trip to Japan in November, with a hug and an instant connection.

Not only is Sen a former grand master of the Urasenke tea tradition but he is also an active member of the Rotary Club of Kyoto, where he has served as club president. He assisted in the charter of the Rotary Club of Kyoto-South. And he has also served as governor of District 2650 and held leadership roles in Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.

During that same week, I had the great pleasure to record a birthday video for a 100-year-old World War II naval hero who is an exemplary leader and who served two terms as governor of District 5810 in Texas.

Both men are decorated World War II heroes in their respective countries and share unthinkable history. And although they served on opposing sides of the war, their stories are remarkably similar — and they are both honorable men who chose Rotary to carry on lives of peacemaking.

I have been reflecting so much lately that we are all on this planet simply trying to do our best, and we are much more similar than we are different.

I feel incredibly fortunate to share in these stories and to meet such incredible people.

KNOW YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR

RTN. PRAVUDUTTA SUBUDHI



Techno-savvy, Finance-wizard Pravu born in a trading family with multifarious products and services in his business bouquet. He is a Business consultant and Hotelier, into real estate, runs LPG Domestic Distributions and Apparel Retail store.

Rotaractor since 1987, Rotarian since last twenty years.

His father Jayadev Subudhi is also an active Rotarian for more than 50 years.

He always inspires others to contribute to TRF.

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The Trustee of TRF bestowed the citation of Meritorious Service on recognition of outstanding service to The Rotary Foundation and embodiment the motto of Doing Good in the World.

In his Presidential tenure, he was recipient of Outstanding President, RILM Star club RIP-Citation and more 34 awards.

In 2017-18 being DRCC increased 20% Rotaract Clubs. Recipient of "Outstanding Young Rotary Leader", Trendsetting AG and DRCC.

His 'SAY-NO-TO-POLYTHINE' movement and distribution of 50,000 eco-friendly bags inspired others.



Pravu is a Commerce & RLI Graduate, LLB and Programmer from NCC-UK and a Business management certificate for a crash course at the premier B-school XIMB.

Happily married to Rotarian Manjusha a home maker is also a Major Donor, blessed with two sons- the elder Moheet completed his graduation at CASS Business School, London and the younger Punit studying commerce at a public school. Both are successfully running a startup of online event management since one year.

In Feb 2020 Pravu is elected as District Governor to serve Rotary District 3262 during Rotary Year 2022-23.

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

RTN. PRAVUDUTTA SUBUDHI



Dear President Rtn.Dr. Smita Sinha
Rotary Club of Bhubaneswar Flamingo

I am pleased to learn that you are organising the Official Club Visit (OCV) of the District Governor to your club on..... and are publishing the OCV Issue of your Club bulletin on this occasion.

The club visit of the DG is a special occasion. A part of the purpose of the DG's official visit is to support and educate the club. It is a golden opportunity for the District Governor to meet and interact directly with members of the club and motivate them to participate in service projects to strengthen the programs of Rotary. The District Governor will also appraise members of various Rotary related matters pertaining to the District and RI to further the vision and values of Rotary.

The OCV is a time to review your club's completed and ongoing service activities and complete other official matters pertaining to the club. The District office has already informed clubs to communicate and coordinate with the Assistant Governor prior to the DG's visit for smooth conduct of the proceedings.

On this occasion, I congratulate the President, office bearers and members of the club for serving with commitment and dedication while following the call to "IMAGINE ROTARY" given by RI President Jennifer Jones. As a Rotary club you have contributed towards change and upliftment of the needy people in your immediate community. This service can be further multiplied through Foundation Giving to serve the larger world community where people are underprivileged.

My Best Wishes for a successful completion of the event.

With Warm Regards,

District Governor

Pravudutta Subudhi

RID-3262

FROM THE DESK OF CLUB PRESIDENT

CP RTN. DR. SMITA SINHA



Namaskar and welcome to our OCV of DG which also coincides with our 1st Charter Day celebration. On behalf of our club, I welcome you all to this special occasion with the feeling of gratitude for all of you to have joined us in this moment of rejoice. I welcome our District Governor Rtn. Pravudutta Subudhi and the first Lady Rtn. Manjusha Subudhi, Assistant Governor Rtn. Aayush Jasoria and all the dignitaries, guests, friends from Rotary and friends of Rotary. I must admit with all humility that because of our DG and AG's constant support, we are able to fulfil most of our goals. With their persistent guidance, our new club got a new direction to march forward aligning with Rotary's mission and vision. Rotary gives a wonderful platform for members of the civil society to unite to create lasting changes in the lives of those who need us the most. Our club was born on 25th March 2022 primarily due to the persistent encouragement of the then DG Santanu Kumar Pani and the Charter Secretary Rtn. Pankaj Kumar Sahu and was christened as RC Bhubaneswar Flamingo; to have the flamingo like beautiful colour, vibrance, flamboyance, energy, fellow feelings, wings to fly and legs to stand and the courage to withstand all adversities with calm and composed disposition. I must say our little baby flamingos are growing up slowly but swiftly and steadily to justify our name in solving some of the most pertinent societal issues however miniscule it may be. During last Rotary year, we took time to settle down and to get to know each other better. With the beginning of this Rotary year, we began to spread our wings in all avenues of service and all areas of focus. We are a small club with just twenty two members; almost half of them reside outside Bhubaneswar and even some outside India. As we meet mostly online, physical or geographical distances do not become hindrances for us. Around 60% members are youth members in their twenties and thirties. This means we have wonderful synergy of intergenerational group where youth like vigour and vitality merge with real life experience of the elderly to produce meaningful results. This year's RI theme is 'Imagine Rotary'. Yes, 'Imagine' is the perfect word to begin with doing any good work. We must imagine a society we are looking for, a Utopian society to see everything in perfect balance. Then only we can think of how to go forward to make our imagination a reality.

Up till now, our team of vibrant Rotarians could do a number of very good service projects. We have two on going projects. 'Mission Thalassemia' led by Rtn. Dr. Hemlata Das examines, monitors old patients, identifies new patients, vaccinate them, gives medicines on a regular basis in various places across the state and beyond. Project 'The Green Finger' led by Rtn. Manabendu Rath focuses on developing a Miyawaki Forest near Jatani. We are in the process of doing ground water recharge project near Konark led by Rtn. Dr. Ysmin Yasmin and; Rtn. Shibabrata Kar, Diksha project led by Rtn. Col. Debabrata Kar and myself, WINS by Rtn. Anshuman Patnaik and Rtn. Reeta Patnaik. We have done several onetime humanitarian projects. Some of our outstanding projects are Mushroom Cultivation training to tribal women, health check-up of inmates at women and child beggar rehab centre and for visually impaired students, counselling to alcoholic and drug abused children, cancer awareness program for alcoholic women, breast cancer awareness program, eye, dental, gynae, ortho, paediatric, endocrinology camp during divya kumbha mela, blood donation camp at Fire station, monthly teacher

FROM THE DESK OF CLUB PRESIDENT

CP RTN. DR. SMITA SINHA



training program 'Enrich' series, motivational session with Ambassador Dr. Deepak Vohra, our honorary Rotarian at Rajdhani college, SOA university, KV-2 and Govt UP School, Baramunda, disaster management efforts like flood relief distributions at various villages of Gania block mostly through rough-hewn, ragged terrains under the leadership of our charter Secretary Rtn. Pankaj Kumar Sahu etc to name a few.

Some of our projects are collaborated with other clubs to expand our reach and to have greater impact on the society while some others are done by our club only. Our social media presence is well looked after by Rtn. Rtr. Susita Das. Our youth leaders like Rtn. CS. Satya Pradeep Roy, Rtn. CS. Rashmi Agarwal and Rtn. Dr. Pusparaj A. Pradhan are always eager to render their services and are full of positive spirits.

Today, DG inaugurated Girls' renovated toilet partially sponsored by Rtn. Reeta Patnaik at Govt UP School, Baramunda. In short, so far, we have conducted a total of 34 meetings and have published two E bulletins under club service, and 108 service projects in other avenues of service in toto as of today. This was possible because of our all the passionate little flamingos working very hard. Today, being our Charter day, we are going to recognise the best among the best who have rendered exemplary services during the last one year in any of the avenues of Service which is a prestigious award of recognition from Rotary International endorsed by the District Governor. We are also going to recognise a youth Rotarian below 40 age group with Youth Rotarian of the year award basing on the criterion of passion, perseverance, and performance in solving some of the community's need. Our journey has just started. Our imaginations and dreams are yet to achieve the desired goals and we shall continue to thrive to improve more and more and will be more adaptable to the changing time and need. With supports from you all and guidance of our DG, we are confident that we will, and we shall bring some positive changes in the society soon.

Remembering Robert Frost, I conclude;

“ We have promises to keep
And miles to go before we sleep
And miles to go before we sleep”.

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AMBASSADOR RTN. DR. DEEPAK VOHRA



Deepak Vohra is an Ambassador of India and Special advisor to Prime ministers in Africa and to the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils of Kargil and Leh. He has also served in France, Vietnam, Tunisia, United States, Nigeria, Chad, Benin, Cameroon, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea and Spain. Ambassador Vohra served as Officer on Special Duty to the Technology Advisor to the Prime Minister of India. Ambassador Vohra has unmatched expertise and insights into developmental issues for developing nations, especially in Africa. He has worked with Sulabh International and was closely associated with UN Missions in Africa. An alumnus of St Columba's School, St Stephen's College and Sorbonne University, Deepak Vohra was India's most loved TV anchor for several years, being shortlisted by a women's magazine as one of the most sensational personalities in India. He speaks to national and international audiences on Our World @ 2025, Global Megaconvergences shaping the future. Over 20 million have heard him so far. He writes regularly for The Sunday Guardian and appears on TV channels as an expert foreign affairs analyst

MOTIVATIONAL SESSION BY AMBASSADOR RTN. DR. DEEPAK VOHRA
SOA UNIVERSITY
JAN 2023



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FELLOWSHIP DINNER WITH DISTRICT GOVERNOR RTN. PRAVUDUTTA
SUBUDHI , AMBASSADOR RTN. DR. VOHRA AND CLUB MEMBERS



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MOTIVATIONAL SESSION WITH STUDENTS OF
CENTRAL SCHOOL-2 , CRPF CAMPUS
JAN 2023



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INSPIRATIONAL AND INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH STUDENTS OF
GOVT UP SCHOOL BARAMUNDA
SEPT 2022



FELLOWSHIP WITH AMBASSADOR RTN. DR. VOHRA
SEPT 2022



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HARMONY, INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY
RAJDHANI COLLEGE
SEPT 22



ACTIVITY REPORT

JULY 2022-MARCH 2023

Club Service

Installation Ceremony



Club Service

- Club meetings - 17
- Board meetings - 8
- Speaker meetings – 4
- Fellowship meetings – 1
- Annual meeting – 1
- Assembly meetings - 2
- Club Bulletin - 2
- Installation ceremony
- Celebration of birthdays and other festivals



ACTIVITY REPORT

JULY 2022-MARCH 2023

Peace Building & Conflict Prevention

- EUPHORIA - On the eve of International Day of Happiness
- Involve to Evolve- A Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiative (Awareness program)
- Counselling for a Drug and Alcohol-free environment for the children
- HARMONY



Peace Building & Conflict Prevention



Euphoria



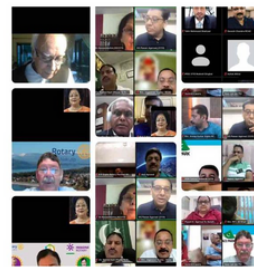
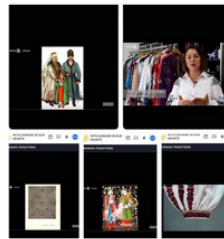
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JULY 2022-MARCH 2023

Peace Building & Conflict Prevention

- Participation in Multi District Peace Seminar ICC- India Pakistan
- Rotary Ukraine's virtual tour "With Ukraine in our Hearts"
- Joy of Gifting- A program to share and care for the visually impaired students



Basic Education & Literacy Teacher Support

- "ENRICH" Series online teacher training in collaboration with RC Chennai Gemini, Madras Aadithya and other clubs - one training session per month
- Nation Builder Awards to 11 number of teachers



ACTIVITY REPORT

JULY 2022-MARCH 2023

Basic Education & Literacy- RCC Florentina & Interact Floricans

- Beti Bachao Beti Padhao
- RCC Florentina celebrated Teacher's Day
- World Literacy Day celebration by Interact Club of Floricans



Contd.... Interact Club of Floricans Activities



Beti Bachao Beti Padhao



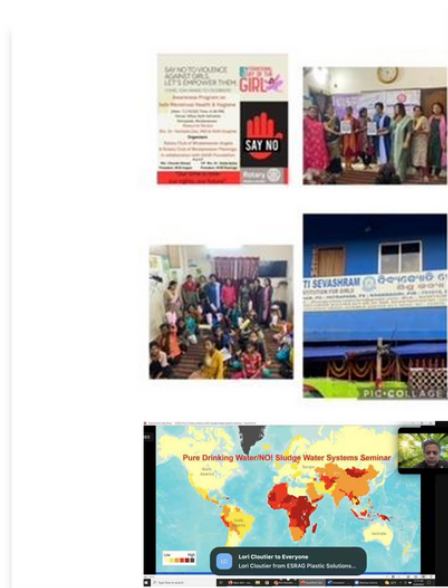
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ACTIVITY REPORT

JULY 2022-MARCH 2023

Water, Hygiene and Sanitation

- Hand Washing Training
- Awareness Program on Safe Menstrual Health and Hygiene
- Participation in the Seminar “Pure Drinking Water/ No Sludge Water Treatment System” by ESRAG



Water, Hygiene and Sanitation

- Hand Washing Training at Govt UP School, Baramunda



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ACTIVITY REPORT

JULY 2022-MARCH 2023

Mother and child health

- Breast cancer Screening & Awareness Camp
- Free Health Check-up for Visually Impaired students
- Chaman and Suman -Polio Fund Raisers



Mother and child health

- Nutrition Kit for Kids
- End Polio Now
- Car Rally & Walkathon
- Eye Health Camp



ACTIVITY REPORT

JULY 2022-MARCH 2023

Disease prevention

Free health camp at Divya Kumbha mela

Exhibition Ground Nov28-Dec06,2022

In association with RCB Confluence:

- 43 Body Parameter test
- Orthopaedic Camp
- Gynaecology Camp
- Paediatric Camp
- Dental Camp
- Orthopaedic Camp
- Endocrinology Camp
- Vision Screening Camp



Disease prevention-

MISSION THALASSEMIA

- Monitoring old patients, identifying New patients, vaccination, blood Test & medicine distribution
- Camps at:- Baripada, Kendrapara, Jajpur Town, Bhadrak, Dhenkanal, Jamshedpur & W.B.



ACTIVITY REPORT

JULY 2022-MARCH 2023

Contd...Free Health Camp at Divya Kumbha Mela



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Disease prevention

- Cancer Awareness Camp
- Smiling Teeth : Dental camp
- Mental Health Awareness

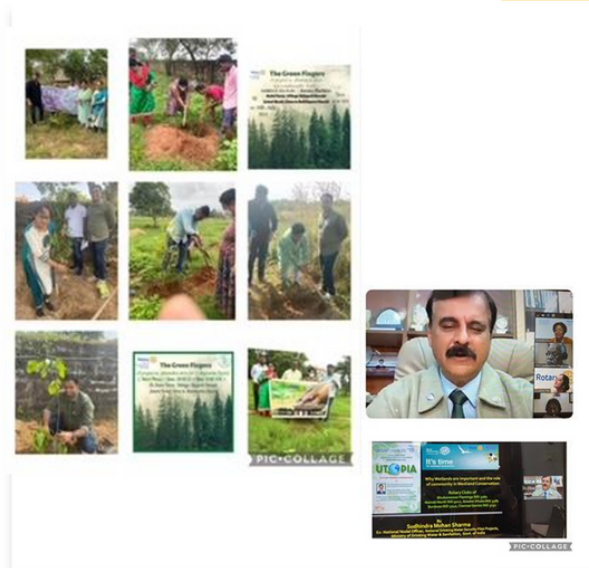


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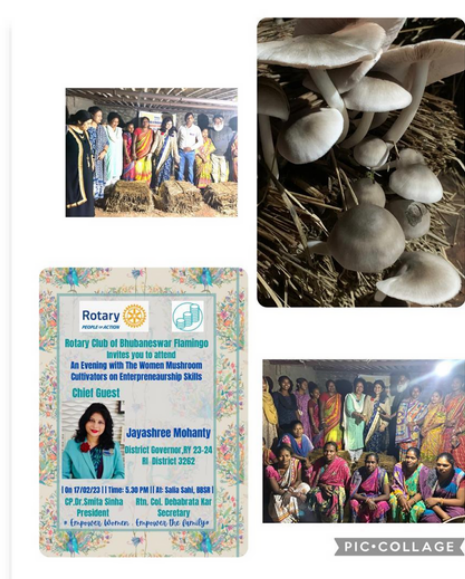
Environment

- The Green Fingers- Miyawaki Forest in Jatani- 2nd phase plantation drive
- The Green Fingers- third phase plantation
- UTOPIA-2 Muli District Webinar on World Wetlands Day in collaboration with RC Nairobi North, RC Greater Dhaka, RC Chennai Gemini & RC Burwdan



Community economic development

- Mushroom Cultivation Training to Migrant Tribal Women
- Entrepreneurship skills to tribal women mushroom cultivators



ACTIVITY REPORT

JULY 2022-MARCH 2023

Rotary Day of Service- Blood Donation Camp

- RC Bhubaneswar Flamingo along with RCB Toshali, Galxy and E club Coastal Bay of D3262 organized a blood donation camp on 23.2.23 at OFDRA, Baramunda Bhubaneswar on the occasion of Rotary Day. This Rotary Day of Service was supported by Odisha Fire Disaster Response Academy, Govt of Odisha, Red Cross Society of India, Odisha State Branch, Central Red Cross Cuttack and the NGO Child and Women Development Society, Odisha. 43 units of blood were collected.



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Awareness on Organ Donation and Pledge

- RCB Flamingo and RCB Confluence in association with Lingaraj Health Care conducted free health camp where a total numbers of 76 people were examined and counselled accordingly at Divya Kumbha Mela held at Exhibition ground, Unit-3, Bhubaneswar. CARE Hospitals provided free Ambulance and First Aid services. Lingaraj Health Care people were felicitated with certificates of appreciation in the presence of Sister Geeta, Arunji both from Bramhakumari OM Shanti and Rtn. Kailash Kanungo, Charter President of RCB Confluence and our own club members and Club President / Charter President Rtn. Dr. Smita Sinha.



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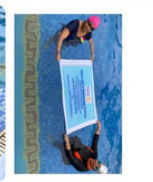
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Promotion of Rotary's People of Action Logo on Rotary's 118th birthday.

- Rotary Clubs of Bhubaneswar Flamingo, Toshali, Galaxy and E Club Coastal Bay of D3262 organised a promotional campaign of Rotary's People of Action logo on Rotary Day on 23/2/23 in the public places like Ekamra Kanan in the morning hours and at Biju Patnaik Park in Forest Park area in the evening among the morning and evening walkers respectively. The Rotarians told the success stories of Rotary to the visitors and put stickers with people of action logo on vehicles of willing visitors.



Women's day celebration



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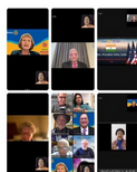


Republic day



Independence day- "Maha Tiranga Yatra"

Co-hosting webinar- Town Hall with RIPE on 3.9.22 & RIPN on 29.10.22



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District event Participation

- Participation in District Membership seminar
- Participation in TRF seminar
- Participation in District Conference
- Participation in District Membership Seminar
- Participation in District Stewardship Seminar
- Participation in Eye Conclave
- Participation in CSR Seminar
- Participation in AGETS & DTTS



Disaster management

- Flood relief at villages in Gania block



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Synergy: An event on inclusion

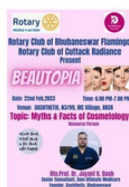
Musical competition for visually impaired and visually-abled students of Bhubaneswar



Miscellaneous



RCC Florentina activity



Beautopia



Annapurna Day at old age home

ACTIVITY REPORT

JULY 2022-MARCH 2023

Appreciation for Outstanding Performance

- Top picture: Kalinga Book Fair
- Bottom picture: Divya Kumbha Mela



Avenue of services

- Club Service: Total no. 35
- Community Service: Total no. 100
- Vocational Service: Total no. 2
- New Generation Service: Total no. 5
- International Service: TRF contribution of US\$ 1,019



MINUTES OF LAST MEETING



Minutes of Meeting

Club Assembly # 03

2022-2023



25th March ,2023



11.30 M. IST



Govt UPS Baramunda



Members Present

DG

AG

Club Members

- 1.Welcome address by the President Rtn. Dr. Smita Sinha.
- 2.One minute silence invocation was observed for World Peace & Understanding followed by National Anthem.
- 3.The President gave the updates.
- 4.DG verified all records and interacted with members and AG and gave suggestions for improvement.

Discussed, resolved and unanimously approved

Various club related matters suggested by DG.

Forth coming Club Events

- DG OCV Public meeting and 1st Charter Day celebration at 6.30 PM.

Attendance Statistics

Vote of thanks & attendance statistics was given by PE Rtn Vijay Dash .

Total attendance =09

THE FLYING FLAMINGO



BY RTN. RTR. SUSITA DAS

REMEMBERING THE DAY
SHE CAME TO ME
TO TELL ME
I'M AN EMBRYO FLAMINGO
STILL IN MY MOM'S WOMB,
GOING TO BE BORN SOON.
WILL YOU HELP ME
TO GROW AND FLY?

SHE SAID,
I WANT MY WINGS
TO BE PINK AND ORANGE.
WILL YOU FEED ME ENOUGH
TO MAKE ME SO THEN?

SHE AGAIN SAID,
I LOVE MY FAMILY
MY CLAN, MY HUB
WILL YOU HELP
THEM GROW AS WELL?

SHE SAID; I AM A WETLAND BIRD,
AS BEAUTIFUL AS THE NATURE CAN,
AS COURTEOUS AS A CREATURE CAN,
AS HELPFUL AS ANYONE CAN.

NOW TELL ME,
WILL YOU HELP ME
TO BORN AND FLY?

I THOUGHT, I PONDERED
OVER AND OVER,
I ASKED MYSELF
SHALL I OR SHALL I NOT,
TO HELP THE MANKIND,
TO HELP THE NATURE
ALL AROUND ME,
TO HELP THE
BEAUTIFUL BIRDS
AND THE ANIMALS,
TO CLEAN OUR WATER,
LAND AND THE AIR
SHALL I OR SHALL I NOT.

SHE AGAIN WHISPERED,
HELP ME TO BORN AND FLY.
I WILL MAKE YOU FLY TOO,
YOU AND YOUR DREAMS.
JUST HELP ME TO BORN AND FLY.

FINALLY, I DID.
NOW, THE BABY HAS LEARNT
TO FLY,
IN FULFILLING
THE DREAMS OF OTHERS
IN SOLVING
THE PROBLEMS OF OTHERS.

I FEEL HAPPY TOO.
I M ALSO FLYING NOW
WITH MY BABY FLAMINGO!

ONE YEAR ON AT ROTARY CLUB OF BHUBANESWAR FLAMINGO

BY CP RTN. DR. SMITA SINHA



Looks like yesterday when the club was born and christened. How time flies so quickly and swiftly!! Feelings of nostalgia is gripping over with a kaleidoscopic view of how it happened and how it grew with ups and downs that is probably natural anywhere and everywhere.

Second January 2022, I was not feeling well and had severe headache and I had to go to Odisha Association of the Blind where I was organizing the DEI event SYNERGY in collaboration with RCB Capital; a music competition for both visually impaired and visually challenged students. The program went off very well and DG Santanu Kumar Pani was very happy with our DEI team and RCB Capital. At this time, he wanted to know about the resignation of Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sahu from the primary membership of Rotary Club of Baramunda and suggested him to charter a club at Daspalla near his village and suggested me to help him in this matter. I came back home after doing a successful project on inclusion which was sponsored by my brother on his birthday - happy at the same time with severe head ache not realising with excitement that I had also high temperature.

Back home, I found out that I was having fever and isolated myself locked up upstairs suspecting COVID. Alas!! COVID!! I had taken the vaccination!! Fear gripped and the very next day I got myself tested only to find that I was SARS COVID positive which means three weeks of isolation. Me, being an active and outgoing person all my life, isolation was something unimaginable. Unknown fear also haunted me as I was with more than 100 visually impaired students and with the Rotarians whom I was a possible threat in transferring my virus. I kept enquiring their well beings without talking about my conditions to avoid any panic situation. Luckily, all were fine. Last time I was isolated was when I was 14 and had suffered with chickenpox. I had welcomed my isolation period as there was no school to go and plenty of time for preparation for exam then. This time, I also planned for reading few good books; my all-time favourite Barack Obama and Michelle Obama; 'A Promised Land', 'Becoming Michelle Obama' and 'Lata Mangeskar; in her own voice' by Nasreen Munni Kabir. Wow!! What an opportunity to read all the books I had piled up in my library and was not getting time to read them. 'Now, no one will disturb me'; I told myself. Both the kids were home at that time, and I was also feeling bad to be isolated from them. My son kept visiting me despite my request and eventually he too joined me in the isolation camp in an adjacent room.

I was reading Michelle nonstop except for sleeping time when one day came the phone calls of DG Santanu who said and I remember it clearly; 'You are going to be the Charter President of RCB Nayapalli and Pankaj will become the Charter President of RC Daspalla'. He did not know about my illness neither I felt like telling him. I replied with a negative note saying that I was happy at RC Baramunda and I was not ambitious enough to Charter a club. In fact, I was happy as a Rotarian doing small little projects and helping the Presidents of the clubs where I was a member for last few years. Neither I had any aspiration nor any dreams to hold

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important club positions. However, I was accepting anything that the Club President or DG was offering. Being the daughter of a disciplined police officer and having worked in a govt university, I was groomed to obey the seniors and respect the chair. I was the Zonal Trainer and DEI committee Chair of the District that year even without having any President or PP tag and was enjoying my jobs. As the Club Executive Secretary, I was helping the Club President in almost all the activities and reporting to the district and in Rotary Show case regularly. I knew that chartering a new club is an easy job. But, sustaining it is the most difficult task. Pankaj babu was enquiring about my health as he knew about my isolation and was occasionally getting sweets for me delivering near the gate. He was quite new to Rotary and did not have the confidence to charter a new club. He had left the previous club and was contemplating to either join another club or charter a new club not at Daspalla but at Bhubaneswar. Simply because he wanted to gain some experience and confidence to charter a new club ultimately at his village Gania or at nearby Daspalla. He kept pestering me to form a club. DG Santanu also kept calling me to form a club. My isolation and reading Michelle was cut short between whether to plan for a new club and my real love reading Michelle. Even though I had around five years of Rotary experience, I was quick to grasp the nuances of the various club culture, the nifty gritty of human managements. My RLI background, my previous Rotary experiences and my regular reading habit to learn more about Rotary ultimately helped me think more precisely to take the important decision.

I finally agreed to Pankaj babu's request to become the Charter President and he as Charter Secretary and convinced him to call our club as Bhubaneswar Flamingo giving him a hoard of materials to read about the characteristics of Flamingo and the mythological significance of Flamingo in various ancient societies of the world. Prior to our club, there are also two clubs in the same name Bhuj Flamingo and one in Africa. Secondly, I want to form the club towards the end of June 2022 to choose the members carefully- only those who would contribute significantly with the motto 'Service above Self' and not with 'Self above Service' (which many do). But he wanted to form on 14th April on Vishuba Sankranti when the sun transits to the Capricorn, an auspicious day. He has wide number of contacts and he kept adding the prospective member list sending me every day with long hours of discussion. My isolation time now found less and less for Michelle, Barack and Lata and more for Flamingo. I also added few members, and we had prospective members orientation weekly meeting in zoom. My job also increased giving zoom link, making agenda, preparing the minutes, interacting with prospective members and telling them about Rotary, convincing them, discussing about the financial obligations etc. From first to second, third and so on... prospective member list kept changing, addition, deletion and so on.

Isolation period got over; the planning became more organized. I had already prepared the Bylaws, Constitution etc. Pankaj babu's job was to prepare the excel sheet for the roster after collecting semi annual dues to meet the charter expenses. Weekly zoom meeting continued. Finally, on 20th March, 2022, we met physically at FMCC Hall where I met Hemlata madam for the first-time others having attended many zoom meetings were familiar faces. She was very negative about Rotary and I tried to convince her that Flamingo would be a different club with vibrant club culture. But it would take few years to achieve that. All members being new (even Pankaj babu and Surendra babu were quite new in the strict sense of the term-hardly familiar

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with Rotary knowledge), they would require to learn about Rotary first- how the organization had sustained over a century, what are the binding or governing forces, how to transform ourselves from simple due paying Rotary Club members to Rotarians at hearts and actions, in which areas we work, who funds, who are the beneficiaries etc. Hemlata madam was not convinced about what I spoke. She had not even paid her dues by then that I learnt later from her. All members read the By Laws, Constitution and Charter application form and agreed unanimously about the names of the club officials and signed as we had the intention to apply for the charter towards the end of march in order to celebrate our Charter on 14th of April and in the meantime to get few more members. After the meeting and eating (snacks) with happy minds, some of us then proceeded to enjoy Konark Dance festival.

Pankaj babu kept contacting people in search of prospective members and on early morning of 22nd March, 2022 at about 5.00 AM, I received the WA message from the DG to submit the charter application by 2.00 PM that day as he had to meet some target to form clubs by 31st March, 2022 to get some recognition by RIP Sekhar Mehta. At first, I was bit irritated. Then I told myself; if it benefits DG why not. As such we had 21 willing members with 7 women and 14 men all geared up and had given their consent and money (as reported by Pankaj babu). I called and woke him up at 6.00 AM and told him all that he had to do from his side- to prepare the roster in excel and to deposit the charter fees in the bank. Unfortunately, till afternoon the link failed and finally he could get the bank receipt by late afternoon. Finally, I was able to fill up the application and completed the process by 7.00 PM before sending it to the DG. DG without wasting any time, immediately completed all formalities and submitted to RI by 9.00 PM.

Now, came the waiting time. Pankaj babu had contacted few more willing people to join. On 28th Monday morning DG gave the good news that RIP had signed the charter on 25th and Flamingo is already born by then and the Charter would be presented at Digha during the District Conference by PRIP Kalyan Banerjee. Wow!! Moments of rejoicing!! Could not believe that everything happened so fast.

Along with the position comes the responsibilities. As the Charter President and as the President Elect managing a club with almost all new faces except for few close one's (rest being all strangers from different age, professional and socio-cultural background – all leaders in their own fields) was not all that easy. Our working style in Rotary is slightly different. Here there is no fixed way, fixed time, fixed location, fixed community, or fixed field of operation to serve. Rotarians love to work whenever they see a needy. They spend their money, energy, efforts, and expertise willingly and spontaneously. They try to be less extravagant about themselves and prefer to spend that extra amount on someone unknown who needs the most to make the difference in their lives. It took me months to ingrain the ethos of rotary in our members. Some took it sportively inquisitive enough to know more, some criticised me to the core while some others were neutral never bothered about what is Rotary is all about. I was anticipating all these and was mentally prepared for it. Any new organization will have teething problems. This was also a testing time for us. I remembered Darwin's theory of evolution- 'Survival of the fittest'. I know, eventually the fittest will remain in the Rotary fold. There will be temporary setback. But, for the future of the club, it is wiser to have few

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dedicated Rotarians rather than to have a greater number of non-Rotarian type club members. Ultimately, few left and new ones were added. That is the law of nature. Member engagement and member satisfaction are still big challenges for us – something I am still working on and yet to find some concrete solution.

Irrespective of few upheavals, the club is growing slowly but steadily. We are able to do service projects in all avenues of service and in all the focus areas. We have two on going projects; “Mission Thalassaemia” and “The Green Fingers” besides doing a number of small projects. We have one Interact Club and one RCC. Our Foundation contribution is also good. We are fortunate to have more of youth members with brilliant ideas, imaginations who are tech savvy, environment conscious and enthusiast about bringing changes in the world. This intergenerational amalgamation of members with the experience of the seniors and the energy of the youths are a positive criterion for the progress and I am confident that our Flamingos will make a big difference in the fast-changing world in the lives of those who need them the most!!!!

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ROTARY AS A PROSPECT OF OPPORTUNITIES



BY RTN. DR. HEMLATA DAS

This script talks about why I have chosen to be a Rotarian?

Overall, I look at Rotary as a prospect of opportunities. But for this, being a Rotarian and wearing a pin during events is not enough. One should come forward to participate leaving aside the weakness, hesitance and keep on learning and working simultaneously.

Rotary provides various opportunities to recognize the hidden talent within oneself, which the subject even might not know. So in other words, during the journey, One discovers one's own self.

Rotary Club guiding principles of the Four-Way Test (Truth, Fairness, Goodwill and Friendship) makes an individual a better self of discipline, adds moral values and cultivates socialism.

In the present time, one has forgotten self and is moving on, the way our work schedule dictates us. We have forgotten yourself as an individual to dream and work for society selflessly. The Rotary Foundation's Seven Areas of Focus are:

Peace Building and Conflict Resolution,
Disease Prevention and Treatment,
Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene,
Maternal and Child Health,
Basic Education and Literacy,
Community Economic Development, and
Environment

These are like vitals of the society, which demands our interest, service and team work. Rotary gives each one to grow leadership value and opportunity to come close to various communities. The website of Rotary international has a learning center, where I got to learn more about rotary in detail, its origin, basics, Four-Way Test, Preparedness for leadership, smooth transfer of leadership, setting of goal, Job responsibility, discipline, law and constitution, conflict resolution, fellow friendship etc. Therefore, one needs to create interest to go through it patiently.

MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE :

I am passionate about my goal, so I joined Rotary. As my time permits, I get involved in social service. Involvement in various events and projects, I got to know various communities and their culture. If someone wants to enjoy Rotarian life, then, either one should have a dream project as a goal or else team up in some project and work for it sincerely. I may conclude by saying that Journey in Rotary is a pleasant experience to have fellowship with all (irrespective of age group), follow discipline and simultaneously help and work for the community with pleasure. When in practical life you are left alone, Rotary will never let you alone. This indeed is a precious gift from Rotary.

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NARI SHAKTI FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

BY RTN. SHIBABRATA KAR



An odyssey through equality to equity to justice

“Women will work out their own destinies -- much better, too, than men can ever do for them. All the mischief to women has come because men undertook to shape the destiny of women. There is no chance for the welfare of the world unless the condition of women is improved.”

– Swami Vivekananda

Women Empowerment

Empowerment is a platform based on the pillars of power. The existence of deprivation and discrimination fuels the struggle to empower the under privileged. In India, the discrimination towards women existed for centuries through various societal norms and cultural manifestos. The ancient scriptures like the Vedas depict humans as a bedrock for the society. Taittiriya Samhita describes women and men as two wheels of a cart giving equal status to both. The integrity among the genders have been emphasized even in the early Vedic period, but somehow down the lines of civilizations, a sharp decline could be observed in the integrity and equality among men and women in the society. Subsequently, the position of women was converted to a secondary citizenship surrounded with a plethora of restrictions and discriminations.

During the early twentieth century, it was rise of the National Movement for getting independence for India which witnessed the involvement of many women joining the bandwagon crossing the boundaries of discrepancies and discrimination. At the same time, Raja Ram Mohan Rai, Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar and various other social reformers laid stress on women’s education, prevention of child marriage, withdrawals of evil practice of sati, removal of polygamy etc. The National Movement and various reform movements paved the way for their liberations from the social evils and religious taboos.

After independence of India, the constitution makers and the national leaders recognized the equal social position of women with men. The Constitution of India guarantees equality of sexes and in fact grants special favours to women. These can be found in three Articles of the Constitution. Under Article 14, government shall not deny to any person equality before law or equal protection of the law. Under Article 15, government shall not discriminate against any citizen on the ground of sex. Article 15 (3) makes a special provision enabling the state to make affirmative discriminations in favour of women. Under Article 42, the state is directed to make provision for ensuring just and human conditions of work and maternity relief. Above all, the constitution regards a fundamental duty on every citizen through Articles 15 (A), (E) to renounce the practices derogatory to the dignity of women.

Women empowerment is necessary to reduce gender discrimination. It means helping women to increase their information levels, their control over resources and enabling them to make decisions for themselves. Empowered women become more aware of their strengths and their abilities and use the same in their best interest. Empowerment especially helps the women from weaker sections to help themselves.

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means, empowering women is making women realize their self-worth, their abilities to determine their own choice and shaping the society where women can enjoy their respect and rights just like other humans. Women's empowerment is an essential factor that works for the betterment and development of society, community, and country.

However, women's human rights are many a time confined to their entitlements in the areas of social, political, economic and legal structures and processes on the basis of gender perspective. Gender inequality does not only reflect discrimination against women in areas of health, education, skills building and economic empowerment, but also more severe forms of crimes and atrocities against women. Despite the fact that the Indian Constitution provides equal rights and privileges for men and women and makes special provisions to improve the status of women in society, patriarchal values have always acted against women.

Since gender discrimination and gender inequality exist not only outside but also within the households, the process of empowerment should start right from home. Women should be given more freedom to take decisions at home. Adequate education of girl children without discrimination will also help them to become empowered women. There exists a need to ensure protection for women to safeguard their human rights, right to live with dignity and access and control over entitlements and resources.

Protection-Related Needs

1. All girls-to-be born are protected from sex selective abortion.
2. No girl child becomes the victim to female infanticide.
3. All girls in the communities go to school and there are no child marriages.
4. Women in the society are protected from domestic violence, rape etc.
5. Women dealing with divorce have support available in time.
6. Every woman should have access to conducive and affordable health facilities.
7. Marriage is free from the evil practice of dowry.
8. Women and girls in the society are not abducted or trafficked.
9. Women and girls are protected from social taboos and witch hunting.
10. No woman or girl child is discriminated on the basis of caste, class and ability.

The Constitutional and legal provisions and policy initiatives for women empowerment in India

The principle of gender equality is enshrined in the Indian Constitution which not only grants equality to women, but also empowers the State to make special provisions in favour of women, to meet the gap of gender inequality that has continued over the years. Many laws, development policies, Plans and programmes have also been made and implemented ensuring, protection, development and empowerment of women in India.

At international level also, India supports gender equality. Our country is a signatory to an international treaty CEDAW i.e., Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. Adopted in 1979 by United Nations, CEDAW is an agreement between various nations of the world, for protection of women from violence.

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Important Legislations

1. The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 (ITPA) provides safety against trafficking of women and children for the purpose of commercial sexual exploitation.
2. The Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 abolishes the heinous practice of taking or giving dowry and provides for penalty or conviction.
3. The Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986 prohibits indecent representation of women in publications, writings, paintings etc.
4. The Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act, 1987 prohibits commitment of or glorifying Sati in any manner.
5. Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 provides legal mechanisms for protection of women from violence of any kind occurring within the family.
6. The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 prohibits sexual harassment of women at their workplaces and provides for their protection.
7. The Pre-Conception Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1994 prohibits the usage of pre-conception & pre-natal diagnostic techniques for the purpose of pre-natal sex determination that is often misused for female foeticide.
8. The Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2013 provides for the amendment of Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure and other laws related to sexual offences against women.
9. The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 prohibits child marriage, protects and provides relief to victims and punishment of adults involved in solemnising child marriage.
10. The Equal Remuneration Act, 1976 provides for the payment of equal remuneration to men and women workers and prevention of discrimination against women in matters of employment.
11. The Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971, prohibits abortions and provides for the termination of certain pregnancies by registered medical practitioners only, as per provisions under the Law.

Centrally Sponsored Schemes on Women Empowerment

There are a number of Centrally Sponsored Schemes on Women Empowerment being implemented by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt. of India.

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) Scheme focuses on improving number of girls in India that is still low as compared to boys i.e., 108 boys per 100 girls. Three key objectives of the scheme are- Prevention of gender biased sex selective elimination; Ensuring survival & protection of the girl child; Ensuring education and participation of the girl child.

Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) is a maternity benefit Programme. A cash incentive of Rs. 5000/- is provided directly in the account of pregnant women and lactating mothers for first living child of the family, subject to their fulfilling specific conditions relating to maternal and child health. The eligible beneficiaries are required to receive the remaining cash incentives as per approved norms towards maternity benefit under Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) after institutional delivery so that on an average, a woman gets Rs. 6000/- as child birth support.

One Stop Centres (OSCs) are meant to provide support and assistance to women affected by violence, both in private and public spaces. The scheme aims to facilitate access to an

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integrated range of services including medical aid, police assistance, legal aid/case management, psychosocial counselling, and temporary support services to women affected by violence. In case girls under 18 years of age are referred to the Centre, they are supported in coordination with authorities/institutions established under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and Protection of Children from Sexual Offence Act, 2012.

Women Helpline (181) provides 24-hour emergency response to all women affected by violence both in public and private sphere.

Ujjawala is a comprehensive scheme for prevention of trafficking and rescue, rehabilitation, re-integration and repatriation of victims of trafficking for commercial sexual exploitation.

Working Women Hostel scheme provides for safe and conveniently located accommodation for working women with day care facility for their children, wherever possible, in urban, semi urban, or even rural areas where employment opportunity for women exist.

National Creche Scheme for the Children of Working Mothers is meant provide day-care facilities for children (6 months to 6 years) of working mothers.

SWADHAR Greh, a Scheme that caters to primary needs of women in difficult circumstances, ensures a supportive institutional framework for such women victims so that women can lead their lives with dignity and conviction. Services provided under the scheme include shelter, food, clothing, and health as well as economic and social security.

Support to Training and Employment Programme for Women (STEP) to provide competencies and skill that enable women to get employment or start their own business

Nari Shakti Puraskar are given to recognise and encourage through awards to eminent women and institutions rendering distinguished services to the cause of women especially those belonging to the vulnerable and marginalized sections of the society.

Mahila Police Volunteers scheme envisages engagements of Mahila Police Volunteers (MPVs) in States/UTs as a unique initiative to create public-police interface to facilitate outreach on issues related to violence against women and children on a voluntary basis, to fight crimes against women.

Mahila E-haat is a direct online marketing platform leveraging technology for supporting women entrepreneurs/ SHGs/ NGOs for showcasing the products/ services which are made/manufactured/ undertaken by them.

The District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (Disha) which was earlier known as District Vigilance & Monitoring Committee has been designed with a view to ensure a better coordination among all the elected representatives in Parliament, State Legislatures and Local Governments (Panchayati Raj Institutions/Municipal Bodies). Disha will monitor Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana – NRLM, Deen Dayal Upadhyay – Gramin Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), National Health Mission (NHM), Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA), Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS), Mid-Day Meal Scheme and several other Flagship Programmes of the Central Government.

For more information about these Schemes, website of Ministry of Women and Child development, Government of India, <http://www.wcd.nic.in/schemes-listing/2405> may be referred.

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Certain mechanisms under various laws have been set up to protect Rights of Women

1. National and State Commissions for Women that inquire into the cases of violation of rights of women
2. National and State Human Rights Commissions that are independent bodies responsible for the protection and promotion of human rights
3. National and State Commissions for Protection of Child Rights monitor the rights of children - both boys and girls below 18 years of age and look into violation of their child rights
4. National Commission for Scheduled Castes and National Commission for Scheduled Tribes also protect rights of women belonging to these categories.

Equality and Equity

Empowering women is not just a choice, but a necessity. Because it is about improving outcomes, investing in healthier communities and stronger economies. Women empowerment can be achieved through equity and not only equality. While gender equality means ensuring equality of rights to men and women, gender equity means providing the under privileged sections with all those opportunities and all the necessary support that is needed to help them overcome huge gaps in development due to discrimination and inequality they have faced over the years. The lower status of women in society often constitutes a handicap. Hence, extra provisions should be made to redress this inequality before women can benefit from the newer opportunities provided to them. In short, provision of equal inputs refers to equality whereas facilitation to achieve equal outputs refer to equity.

Equality Equity Justice

In the first image it is assumed that everyone will benefit from the same supports. They are treated equally. In the second image individuals are given different supports to access equal outputs. They are treated equitably. In the third image the individuals can access the outputs equally without any support as the barrier of inequality is removed

Courtesy Advancing Equity and Inclusion: A Guide for Municipalities, by City for All Women Initiative (CAWI), Ottawa

The route to achieving equity will not be accomplished through treating everyone equally. It will be achieved by treating everyone equitably or justly according to their circumstances. Justice leads to liberation, which is the collective responsibility of a free and just society, to ensure that civil and human rights are preserved and protected for each individual regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, nation of origin, sexual orientation, class, physical or mental ability, and age. This approach can be referred to as a mandate of law in which every person receives his/her entitlements from the system conveniently, including all rights, both natural and legal.

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Some significant achievements (Ref: G20 India Synopsis)

There are various policies that India has made that empower women to improve their livelihoods. The country's Nari Shakti Scheme, which funds women entrepreneurs by providing soft loans, the Women in Engineering, Science and Technology (WEST) programme to encourage women pursuing education in STEM subjects, and the Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP), a unified access portal that brings together an ecosystem for women, have all contributed significantly towards enabling women in India to realize their entrepreneurial aspirations.

It would be noteworthy to mention that the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) has funded over 107,000 women entrepreneurs between 2016 and 2021. In addition, the government has mandated targeted procurement from women entrepreneurs.

The position of women in corporate enterprises in the country has evolved tremendously, especially in the services sector. Women's representation in banking and finance services has gone to 31% of the sector's workforce. The figure is 30% in India's media sector. In new-age service sectors such as consulting, women account for 45% of the workforce. In the IT services and IT-enabled services sector, women constitute 34-36% of the workforce.

Women entrepreneurs are not far behind. In India, women are estimated to own and run over 12 million micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME) units. Women-led enterprises account for more than 20% of proprietary MSME units. Evidence supports the observation that increased internet and mobile penetration has led to a substantial scale-up in female entrepreneurship in the country. With agribusinesses included in the count, India has more women-owned enterprises than many other countries.

Conclusion

The concept of women empowerment and economy are interdependent. The vision towards economic sustainability of the country demands an empowered and efficient women population as the equal partners in nation building. The role women cater to in both politics and economy in the modern society reflects their ability to handle development. As a result of prolonged reforms and legal interventions, women could conquer their rightful position in leading social development. India is fast moving from the paradigm of women's development to women-led development.

It is obvious that women empowerment cannot be possible unless women come with and help to self-empower themselves. There is a need to design strategies for increasing access to resources by women and their right to spend, promoting education of women, and prevention and elimination of violence against women. In the civilized world, it is the responsibility of the leaders and reformers to promote the process of empowerment leading to a barrier free environment for every citizen in accessing entitlements and rights. The system should be made robust to educate men and women to respect each other without invading into other's privacy, dignity and right to live. ~~And that day, we can stand up and say we have overcome the disparity and achieved effective empowerment.~~

SALUTING FLAMINGO!!!



BY RTN. REETA PATNAIK

Oh Flamingo!!!
Do you know,
how much I adore Thee?
I didn't know ye
when I first met you .
But still I came to you
with some hopes,
Hopes to be like you;
Elegant, Colourful, Vibrant.

I came to you
to know you more,
I came to you
even to smile more,
I came to you
to learn from you
the art of loving and caring.
And I learnt, I smiled, I loved ,
I cared and I too shared.

Now, a year passed.
I cry when others cry;
I laugh when others laugh;
I smile when others smile.

I did not realise it
what you did to me.
But certainly you did
something to me.

Oh Flamingo!!!
Do you know
how much
I care for you now?
I yearn, I wait and
it feels good.

Oh Flamingo!!
You are my spot light showing me the way in a dark deaf night.
Forever I will be by your side, side by side
walking along, step by step
learning although; bit by bit changing the world around,
true, my feelings
crazy may sound !!!



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That was my first time. It was sometime around 2003-04. I was staying in New Delhi's Malviya Nagar. Married for almost a couple of years by then, I was struggling hard to make my newly-opened firm meet its expenses, and turn profitable. During that time, one fine morning, a neighbouring 'Uncle' approached me regarding a local effort he had initiated to help a little girl, daughter of one of the colony maids, living in one of the small slums located somewhere between Malviya Nagar and Devli Gaon. Seemingly, she had a hole in her heart, a congenital heart disease. It needed surgery for which a substantial, but doable, amount was required. And this so called Uncle was trying to shake the proverbial tree and see how much he could manage from local residents. I wasn't sure about it, as everything of this sort appeared to be fraudulent in a place like Delhi. Even today, I believe, Delhi has a lot more fraudsters, than genuine people. No, I'm not really that judgmental actually, so I donated a couple of thousand bucks. That was my first time in trying to make a totally unknown person's life better. I'll be honest here – I really can't say whether it made me feel good or not at that point in time. Come to think of it, I never even followed up with the Uncle, and so couldn't really find out if I had actually made a difference in someone's life, or just bought a couple of bottles of whiskey for someone who had managed to hoodwink me.

Moving on, a few years later, sometimes around 2007-08, a young lady gave me a call. I had paused my startup temporarily, and had just got appointed as Creative Director in a well to do Advertising agency in Delhi. She cited a medical case of a small child, and requested for monetary help. I mean, she was either telling the absolute truth, or was damnably good at her job. She sounded so convincing that I quickly agreed to help. That year I donated around 5,000 or so towards her cause. Again, I didn't have the slightest chance of knowing what really transpired with my money, but still donated. And that eventually kick-started a series of donations from my end. Every year, right around the Feb-Mar 'Taxation Season', that faceless and nameless voice started calling me, and I kept donating. She never even gave me a receipt (not that I ever asked for one). She used to give me individual stories every year, of how my contribution helped some child here and some really sick patient there. What started from 5,000, slowly, yet steadily, kept climbing, till I found myself giving away 20,000 bucks of my hard-earned moneys every year. That was till 2018. Suddenly, she stopped calling. There was no such fathomable reason. I always donated, and never even asked too many questions. There could have been quite a few reasons why he never called back, but I guessed she had just quit her job as a calling agent and moved on with her calling list – that's the most pragmatic explanation I could come up with! Sometimes in the midst of all this, I also got to do another thing for the first time. I actually participated in making a difference. No, not just donating funds, but doing something in a hands-on manner. In 2010, during my stint as Creative Director, Percept/H in New Delhi, I got to participate in a plantation drive, and I actually planted around 20-odd saplings with my own hands that day. It was a team of around 10-12 people and we planted quite a load of small plants, right alongside the compound wall of the ISKCON Temple in Sant Nagar, adjacent to Nehru Place.

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Later, towards the mid-2010s, I also got to spend a few Diwalis with local slum kids in Delhi. We had this annual agency thing where we distributed sweets and clothes to slum kids, and carried some crackers to celebrate Chhoti Diwali with them every year. It used to be fun!

End 2017, beginning 2018, I relocated to Bhubaneswar. I didn't even have an inkling that I'd ever be bidding adieu to Delhi in this very lifetime, or in any other lifetime for that matter, but someone did take some pains in trying to convince me to move to Odisha – and I eventually did. Makes me seem a bit gullible, doesn't it? Anyways, it was all good. What was supposed to be a year-long association, kept getting extended, till admittedly I wasn't a Delhi-ite any longer. I never realized when I actually started taking so well to Bhubaneswar, and Delhi started slowly slipping down my priorities list. By around the turn of the decade, I was fast converting into a Bhubaneswaria, or whatever you call them, or call us rather. Nevertheless, here in Bhubaneswar, I somehow didn't have anyone ever calling me for donations, or anyone bothering to mention anything at all about any such exercise which could have benefited any such person, society or the planet – nothing of that sort. Till 23 rd March, 2022.

RCB Flamingo had just been formed, and the then Secretary of the Club somehow got my number from somewhere and called me. He claimed he got it from my Dad, but when I later checked, my Dad couldn't recall passing it on to anyone. Anyways, yet again I got a call from some unknown person, and somehow agreed to play along. I paid up my 6,000 and joined RCB Flamingo that very day!

Rotary wasn't a new name for me. I had heard of it enough and more number of times before. In fact, being born and brought up in Rourkela, during my childhood days, I actually used to think that Rourkela Club, German Club, Brahmani Club and Rotary Club, were similar to each other, and were places that serve delicious food. Imagine the surprise I'd have had later in life ❖❖

But that was eons back. Last couple of decades, I've been aware of the concept of Rotary, but never really had an opportunity of getting to know any of the clubs up and close. But this time, it was different. Suddenly, I got introduced to around 20-odd new people, and overnight, started getting dragged into some so-to-say, club activities. Simultaneously, I also got exposed to a whole load of crazy abbreviations and formalities that these Rotarians have – an unbelievably lengthy list of outdated stuff, predating the dinosaurs. Anyways, soon enough, I found myself discussing educational initiatives on menstrual hygiene for slum teens, livelihood concepts for the impoverished, education for street kids, something called Thalassemia, which I wasn't really familiar with before, putting up stalls to serve refreshing drinks to people during peak summers, and even supplying food and; aid packets to flood-stricken communities. I also got into plantations and making this planet a greener place, which I used to love anyways, besides learning about wetlands and birds and waste segregation and homemade natural compost and what not. Not that I hated getting into any of these, but these were all pretty new to me, and I wasn't really conversant with any of them. But, what surprised me more, was that I saw myself starting to really like a few of those things, and wanting to do more about them. Rotary had slowly started getting on to me I guess.

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But that was all the good and the fair part, and one might not be so keen in knowing about them. Here's the other side of the coin. With these activities, one might think, the going got real smooth for me, but that wasn't true. On one hand, juggling between the demanding work routines that I had to maintain, and the Rotary meetings and stuff, was becoming taxing to say the least. And on the other, I realized, that with Rotary, while one can really help make this planet a better place, one can also contribute towards making this a bitter one. Yup, that's no typo - I did say bitter! Initially, the experience wasn't really all hunky dory. I could see quite a bit of bad blood between club members, even with members of other clubs, incessant politicking and back biting, unnecessary forays at one-upmanship, factionalism, misogynistic remarks, and the likes. I even saw a few eyeing Rotary funds, as if this was a place to make a quick buck for oneself in the name of developmental projects. That was tough to digest really. I started getting flashes of my earlier days as a professional, when I was a mid-level employee, and used to regularly get caught between continual mud-slinging, self-glorification, and blame-games. Whew, never really expected that to happen at a place like Rotary, but it did.

With all that, you might wonder as to why I'm still continuing with this club, or with Rotary for that matter. Allow me to explain myself. I believe it's the people that maketh a place, and never vice-versa. And if there are a negative-minded few, you can surely manage to come across some like-minded fellows as well. And eventually that happened too. But eventually, not immediately.

Case in point, our Club President! She was the President then, and still is - one of the founding members of RCB Flamingo. The first couple of months, I wasn't really sure which way she was heading. Was she here to lead a team and make a difference, or was she simply an over-indulgent individual who couldn't look beyond herself? I mean, the quantum of messages and info she used to push on the RCB Flamingo WhatsApp group initially, was mind-boggling. One had to admit that if nothing, she really had a tremendous amount of patience, energy and temerity. She used to push and push and push Rotary agendas, activities, schedules, philosophies and stuff like crazy, most of them from clubs which I hadn't even heard of. But then, she was also new to this Rotary President-ship I presumed, and would be learning over time. Which she ultimately did, and slowly started settling down into a more methodical leader, never pushing more messages than we could handle.

Resultantly, my appreciation of her, started growing. And why not? After all, it has been her sheer doggedness, which has kept this club alive thus far. It's almost infectious. Of course, one might argue, which people have already done with me, that she's retired and got not much to do in life otherwise, but I've never really agreed to that. I've learnt from life, that whatever the arena, if you do not have the determination and the perseverance for it, you'll never succeed. And today, when someone remarks that my club is already a top performer within its District, it feels great. And I'd like to say in no unclear words, that our President is a big reason for that. Of course, apart from her, there are others too, who I must say, have got something or else to offer.

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Might not be so forthcoming at first sight, but people here have potential. And if we can channelize all our eagerness to make a difference, passion to drive development, and dexterity to induce change, there's no stopping us as a club.

That said, let's not jump to any such conclusions whatsoever, that I've started loving Rotary. I haven't actually. That might take some time. Rotary needs to well and truly resonate with me and my thoughts first, which it hasn't been able to thus far. Nevertheless, one thing I've realized is that Rotary provides us with an excellent platform for concerting our efforts and inducing change, howsoever miniscule that might be. And if persisted with, these small changes can add up to bring about larger changes. After all, are we born to just eat, survive, grow older, have kids, and take our kind forward, without giving a thought for anything or anyone else? Of course not! That's what separates us from animals. I believe all of us have that spark within us, which makes us all equally capable of bettering the world. And although it's been just a year now, I can easily see that if we can keep chipping at this together, we can definitely make people, communities and the society at large, along with this planet, happier and healthier. Tell me, am I not correct?

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THE IMPORTANCE OF WETLANDS, THE CHALLENGES AND OUR RESPONSIBILITIES



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Wetlands are unique, productive ecosystems where terrestrial and aquatic habitats meet. Wetlands play a critical role in maintaining many natural cycles and supporting a wide range of biodiversity. They purify and replenish our water, and provide the fish and rice that feed billions. Wetlands not only act as water filters, they regulate the flow of water and prevent flooding. They also provide habitats for a diverse array of plant and animal species, and store large amounts of carbon, helping to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Since wetlands were not understood fully by the general population, or even by the policy makers and technocrats, it was decided that a World Wetlands Day is to be observed annually on February 2nd. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of wetlands and their conservation. This special day was established by the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, an international treaty signed in 1971 that aims to protect and conserve wetlands around the world. Ramsar Convention is a convention on wetlands that was signed in 1971 in the Iranian city of Ramsar. The negotiations for the convention started in the 1960s by the different countries and NGOs for the protection of wetlands and their resources. Finally, it came into force in 1975. As of November 2022, there are 172 contracting parties and 2,471 designated sites covering 256,192,356 hectares (633,065,100 acres).

To commemorate World Wetlands Day, various events and activities are held around the world to raise awareness about the importance of wetlands and their conservation. These events range from educational activities and bird-watching trips to conservation efforts and community engagement programs. Based on the peculiarities and the role they play in the ecology, there are nine criteria for identifying Wetlands of International Importance.

Group A of the Criteria is about Sites containing representative, rare or unique wetland types

Criterion 1: A wetland should be considered internationally important if it contains a representative, rare, or unique example of a natural or near-natural wetland type found within the appropriate biogeographic region.

Group B of the Criteria is for Sites of international importance that are important for conserving biological diversity –
Criteria based on species and ecological communities

Criterion 2: A wetland should be considered internationally important if it supports vulnerable, endangered, or critically endangered species or threatened ecological communities.

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Criterion 3: A wetland should be considered internationally important if it supports populations of plant and/or animal species important for maintaining the biological diversity of a particular bio-geographic region.

Criterion 4: A wetland should be considered internationally important if it supports plant and/or animal species at a critical stage in their life cycles, or provides refuge during adverse conditions. Specific criteria based on waterbirds

Criterion 5: A wetland should be considered internationally important if it regularly supports 20,000 or more waterbirds.

Criterion 6: A wetland should be considered internationally important if it regularly supports 1% of the individuals in a population of one species or subspecies of waterbird. Specific criteria based on fish

Criterion 7: A wetland should be considered internationally important if it supports a significant proportion of indigenous fish subspecies, species or families, life-history stages, species interactions and/or populations that are representative of wetland benefits and/or values and thereby contributes to global biological diversity.

Criterion 8: A wetland should be considered internationally important if it is an important source of food for fishes, spawning ground, nursery and/or migration path on which fish stocks, either within the wetland or elsewhere, depend.

Wetland and climate change

Wetlands, which cover six percent of the world's surface and are biodiversity hotspots, are under threat from changing climate, amongst other threats like encroachments. Climate change could change wetlands forever, but in turn, wetlands can also help to mitigate the impact of climate change. Wetlands regulate, capture and store greenhouse gases. Their dense vegetation, algal activity and soils can regulate processes such as decomposition which generate greenhouse gases (GHG). In addition, some types of wetlands might be more efficient at capturing atmospheric carbon than rainforests. The world's largest tropical wetland in the Pantanal, South America is also one of the most important terrestrial carbon sinks. But, with deforestation, forest fires, construction and agricultural drainage, these precious carbon stores are being degraded with a resulting increase in carbon emissions.

Threats to Wetlands

However, such very important water bodies are not safe. The main threats that the wetlands struggle with are unsustainable and non-eco friendly human activities. Studies show that 87% of the wetlands on our planet have been lost in the last 300 years. The main reason for this loss is to open land for settlement, industry and agri-cultural activities.

Urbanisation, agriculture and industrial activities not only destroy wetlands but also keep the wetlands from doing their important tasks in the ecosystem. These activities reduce the water quality in the wetlands with the waste they generate. The interaction of agricultural and industrial activities with wetlands causes increasing salinity level

of wetland and accumulation of chemical causes poisoning of aquatic organisms and damage to other living beings interacting with the wetland.

Pollution is another important problem that wetlands are exposed to. On a global scale, 80% of wastewater is discharged into wetlands without any treatment. In fact, wetlands act as natural filters and can eliminate water pollution. They can clean 60% of metals from water and trap harmful gases and solid sediments up to 90%.

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Invasive species- Another problem facing wetlands is invasive species. Especially the global wildlife trade, the increase in the number of captive animals and the cultivation of various plant species outside of their natural habitat. These species are distributed within wetlands in different forms, suppressing native species and damaging biodiversity. The various diseases due to invasive species and their pressure on native species in terms of land and food use cause the destruction of the natural ecosystem, the disruption of the natural genetic diversity and ultimately exclusion of native species from the food chain.

Groundwater over exploitation

Over exploitation of groundwater in the vicinity of wetlands will create a lowering of water table which would induce percolation of water from the wetlands towards the aquifers. This would create an imbalance in the wetland ecology. In fact Central Groundwater Authority in India has taken a laudable step towards conservation of wetlands in India and has prohibited groundwater abstraction within 500 m distance of wetlands

Conservation efforts

With such growing threats and challenges conservation efforts are required in order to keep the wetlands safe, healthy and in good shape. Actions to conserve Wetlands are required on two distinct fronts that is Government / Administration, as well as community.

Actions required from Government / Administration

- Governments should frame more stringent laws to prevent encroachment

- Disposal of sewerage and industrial waste to be stopped- legislations, rules and infrastructure provisions to be framed and enforced.

- Infrastructure Developmental activities should take care of the natural drainage and gradient of the ground.

- To prevent soil erosion and to promote catchment area protection activity.

- Formation of Catchment area protection authority is highly needed.

Actions required from the Community

- Taking up the proactive role of being a watchdog

- Awareness generation in the stake holders

- Prevention of any activity that damages the wetlands.

A case study is from the Ramsar site of Sirpur lake, Indore. Here we worked on many fronts to prevent the activities which may harm the delicate ecology of the wetland. We stopped spread of invasive species of Water Hyacinth in the Sirpur lake at Indore and worked with municipal authorities to prevent the flow of sewer water into the lake. We also worked with the farmers in the surroundings to make them aware of the dangers to the lake if they continue using synthetic fertilizers and pesticides and insecticides in their fields.

Another good case study is also from Indore. In my city of Indore, Idol immersion takes place at the end of certain festivals in Indian tradition and it was a big threat to the ecology since the idols were of Plaster of Paris (Gypsum) and painted with harmful inks and colors.

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We took up the issue of idol immersion with the administration and the idol immersion was banned.

We even succeeded in reduction of Plaster of Paris idols being used in the city by awareness generation and administrative intervention.

We even made community groups which would collect idols in the city itself so that idols do not come to lakes for immersion.

We organized workshops for school kids and in residential areas for clay idol making.

We also put pressure on the authorities to stop fishing activities as fishing was disturbing the food chain in the wetland

We also put pressure on the authorities for no cosmetic/ synthetic development around the lake such as putting up flashy lights/ fountains/ hard landscaping/ planting non native trees in the area around the Sirpur lake

Rotary in Wetland Conservation

Rotary being a service organization, can play a vital role in protection of wetlands with its strength of

motivated members having domain knowledge of various technical aspects such as environment, water

resources, sanitation, policies and management.

As we Rotarians know , The Rotary has identified seven areas of focus or the causes as defined by Rotary

International, are Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution, Disease Prevention and Treatment, Water and Sanitation, Maternal and Child Health, Basic Education and Literacy, Economic and Community

Development, and Supporting the Environment.

When we observe the areas of focus closely, we realize that almost all areas of focus are related to wetlands. Wetlands being the provider of food and nutritional products, they help in peace and conflict resolution. Disease Prevention and Treatment , and Maternal and child health are related to clean water and flood control , the functions well performed by the wetlands specially in urban areas. The two very important focus areas, Water and Sanitation, as well as Supporting the Environment are directly related to the wetlands since they are helpful in maintaining a balance between the groundwater and the surface water and also because they are the agents for carbon sequestration. Wetlands being helpful in maintaining our resources and also providing products of economic importance and a variety of nutritious food products, they are helpful in our causes of Basic Education and Literacy, Economic and Community Development,

Thus our causes being aligned with Wetlands , we can work more and better for wetlands.

THE IMPOPRTANCE OF WETLANDS, THE CHALLENGES AND OUR RESPONSIBILITIES



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What can you do as a Rotarian-

You must think and brainstorm with your fellow Rotarians as to how can you contribute as a Rotarian in Wetland conservation. Here are a few simple ideas to work for betterment of wetlands.

Work for Awareness Generation on Wetlands

Work for Water and Sanitation

- Improvement of water resources
- Restoration of Water Bodies

Work for tree plantation, conservation of greenery Soil conservation

Work for Safe agricultural practices

Believe in Rotary's strength- Think Global Act Local

Summing up we can say that the wetlands have an immense importance for our ecology and environment yet they face severe challenges due to various reasons of ignorance, greed and absence of

policy measures. Also the wetlands provide ample opportunities to Rotarians to serve the community through protecting and strengthening wetlands.

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