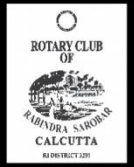




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Dear Friends in Rotary

D3291 lost a stalwart in PDG Kamal Seth, a leader and a gentleman, I had the opportunity to interact with him on several occasions. It is extremely important for every Rotarian to constantly update him/herself with the changes and adapt oneself amicably with the change. October is happy times for Indians, first the UNESCO intangible heritage Durga Puja festivities and then the festival of lights, Deepavali also celebrated as Kali Puja in Bengal. But in between these festivities we have kept our commitment to END POLIO with the World Polio Day on 24th October. A renewal of our pledge to make the world polio free is taken on this day. Not only is our volunteering and mobilisation is challenged to meet the on ground requirements but our ability to donate generously challenged by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, so it is important that Rotarians donate generously towards the Polio Fund and for what we need proactive District Governors and it seems D3291 is not doing good enough (as in the previous few years) as far as donations to the Polio fund is concerned and many of the new Rotarians and leaders have not been adequately briefed about the importance of donating towards the Polio fund, I sincerely hope they wake up and my appeal to all those who read this editorial, please donate to TRF designating your donations to the Polio Fund. And finally a realization, this District urgently needs to build consensus and evolve a process for qualification to certain positions (especially those which require knowledge and expertise) or else the dignity as well as the glory of these positions will gradually fade and erode.

Happy Deepavali and may the festival of lights illuminate our inner consciousness!

Subir Nag Chowdhury

Minutes of the 1107th Regular Weekly Meeting held on the 18th. September 2022 at 11:30pm at Calcutta Rowing Club

1. Meeting was called to order by the President Rtn. Kakoli
2. President then requested all the Members to join for the National Anthem.
3. President narrated the last Meeting discussed point.
4. Directory distributed to members contributed and present on the day.
5. It was confirmed that Bijoya cum Chartered Day will be celebrated on 21st October 2022 at CASA Broadway.
6. Decided to take family day contribution from ten members for Bijoya cum Chartered Day celebration. Already had contribution from three members (PP Ranjan Chatterjee, Rtn Debiprasad Mukherjee, Rtn. Samrat Ganguly) in reserve. The remaining seven members were requested to contribute and they are PP Asit Roy, PP Rudra Roy Choudhury, Rtn Swapan Dutta, Rtn Subrata Kr Dutta, Rtn Dr. Suchismita Bhowmick, Rtn Dr. Monika Kumari and Rtn Ratul Ghosh.
7. President shared the board decision to close the Rotary Foundation Account and utilize the fund as the seed money to apply for a District grant.
8. President conveyed that PP Pradyut Sarkar proposed to sponsor the venue for the Picnic.
9. It was discussed that the picnic food and fellowship cost will be contributory.
10. The DG visit date (on 18th March) was shared with the members.
11. Decided to do one disease prevention project combining Cancer and Thalassemia in the 1st week of December.
12. It was decided to publish the project cost and donor's name in the WhatsApp group.
13. PP Asit Roy conveyed to president and other members that the usual practice had been the proposer of the project pays 50% of the total budget. President however said that if we continue this practice then in future no one will dare to propose a good project.

14. President shared list of upcoming Projects vs Funding in the meeting and then followed by WA.

Date	Name	Particulars	Total Budget	Sponsored By
23/09/2022	Aboron 1: Tagore Foundation School	Distributed dresses to children.	Rs. 10,000	PDG Uttam Ganguli Rs. 5000, PP Abhijit Sengupta Rs. 2000, PP Bidyut Baran Roy Rs. 2000, President Kakoli Dey – Rs.1000
28/10/2022	Aboron 2: Amader Padakshep	Distributed dresses and sarees to children and women.	Rs. 10,000	PP Bijon Dutta – Rs.1000, PP Dr. Abhijit Banerjee Rs. 5000, PP Dr. Sudip Basu Rs. 2000, President Kakoli Dey Rs. 2000
02/10/2022	Aboron 3: Distribution of Sari, nighty and lungi at Chatuskone Park.	Distributed Sarees, nighty and lungi to hundred beneficiaries.	Rs. 22,000	PP Pradyut Sarkar Rs. 10,000, PP Bijon Datta Rs. 2000, Rtn Dr. Monika Kumari Rs. 2000, PP Dr. Abhijit Banerjee Rs.5000, PP Abhijit Sengupta Rs. 3000,
23/10/2022	Rally to END POLIO (CO-HOST)		Rs. 1500.00	Resource mobilised by Rtn Dr. Ononna Das
23/10/2022	Distribution of Mosquito Net	Distributed 50 mosquito nets to the under-privileged people living around the Chhatra Mitali Club.	Rs. 3500.00	PP Asit Roy
04/11/2022 – 05/11/2022	Oikatan: Multi District RCC Conference (CO-HOST)		Rs. 5000.00	Resource mobilised by Rtn Dr. Ononna Das

15. We also discussed about the project proposed by PP Indrajit Gupta for Dakshin Kalkata Sevashram. Initially we decided to provide funding for a month's ration, which approximately is Rs. 18,000. However, as PP Indrajit Gupta committed Rs. 4000 therefore we decided to raise another 50% from members and provide ration for 15 days on the Children's Day.

Total Members Present: 11

Total Sunshine Collection: Rs.550/-

<u>Birthdays :-</u>	
2 nd Nov: Anne Anupama Dutta-Wife of Rtn Subrata Kumar Dutta. 2 nd Nov: Reetika Daughter of Rtn Swapan Dutt. 3 rd Nov: Arnab - Son of Rtn Aniruddha Ghosh. 5 th Nov: Sourjyashree - Daughter of Rtn Samrat Ganguly. 8 th Nov: PP Rtn Abhijit Sengupta. 11 th Nov: Wrijiswan - Son of Rtn Debiprasad Mukherjee.	14 th Nov: Sourav - Son of PP Rtn Gurudas De. 14 th Nov: PP Rtn Sushanta Chakraborty. 17 th Nov: Anne Ajanta Datta-Wife of PP Rtn Bijon Kumar Datta 20 th Nov: PP Rtn Pradyut Sarkar. 25 th Nov: Rtn Samrat Ganguly. 25 th Nov: Yaajnaseni- Daughter of PP Rtn Pradyut Sarkar.

<u>Anniversaries:-</u>
19 th Nov: Anne Chandana Roychoudhury and Rtn Rudra Roychoudhury. 26 th Nov: Anne Subhadra De and Rtn of Gurudas De. 27 th Nov: Anne Shrabantika Chakdar and Rtn Soumen Dutta.