

ANNUAL REPORT 1981 - 1982

ROTARY CLUB OF HOWRAH

Fellow Rotarians,

It is with much pleasure that I present to you the Annual Report of the Rotary Club of Howrah.

The attached reports from each of our Directors represents a balanced and active programme of service within our Club, community and Internationally. It is particularly pleasing that this programme has been achieved with the majority of the Club membership, participating.

I came to the chair, after Pat Triffitt was forced to resign from office due to ill health. Pat had planned a full and active year and I believe that all of his objectives have been met.

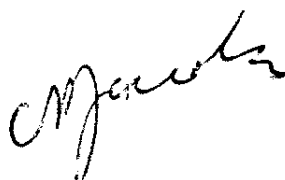
Membership of the Club has grown steadily over the past few months and the quality of our new members has impressed me greatly. I would like to pay tribute to the Membership Development Committee for their efforts, especially when you take into consideration their task of replacing members of the calibre of those who resigned throughout the year.

I wish to thank Secretary Syd, Treasurer John, the Service Directors and members of the Board, for their assistance, time and effort during the year.

To all those members who have contributed in some way, I am extremely grateful.

I extend my best wishes to President George and his Directors for a very successful year ahead. I am certain that with their guidance and the support of our members the Club will prosper and make a significant contribution to this District.

signed



NOEL JACOBS
PRESIDENT

ROTARY CLUB OF HOWRAH

CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR YEAR 1981/82

Club Service covers a fairly wide spectrum of Club activity. To dwell too long on what we planned to do compared with what we achieved would take too long for a report such as this. I would rather encapsule in respect of each sub-committee what was actually achieved and leave to others the judgment as to whether we did well or not.

Attendance: (Ch.) Bob Jones

Persistent attention was paid to reminding members of their attendance obligations with a generally good result. However, Bob's efforts were hampered somewhat by the drop-off in attendance at anything but the conventional Thursday night meet, a fact which I have commented on in other places.

Classification/Membership Development: (Joint Ch.) Tony Stacey & Derek Steele

These subcommittees operated as a joint enterprise and in operating thus showed great enterprise. First in finding suitable members without seeking members for the sake of numbers only. Membership now stands at 42 plus 1 honorary member. Second in finding classifications which would permit for example four 'doctors' with quite divergent classifications.

Public Relations: (Ch.) Trevor Leo

This year our public relations has been better than ever.

Bulletin: (Ch.) John Cotterell

The Bulletin has had its moments. However, spurred on by the critical reader it is expected to attain even greater (?) heights.

Programme: (Ch.) John Frazer

For most of the year the programme has been controlled by one of the newer members, John Frazer. I repeat what I said in the half-yearly report - the programme has been varied, interesting and a credit to the effort put into making it so.

Rotary Information: (Ch) Max Dunstone

The dissemination of information has been tried in novel ways this year, for example, the debate on the Four Way Test. This type of approach seems much more successful and thought provoking than older more traditional methods.

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Fellowship: (Ch.) John Anderson

A number of functions such as the Christmas ferry dance, cray bake, games night and theatre evening were held. Each was a resounding success due to the efforts of the organisers.

One problem that faces every fellowship committee is how to get more than a 50% attendance from Club members. It must in some way be allied to the problem noted in relation to attendance.

Art Show: (Ch.) Alan Bell

This year, under the auspices of its perennial chairman, the art show really paid off in form of a high class exhibition, which was a credit to the Club and more particularly the organisers. In addition it made a significant contribution to service funds.

Auction \$5,000: (Ch.) Abel Reeve

The object of this committee was to raise an amount of \$5,000 or more to replace the money raised by the auction, and subsequently used to purchase a guide dog.

There were two basic problems. First, the Club in general felt that in the first half year it already had enough on its hands with other Club activities. Second, in the second half year those ideas which it seemed fruitful to pursue were pre-empted by others before they had time to get off the ground.

In the event the success of smaller fund-raising ventures such as the manure sales were such that the service fund carry forward into next year will be very healthy.

Country Fair: (Ch.) Graeme Farrell

The, by now traditional, country fair was held for the first time before Christmas, and despite inclement weather more than justified Graeme's faith in a date change. It was a resounding success and proved again to be somewhat of a 'social' occasion as well.

Club Property & History:

During the year the Club appointed Eric Meagher P.H.F. to the positions of archivist, historian and club property officer. Eric has zealously got the Club's property into good shape and his efforts are appreciated.

Appreciation:

I am greatly appreciative of the efforts of all sub-committee chairman and their committee members during the course of the year. Often they may have thought that they had thankless tasks, but the enthusiasm with which they carried them out is largely responsible for the Club's continuing and growing success.


J.A. Cotterell
DIRECTOR - CLUB SERVICE

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE REPORT - JUNE 1982

International Youth Projects

The highlight of the year has been the club's sponsorship of Howrah girl Louise Morris as an exchange student to Japan for twelve months from January 1982 and our hosting of Naoko Uchiyama for the same period from March of this year. This student exchange highlights the internationality of the Rotary movement.

The club provided a prize for a student at Rosny College "who showed outstanding proficiency in more than one foreign language. This was won by our exchange student, Louise Morris.

Rotary Foundation

The year has been highlighted by the awarding of a Paul Harris fellowship to Rotarian Eric Meagher for his long and distinguished contribution to the club and the community in general.

Also during the year the club reached the 800% plateau for Rotary foundation. This level of contribution is well above the state average.

World Community Service

The club now sponsors twelve Indonesian orphans through the Salvation Army, which enables these children to receive a secondary education which otherwise would have been denied them.

Almost 50% of club members are life members of F.A.I.M., and many others made their annual contributions on behalf of their wives and themselves.

Rotarian Jacob George established a personal contact between our club and the Rotary Club of Kottayam in South India, however it seemed inappropriate for us to make a financial contribution to their club program.

The past year has been an interesting and rewarding one for the International Service Committee and I would like to thank each member for his contribution to the year's success.

Dick Wyatt
Chairman.

Howrah Rotary Club

Vocational Service Programme 1981 / 1982.

Annual Report.

Director : Laurie Stevens.

Committee : Bob Jones, Phil Keane, David Hudson, John Novy.

1. Job Talks.

Interesting talks by a number of members were given. These talks have been extremely popular with Club members.

2. Work Experience Programmes.

The Club again participated with these programmes. Club Members provided a number of jobs for Students from the Rokeby and Clarence High School. This will be an on going programme for the incoming vocational service committee.

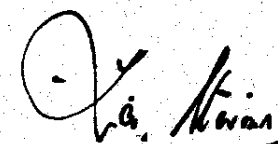
3. Facing Lifes Problems. (Panel of Students.)

A most interesting and informative discussion was arranged with four Students selected from the Rokeby and Clarence High Schools. They discussed freely with members their problems facing them now and the problems they face when they finish their schooling. Many questions were asked by members at the conclusion of the meeting. Because of the interest in this subject the meeting finishing time was extended by three quarters of an hour. I am sure a similar programme could be conducted in the next Rotary Year.

4. Four Way Test.

The Club conducted a debate between members on whether the Four Way Test applied to us in today's life style. This proved to be extremely informative and sometimes amusing evening. All members however did gain a lot from it.

Comments : Several proposed functions had to be cancelled due to the availability of times at evening meetings. Our Club Programme Director became so efficient at his job that evenings were booked out well in advance. The Committee also suffered from the resignation of Rotarian David Hudson and John Novy early in the year, and this did curtail some of the planned activities. However I believe that this committee did have a successful Rotary Year and I would like to thank the Members of my committee for their support.



L.A. Stevens.
DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONAL SERVICE.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT 1981 - 1982

Even though the progress of the Community Service activities were slow, we achieved most of the projects that were planned at the beginning of the year.

The year's activities can be summarised as below.

General Activities

Continued to assist the Rokeby Christian Care Centre.

Had two very successful fowl manure sales, and in March we had the million dollar meal at Allan Bell's residence.

Recreation

A monkey bar was installed at Mortyn Place Park and upgraded the approach pathways to the park. We are awaiting for permission from the Clarence Council to erect a plaque with the inscription "Howrah Rotary Club" at Mortyn Place Park.

Camps

Last week in November 1981 - a Weekend Camp for under-privileged boys between the ages 7 - 14 was conducted at the Seven Mile Beach Camp. Twenty-six boys attended the Camp. It turned out to be a success, and we regard this as the major project for this year of the Community Service.

Cultural Activities

The Art Show was conducted at the Domain House and had a very positive response from the public this time compared to the previous times.

Awards

Continued to provide prizes to Rokeby School.

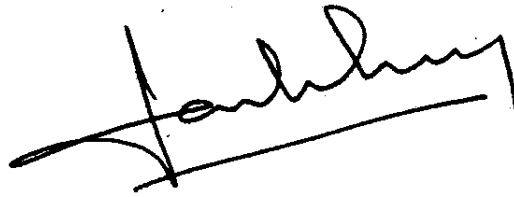
Service to the Aged

In August 1981, we had an enjoyable working party in collecting firewood for the Lilian Martin Home for the aged.

Note for the incoming Community Service Committee

On 20th May 1982, the present Community Service Members met to discuss the feasibility of the Howrah Rotary Club sponsoring a Probus Club as a project. A Probus Club is an organisation for the retired and semi-retired people of ex executive professional or business levels in the community. It was unanimously agreed that such a project should get the support of the Board and the incoming Community Service should give this serious consideration.

I want to take this opportunity to thank my Committee and the Rotarians and their wives for their sincere and relentless help in making all our projects a success. I wish the incoming Community Service Committee all the success in the coming year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jacob George', written over a horizontal line.

(Jacob George)
Director
Community Services

ROTARY CLUB OF HOWRAH - FINANCIAL STATEMENT - SERVICE ACCOUNT 25.6.81-1/6.82.

R E C E I P T S

E X P E N D I T U R E

BALANCE 24.6.81 \$13 730.51

	1981/82	1980/81	1981/82	1980/81
Fines	\$ 336.72	\$ 448.83	Fair	\$ 902.80
Fair	\$2 517.91	\$ 2 453.27	Art Show	\$ 1 683.98
Art Show	\$2 169.54	\$ 1 334.00	Loan to Club A/C	\$ 1 000.00
Manure Soles	\$ 848.00	\$ 1 162.10	Auction	\$ 5 097.11
Interest	\$ 249.48	\$ 116.34	Donations	\$ 77.00
Auction (1981)	\$ 176.95	\$24 018.33	Miscellaneous	\$ 214.00
Loan Repayments	\$ 1 000.00	\$Nil		\$ 8 974.89
Miscellaneous	\$ 414.34	\$ 1 710.04		\$ 1 314.65
	\$7 712.94	\$31 242.91	<u>INTERNATIONAL SERVICE</u>	
			Exchange Student	\$ 346.45
			Rotary Foundation	\$ 918.20
			Indo Children	\$Nil
				\$ 1 264.65
			<u>COMMUNITY SERVICE</u>	
			Weekend Camp	\$ 463.46
			Parik Improvements	\$ 64.00
			Christ. Care Centre	\$ 71.99
			Tree Planting	\$ 36.00
			Royal Guide Dogs	\$ 5 271.77
				\$ 5 907.22
			<u>VOCATIONAL SERVICE 1981/82</u>	
			R.Y.L.A. Camp	\$Nil
			Student Awards	\$ 70.00
			School For Hearing	\$Nil
				\$ 70.00
				\$16 216.76
			<u>INVESTMENTS</u>	
			Tas. Bldg. Society	\$ 4 000.00
				\$20 216.76
			balance as at 17.6.82	\$ 1 226.69
				\$21 443.45

NOTES: Miscellaneous Expenditure includes cash float for fund raising activities reimbursed under receipts.

Miscellaneous Receipts includes proceeds of raffle transferred to Club Account, Refund of Deposits, donations and sale of surplus foods.

BALANCE OF CLUB ACCOUNT - Cash At Bank \$1 226.69
Term Deposit \$4 000.00

\$5 226.69

\$21 443.45

J. W. ...
Treasurer