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MATRISHAKTI BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION 27 FEBRUARY 2023

On the occasion of celebrating the first birthday of the babies and the successful completion of the first Mother and Child project Matrishakti, 42 mothers and their babies were in attendance, appearing healthy and happy. The mothers received a saree each, and the babies were gifted toys and a mosquito net each. Additionally, we continued distributing groceries to all families enrolled in the Matrishakti project. We wish them all the best and anticipate another successful year.





Rtn. Verena Von Roedern

Furthermore, on February 17th, we had the pleasure of welcoming Rtn. Verena Von Roedern from the Rotary Club Berlin Potsdamer Platz. During her visit, she shared interesting information about her club and her experiences as a German Counsel General in Karachi, Nepal, and Bordeaux.

The Jungle on Fire"

According to a Native American legend, one day there was a big fire in the forest. All the animals fled in terror in all directions, because it was a ferociously violent fire. Suddenly, the Jaguar saw a Hummingbird pass over his head, but in the opposite direction. The Hummingbird flew towards the fire...!!Whatever happened, he wouldn't stop. Moments later, the Jaguar saw him pass again, this time in the same direction as the Jaguar was running. He could observe this coming and going, until he decided to ask the bird about it, because it seemed a bizarre behavior. "What are you doing, Hummingbird?" he asked. "I am going to the lake," he answered, "I drink water with my beak and throw it on the fire to extinguish it." The Jaguar laughed. 'Are you crazy? Do you really think that you can put out that big fire on your own with your very small beak?"'No,' said the Hummingbird, 'I know I can't. But the forest is my home. It feeds me, it shelters me and my family. I am very grateful for that. And I help the forest grow by pollinating its flowers. I am part of her and the forest is part of me. I know I can't put out the fire, but I must do my part.' At that moment, the forest's divine spirits, who listened to the hummingbird, were moved by the birdie and its devotion to the forest.

And miraculously they sent a torrential downpour, which put an end to the great fire. The Native American grandmothers would occasionally tell this story to their grandchildren, then conclude with, "Do you want to attract miracles into your life?

Do your part..!!" "You have no responsibility to save the world or find the solutions to all problems - but to attend to your particular personal corner of the universe. As each person does that, the world saves itself. "May we all do our part....!!





"Cheers to another wonderful year"



Yogesh Ajitsaria 22nd March



Ashish Bhuwalkar 26th March



Virbala Mehta 30th March



Preeti Agarwal

4th April



Rakesh Khanna 5th April



Surinder Kapoor
6th April



Minutes of the Meeting

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Minutes of the 2115th Continuous Meeting and 16th for the year 2022-2023 of Rotary Club of Calcutta Midtown held on Friday, the 17th of February 2023 at 7.30 pm in Room no. 1, The Saturday Club.

Meeting called to order: President Rtn Mayuri Mody Doshi called the 2115th continuous and 16th meeting for 2022-2023 to order.

National Anthem: The National Anthem was sung by all.

Confirmation of previous meeting minutes: The 2114th continuous and 15th meeting minutes for the year 2022-2023 were passed and seconded by Rtns Bhupesh Kapoor and Rakesh Sahni respectively.

Address by President Rtn Mayuri Mody Doshi: She welcomed all members, Annes, guests and Rtn Verena Von Roedern a member of the Rotary Club Berlin Potsdamer Platz in Germany. She invited her to speak about her club.

Rtn Verena Von Roedern: She spoke about the Streetlight depicted on the flag of their Club.

Presently Potsdamer is right in the center of Berlin, but when the wall was there it was right on the no man's land, and it was too close to the wall. After the unification a lot of buildings came around it. There was a very old traffic light from those days which is depicted on their flag. The club was founded in 2007. She had been a Rotarian while she was the German Counsel General at Karachi from 2003 to 2006. Once she was back in Berlin, she decided to join another Rotary club. Since then, she has also been a Rotarian in Karachi, Kathmandu, and Bordeaux. When she retired and went back to Berlin she once again went back to becoming a member of the present club. Her club encourages its members to reach out to different Rotary Clubs abroad while travelling.

Matrishakti and Medical Camp: The birthday of the children born under the Matrishakti project will be celebrated on the 25th of February. Both the mother and child will be given clothes gifts and food packets. A cake will be organised for the same. Next day 26th of February the medical camp will be held under the able guidance of Dr. Kalyan Sarkar. A fellowship has also been planned with an overnight stay at Taki. She requested members to attend in good numbers.

Holi Fellowship: A Holi fellowship is being planned for the 12th of March, Sunday. Rtn Bhupesh Kapoor is working to give it an interesting twist. She requested members who are yet to contribute towards the fellowship to come forward and volunteer for it. The rest of the details will be informed at a later date.

Secretary's Report: Birthdays: 18th February- Rtn Radhika Sahni
20th February -Rtn Vikram Poddar
5th March – Rtn Shalini Agarwal

Anniversaries:19th February - Rtn Sunil Agarwal Anne Rajni 26th February - Rtn Dr. Kalyan Sarkar and Anne Lipica 26th February - Rtn Debojit Halder and Anne Abha

Attendance: 22 Members / 42% attended the meeting.

Sergeant Time: Rs 2700 collected. President Rtn Mayuri Mody Doshi closed the meeting.

Minuted by-Rtn. Shalini Agarwal Secretary 2022-2023