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The Universal Language of Photography

Rotary Magazine's Photography Awards 2022

By Wen Huang

Rotary magazine's annual photo awards recognize and celebrate the best photography produced and shared by Rotary members around the globe "Service Above Self" is the vision that unites our 1.4 million members, and photography is the language through which we express that vision without the need for translation or interpretation. This language is universally understood--it amuses, educates, and inspires, all within the same instant. Because of this language and its ability to reach everyone, Rotary magazine established its annual photo awards. These awards recognize and celebrate the best photography produced and shared by members worldwide.



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The next edition of Rotary's photo award
Will open on 1 October and close on 15
December

Shinrin – Yoku Forest Bathing

"What is Japanese "forest bathing" and how can it improve your health"
Immersing oneself in nature using all our senses. Often involving a walk, meditation, breathing, creating and to just experience nature.

Sunset in Manila, Philippines. Judges say: The playful, organic shapes of the kids' bodies make a stark contrast with the hard lines of the electric poles and wires.

Despite the photo's limited colour palette, you feel like there is an explosion of colour.



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75th Independence Day Celebration

The Midtowners and Annes enthusiastically celebrated the 75th Independence Day of India with the children and staff of the Model High School. It was a great initiative and was well attended. The Flag was hoisted and the National anthem sung with great pride.

The children and the teachers performed various cultural activities with great joy. Even the rain could not dampen their spirit. Our senior members had a wonderful time singing patriotic songs. The children were given stationary, biscuits and chocolates to celebrate. This was followed by fellowship at Wabi Sabi organised by Rtn. Richa Shah who had planned a sumptuous breakfast for us all. Seeing the enthusiasm both in the children and teachers we hope that as Rotarians and Annes we can help the school benefit with the upgradation of their infrastructure.

It was a wonderful and meaningful morning which was well spent and thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Anne Suraksha Sikhri



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The Magnitude of Avinash Sable's Silver

Steeplechase CWG 2022



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Matri Shakti

Friends we successful took forward the Matrishakti Project on the 20th of Aug with Suchi our convener spearheading the project with Rtn. Rakesh Sahni & me along with Subrata and Ruma who I also feel embodies the spirit of being a Rotarian through their actions.

The rain did not dampen our spirit and we were glad to see that it also did not dampen the spirit of the Asha workers and the beneficiaries.

We felicitated the 5 Asha workers for their help that they have extended to our club in choosing the beneficiaries and gifted them a saree each.

This month we distributed 37 grocery packets and we were very glad to see that 6 mothers had completed their Gestation having delivered healthy babies after receiving the nutritious grocery. It was immensely satisfying to see the 3 mothers and their babies and hear the mother's saying that their babies are much healthier than their earlier siblings.

3 new beneficiaries were added to the project yesterday and we plan to add 10 more on our next visit. It is rightly said there is no greater joy than the joy of giving and we are all lucky we have this opportunity through Rotary.



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Mayuri Mody Doshi

Mirza Galib's Shayari - Unfolded

By Rtn. Bhupesh Kapoor



“हर एक बात पर कहते हो तुम कि तू क्या है”

मिर्जा गालिब की एक मशहूर गज़ल । इसे समझने के लिए इसके पीछे का दिलचस्प वाक्या जानना जरूरी है। मिर्जा गालिब की एक तमन्ना थी कि उन्हें नवाब वाज़िदअली शाह के दरबार में नौकरी मिल जाए ।पर नहीं मिली । उनके मुखालिफ़ कैम्प के एक और शायर थे, उस्ताद जौख, उन्हें वो काम मिल गया । वो बादशाह के उस्ताद हो गए । वैसे जौखखानदानी तौर पर हज्जाम थे। एक दिन गालिब चाँदनी चौक से गुज़र रहे थे। सामने से उस्ताद जौख बादशाह की टमटम में आ रहे थे । मिर्जा को देखा तो और एँठ कर बैठ गये । इधर गालिब तपती धूप में परेशान, पसीने से तरबतर , कुर्ता पसीने से चिपका हुआ और फटी जेबलटक रही थी । मिर्जा ने एक शेर बोल दिया।

हुआ है शाह का मुसाहिब फिरे है इतराता वंगरना शहर में गालिब की आबरू क्या है

(ये शायरों का एक अन्दाज़ होता था कि किसी को गाली देनी होती थी तो अपना नाम ले कर गाली देते थे । बादशाह की चापलूसी और जी हज़ूरी करके उनका मुसाहिब या साथी बन गया है, इसी लिए अकड़ता फिर रहा है । वर्ना इसकी इज़ज़त ही क्या है।) उस्ताद जौख को बेहद नागवार गुज़रा । तिलमिलाते महुए सीधा नवाब साहब के दरबार जा पहुँचे और बताया कि मिर्जा ने मुझे बीच चौराहे पर आपका मुसाहिब कहा और मेरी तौहीन की है। बादशाह को बुरा लगा। सिपाहियों को भेजा और मिर्जा को उसी बदहाल हालत में खींचते हुए बादशाह के दरबार में ले आये। बादशाह ने पूछा कि तू क्या है ..तेरी औकात क्या है ।तूने मेरे उस्ताद की भरे चौराहे तौहीन की है।तुम से तू पर आ गये। मिर्जा बोले मैं तो अपनी एक गज़ल का शेर दोहरा रहा था । बादशाह ने कहा कौन सी गज़ल ? सुना हम भी सुनेंगे। मिर्जा ने जेब से कागज़ निकला और पढ़ना शुरू किया।

हर एक बात पर कहते हो तुम के तू क्या है तुम्हीं कहो ये अंदाज़े गुफ़्तगू क्या है

मिर्जा ने पहले मिसरे में ही बादशाह को लपेट लिया
बादशाह को शेर अच्छा लगा दाद दी, कहा बहुत खूब, मुकर्रर, मुकर्रर

जला है जिस्म जहां दिल भी जल गया होगा कुरेदते हो जो राख जुस्तजू क्या है

(आपके सिपाही जिस तरह मुझे घसीट कर यहाँ तक लाये ,ज़िंदगी ने जो मुझ पर जो क़हर ढाया और भूख में जो ज़िंदगी गुज़री उससे सारा जिस्म जल गया है। भूख की आग में दिल भी जल गया है। अब मेरी राख में क्या कुरेद रहे हो। दाद देकर, अब क्या चाहते हो, जुस्तजू क्या है ।)

अपने हलिये को देख कर बताते हैं

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(मज़दूर के खून के जब आठ कतरे जलते हैं तब एक कतरा पसीना बहता है। मेरा पैरहन(कुर्ता) जो पसीने से मेरे बदन पर चिपक रहा है ये पसीना नहीं मेरा खून है। पसीने से फटी जेब को चिपका लिया और कहा की अब मुझे रफू की क्याज़रूरत।)

रागों में दौड़ते फिरने के हम नहीं कायल जब आँख ही से न टपका तो लहू क्या है

(लहू तो यहाँ वहाँ दौड़ कर दिल की नौकरी कर रहा है। शायर किसी की नौकरी नहीं करते और न ही किसी बादशाह कोसलाम बजाते हैं। अगर आँख से न टपका, किसी का दर्द देख कर, तो वो लहू कहलाने के लायक नहीं है।)

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ग़ालिब ने जब ये शेर पढ़ा तो नवाब साहेब बहुत खुश हुए। नोटों की बारिश कर दी उन पर। तमाम इनाम-इकराम से नवाज़ा और इज़ज़त आफ़ज़ाई की। शेर पढ़ने के बाद मिर्जा ने ग़ज़ल का कागज़, उस्ताद ज़ौख के हाथ में दिया और महफ़िल से बाहर निकल गये। उस्ताद ज़ौख ने समझा कि इतनी गहरी बात कह डाली। कागज़ को आँख से लगाया और देखा। कागज़ कोरा था, कुछ भी लिखा न था।



HAPPY Anniversary!

"Cheers to another wonderful year"

Kiran & Dr. Surinder Kapoor



1st September
Neeraj Agarwal



1st September
Biman Chakraborty



4th September
O.P. Agarwal



7th September
Debojit Halder



Editor-Speak

I would like to share something I had read sometime back which has resonated with me. Hope you all enjoy reading it..

A man was asked to paint a boat. He brought his paint and brushes and began to paint the boat a bright red, as the owner had asked him.

While painting, he noticed a small hole in the hull, and quietly repaired it. When he finished painting, he received his money and left.

The next day, the owner of the boat came to the painter and presented him with a nice check, much higher than the payment for painting.

The painter was surprised and said "You've already paid me for painting the boat Sir!" "But this is not for the paint job. It's for repairing the hole in the boat."

"Ah! But it was such a small service... certainly it's not worth paying me such a high amount for something so insignificant."

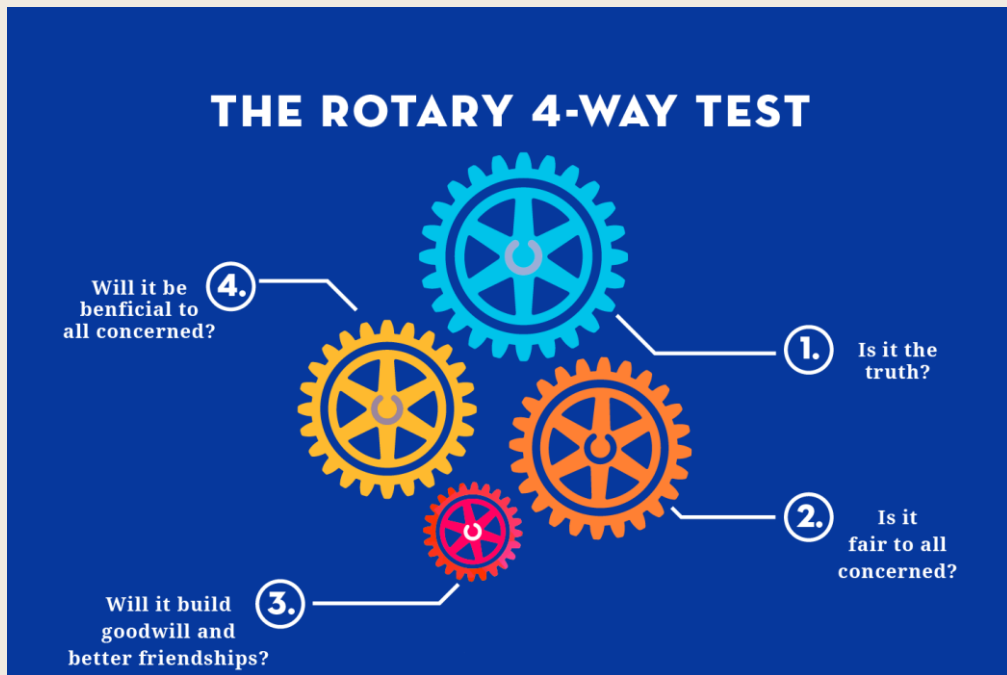
"My dear friend, you do not understand. Let me tell you what happened: When I asked you to paint the boat, I forgot to mention the hole. When the boat dried, my kids took the boat and went on a fishing trip. They did not know that there was a hole. I was not at home at that time.

When I returned and noticed they had taken the boat, I was desperate because I remembered that the boat had a hole.

Imagine my relief and joy when I saw them returning from fishing. Then, I examined the boat and found that you had repaired the hole! You see, now, what you did? You saved the life of my children! I do not have enough money to pay your 'small' good deed."

So, no matter who, when or how, continue to help, sustain, wipe tears, listen attentively, and carefully repair all the 'leaks' you find. You never know when one is in need of us, or when that care and kindness may return to you in surprising ways. Along the way, you may have repaired numerous 'boat holes' for several people without realising how many lives you've saved. Make a difference....be the best you...

Radhika Sahni



Our speaker for the evening

Mr Raj Lakhotia will be speaking to us on the importance of making a Will and the best practices to be followed. I am sure it will be an interesting & informative evening.



CA Raj K Lakhotia

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Raj is a practicing Chartered Accountant having experience of more than 20 years. He has expertise in the field of Taxation including International Taxations, Auditing, Business and financial Advisory, Estate & Succession Planning. His exposure to various industry segments contributes to his rich experience, sound knowledge about economy and the Indian and International Taxation. He has also successfully completed certificate courses on International Taxation and Indirect Taxation, Forensic Audit & Fraud Detection organized by the ICAI. He has been a speaker at a number of seminars. His list also includes BSE Certification on Central Depository (BCCD),

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He is Co-founder of www.dilsewill.com, an online platform for making your WILL. He has conceptualised the idea of creating platform for making WILL online as well providing all succession planning related services. The concept is well appreciated by ICC, ICBI, NASSCOM and many other organisations.

Minutes of the Meeting

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2102 Continuous and 3rd Meeting for the year 2022-2023 of Rotary Club of Calcutta Midtown, held on Monday, 15th August 2022 at 9.30 am at Model High School (1 Lansdowne Lane, Kolkata 700026).

Meeting called to order: President Mayuri Mody Doshi called the 2102 continuous and 3rd meeting of 2022-2023 to order. She welcomed all the members, Annes, Headmaster Mr. Jayanta Patra, the teachers and students at the school.

Confirmation of previous meeting minutes: The 2101 continuous and 2nd meeting minutes for the year 2021-2022 were passed and seconded by Rtn Vikram Poddar and Rtn Ankush Khanna respectively.

Address by President Mayuri Mody Doshi: She requested the headmaster to address the gathering.

Address by the Headmaster Mr. Jayanta Patra. He welcomed everyone and wished everyone Happy Independence Day. He invited President Rtn Mayuri Mody Doshi for the flag hoisting.

She in turn invited Rtns Dr. Surinder Kapoor and dr. Biman Chakraborty to hoist the Flag.

Flag Hoisting: The Flag Hoisting was done by President Mayuri Mody Doshi, Headmaster Mr. Jayanta Patra, Rtns Dr. Biman Chakraborty and Dr. Surinder Kapoor.

The National anthem was sung by all present.

Flowers were placed at the flag alter by her, Rtns. Bhupesh Kapoor, Hardeep Singh, Dr. Biman Chakraborty, Dr. Surinder Kapoor, and the school teachers. Primary School teacher Ms. Deepa addressed the gathering. Rtn Dr. Biman Chakraborty addressed the children and told them about his young days under the British Rule where they could not even sing the National Anthem and explained to the young students the importance of the freedom that we enjoy now.

All other matters were deferred, and the meeting was closed with a thank you note and words of appreciation for the Principal.

Minuted by

Rtn Shalini Agarwal

Secretary 2022-23