



**Emergence of overseas visitor in club meeting was a pleasant surprise**

*PP Dr Aruna writes*



**Locarno's Piazza Grande**

Visit of Andreas Henke, past President (PP) of Rotary Club of Locarno, Switzerland at the weekly meeting of Rotary Salt Lake Metropolitan, Kolkata on Saturday, October 8, 2016 was a pleasant surprise to members of the club. President Kusum and club members enjoyed his presence and communications.



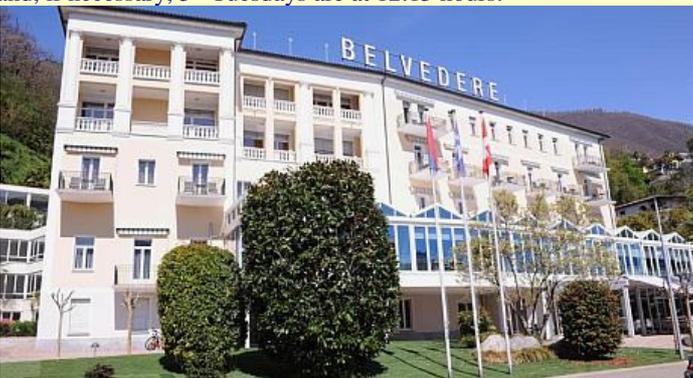
**Giovanni Galli, President 2016-17 Rotary Locarno, Switzerland**

Club members learnt from past President Andreas that his club is the only club in Locarno, where about 32000 persons live.

Rotary Club of Locarno was chartered on April 13, 1948 and has sixty-five active members, mostly aged. Unlike RCSLMK, comprising of younger members having about 40% women members, Rotary Locarno has only one lady member, who had been inducted to Rotary in the recent past.

The club belongs to Rotary district 1980 and Giovanni Galli, President 2016-17 Rotary Locarno, Switzerland

Rotary Locarno holds weekly meetings in the charming atmosphere of "Belvedere" on Tuesdays. Meeting timing is at 18.30 in July and August, where ladies are invited. During rest ten months meetings of 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays are at 19.15 hours and meetings of 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and, if necessary, 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays are at 12.15 hours.



**Belvedere**

Locarno being located at the southern part of Switzerland, Italian is the most common language in the community. Andreas shared that Switzerland has three official languages, namely, German, mostly used in northern Switzerland, French, mostly used in western Switzerland and Italian used in southern Switzerland.

PP Andreas, a Civil Engineer by profession, an expert in design and project supervision, particularly of Road and Railway tunnels and Hydraulic installations.

PP Andreas is an expert consultant of Switzerland based Lombardi group, which is globally famed for outstanding and high quality engineering work. The group is specialized in optimized project costs at uncompromised quality. Being faithful to commitment to quality and client satisfaction the Lombardi Group is reputed for developing engineering solutions to the world's challenges.



In India, PP Andreas added, Lombardi group has an office in New Delhi and had successfully completed from concept, design to getting commissioned of long road and railway tunnels in Himalayas particularly in the states of Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh.

Earlier, PP Andreas had made several official trips on behalf of Lombardi group to India. This time he and his civil engineer daughter, who would join in the late evening, are on a month-long tour to visit the states of Sikkim, Assam and Meghalaya.

While PP Andreas shared his club programs, RCSLMK's PP Dr Aruna shared club's past and ongoing International projects in the meeting. RCSLMK President Kusum and PP Andreas exchanged club banners.



PP Umapasrad shared remarkable roles of Rotary International that included, among others, coordinating with country heads to let



them agree to amicable, workable and ever-lasting understanding to give birth to United Nations and its wings after the end of Second World War, coordinating with concerned world bodies to put an end of Polio and inclusion of women in Rotary.

PP Dr Aruna added initiative of elimination of illiteracy particularly from South East Asia, is an endeavor of Rotary International worth mentioning.

PP Andreas, before being invited to meeting, was waiting patiently at the lounge of GPT Center for arrival of RCSLMK members. While staying in Hyatt, he located through net RCSLMK's meeting venue and time and walked down to attend the meeting.

*PP Andreas welcomed and accepted PP Dr Aruna and club members' offers of home hospitality in his future trips to Kolkata.*



*Dr Ankush Bansal's selfie that captured PP Andreas and section of club members in the frame*

Prior to club meeting, President Kusum led club members to chosen sites for installation of another water kiosk in slum area situated at the periphery of Salt Lake City along Eastern Metropolitan Bypass. The team visited one municipal primary school next to the peripheral slum at the border of Salt Lake City that RCSLMK is actively considering renovation, extension and conversion to a Happy School.



*RCSLMK'S recently installed water Kiosk in use. Photo Courtesy: Dr Sudha Chawdhary*

## RCSLMK initiates Durga Puja with kids of Orphanage

*Kusum Chamaria, President, RCSLMK writes*



Durga Puja, also known as Durgotsav, is about a fortnight long worship of goddess Durga, who destroyed buffalo demon to bring peace and prosperity in the world. Durga Puja is the biggest festival in many places, particularly in eastern states of India. In Calcutta, several pujas are held with decoration and festivity. Kids and young persons are offered new set of clothes. Poor children and old persons, who are grossly detached to families, are treated with special care.

President Kusum and members of RCSLMK along with Rotary Central Calcutta, Interact Club of DPS New Town and Kadamta Milan Sangha initiated celebration of Durga Puja on Friday, October 7, 2016 with kids of Orphanage.



A bus was hired to accommodate fifty children and volunteers to escort them to different Durga Puja festivities of repute. Kids were in festive mood in new set of clothes. RCSLMK and Rotary Central Calcutta members offered them food packets before departure. The kids specially enjoyed company of Vishes and Vishnu of Interact Club of DPS New Town.

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The kids visited several gorgeously decorated Durga idols, had community lunch with volunteers and escorts and finally they were sent back to their home before sunset.



Presence and active participation of President Kusum Chamaria and President Elect Dr Chitra Ray of RCSLMK, among others, made the program meaningful and memorable to the kids.

RCSLMK co-hosted District Puja Parikrama for senior citizen took place today from 10.00 AM onward. Departure was at around 10 AM from Jagat Mukherjee Park near Shovabazar Metro Station. The detailed report would be available at the next issue of Spectrum.

Club Secretary Sundeep had already announced that today's club meeting would be merged with the aforesaid Puja Parikrama for senior citizen.

### THE FOUR-WAY TEST

*The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. The test has been translated into more than 100 languages:*

*Of the things we think, say or do*

*Is it the TRUTH?*

*Is it FAIR to all concerned?*

*Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?*

*Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?*

### Birthdays of Rotarians falling in October 2016

Sanjay Agarwal on October 5, 2016

Anil K Chowdhury on October 10, 2016

Savita Lohariwala on October 12, 2016

Ravindraprakash Sehgal, past Governor on October 14, 2016

Sekhar Mehta, past RI Director on October 14, 2016

Dr Chitra Ray, President Elect on October 15, 2016

Shyamal Dutta, past Governor on October 22, 2016

Kamal Seth, past Governor on October 30, 2016

### October is Economic and Community Development Month

#### Upcoming District Programs

08 October Puja Parikrama Older Persons

22 October Sarad Awards and Sampreeti with Rotaract District Organization

28 October Seminar on Economic & Community Development

#### United Nations Observances in October 2016

01 October: International Day of Older Persons

02 October: **International Day of Non-Violence**

03 October (first Monday in October): World Habitat Day

05 October: World Teachers' Day

09 October: World Post Day

10 October: World Mental Health Day

11 October: International Day of the Girl Child

13 October: International Day for Disaster Reduction

15 October: International Day of Rural Women

16 October: World Food Day

17 October: International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

20 October: World Statistics Day

24 October: United Nations Day

24 October: World Development Information Day

27 October: World Day for Audiovisual Heritage

31 October: World Cities Day

#### RI calendar for October 2016

24 October Rotary's World Polio Day Live-stream Event

31 Oct-6 Nov World Interact Week

#### Upcoming RI deadlines

1 October Submit nominations for the Rotary **Service Above Self Award**

1 November Submit nominations for the **Service Award for a Polio-Free World**

1 November Submit nominations for the **Vocational Service Leadership Award**

15 December Register for the **Atlanta convention** at the lowest rate

#### RI Announcement

A full-length PDF version of the Official Directory is available with a My Rotary account. Only an abbreviated print version of the directory is now available and can be purchased by contacting [rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org](mailto:rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org).

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**Past Governor Rajani Mukerji shares**

Do you know any person or organization doing great work in the field of Literacy? Please register him/her or the organization for *Literacy Hero Awards* on [www.literacyheroawards.com](http://www.literacyheroawards.com)  
*Last date for Applications is 31st December*

The youngster not convinced, punished the Gorkha to a thousand salutes. The soldier immediately started saluting. Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw who was passing by asked the youngster as to what was happening. The youngster said, Sir, this soldier had the audacity of not saluting me. So I have punished him with 1000 salutes." Sam replied, Bloody good punishment young man, but ensure that you return each of his salutes  
 For the next two hours there was the scene of a Gorkha saluting and the young officer returning each of his salutes.

**Congratulations !!**





**now officially holds**  
**Guinness World Record title for**  
**most people to sign up to donate blood**  
**in 8 hrs-multiple venues**  
 Rotary International District 3190, and India Red Cross,  
 on 4 August 2016, in India.

**3,034**

**OFFICIALLY AMAZING !**

**Football Street (Soccer) for Peace in Buenos Aires, Argentina**

Children are free to play and blossom through Peace & Conflict Resolution. Join us in promoting and replicating street football as a beacon of hope to raise leaders in conflict resolution.





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*Respect is a two way street*



A young officer was on his round when one of the riflemen did not notice him and missed saluting him. The youngster got cheesed off and summoned the Gorkha and asked him the reason for not saluting him. The Gorkha innocently gave out the reason that he did not see Lieutenant Huzoor

**TAILPIECE I**



**A Rag-Pickers Donating Money For Flood Victims Of Assam**

**TAILPIECE II**



**Do not get allured by attractive Chinese products. Buy homemade diyas for your Dewali celebration to let smiles on the faces of these little girls last forever**

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