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## WORLD PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING DAY CELEBRATION

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CALCUTTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



## MINUTES OF THE 2641<sup>st</sup> REGULAR CLUB MEETING – CLUB ASSEMBLY – OFFICIAL CLUB VISIT OF ROTARY CLUB OF BEHALA HELD AT CALCUTTA CLUB ON 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023.

President Rtn. Bikash Dutta called the meeting to order.

National Anthem was crooned by Rtn. Sanghamitra Dutta Gupta

AG Rtn Pradyumna Choudhury and ZS Rtn Nirmal Kr Bandyopadhyay – both scheduled to attend the Assembly – informed their inability to make it because of unforeseen reasons and expressed their regrets.

District Governor Rtn Ajoy Kumar Law, First Lady Mitali Law, District Secretary (OCV) Rtn Amitava Chakraborty and District Secretary (Admin) Rtn Surojit Kala were felicitated.

President Rtn. Bikash Dutta informed members about the visit to Calcutta Book Fair with 22 girl students from Free To Be Kids.

He also informed about an Awareness Programme at East Bengal Club Media Centre on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, and about the proposed programme of donating 15 Tulu pumps to farmers of Sundarbans jointly with RC Kolkata Galaxy, the date of which is yet to be finalised.

President Rtn Bikash requested all members to confirm their participation for upcoming picnic on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 at Ashanboni near Jamshedpur.

In the absence of Club Secretary Rtn. Amit Roy, Rtn Shuvranshu Mitra conducted club business.

Minutes of last meeting was confirmed by the members.

Next Regular Club Meeting will be on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 at regular venue and time.

President Rtn. Bikash Dutta terminated the meeting and starts with the club assembly.

Acting Club Secretary Rtn Shuvranshu Mitra used a PowerPoint presentation to show report of the club for the year till date.

## MINUTES OF THE 2641<sup>st</sup> REGULAR CLUB MEETING – CLUB ASSEMBLY – OFFICIAL CLUB VISIT OF ROTARY CLUB OF BEHALA HELD AT CALCUTTA CLUB ON 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023.

District Secretary (OCV) Rtn Amitava Chakraborty reported that there was not a single red mark against items for OCV check list, and congratulated club president and the members for this rare achievement.

Led by Club Foundation Chair PP Rtn Krishnendu Bhattacharjee, 18 members of the club handed over their cheques to DG Rtn Ajoy Kumar Law. Total contribution on the day was 1750 USD.

In his address District Governor Rtn Ajoy Kumar Law congratulated the club for its activities and reminded all that it is the fourth Rotary club chartered in the District. He requested the members to take up a flagship project of its own.

In the discussion that followed, PP Rtn Anirudha Gupta pointed out that our 'Water for Toilet' project at RCC Chandanpiri is running for four years with recurrent grant from EIRWT, and is scheduled to cross the century mark shortly. DG Rtn Ajoy Kumar Law expressed his desire to join us in one of the trips to the RCC.

PP Rtn Prasunjit Mukherjee placed the formal vote of thanks.

The meeting was terminated by Club President Rtn Bikash Dutta with thanks from and to the Chair.

**Total Members : 38**  
**Members Present : 19**  
**District Officials : 04**  
**Guests : 09**

**Rotary**  
People of Action





# THE FOUR -WAY TEST

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO.

1

IS IT THE **TRUTH**?

2

IS IT **FAIR** TO ALL CONCERNED?

3

WILL IT BUILD **GOODWILL**  
AND **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

4

WILL IT BE **BENEFICIAL**  
TO ALL CONCERNED?

## HAPPY ANNOUNCEMENTS 9th Mar to 22nd Mar, 2023

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY***

12th Mar – Rtn Susmit Bhattacharya

15th Mar – Aditya son of Rtn (Dr) Atanu Saha

17th Mar – Sanandi daughter of PP Rtn Indu Bhusan Das

20th Mar – PP Rtn Sugata Mazumdar

21st Mar – Ms.Suneeta spouse of PP Rtn Swapan Kumar Marwaha

# Cyclone Gabrielle: Marton Rotary Club heads to Hawke's Bay to help with relief effort

By Mike Tweed

Members of the Marton Rotary Club have witnessed the devastation left behind by Cyclone Gabrielle during a trip to drop off much-needed supplies.

The club delivered a truckload of items to Hawke's Bay this weekend.

Until you experienced it for yourself, it was hard to get your head around the scale of the damage, member Ray Sisley said.

"There was a motor caravan [pushed in] to a tree, cars upturned in maize fields, and we visited a house where the water had been up through the ceiling.

"Silt was just everywhere and had destroyed the lot.

"You just think, "How did so much water come through here?'"

Sisley said Marton had co-ordinated with the Stortford Lodge Rotary Club in Hastings, which had set up a "very well organised" distribution centre alongside the St Andrew's Presbyterian Church.



Marton Rotary members (from left) Humphrey Calkin, Ray Sisley and Jenny Pain loading items destined for Hawkes Bay. Photo / Supplied

It was important to supply items that were needed, not gifts that would end up being their “junk”.

“We got a list and our members rallied around,” he said.

“A number of them are farmers who have generators, which they particularly needed, along with water blasters, beds and bedding.”

The bedding was destined for a marae in the area.

“We were told they were trying to feed and accommodate around 1000 people, which I just couldn’t believe,” Sisley said.

“It was great that we were able to respond to their need.”

Marton Christian Welfare provided the truck and Sisley and Rangitikei mayor and fellow Rotary club member Andy Watson left early on Saturday morning.

Along the way, they stopped to help in a working bee for a flood-ravaged home before dropping the supplies at a warehouse on the outskirts of Havelock North.

“They are going to need help for a long time yet, it’s not going to go away,” Sisley said.

“We just saw a little of Hawke’s Bay. What about Wairoa, Gisborne, Northland, and Coromandel? The scale of it is enormous.

“It could be us next time. You never know when it’s your turn.”

The Whanganui Mayoral Relief Fund has been set up for locals to donate to cyclone relief, and the city has paired with Hastings as part of Local Government New Zealand’s adopt-a-community, a fundraising initiative that partners councils with cyclone-stricken centres.

openness to change  
flexibility  
action  
atmosphere  
inclusive  
mentoring  
friendship  
passion  
culture  
focused planning  
simplicity  
creative solutions  
fellowship  
family-like  
networking  
open-minded people