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Club's Global Grant titled Swabalamban III

25 Cycle Vans handed over at RCC Vateguri Janakalyan Samiti, Amta, Dist: Howrah, West Bengal

Rotary Salt Lake Metropolitan Kolkata and Rotary Gold Coast Lake Success, USA initiated distribution of Cycle Vans under Global Grant 1524507 at Amta involving RCC Vateguri Janakalyan Samiti, Dist: Howrah on Sunday, September 8, 2019. 25 Cycle Vans were handed over to the beneficiaries, who were earlier short-listed and trained.

Rtn Ashok Surana, club treasurer, left Salt Lake at about 8.00 AM. PP Umapasrad joined from Kasba. Earlier, necessary papers and a banner connected to the program were picked up. The team reached Jaipur, Amta at about 10.30 AM. Upon reaching The RCC offered fuming tea and snacks.



The site of distribution got shifted from paddy field, which is now under cultivation, to the campus of local Block Office. The inaugural communications on the project took place at the same auditorium where cultural program in connection with celebration of International Literacy Day by school kids was scheduled immediately thereafter.

PP Umapasrad mentioned past activities of Rotary Salt Lake Metropolitan with RCC Bhatguri Janakalyan Samity over last few years that included, among others, distribution of more than 100 Cycle Vans, several blankets, installation of forty domestic sanitation units and digging of seven water reservoirs. He requested the new recipients of Cycle Vans to maintain the Vans and save from earnings by using the Vans. He further suggested them to use the Van for many other possible purposes gainfully that could include mobile selling of food, fruits and vegetables. He further requested them to share periodically with the RCC the gains and losses, if any, by using the Cycle Van. Rtn Ashok Surana further urged the need of best use of the new possession.

All 25 Cycle Vans were lined up with beneficiaries' name and location tags mounted on each cycle van.

Before holding Cycle Van distribution, Rotary and RCC members and recipients of Cycle Vans joined a kilometer long walk along State Highway campaigning Literacy led by local school girls.



All beneficiaries, except one, who could not turn up due to demise of a family member, were present to receive their Cycle Vans. All were happy with their new possession. Some of the beneficiaries needed to pull the van for more than an hour to reach home. Each one was provided with a large lunch pack before their leaving the site.



Local Block level leaders were present and were happy to be present and commended the project.



There was a request of visiting the site of proposed water kiosk for visitors and out-patients at the local Block Hospital. Local community and civic body expect RCSLMK to get the kiosk installed. Site, water, power and maintenance would be the responsibility of the local civic body.

The distribution turned out to be community event, where families of RCC members and beneficiaries joined.



The distribution ended at about 1.30 pm. Manas, the RCC President, thereafter, showed the status of two of seven sites, where Rain Water Harvesting projects were conducted under an International Grant by RCSLMK. Rest of the sites, located in the middle of paddy fields, with unapproachable road due to repeated downpours, could not be reached. For the same reason the organic farming site could not be reached.



Manas further took RCSLMK members to the Block Hospital, situated in a decent clean campus on the State Highway, surrounded by greenery. Manas was asked to provide formal letter requesting RCSLMK to get a water kiosk installed, laboratory report of raw water and daily water requirement to enable RCSLMK to select equipment and space requirement.



Before departure at about 2.30 PM, RCC members invited Rotarians have vegetarian lunch with them at the Block Office canteen run by self-help group of women.

Till close of Sunday, September 8, 2019, 193 Cycle Vans and 31 Cycle Rickshaws were disbursed for handing over to the beneficiaries under the Global Grant project Swabalamban 3.



The said Global Grant Project would close with proposed distribution of 35 Cycle Vans at Chakda, Nadia scheduled on Sunday, September 15, 2019.

The project, originally meant for 175 beneficiaries, would end with swabalamban (Self-reliance) of 259 families through higher income generation. This could be attained due to efficient fund management and grant partners' agreeing to let RCSLMK utilize the surplus for expanding the project horizon.

Rotaractors celebrate Teacher's Day with challenged kids



Members of Rotaract clubs of Salt Lake Metropolitan and Calcutta Metropolitan celebrated Teacher's day on September 5, 2019 with special children of Asha Niketan- La Arche, Kolkata

Asha Niketan is a part of the international federation – L'Arche (the Ark) founded by Dr. Jean Vanier in 1964. Asha Niketan, Kolkata (Home of Hope) was founded in 1973.

L'Arche and Asha Niketan seek to bring to the centre of human society the intellectually challenged persons, who are usually banished behind the doors of the specially established institutions away from the societies at large. It proposes to restore the dignity of the persons with learning disability to inspire blossoming out of their hidden creative gifts and to establish their rightful place in the societies they are living in. Located next door to the Missionaries of Charity home in Tangra, many of residents of Asha Niketan came from the Sisters next door.

The Rotaractors could paint smile on the faces of the special children of Asha Niketan - La Arche.



A sit and draw competition for the children made the day quite interesting. Further, the kids enjoyed various games and awareness campaigns that the Rotaractors organized for them. All the things were done only for the special kids those who need to fight against the society regularly for honor.



President Rtr Subhranil Halder, Secretary administration Rtr Arunavo Banerjee and Secretary event Rtr Diptendra Nath Dhar, among others arranged various games for making the day joyful for the kids.



Distribute the prizes for the winner and runners. Rtr. Pritwiraj and Kritika from Calcutta metropolitan distributed the Colour box for all the child to added the color of their life. Rtr Prodipto, Rtr Supratik



Sargent at arms Rtr Noor Humaira saqib with help and support of Rtr Anjan, Rtr Rajnandini, Rtr Rtr Avhira, Rtr. Rabiul, Rtr Suman, Rtr Sagar, Rtr Rabea, Rtr Sumit and others organized the sit and draw competition. New members Rtr Ritom & Rtr Rudranil ensured keenness.

RCC North Dumdum organizes health and eye check on nation's Independence Day

RCC President Ashim Ranjan Ganguly shares

RCC North Dumdum organized health and eye checkups on the nation's Independence Day begun at Dreamland Resort, Birati after National Flag Hoisting with National Anthem followed by tying of Rakhi and sharing of fruits and sweets where physicians, specialists and ailing persons from community participated. Here is the summary of checks done:

Health Checks:

No of persons attended: 64

Persons with high blood glucose and blood pressure: 64

Persons attended ECG: 28

Persons attended PFT: 28

Persons attended BMD: 51

Eye Checks:

Persons attended: 74

Persons advised Cataract surgery: 11

Persons advised change / new lenses: 28

Spectacles were made at a concessional rate of from Rs. 150/- to Rs.200/- and handed over on August 18, 2019.

RCC North Dumdum commends both NH Narayana Multispecialty Hospital, Barasat and Susrut Eye Foundation, Salt Lake for their active participation

Cataract surgery of detected eleven persons would be held on August 24, 2019 at Susrut Eye Foundation, Salt Lake.

RCC North Dumdum announces upcoming programs

Sept 22, 2019 Health & Eye Check up Camp

Sept 28, 2019 Subject to sponsorship, distribution of new set of clothes among the he boys & girls and saries among women below poverty level

Oct 5, 2019 Puja Parikrama

Nov 24, 2019 Safety awareness and fire drill

Dec 22, 2019 Health & Eye Check up Camp

Jan 26, 2020 Community peace & harmony and organ donation awareness

Feb 16, 2020 Distribution of learning materials among needy students

Mar 22, 2020 Health & Eye Check up Camp

Distribution of mosquito nets

Upcoming Club programs

Sep 15, 2019 35 beneficiaries will receive Cycle Vans under Global Grant 1524507 titled 'Swabalamban 3' at Chakhah, Nadia

Free Health camp at Chakdah, Gynae, Paed, Skin, Oral Cancer, Medicine doctors required

Blood donation camp at Chakdah

Project Green: Distribution of fruit plant sapling to 115 people at Chakdah

Birthdays of Rotary members in September 2019

Somendra Ch Nandy, past Governor, on September 5, 2019

Shyamashree Sen, past Governor on September 21, 2019

September is Basic Education & Literacy Month

We meet 2nd and 4th Saturdays at GPT Group, JC 25, Salt Lake, Kolkata 700098 at 6.00 PM

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Changing lives through international service

Posted on September 10, 2019 by Brian Carman, Past President of the Rotary Club of Vero Beach Sunrise, USA



Sunrise Rotarian Buck Vocelle in the Dominican Republic

This project began as most Rotary projects do. I was invited to participate in a new effort by the Rotary Club of Vero Beach Sunrise to visit the Dominican Republic and learn about efforts to improve drinking water. Three past presidents were leading the project by building on work Rotary clubs in Michigan had done. As president-elect, I wanted to know more.

The basis of the project was to assess the needs of the local community, and if possible to implement and sustain, we would fund as much of the project as we were able. This included bio-sand filters (making potable water) and creating aqueducts (making water available) to very poor villages in the mountains.



Classroom in the San Marcos School District, Dominican Republic

We also looked into literacy in these low-income areas. We found others had begun some innovative educational projects and soon joined them in their efforts. Many Rotary clubs were involved in all of these efforts and we were able to join them by either matching their funds or they matched ours. This allowed us to build a partnership and help when and where it was needed.



Los Canos village leader Carmello showing the new submerged pump and the wellhead of the aqueduct

Subsequent trips involved mentoring young women in their pursuit of higher education, a program called New Horizons. Then our team leader, Dr. Rick Root began bringing dentists to the villages to provide necessary and vital health care to the area. This is a subject for an entire article on its own! I cannot say enough about this. It is truly amazing!

An added bonus to this project was the work of our committee. Through the committee, we learned to work with one another, despite our differences. In the course of some “push and shove” compromise, mutual respect and better outcomes prevailed. Leadership learned and leadership earned! To me as a 20+ year Rotarian, this was absolutely priceless!

Each trip (I have made six in as many years), we revisited our projects to see for ourselves how they were working. We had

made investments in these communities and we wanted to make sure that our investments were still viable and sustainable. Concrete floors where there had been dirt floors, water at the taps where there had been none, clean water to cook and to bathe with. And young women with invaluable scholarships from our club mentoring the Hermanacitas (little sisters)



Aqueduct storage in Los Canos, Dominican Republic

Seeing our investments pay off with healthier people, improving communities, and the smiles, oh – those smiles! You can't put a dollar value on a smile, but that was the currency in which we received our Rotary paychecks.



Typical village in the hills surrounding Puerto Plata in the Dominican Republic

Before I knew it, I had become involved in the lives of the people in these villages. I knew their names, their families and I shared meals in their homes. We worked together, played games and sung together and even argued upon occasion.

I don't know just how much I, or we, changed their lives. But I do know, without doubt, that this project has changed MY life!

UNWIND

Tintu was asked to write a sign-board for the vehicles on the road in front the school.

He wrote, 'Drive carefully! Don't kill the students, wait for the teachers'

TAILPIECE

"A person, who never made a mistake, never tried anything new." -Albert Einstein

"What's money? A man is a success if he gets up in the morning and goes to bed at night and in between does what he wants to do." -Bob Dylan

"I have been impressed with the urgency of doing. Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Being willing is not enough; we must do." -Leonardo da Vinci