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TODAY

RWM meeting at the Saturday Club at 6.30 PM

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How to trust intelligently :

"The aim [in society] is to have more trust. Well frankly, I think that's a stupid aim," says Baroness Onora O'Neill . What we don't understand about trust. She argues that the aim to build more trust is a cliché, and instead what we need is more trustworthiness. Below Baroness Onora O'Neill gives a more nuanced picture of how to trust more intelligently, based on her criteria for trustworthiness.

Nobody sensible simply wants more trust. Sensible people want to place their trust where it is deserved. They also want to place their mistrust where it is deserved. They want well-directed trust and mistrust.

Trust is well placed if it's directed to matters in which the other party is reliable, competent and honest — so, trustworthy. Can you trust the corner shop to sell fresh bread? Can you trust your postman to deliver letters? Can you trust your colleagues not to gossip about confidential matters? Can you trust the tax man to calculate what you owe accurately? Trust is badly placed if it's directed to matters in which others are dishonest or incompetent or unreliable.

So the key to placing trust well is to distinguish cases. It's a matter of trusting some people for some tasks, and of mistrusting others for those same tasks; of trusting some companies, office holders or professionals for some activities, but not for other activities. That is why looking at opinion polls, which for the most part ask only about generic attitudes to types of professional or institution, so don't distinguish cases, are a pointless (if depressingly popular) way of approaching questions of trust.

If we want others to trust us, the first step is to be trustworthy: it remains true that you can't fool all of the people all of the time. The second step is to show that we are trustworthy: we have to provide enough intelligible evidence of competence, honesty and reliability in the relevant matters for others to reach an intelligent judgement. This is not best done by showing that we have ticked all the prescribed boxes, kept perfect records or excelled in some league table. Complex forms of accountability may be useful for third parties, but what matters for most people in judging where to place their trust is generally simpler. Most of us look for evidence of trustworthiness — of competence, honesty and reliability — in the relevant matters.

We trust doctors who take the trouble to ask and answer questions with care, and show that they understand what the problem is and that they can explain the limits of available treatments. We trust journalists who take trouble to provide evidence and sources for their claims, and who publish prompt corrections if they get things wrong. We trust businesses that make accurate claims about their products, and offer usable complaints procedures when something goes wrong. We trust retailers that take unwanted purchases back, no questions asked. We trust teachers who explain what they are doing, listen to comments from parents and pupils, and provide intelligible feedback to them. We trust politicians who speak straightforwardly, don't promise what they can't deliver, explain their policies and their difficulties with reasonable caution, and visibly try to deliver what they promise. We trust retail banks that reliably look after our savings, and don't short-change customers by rewarding loyalty with unattractive interest rates.

Trusting intelligently gets harder when tasks are more complex. Most of us cannot judge the products marketed by the financial services industry, or by insurers. Most of us cannot assess scientific claims or new technologies. In these complex cases we can place and refuse trust intelligently only by finding proxy evidence of trustworthiness, since the complete evidence is too complicated for the less expert. We can all think of examples of useful proxy evidence provided by experts. In the best cases, auditors, examiners, regulators, evaluators, peer reviewers and experts of other sorts can judge trustworthiness, and then offer an intelligible summary that serves as proxy evidence for the less expert. Most of us can unfortunately also think of cases in which the proxy evidence provided by experts was too complex, irrelevant or unusable, so could not support the intelligent placing and refusal of trust.

Trust requires an intelligent judgement of trustworthiness. So those who want others' trust have to do two things. First, they have to be trustworthy, which requires competence, honesty and reliability. Second, they have to provide intelligible evidence that they are trustworthy, enabling others to judge intelligently where they should place or refuse their trust.



Today's Speaker



Simran Singh

A professional with more than 17 years of experience, which includes 11 years in training in the Service Industry and IT&ITeS.

Ms Singh has been a Master Trainer with 24/7 Customer Pvt Ltd. She had been appointed as the Consultant Trainer with Infosys Technologies. She is very passionate about training and has a lasting impact on participants. Her programs are interactive with a balance of humor and learning based on experience, process and application. Her personal hobbies apart from training people, include sports, traveling, watching movies, interacting with new people, self-motivation, social contributions - to name a few.

Some of the companies she has imparted training at various levels are as a Consultant are: HP, Infosys, Dell, iFlex, CapGemini, 24/7 Customer Pvt Ltd., Zenta, Wipro, Rinac Cooling Solutions, Bharti AXA, HDFC Bank (Pan India), IDBI Bank (South & East India), Axis Bank, L&T Finance

Currently She is driving the Service Excellence, Business Communication workshops for IDBI Bank, HDFC Bank Senior Management, Mid Management and Campus to Corporate.

In addition she has conducted workshops in Personal Effectiveness, Business Writing skills, Time Management, Conflict Management, Grooming.

Today's Topic: **Work Life Balance**

Objective: The reason for choosing this topic is that most of us are confronted with this issue in our daily lives. With such a hectic and busy schedule we forget the importance of giving ourselves a little "me" time or "family" time. Let's try and see how we can tackle this in the best possible way.

1929 Minutes of the Joint Meeting of RC Calcutta Midtown and Rotaract Club Midtown on Sunday 22nd November at RCC Thakurpukur – Park Circus ,Kolkata at 10.00 am

- After registration, fellowship Tea, Coffee , the President called the 1929 RCCM Joint Meeting with Rotaract Club of Midtown to order and welcomed the Rotaract V P Rtr Sourav Roy and other members of their Club , Mr. Soumen Chatterjee of Usha International Ltd - Territory Manager – , the RCC Midtown RCC Vocational Sewing School School Mistress Mrs. Anju Pal, The RCC Thakurpukur Secretary Mr.Subhasish Bera , and distinguished Sewing School Diploma holders , Annes & Guests to the Polio Camp & Sewing School Vocational Training Certificate distribution event and meeting.
- National Anthem was sung by all and was led by Rtn. Yugal Sikri.
- 1928 Minutes of meeting were confirmed by members.
- The President invited the Midtown Rotaract V P Rtr Sourav Roy, Mr. Soumen Chatterjee of Usha International Ltd - Territory Manager – , the RCC Midtown RCC Vocational Sewing School School Mistress Mrs. Anju Pal and The RCC Thakurpukur Secretary Mr.Subhasish Bera , to join him at the Head Table. for the meeting.
- The President announced that the The nominating committee for selection of DGN have selected/elected Rtn. PP Mukul Sinha of Rotary Club of Calcutta New Town as DGND for the year 2018 -19. .
- President briefed the Colorful and Eventful Bijoya / Dewali Milan organized by the Dist 3291 which was well attended by over 700 Hundred Rotarians
- The President informed all that the Jadavpur University Alumni Association Scholarship programme was well attended at the University Campus and the Club once again donated Rs 77 250/- towards the financial support to the Under privileged and physically challenged students on the 18th of November 2015.
- The Polio Camp at Ward 59 & 64 was well attended and the final report will be circulated in the next meeting .Rtn Kalyan Duttgupta was missed as he is now recuperating after a bout of illness.
- The RCC Usha International Ltd -Vocational Sewing & Design Diploma Course Certificates to the distinguished students was handed over by Mr. Soumen Chatterjee of Usha International Ltd - Territory Manager and the Sewing School Mistress Mrs. Anju Pal to 14 Ladies.Further support by RCCMidtown was announced for the Best Student candidate and a special award will be given at the Club's RWM . This new award support would encourage and motivate more such individuals to take upon this Diploma Certification Course and get recognition , thus increasing their employability opportunities. The School Room Requires some Repairs and storage space is also required. The RCC Secretary to provide an estimate for the same.
- RCC Thakurpukur Secretary Mr. S Bera requested the Club to set up a Computer Training Center and also to Start a Medical Clinic in the evening at 7 pm for the poor and needy Local residents. Furthermore they would like to do an Eye Camp in the next 2 Months . The Club Medical Director to set a date for the same. A TV has been requested by the RCC members so that the youth members of the community could witness high class sport events and Games.
- The President announced the postponement of the RCC Midtown Interact Club: Vidyanjali International Sit & Draw Inter School competition to a later date as most Schools are having their Annual exams. Rtn Debojit Halder to finalize the future date.
- Rotaract Club of Calcutta Midtown gave their report and further announced that they would be organizing the Christmas Day Gift donation programme on the 25th Dec Morning . They are working to organize a District Level Badminton tournament in early 2016 . Furthermore the Club is working on to have a Picnic on 10th January 2016. Further details to follow.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY -

None

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS -

None



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THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we say and do:

1. Is it the truth ?
2. Is it fair to all concerned ?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendship ?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned ?

- Happy School , book collection sorting to be held on the 10th of Dec .Venue to be notified shortly.
- 11-13 th March 2016 RI President K R Ravindran visit to the Literacy and Wash in Schools Presidential Conference. This International convention will be held in Kolkata .A one time big opportunity for Midtowners to Participate in large numbers and big possibility for the RI President visiting our Project Dignity at Nimpith alongwith our Global Grant Partners from District 6380 visiting delegation from USA .
- District 3291 Conference will be held on 9th and 10th Jan 2016 at Swabhami. Rotarians to register immediately.
- Project Dignity - Global Grant project working committee to meet shortly to update matters.
- 19 & 20 Dec.'15 - Blind Boys Car Rally this year seems to be a difficult. To finalise during the next RWM.
- SAIL wants to continue with Poriskar Kolkata Project. They also want us to source Stainless Steel Drums for important places. It has been decided that Midtown will complete installation of balance 138 drum by Dec 2015, and then take up next assignment with them.
- Sunshine Collection RS 500/- over above the usual. Attendance - . Present Members- 56, Senior Active-7, Exempt-7
- There being no other matter to discuss, the meeting was closed at 11.45 am and Snack Food Packets were distributed to all .