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AUGUST IS ROTARY MONTH OF MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENSION

Words Of Inspiration By Swami Vivekananda

- ~ *Be at peace. Do not disturb yourself. You never were in bondage, you never were virtuous or sinful.*
- ~ *Be beyond both freedom and bondage*
- ~ *Be beyond the common worldly motives*
- ~ *Be beyond the dualities of nature*
- ~ *Be bold and fear not*
- ~ *Be bold and fearless and the road will be clear*
- ~ *Be bold, face facts as facts. Do not be chased about the universe by evil. Evils are evils. What of that?*

May Day Celebration of Many Flavors

Rtn. Sumon Ganguly - with data from the Internet

Last May Day, as I was about to have a go at writing something for the installation issue of Maitree and was musing on how to begin, the topic, an alarm for onslaught of superbugs, leaped from one newspaper headline. The issue was serious. Holiday mood of the day got sidelined. This is a patch up.

The first of May, aka May Day, is an international holiday that is widely observed and celebrated in different parts of the world in various manner and context.

It is an ancient northern hemisphere spring festival and traditional spring holiday. Linked to the Celtic festival of Beltane, May Day is celebrated in large parts of Central and Northern Europe, often with dancing and bonfires. The earliest celebrations in pre Christian times were the festival of Flora, the Roman goddess of flowers. Traditional British May Day rites include Morris dancing, crowning a May Queen and celebration around a maypole.

May Day, also known as Labour Day, coincides with the International Workers' Day declared by 'Second International' of socialist and labor parties in the first congress held in Paris in July 1889. May 1, 1890 was adopted as the day for 'a great demonstration on a single date' so workers everywhere could demand eight-hour work day. In many countries it is an annual celebration acclaiming the international labour movement. It has been the focal point for demonstrations by socialist, communist and anarchist groups commemorating the 1886 Haymarket affair in Chicago.

On May 4, 1886 a labour demonstration was going on at Haymarket Square in Chicago in support of workers striking for an eight-hour day, and protesting against police atrocity. A dynamite bomb was thrown at the police. The bomb blast and gunfire in retaliation resulted in death of police officers and civilians. A trial was conducted. Jury found all defenders guilty. Seven were sentenced to death. It provoked outrage from labour and workers' movements. Protests were worldwide. The defendants were elevated to the status of martyrs. Fight for a universal eight-hour work day intensified. Finally, in 1938, fifty-two years after the Haymarket riot, workdays in the United States were legally made eight hours. In 1997 Haymarket Martyrs' Monument was designated a National Historic Landmark.

May 01, designated as May Day or Labour Day has been adopted by the communists and socialists as their primary holiday. It is a national and bank holiday in more than 80 countries, and is celebrated in many others with variations. In Great Britain it is Spring Bank Holiday conveniently observed on the first Monday of May irrespective of the date to provide a long weekend. In the United States May 01 has been designated Loyalty Day,

District Event

9th August, Saturday : ICM on Rotary Theme

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 7th Aug. : PP Rtn Probir Roy
- 8th Aug. : Ann Sangita, wife of Rtn Partha Dutta Sarmah
- 10th Aug. : Rtn Anirudha Gupta
- 11th Aug. : Rtn Anil Khanna
- 11th Aug. : Darpan, son of PP Rtn Deepnath Roy Chowdhury
- 13th Aug. : Tanisi, daughter of Rtn Jayanta Chatterjee
- 13th Aug. : Sourav, Son of PP Rtn Krishnendu Bhattacharjee
- 13th Aug. : Shemanti, daughter of PP Rtn Kamal Kr Sarkar

Wish you many happy returns of the day

Happy Anniversary

9th Aug. : Ann Tapasi and PP Rtn. Indu Bhusan Das

Congratulations

Our very own Rtn Debarshi Duttgupta's two photographs (Cloud Vision) was published at Ei Samay news paper at readers club segment on 31 July 2014.

Our Next Club Meeting is on 14th August 2014
same venue, same time

We meet every Thursday at 6 PM at M.P. Birla Planetarium Auditorium - Visit us at www.rotarybehala.org

and Labor Day is observed on the first Monday of September, possibly to avoid politically unacceptable communist practice of commemoration of May 1886 riots.

In India the first Labour Day celebration was organized on May 01, 1923 in Madras by the Labour Kisan Party of Hindustan. This was also the first time the red flag was used. True to our diversity, May 01 is official May Day holiday only in part of the country, in the states of Assam, Bihar, Goa, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Manipur, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, and West Bengal. In Maharashtra first of May is Maharashtra Day, an official holiday, and in Gujrat it is Gujrat Day, but not an official holiday, to commemorate formation of those two states on May 01, 1960 by partitioning the erstwhile State of Bombay on the face of mass agitation, on linguistic line.

This year, in 2014, May 01 coincides with 'Parashurama Jayanti' celebrated as birth anniversary of the sixth incarnation of Lord Vishnu, an official holiday in Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh only. Lord Shiva, being pleased with devotion and penance of Parashurama, awarded him a great axe. He went round the Earth twenty-one times and each time slew all evil 'Kshatriya' warriors with his axe. According to believers he, unlike all other 'avatars', is still living on Earth. The 'Kalki Purana' states Parashurama will be the martial guru of 'Shri Kalki', the tenth and final 'avatar' of Lord Vishnu. By the end of present 'Kali-Yuga' he will annihilate all evil-doers. The next epochal cycle will then begin with 'Satya-Yuga', hopefully with the golden age of 'Rama-Rajya'.

Let us look forward for it. Or, are we already there?

Talk To Yourself by Internationally Acclaimed Leadership Guru Robin Sharma

Years ago, when I was a litigation lawyer who had many of the material trappings of success yet little in the way of inner peace. I read a book called As a man Thinketh by James Allen. The book discussed the enormous power of the human mind to shape our reality and attract great happiness and prosperity into our lives. The work also mentioned the profound influence of the words and language we used on a daily basis to create a more enlightened pathway of thought. Fascinated, I began to read more and more wisdom and self help literature. And as I did, I discovered the profound impact and importance of the words we use in our daily communications on the quality of our lives. This knowledge also caused me to become aware of the personal dialogue that each of us has going on within us very minute of every hour of every day and to vow to improve the content of what I was saying to myself. To achieve this, I began to apply a strategy developed by the ancient sages over five thousand years ago. And, in many ways, it changed my life.

The technique is a simple one and involves nothing more than selecting a phrase that you will train your mind to focus on at different times through out the day until it begins to dominate your awareness and reshape the person you are. If it is inner peace and calm you seek, the phrase, known as a mantra, might be, "I am so grateful that I am a serene and tranquil person. If it is more confidence that you want, your mantra could be, "I am delighted that I am full of confidence and boundless courage." If it is material prosperity you are after, your saying might be, "I am so grateful that money and opportunity is flowing in to my life.

Repeat your mantras softly under your breath as you walk to work, as you wait in line or as you wash the dishes to fill otherwise unproductive times of your day with a powerful life improvement force. Try to say your personal phrase at least two hundred times a day for at least four weeks. The result will be profound as you take one giant step to finding the peace, prosperity and purpose your life requires. As Hazrat Inayat Khan said, "the words that enlighten the soul are more precious than jewels."



TRF Trustee Rtn John F Germ, a member of Rotary Club Of Chattanooga, Tennessee, USA is the choice of the nominating committee for President of Rotary International for the Rotary year 2016-17. He was here in RI District 3291 during 2011-12 and attended the Rotary Foundation seminar at ITC Sonar as trustee of TRF. PDG Angsuman Bandopadhyay was the District Governor at that time.

MINUTES OF THE 2378TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB OF BEHALA HELD ON 31ST JULY, 2014 AT BIRLA PLANETARIUM, KOLKATA AT 6.30 PM

- ❖ President Rtn Prasunjit call the meeting to order.
- ❖ National Anthem was led by Past President Rtn Amarjit Singh Thethi.
- ❖ President Rtn Prasunjit told the club members about the upcoming spectacles distribution among the eye patients.
- ❖ President told that he is looking forward to conduct an eye check up camp in association with Peerless Hospital & Gajantala Sporting club.
- ❖ Miss Trisha Sil, a girl from Sarsuna is suffering from kidney failure. She need 15 lakh rupees for kidney transplantation. Gajantala Sporting club requested Rotary Behala to donate or help in this matter. Serious medical help needed for this girl.
- ❖ President Rtn. Prasunjit told the members about the blood donation camp that was held at Central Youth Association on 27th July. Rotarians got grand reception from the co-organizers. President Rtn. Prasunjit encouraged the authorities of Central Youth Association for blood grouping program.
- ❖ President Rtn. Prasunjit and Rtn. Jayanta Mitra shared their experience about the Rotary District 3291 ICM on Literacy that held on 27th afternoon at Rotary Sadan.
- ❖ President Rtn Prasunjit informed the members that our Rotary District 3291 collected 1.2 million books as part of the A Million Books-A Million Smiles project which is part of the Rotary India Literacy Mission
- ❖ Rtn Bhupenda from Rotary Club of Amtala planning to donate 250-300 blankets. 10 Blankets will cost around rupees 1000. He requested Rotary Behala to be a part of this project. President Rtn Prasunjit confirmed to him about Rotary Behalas participation
- ❖ President Rtn Prasunjit informed the members about the 15th August project at Rota School. Rtn Partha Dutta Sharma told everyone what we all can do at Rota school on 15th August. Rtn Partha want to donate food packets, books & copy to the student. President also informed that we will visit either Apan Ghar or Mohananda Hospital on the Independence Day.
- ❖ 15th August is our club picnic, venue will be informed very soon.
- ❖ Rtn Vijay Fatehpuria took a survey at St. Joseph school. We go all the papers from the school authority and action will be taken very soon. PP President Anjan Kr Bhowmick handed over the best Rotaract Project prize to the Past President of Rotaract Behala.
- ❖ Installation of DAV Public school will be held at the end of August.
- ❖ Rtn Debarshi's photographs was published at Ai Shomay news paper.
- ❖ Secretary Rtn Anirudha Gupta conducted the usual club business.
- ❖ President Rtn. Prasunjit terminated the meeting.
- ❖ Total Members - 46, Members Present - 8, Rotaractors - 2.