



**IMAGINE
ROTARY**



flame

The weekly bulletin of Rotary Ballygunge

Club #16145
Rotary International District 3291

Volume # XLIV
Issue # 03
Date # 28.07.2022

Rotary
Ballygunge



**IMAGINE
ROTARY**



Jennifer Jones
Rotary International
President



Ajay Kumar Law
Rotary District 3291
Governor



Sanjoy Dey
Rotary Ballygunge
President



Rinku DasChowdhury
Rotary Ballygunge
Secretary



Anirban Sarker
Rotary Ballygunge
Editor

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

When God created man and woman he was in a dilemma as to whom he should give the power to give birth to the next human being. And God chose woman and this itself is an evidence that woman are born empowered. God chose woman to be co-creator of life with him and this itself is a validation of the strength and power of a woman. A woman is the full circle. Within her is the power to create, nurture and transform.

It is sad, that woman later on were conditioned by the society to doubt herself and her capabilities. The society over time made her prioritize everything else above her own self which had led to this state where she had started feeling weak and vulnerable. It is time that she starts loving and respecting herself for who she is, rather than conforming to what others expects her to be. Once a woman realizes her authentic power, she starts to value herself and that is the real power that can never be taken away from her. It is high time women realize this. It is important for every woman to remember that nobody gives you power. You just take it.

It is our duty as an educated society to extend a helping hand and reach out to our women who are less fortunate. We need to give back to society what we have been given. We can start small – one does not need to make a legendary change to bring about a difference. Empowerment begins at home, by empowering women around us by ensuring that they enjoy all human rights and by encouraging them to raise their voice against injustice and stand by them if things go wrong.

We can mentor and women and girls to shape their future in a better way. We can help spread awareness of their rights and lend them a helping hand. And most importantly we should give them support by not walking away when they need us. We actually rise by uplifting others. Our life is enhanced by sharing, giving and opening up of the heart space. True reward is in knowing that you have been able to impact and touch lives.

We cannot truly succeed when half of us are held back. Educate or empower a man you uplift an individual but when you educate or empower a woman you are uplifting a family, a community and a society. There is no tool for development which is more effective than the empowerment of women. When we invest in women and girls we are investing in the people who invest in everyone else. A truly empowered woman uplifts and adds value to the lives of other people starting with herself.

Every woman's success should be an inspiration to another. We are the strongest when we cheer each other on. We have indeed come a long way compared to the earlier generation of women. There has been immense progress to uplift women financially, socially and politically, but it is still an open ended process. Let us celebrate how far we have come versus the distance still to go.



Reported by: Rtn. Nanda Ghosh

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Readers,

Our 44th Installation was held in grandeur at the Taj Vivanta on 14 July 2022. It was well attended by District dignitaries and Fellow Rotarians, Inner-Wheelers, Rotaractors, Interactors from the District. Our RCC Members and Our very own RCB Members in full strength and capacity.

We heard inspiring and motivational speeches from our DG, RIDE, PRIP and DGE, DGN.

Inauguration speech was delivered by our Installation Chairperson, followed by Outgoing President speech, Change-over ceremony and speech from our Incoming President. This was followed by our RWM.

The event concluded with some cultural event by the Specially Abled Children from the Institute for the Handicapped and Backward people.

After the announcement of Secretary the Fellowship followed in a grand celebration with Cake cutting Ceremony and Dinner with cocktails.

Happy reading.

PANEL DISCUSSION ON WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT



A programme on Women's Empowerment was held on 14th July 2022, at the Vivanta Hotel at Kolkata.

Rtn Rupanjana De, mentioned that "women can reach the zenith of their potential if structured and systematic channeling of their time, energy and education is done in the domains where they have innate capabilities. Unfortunately, our society is plagued by certain beliefs which stop women from focusing on their own empowerment. Primitive thought processes make women grow up feeling vulnerable, incapable, inefficient and insufficient. The reality is that women are born empowered and capable of so much more. In order to ensure that women achieve their full potential it is important that the right seeds are sown in their growing up years. Gender equality, innate capabilities, inner strength, taboo-less society are some of the examples of positive mindset and neutral environment that boys and girls need to be brought up in."

Rtn Nanda Ghosh was the second speaker. Rtn Nanda Ghosh mentioned that "each time a woman stands up for herself, without claiming it she stands up for all women. When you educate a man, you uplift an individual but when you educate a woman you are uplifting a family, a community and a society. When we invest in women we are investing in the people who invest their whole life in everyone else. A woman is complete in every way as within her is the power to create life, nurture life and transform life".

Famous rights activist, Tedx Speaker, and educator, Rtn Saira Shah Halim gave a very inspiring speech. She mentioned that "Gender equality is good for societies, economies and the global community. But it must not take 99.5 years to achieve gender equality as the last World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap report predicted. Based on economic data that has been released during the past 12 months, we have seen that the pandemic has exacerbated inequalities around the world, including gender inequalities. According to the latest IMF World Economic Outlook report thesevere collapse in 2020 ... has had acute adverse impacts on women, youth, the poor. Governments alone will not be able to address these issues, and will need to work with business and civil society. As we seek to come out of the COVID-19 crisis in a better position than we went in, we cannot miss more opportunities to fully realize the enormous economic potential of women and girls. The only way for women is move ahead and get back to the work sphere in whichever sector they are working in".

As part of the Women's Empowerment Project, a sewing machine was donated to a survivor from Pavlov Hospital.

Reported by : Rtn. Joydeep Mookerjee



THE 44TH INSTALLATION CEREMONY

ॐ शुभकरोतिकाष्मि आरोग्यं धनसंपदः ।
शत्रुबुद्धिविनाशाय दीपज्योतिर्नमोऽस्तुते ॥

"Subham Karoti Kalyanam Arogyam Dhana Sampadah
Shatru Buddhi Vinashaya Deepa Jyoti Namostute

Meaning: The accurate meaning of the mantra is: "I fold my hands before the light that brings prosperity, auspiciousness, good health, abundance of wealth". Here, with the arrival of light, darkness disappears.

दीपज्योतिः परब्रह्मदीपज्योतिर्नमोऽस्तुते ।
दीपो हरतु मे पापं संध्या दीपनमोऽस्तुते ॥

"Deepajyothi Parabrahma Deepajyothi Janardhana
Deepo Me Hara Tu Paapam Sandhya Deepa Namostute"

Meaning: The literal meaning of the mantra is: "I fold my hands before the lord, the maintainer of this creation, in the form of this light. I adore this light, which destroys all the pains resulting from my omissions and commissions".

The 44th Installation Ceremony was held on 14th July 2022, at the Taj Vivanta Hotel.

- The Meeting started with the Welcome Address by the Chairman of the Installation Committee, PP Indrani Gupta, which was followed by an inaugural dance by spastic children.
- The outgoing President for RY 2021-2022, IPP Anjali Roy mentioned about several achievements of the Club during the RY 2021-2022.

- A book compiled by Rtn Joydeep Mookerjee on Women's Empowerment, was released by DG Ajay Law and RIDE Aniruddha Roychowdhury.
- The Souvenir and the Club Bulletin were released by DG Ajay Law.
- Secretary (RY 2021-2022), Rtn Sanjoy Dey presented the activity report for the year.
- Two new members, Rtn Subhankar Chakraborty and Rtn Biplab Kumar Das were inducted in the club.
- Ms. Tannistha Nandi (daughter of Rtn Rupanjana Dey) was felicitated by DG Ajay Law and RIDE Aniruddha Roychowdhury for her brilliant achievements. Tannistha has been declared a UNESCO Laureate 2020 based on a World Tales contest held last year. Results are out. Tannistha is the only Indian out of 15 Laureates worldwide and in her age category she is also the only Asian. She won the Silver Medal in the awards ceremony held at Paris, while her story will also be published in an anthology by UNESCO
- Rtn Joydeep Mookerjee was recognized, by DG Ajay Law, for helping the membership of the club grow by almost 25% during the RY 2021-2022.
- After formal presentation of the Charter, President Sanjoy Dey announced the Board Members for the RY 2022-2023.
- President Sanjoy De announced the month-wise key projects during RY 2022-2023.
- A video message from IRID Shekhar Mehta was played.
- Donations to The Rotary Foundation were done by President Sanjoy Dey, Secretary Rinku Das Chowdhury and Rtn Joydeep Mookerjee.
- Mrs Krishna Bhattacharya donated to the Club fund. She was felicitated by DG Ajay Law.
- PP Ashok Chandra was felicitated by DG Ajay Law.
- The following projects were announced: -

* Announcement of Aqua Guard at Dr Hassan's Institute.

* Donation of Rs.25,000/- was given to Dr Fuad Halim.

* Toilet Project with our RCC coordinator Lutfa Khatun.

- Inspirational speeches from DGN Krishnendu Gupta, DGE Hiralal Yadav, and DG Ajay Law.





REGISTRATION DESK



TOILET PROJECT WITH RCC MS. LUTHAFA KHATUN FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A LADIES TOILET IN A GIRLS SCHOOL

RS 25000/- HANDED OVER TO DR. FUAD HALIM, FOR DIALYSIS PROJECT; HIS INSTITUTE IS DOING DIALYSIS @ RS.50 FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED



WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT PROJECT : DONATION OF SEWING MACHINE TO A SURVIVOR FROM PAVLOV HOSPITAL



THE FELLOWSHIP





CULTURAL ACTIVITY BY THE SPECIAL CHILDREN





Minutes of the RWM 2432 held on 14.07.22 at Hotel Taj Vivanta

- ❖ The President requested all to rise for the National Anthem.
- ❖ The President welcomed all RID, DG, District officials, members present for the installation program for the Rotary year 22-23.
- ❖ Installation Chair PP Rtn. Indrani Gupta welcomed RID, DG, District officials, member present for Installation programme
- ❖ Past President Anjali Roy has given a speech and thanks all the members of the club for her tenure 21-22 .
- ❖ Collar change ceremony took place.
- ❖ Souvenir for the year 22-23 published by Chief guest RI Director, 2023-25 Anirudh Roy Choudhury.
- ❖ On behalf of Club 400\$ donated into TRF by President Rtn Sanjoy Dey, Secretary Rtn. Rinku Das Chowdhury, and Rtn. Joydeep Mukerjee.
- ❖ Rs. 35000/- handed over to RCC Ms. Luthafa Khatun for construction of a ladies toilet in a girls school. Rs 25000/- handed over to Dr. Fuad Halim, who used to do dialysis @ Rs.50 for the poor person of the society.
- ❖ PP Rtn. Indrani Gupta informed members that Mrs. Krishna Bhattacharya has donated Rs. 1.00 lac into our RCB trust fund for doing projects.
- ❖ RID Anirudha Roy Chowdhury, DG Ajoy Law, DG elect Hiralal Jadav, DG nominee Krishnendu Gupta on their speech congratulate President Sanjoy and wishing him a successful Rotary year 22-23.
- ❖ The President handed over to the Secretary for happy announcements & club business.
- ❖ Last minute confirmed by the members.
- ❖ Handed over to the President and he terminates the meeting.

Minutes for 2432th RWM , Member Present 29, Guest 26, District officials-40.

Birthdays

22 July

Rtn. Nanda Ghosh

Wish you many happy returns of the day

Wedding Anniversaries

22 July

Rtn. Sanjoy Dey & Anne. Mousumi Dey

Wish you many more years of marital bliss