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SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH



WELCOME

We Welcome District Governor

Ajoy Kumar Law

for his official visit to our club this evening

Club News

Project undertaken by Rotary Club of Calcutta Downtown (RCCDT) for organising a sit and draw competition by students of Nehru Vidyatan Free Primary School on 15-8-2022.

Installation ceremony of Calcutta Downtown for the Rotary Year 2022-2023 held at Saturday Club on 7-7-2022



Project undertaken by Calcutta Downtown on 15-8-2022



Members with teachers of Nehru Vidyatan school.



School students participating in the Sit and Draw Competition

Board Of Directors 2022-23

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IPP -
Rtn. Debashis Barat

President Elect - Rtn.
Ahmed Reza

We meet fortnightly at the Calcutta Club on alternate Thursday at 6:30 PM

RL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

August 2022



We've all taken our own path to become a member of Rotary. Some of you joined because your father was a Rotarian. Some of us signed up because an employer tapped us on the shoulder and asked us to attend a meeting. Others became members only after a U.S. Supreme Court ruling made it

possible. Yet each of us entered through one mechanism — an invitation.

An invitation that unlocks our imaginations and allows us to know that everything and anything is possible. Each one of us has that same opportunity — the honor to extend an invitation.

It is awe-inspiring to imagine how we can look out across our communities and identify our future leaders. It's often tempting to attract people who are exactly like us. It's a special form of ingenuity to consider how people who are seemingly very different can,

in fact, share our values and have some of those same talents, just waiting to be unleashed. It's time for Rotary to take our next step in advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) across our organization.

Embracing an experience where people feel included is more than just making our membership numbers more diverse. It's about making our meetings and events places where we can speak openly and honestly with each other, where our members feel welcome and safe. This means removing barriers for entry and opening doors for inclusion. Our values remain our strength — and our commitment to excellence requires us to maintain high standards for our members as well. I believe we are all committed and determined to advancing DEI across Rotary. This is rooted in the deepest traditions of our organization, and it will ensure that we remain vibrant and relevant for decades to come. A few years ago, our Rotary Board set the ambitious goal of increasing the share of female members to 30 percent by 2023. We

have less than a year to go, but I believe we can meet and exceed this target.

We need Rotary leaders to rise from every continent, culture, and creed. We need young members and young thinkers to take on larger roles and responsibilities. We need to listen to new Rotary members just as keenly and with as much respect, as those with many years of membership.

During our recent convention in Houston, we heard from astronauts about their journeys into space. We reflected

upon a time in the 1960s when U.S. President John F. Kennedy urged the world to dream, with his declaration that we would "go to the moon [and do] other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard."

Fully committing Rotary to DEI and meeting our ambitious membership targets may seem as unlikely as a moon shot. But I know that when people of action are committed to a big goal, we make it worth every ounce of our energy.

Jennifer Jones

President 2022-23

MINUTES OF THE RCM NO. 1667 OF RC CALCUTTA DOWNTOWN HELD ON THURSDAY, 25TH AUGUST 2022, AT CALCUTTA CLUB AT 6.30 PM

1. The meeting was called to order by the President at 6.30 pm.
2. President welcomed District Secretary – OCV, RI District 3291 Rtn. Amitava Chakraborty.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting was confirmed by the members.
4. There were some reservations of some senior Club members about attending the DG's visit scheduled to be held on 30th August 2022. Rtn. Debashis took this up with the Dist. Secretary – OCV Rtn. Amitava and an alternate date was accepted by the Dist Secretary was 16th September when DG would be available.
5. Rtn. Ahmed Reza briefed the members about the project "Sit and Draw Competition by students of Nehru Vidyan Free Primary School" undertaken by our Club on 15th August. Each given a school bag with Rotary emblem.
6. Dist. Secretary OCV informed the members that he had reviewed the documents uploaded by our Club in the Rotary India OCV site and has already submitted a review report to the President with review comments against each document needed to be uploaded before the DG's visit.
7. President then invited comments of the members on the RCCDT budget for 2022-23 circulated in the last meeting and the budget was approved by the members.
8. President informed that the next meeting would be held at Calcutta Club on 8th September 2022 at the same venue when a Club Assembly would be held under the guidance of a past District Governor.
9. There being no other business, the meeting was terminated at 7.30 pm.