



# THE MIDTOWNER

BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA MIDTOWN

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## Create Hope in the World

The 2023-2024 theme has been announced!



RI President Elect Gordon McNally calls for Rotary to create hope in the world by working for peace and mental wellbeing. He urges members to engage in tough conversations and earn the trust that is necessary to realise these values.

## The History of the Rotary Wheel Pin

Paul Harris Fellow and Society pins, Rotary Fellowship pins, Rotary International theme pins, Rotary District pins, Rotaract and Interact pins, the traditional Rotary Wheel pin and even my Rotary Hero Pin....Each of these pins tells a unique Rotary story!

### What is the story behind the Rotary wheel pin?

The first lapel pin in the history of Rotary was designed and made by New York Rotary Club member, John Frick on October 14, 1909 and worn by the club's first president Bradford Bullock. The forerunner of the traditional Rotary pin worn today, it features the Rotary wheel as it appeared in its earliest representation with eight spokes, no cogs, and no keyway.

### Why wear a Rotary pin?

Reasons for wearing a pin varied: for publicity of Rotary, for pride, for acceptance and recognition, for the start of easy conversation with other Rotarians wherever you go.

Past RI President Bob Barth (1993-94, from the Rotary Club of Aarau, Switzerland) felt that a Rotary pin says this about the wearer: "You can rely on me, I am dependable, I am reliable, I give more than I take, and I am available."



These pins are from Evan Burrell's collection when he spoke at the Rotary club of Chicago.

Evan Burrell – Changemaker

## The Origin of Birthday Celebrations

The Egyptians were the first ones to get the party started. When Egyptian pharaohs were crowned gods, they were “birthed.” That means the first birthday celebration wasn’t marking the birth of a human, but rather the birth of a god. Today, many people celebrate birthdays in similar ways. There’s the birthday cake, noisemakers, and candles. Plus plenty of wishes and maybe a gift or two.

People from around the world have special ways to recognize their big days. Here are some fun and unique birthday celebrations.

### China



In China, the first birthday is the biggest celebration. Friends and family gather around the little one while offering small gifts like flowers and books. A traditional Chinese birthday celebration for any age starts with you and your family eating longevity noodles. A longevity noodle is one, really long noodle that would fill the bowl on its own. The long noodle symbolizes a long and prosperous life!

### Brazil

If you’re a child living in Brazil, you may want to protect your ears on your birthday. Family members and friends will pull on a child’s ear for each year of their life. The hope is you’ll grow old enough for your ears to reach the ground! Other countries like Russia, Italy, and Argentina also practice this ear-pulling tradition.



### Canada

If you’re in Canada, your ears are safe. However, you might want to watch your nose. In some areas of Canada, the birthday person’s nose is smeared with butter. The greasy substance is meant to keep away bad luck.



## Denmark

In Denmark, you might think you're celebrating your country rather than your birth. On a person's birthday, people surround them with the Danish flag...on cakes, plates, balloons, and more. The good news is that all this flag decor can be used over and over for all the birthdays in your home or office.

## Russia

On your birthday in Russia, you bring birthday treats into your classroom, and sometimes your classmates and teacher bring you homemade gifts. Some people eat birthday cake, but birthday pie is also common in Russia. And don't forget the ear pulling.



## Ireland

In Ireland, birthdays are a bit upside down. Literally! On your birthday someone flips you upside down and lightly bumps the top of your head for each year, plus one for good luck. This birthday celebration is called "bump to grow an inch." If you make it through 21 years of head bumps, you get a set of keys on your 21st birthday to symbolize unlocking the door to your future.

## Mexico

Pinatas are a popular Mexican birthday celebration. Children gather around to whack the pinatas in an attempt to obtain the candies and treats inside. Some Mexican families also attempt to smash the birthday person's face in their own cake! As friends and family chant "mordida" the birthday person attempts to sneak a bite of cake without getting their face pushed by others.



# Birthday

"Cheers to another wonderful year"



Raja Garg  
23<sup>rd</sup> January



Pramod Agarwal  
25<sup>th</sup> January



Ankush Khanna  
26<sup>th</sup> January



Nitesh Agarwal  
2<sup>nd</sup> February



Ravi Kedia  
7<sup>th</sup> February

# Anniversary



Raja & Reetu Garg  
29<sup>th</sup> January



Narender & Nirmal Gulati  
29<sup>th</sup> January



Rakesh & Radhika Sahni  
1<sup>st</sup> February



Atul & Rina Makharia  
7<sup>th</sup> February



Hardeep & Bilan Singh  
9<sup>th</sup> February

Rtn. Sanjay Chowdhary



### Star of the month

Sanjay Chowdhary, the back bone of KK Quietly helping out in the most difficult matters like Layout of the venue, stall selling price, number of stalls etc. Also a Trouble Shooter and Problem Solver for KK, making life easy for the Conveners.

President Mayuri Mody Doshi

### The Four-Way test

The graphic is a 2x2 grid of colored circles. The top-left circle is blue and contains a white icon of a man in a suit pointing upwards. The top-right circle is orange and contains a purple icon of a balance scale. The bottom-left circle is purple and contains a white icon of two hands shaking. The bottom-right circle is red and contains a white icon of a network of people. In the center of the grid, the text 'FOUR-WAY TEST' is written in white, with 'OF THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO' written below it in a smaller font. The Rotary logo is in the top right corner of the graphic.

Rotary

1. Is it the TRUTH?

2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?

**FOUR-WAY TEST**

*OF THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO*

3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



### Editor Speak

Yet another successful edition of Kolkata Kettle. Thank you, President and Team KK. The hard work and learnings we take forward, I am sure will only help better our reach of KK. We should be proud of all that we have done and take this passion onto the next year.

## Minutes of the Meeting

### ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA MIDTOWN

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**Minutes of the 48th AGM of Rotary Club of Calcutta Midtown, held on Thursday, the 5th of January 2023 at 6.30 pm at The Saturday Club.**

**Meeting called to order:** President Mayuri Mody Doshi called the 48th Annual General Meeting to order. President Mayuri Mody Doshi welcomed all the members. She invited Past President Rtn Neeraj Agarwal to join her on the Dias. She went on to inform the floor that Rtn Neeraj Agarwal had already floated the Accounts of the Trust and the club for the year 2021-22 and the same needs to be confirmed. The Audited reports have also been shared with the members. There is a surplus in the TRUST a/c while there is a deficit in the club a/c due the last year's Charter Day celebration. The matter and accounts were discussed briefly by the members.

### **Confirmation of Accounts of the Trust and the club for the year 2021-22:**

The Accounts of the Trust and the Club for the year 2021-22 were passed and seconded by Rtn Dr. Surinder Kapoor and Rtn S Ravi respectively. Immediate Past President Rtn Neeraj Agarwal thanked Rtn Mayuri Mody Doshi. President Rtn Mayuri Mody Doshi then invited President Elect Rtn Ankush Khanna on the dais to announce the incoming Headboard for the year 2023-24.

**Headboard for the year 2023-24.** President Elect Rtn Ankush Khanna announced the Headboard for the year 2023-24.

**Treasurer:** Rtn Neeraj Agarwal

**Secretary:** Rtn Radhika Sahni

**Editor:** Rtn Vikram Gupta

**Vice President:** Rtn Hitesh Dani

**President Elect:** Rtn Priti Agarwal

**Immediate Past President:** Rtn Mayuri Mody Doshi

Rtn Mayuri Mody Doshi Thanked and Congratulated President Elect Rtn Ankush Khanna. She requested members to come forward to pass and second the confirmation of the Headboard.

**Confirmation of Headboard for the year 2023-24:** The Headboard for the year 2023-24 were passed and seconded by Rtn Hardeep Singh and Rtn Bhupesh Kapoor respectively.

**Any Other Matter:** Rtn Rakesh Sahni suggested that we should make the bulletin The Midtowner once a month instead of twice a month. It was discussed in detail. As per District norms there must be 24 bulletins in a year. Rtn Dr. Surinder Kapoor that we should check with the district officials once. Rtn Hardeep Singh suggested that we could have one elaborate bulletin and one simple one.

**Attendance:** 23 Members / 45% attended the meeting.

President Rtn Mayuri Mody Doshi closed the meeting.

**Minutes of the 2112th Continuous Meeting and 13th for the year 2022-2023 of Rotary Club of Calcutta Midtown held on Thursday, the 5th of January 2023 at 6.30 pm at The Saturday Club**

**Meeting called to order:** President Rtn Mayuri Mody Doshi called the 2112th continuous and 13th meeting for 2022-2023 to order.

**National Anthem:** The National Anthem was sung by all.

President Mayuri Mody Doshi welcomed all the members.

**Confirmation of previous meeting minutes:** The 2111th continuous and 12th meeting minutes for the year 2022-2023 were passed and seconded by Rtn Dr. Surinder Kapoor and Rtn S. Ravi respectively.

**Address by President Rtn Mayuri Mody Doshi:** She informed that Convenors Rtns Ruchira Bhuwarka and Priti Agarwal had sold 37 stalls, 48 tables and 2 island in a short span of 2 months. Rtn Radhika Sahni had done a commendable job of promoting the event on social media. She requested the members to give a big round of applause to them for their hard work and dedication towards Kolkata Kettle. She also requested all the members to be an active part of the Kolkata Kettle. A duty roster would be shared so each one could help. The members then discussed various tasks and aspects of the upcoming Kolkata Kettle in detail.

**Secretary's report:** Birthdays: 11th January- Sahil Desai  
22th January -Rtn Ravi Poddar

Anniversaries: 12th January - Rtn Jaideep Singh and Anne Susan  
16th January - Rtn Sudhir Chand and Anne Neerja  
18th January - Rtn P K Bose and Anne Sarbari  
21st January - Rtn Madhur Jhawar and Rtn Shilpa.

**Attendance:** 23 Members / 43% attended the meeting.

**Sergeant's time:** Rtn Samir prasad collected Rs 8000.

**Vote of Thanks.** President Mayuri Mody Doshi thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

**Minuted by-**  
**Rtn. Shalini Agarwal**  
**Secretary**  
**2022-2023**