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Rotary Responds to Ukraine Crisis

At Rotary, we are deeply concerned by the escalating loss of life and humanitarian hardship caused by the war in Ukraine. We're using our deep networks and decades of experience to take swift action in the region. Find out more about what Rotary is doing and how you can support relief efforts.



How we are taking action

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Rotary & Shelterbox

ShelterBox provides emergency shelters and other essential items to support families who have lost their homes to disaster.

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Rotary and ShelterBox celebrate the power of partnership

Evanston Ill., Rotary International announced on 3 June a three-year partnership renewal with its disaster relief project partner, ShelterBox. For almost 20 years, this unique humanitarian alliance has supported families with a place to call home after disaster.

Rotary is a global network whose members take action to make a lasting difference in their communities – and worldwide.

Events Mosaic



Congratulations
IPP Neeraj Agarwal and team

FORTNIGHT GONE BY

14.07.22

2100 meeting, Jaideep Singh inducted. KSCH presentation on Mangrove Plantation

18.07.22

Recce of Model High School for Project T-E-A-C-H by Rtns. Dr.Kapoor, Samir Doshi and Mayuri Mody Doshi

21.07.22

Discussed sapling plantation & donation of Braille sheets & dictaphone with Principal Blind Boys Academy

23.07.22

Visit to Hingalganj for the ongoing Matrishakti Project

24.07.22

Visit to RCC to explore the Bag Project and restart the Beautician Course for 16 candidates

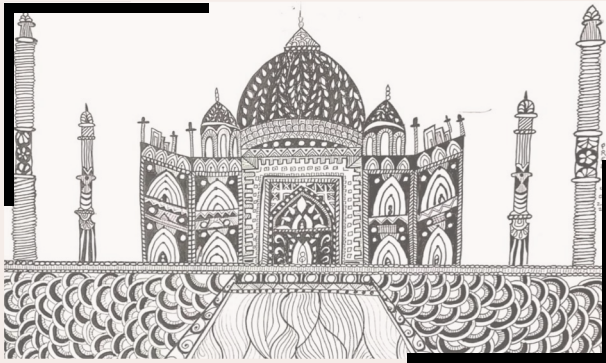
25.07.22

Met President of Women's Coordinating Council (Navnir) to discuss collaborating for computer classes under RCCM banner



Preeti's Panache

- ❖ "A perfect day for me would be hanging out with my best set of girlfriends, going gaga over sweet little nothings and getting high with doses of dopamine which they don't forget to give".
- ❖ "Love Summer & the mornings. The sunrise the exercises, music and pranayama: gives me immense pleasure and energy".



- ❖ "Would love to learn the synthesiser and meet Rani Laxmibai.."
- ❖ "I would take to a deserted island loads of munchies, exercise mat and water".
- ❖ "I discovered a hidden talent during Tabling: I could write well and organise things meticulously. During the lockdown taught myself to doodle".



- ❖ "A proud mother who could teach her boys to be enthusiastic".
- ❖ "My Inspiration: My husband Neeraj a wonderful planner who executes even better".
- ❖ "My go to food: Chow Mein, bread pakora and combination of dal chawal with sugar".
- ❖ "Music: Retro".
- ❖ "The Bhagawad Gita & books that motivate me"



Rtn. Ruchira Bhuwalka
-Friend



"Preeti has been my closest friend for over 25 years but got a chance to work with her for the first time during KK3 as she was a joint convenor with me. It was a complete pleasure and a very satisfying feeling to work with her. She is a superwoman: very hardworking, a perfectionist and is always there to help".

Rtn. Mayuri Mody Doshi
-President



"Cheerful, enthusiastic, talkative".

Rtn Neeraj Agarwal
-Soulmate



"Affable, helpful, hardworking, organized, highly positive attitude, good cook, loves to travel".

Challenge the Traditions



A little girl was watching her mother prepare fish for dinner. Her mother cut the head and tail off the fish and then placed it into a baking pan. The little girl asked her mother why she cut the head and tail off the fish. Her mother thought for a while and then said, "I've always done it that way - that's how grandma did it."

Not satisfied with the answer, the little girl went to visit her grandma to find out why she cut the head and tail off the fish before baking it. Grandma thought for a while and replied, "I don't know. My mother always did it that way." So the little girl and the grandma went to visit great grandma to ask if she knew the answer. Great grandma thought for a while and said, "Because my baking pan was too small to fit in the whole fish".

Are you blindly following tradition and also trimming the edges of your opportunities to fit the "baking pan" of your life? Challenge the traditions, change for the better to enjoy the complete fish, don't let the size of the baking pan limit your goals and dream and stay blessed forever.

Contributed by Rtn. Ruchira Bhuwalka



"Cheers to another wonderful year "



16th July
Samirr Doshi



5th August
Udayendu Das

The Singer who Reached Space

Kesarbai Kerkar



The better India

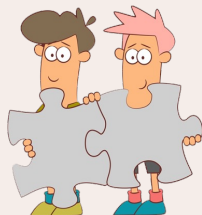
From a very early age, Kesarbai Kerkar was celebrated in her village for her voice and people would wait to listen to her sing. This Indian classical vocalist then went on to win the title of 'Surshri' (Queen of Music) in 1938. However, it wasn't just Indians who were blown away by her performances. Ethnomusicologist Robert E Brown believed that her rendition of raga *Bhairavi* was one of the finest recorded examples of Indian classical music. From capturing the hearts of people here on Earth, the echoes of her music even reached space when NASA's space probe Voyager 1 carried one of her musical compositions alongside those of Beethoven and Mozart

Puzzles & Chuckles



1. What belongs to you, that others use more than you?
2. Often held but never touched, always wet but never rusts, often bites but seldom bit, to use me well you must have wit.
3. I am the first on earth, the second in heaven. I appear twice in a week, though you can only see me once in a year. What am I?

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Editor-Speak

So appreciate your kind and encouraging words. I hope your inputs will keep pouring in. Please feel free to contribute real-life experiences, poems, art, music etc for the newsletter. Together let us make The Midtowner a truly enriching read and envision a world where we can create impact as Rotarians

Radhika Sahni

Minutes of the Meeting

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2100th and 1st Meeting for the year 2022-2023 of Rotary Club of Calcutta Midtown, held on Thursday, 14th July 2022 at 7.00 PM at Saturday club.

Meeting called to order: President Mayuri Mody Doshi called the 2100th continuous and 1st meeting of 2022-2023 to order. She welcomed all the members, Annes and guests from the NGO, Kolkata Society Cultural Heritage (KSCH) - Sourav, Arpita, Atanu, Riju and Saswata.

- ❖ The 48th Charter, installation, 2099th continuous and 23rd meeting minutes for the year 2021-2022 was passed and seconded by Rtn Dr. Surinder Kapoor and Rtn Dr. Biman Chakraborty respectively.
- ❖ **National Anthem:** The National anthem was sung by all present
- ❖ **Appointment of Sergeant-At-Arms:** Rtn. Sahil Desai was appointed as sergeant for the evening.
- ❖ **Induction of Jaideep Singh:** President Rtn. Mayuri Mody Doshi invited Rtn. Sanjay Choudhury to introduce Mr. Jaideep Singh. Rtn Sanjay Choudhury introduced him as his friend from RCGC who happened to be a single handicapper golfer and requested Jaideep Singh to say something about himself. Jaideep said he was happy to have met several members during the last few meetings he had attended and went on to say that he had been born and brought up in Kolkata and had left the city in his early twenties. He has been in the finance industry for the last thirty years working in different cities but had come back to settle down in Kolkata. Amongst his goals are to give back to the social fabric of the state, to make more friends in the city, and he was hopeful that his financial service expertise and corporate experience would allow him to help the club in achieving its goals.
- ❖ President Rtn. Mayuri Mody Doshi invited Rtn. Dr. Surinder Kapoor to induct Jaideep Singh. Rtn Dr. Surinder Kapoor started by welcoming Jaideep Singh to the club. He went on to add that the Rotary pin brings with it a lot of responsibility to carry the ethos and discipline of Rotary international. Rotary is a non-religious, non-political humanitarian organization basically to serve the society; we can serve the society through our own ideas which should fall in line with the Rotary Ethos.

He further suggested that one must attend all the meetings to get to know and interact with other members, and while fellowship is important but service to the society is more essential. Visits to the project site would give a real feel and better understanding about how we are helping with the humanitarian needs of the society. Furthermore, the ideas and thought process that new members bring along would help make our work more effective. Basic principle of Rotary is 'service above Self'. He went on to speak about the background of Rotary: Paul Harris, an attorney from Illinois, along with three other friends started the movement in the year 1905. More people started joining and they would have the meetings by rotation in the offices of different members thus the word Rotary came into being. Rotary international was set up in the year 1910-11 rotary year. As of today, there were more than 30,000 clubs in the world. India was one of the leading contributors to the Rotary foundation. He suggested the president to share the club constitution and bylaws so Rtn Jaideep Singh could get a better understanding of the movement. He also reminded that the Rotary pin would give him access to any rotary meeting held anywhere in the world.

❖ **Address by President Mayuri Mody Doshi:**

- She thanked Dr. Kapoor, while congratulating and welcoming Rtn Jaideep to the midtown family. As Rtn. Suchi could not make it to the meeting, she informed the floor about the Matrishakti project: It was attended by Rtns. Samir Doshi, Sonali Gupta, Suchi Narula, Yugal Sikri along with Anne Ruby, Subroto, Ms. Ruma and herself on 18th June 2022. The next visit would be on July 23, 2022. Dr. Sarkar would be joining, and she requested others to please come forward to attend as well. Since it is going to be a monthly project Rtn Suchi has prepared a roster for the visit to the projects which would be shared soon. She requested the members to follow it as best as possible so all could experience the wonderful project. In case, due to unavoidable circumstances, a member was unable to go on their designated day, they would have the responsibility to ask someone else to exchange their place with.
- Proposal has been submitted to DG Debashish Kar of Kolkata Municipal Corporation for the beautification of the area under the flyover on Chowringhee. He would get back by end July.
- She informed that Plants were sent to all donors who could not make it for the installation and thanked Rtn Sonali for organizing it.
- She and President Elect Rtn. Ankush Khanna had attended the global grant Seminar which was organized by the district on 25th June 2022, and it was very informative. An MOU was being submitted the next day for the global grant to allow us the option of doing it in the future if the club wanted.
- She also attended the installation of Rotary Club of Mayfair on 27th June 2022 and they have shown interest in doing some project Jointly.
- She informed the members that a notice had been sent for the EGM to be held on Sunday, 24th July 2022 at Waypoint on Sarat Bose Road. She requested everyone to attend as 70% attendance was needed to pass the modifications of the trust deed.

- In the last trust committee meeting it was suggested by Rtn. Nirmal Agarwal that all club records and important documents be digitized, and she requested anyone who had any old minutes or any such documents of importance to kindly send them to her. Rtn. Ravi informed about a digital storage company who scan all the documents and saves them online. He will share the details with president.
- Acknowledging Rtn. Dr. Biman Chakraborty suggestion and reminder about the project that is done at the Ramkrishna Blind boys Academy every year, the President informed that she would be speaking to the authorities to set up the date and project details.
- She congratulated Past President Rtn Neeraj Agarwal on all the awards and certificates which had been won by the club during his tenure and invited him to say a few words. Past president Neeraj Agarwal mentioned that in the past year there was no award application filing. Everything was based on the reports that had been uploaded on the Rotaryindia.org website, and our club received the following accolades.
 1. Certificate of special recognition for mother and childcare, i.e., Matrishakti.
 2. Recognition certificate for water and sanitation project, i.e., toilets built in the Sundarbans.
 3. Recognition Certificate for Polio Plus, i.e., the polio vaccination camp held at RCC Thakurpukur.
 4. Recognition Certificate for Disease Prevention and Treatment, i.e., Hingalganj medical camps and donation of Dialysis machine.
 5. First prize in Economic and Community Development, i.e. vocational training programmes at RCC.
 6. Out of 160 presidents in the area, around 30 presidents were given gold, silver, or bronze awards, and he had received the 'Silver' Presidents award. He further went on to thank everyone for their support and for being a good team.
- The president asked Rtn. Priti to speak about her plans for RCC . Rtn Priti Agarwal informed that a batch of 16 girls were ready to start the beautician course. She had also found a yoga teacher who would be willing to come and train the girls to become yoga instructors and Physiotherapists. He would be doing it free of cost. Rtn. Priti also informed that president had suggested waste cloth be collected from industries and the girls in the sewing classes could make bags out of it, which could be distributed to the local vendors to reduce usage of Plastic. So, she requested members to identify people who can give the waste fabrics.
- President Rtn Mayuri Mody Doshi went on to inform the members about the Mangrove project and reminded that she had mailed the videos, details etc. to all members. She, along with Rtns. Sonali Gupta and Rakesh Sahni had visited the project site on 3rd July, 2022. She then invited Rtn Rakesh Sahni to introduce the team who were doing this so they could present the project and answer the queries that members might have.

- ❖ **Rtn Rakesh Sahni on Mangrove project:** He thanked Rtn Radhika Sahni for searching and introducing this group of enthusiastic people who were into planting of mangroves in the Sundarbans, viz., Kolkata Society for Cultural Heritage. The current issue of the Midtowner had the link to the Website in which the details can be checked out. What affected the members who had gone to survey the site was the intense amount of help needed there to take care of that part of the Biosphere. KSCH was getting into the ecosystem of the local population in every spere of their lives in the Gosaba area in the Sundarbans.
- ❖ **KSCH presentation:** The members of KSCH gave a presentation and answered the questions put forth by the floor.
- ❖ **Secretary's report:** Birthday greetings and anniversaries were announced
- **Birthday: July 16, 2022:** Rtn Samir Doshi
July 18, 2022: Rtn Hardeep Singh
- **Anniversary: July10, 2022:** Rtn. Sreekant pasari and Anne Sarika
July11, 2022: Rtn. Dr. Biman Chakraborty and Anne Chandan
- ❖ **Attendance:** 51% members Present.
- ❖ **Any other matter:** Past President Neeraj Agarwal informed the members that the trademark for Kolkata Kettle has been successfully registered for 10 years and then will have to be renewed.
- ❖ **Sergeant's Time:** Rs 3500.00 was collected.
- ❖ President Mayuri Mody Doshi requested all the members to stay back for the Fellowship hosted by Rtn Neeraj Agarwal and Rtn Samir Doshi and closed the Meeting.

Minuted by:

**Rtn Shalini Agarwal, Secretary
2022-23**

Solutions:

1. Your own name.
2. Your Tongue
3. "E"