

# THE MIDTOWNER

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## Rotary Supports Education

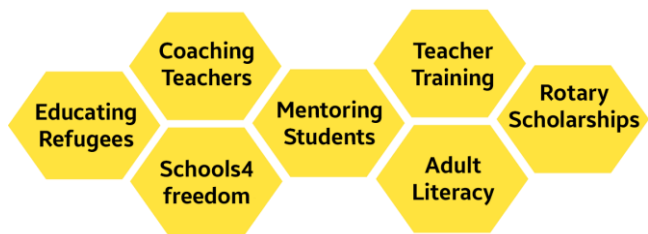
We take action to empower educators to inspire learning at all ages



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### Making a difference

Rotary members and program participants are improving lives in communities around the world every day through thousands of service projects. Explore the good work that we're doing locally and globally.



### Education is one of the most powerful tools in preventing human trafficking.

Mala Sil is a student, parent, and employee at PACE Universal: Educate & Empower, a school for girls in Piyali Junction, outside of Kolkata, India.

The school, founded by Rotary member Deepa Biswas Willingham and partly funded by Rotary Clubs and Rotary International, aims to educate girls and protect them from slavery, trafficking, and early childhood marriage.



**“When you teach somebody how to read, they have that for a lifetime. It ripples through the community, one by one.” Rtn. Mark Wilson.**

# Navneer A Non-Formal School

As Monday dawned, we at Midtown were looking forward to spending time with the enthusiastic young students of Navneer a non-formal school. We taught children the art of Origami. The older children followed the instructions to make a paper fish and successfully displayed their works. Not to be outdone the younger children with the help of our Rotarians and Annes also made a fish with paper plates. We distributed Oreo biscuits and chocolates organised by Rtn. Yugal Sikri and painting kits organised by us. The project was attended by President Rtn. Mayuri Mody Doshi and Rtn's Samir Doshi, Yugal Sikri, Jaideep Singh, Preeti Agarwal, prospective Dhanish, Annes Sarika, Sonal, Subrata. A project that made not only the children Happy but gave us a feeling of contentment.

## Rotary Showcase



Rtn. Shalini Agarwal  
Secretary RCCM

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# Project Dignity

The impact that a toilet has on the daily life of a family is immense. It lends human dignity, affects health parameters, improves attendance in schools and most importantly gives the ladies of the house a sense of pride and security that goes a long way in fostering family ties. We applied for our first Global Grant No.1526428 in November 2014 for construction of 320 toilets. We handed over our first toilet on 15th March 2016, following best practices in money management we were able to build 432 toilets under this grant. Our second Global Grant 1872799 was applied in May 2018 for construction of 170 toilets. We have handed over toilets Nos.121-140 on 28th August 2022. The pandemic took the wind out of our sails, but we are now back on track. We should be able to complete this global grant in the current Rotary year with handing over a total of 210 toilets approximately. Our CSR partner Exide has also teamed up with us to construct 120 toilets. To those who have contributed to successfully implement this ongoing project for the past 7+ years, please accept the club's heartiest congratulations, and your reward is the huge difference you have made to numerous lives. Yours in service.



Rtn. Rakesh Sahni



## Star of the month

Rtn. Yugal Sikhri The Yes guy. One calls Yugal and asks him to check out a project, he agrees, one asks Yugal to accompany them to a project he says yes, basically you need a Rotarian to help and you have Yugal. An understated person, not looking for limelight but always ready to help. A true Rotarian.



**Rtn. Yugal Sikhri**



Rtn. Mayuri Mody Doshi



### Fortnight gone by



### Forthcoming Projects



# Anniversary

Hiroo & Lal Hiranandani

10<sup>th</sup> September

## Birthdays

"Cheers to another wonderful year"

09-September Anirudh Tikmany

14-September Chetan Narula

15-September P.K. Bose



## Editor-Speak

Literacy is at the heart of basic education for all. As we step into September – Basic Literacy month, let us help create opportunities for people to develop skills that will sustainably provide for their families & themselves. We can show our support by donating books & computers and specially teaching a child. Be a part of making literacy the core of Education for all. Signing off with some music. Hope you enjoy listening to it.

**Friends keep an eye out for the next edition of The Midtownier, as we have a Guest Editor sharing some great content.**

**Radhika Sahni**



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# Minutes of the Meeting

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## 2103 Continuous and 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting for the year 2022-2023 of Rotary Club of Calcutta Midtown, held on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 6.30 pm in Regal Room, Punjab Club.

**Meeting called to order:** President Mayuri Mody Doshi called the 2103<sup>rd</sup> continuous and 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of 2022-2023 to order. She welcomed all the members, Annes, and the special guest speaker for the evening -Mr. Raj Lakhotia

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

**Sergeant at arms:** Rtn Sahil Desai was appointed as the sergeant for the evening.

**Attendance:** 23 Members / 42% attended the meeting.

**Confirmation of previous meeting minutes:** The 2102<sup>nd</sup> continuous and 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes for the year 2022-2023 were passed and seconded by Rtn Rakesh Khanna and Rtn Sonali Gupta respectively.

**Address by President Mayuri Mody Doshi:** She informed the floor about the following”

➤ **Model High School:** On the occasion of our Independence Day, a Flag Hoisting event was held on 15<sup>th</sup> August at Model High School. It was attended by a majority of Members. It was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to see the school as due diligence is being carried out as to the viability of the Project with them. An estimate for repair and painting of the ground floor classroom and staff room for model high school has been received from Rtn. Hitesh Dani’s contractor and would be shared with the board shortly to be discussed at a later date.

Rtn Dr Biman Chakraborty had given a wonderful talk to the children of the school. After the Flag hoisting, stationery kits were distributed to the children who were present. The kids put up a beautiful musical and dance program. After the program everyone went to Wabi Sabi for a breakfast fellowship organised by Rtn Richa Shah.

➤ **Matrishakti Project:** On 20<sup>th</sup> August, the 7<sup>th</sup> round of the Matrishakti project was attended by Rtns. Suchi Narula, Rakesh Sahani, Subroto, Ms. Ruma and herself at Hinglegunj.

No. of beneficiaries completed till date : 32

Total number of Packets distributed in this round: 38

Since the last visit 6 mothers had delivered their babies. Plan are being made to increase the number of beneficiaries. The Asha workers who help in identifying the beneficiaries i.e., to be moms, were felicitated.

Rtn Dr. Biman Chakraborty suggested that a monthly weight chart of the beneficiaries to be maintained so it could be ascertained if the beneficiary was actually consuming it or not.

- **BEAUTICIAN COURSE AT RCC:** It has been put on hold as there were not enough students and Gopal has been informed that unless they can gather 14/15 students the class should not be started.
- **Physiotherapy classes at RCC:** As the teacher has fallen ill it has been postponed as of now.
- **Digitisation of all Club documents:** Subroto has made a list of all the files and documents that we have. She requested all the members to inform if anyone had any such club documents or files to inform so that it could be added to the list.
- **TRUST MATTER:** Rtns Nirmal Agarwal, Nitesh Agarwal and she had visited a renowned trust lawyer on 23<sup>rd</sup> August and the modifications were discussed with him. Once he gives the legal format with the modifications it would be shared with all and a date for the EGM would be announced.

#### **Secretary's report:**

##### **Birthday Greetings were announced:-**

- 1<sup>st</sup> September: Rtns Neeraj Agarwal and Dr. Biman Chakraborty.
- 4<sup>th</sup> September: Rtn O. P. Agarwal
- 7<sup>th</sup> September: Rtn Debojit Halder.

##### **Anniversary greetings were announced:-**

- 31<sup>st</sup> August: Rtn Dr. Surinder Kapoor and Anne Kiran Kapoor.

**Any other matter:** Rtn Rakesh Sahni suggested that we should start working on Kolkata Kettle.

President Rtn Mayuri Mody Doshi invited Rtn Yogesh Gupta to introduce the speaker for the evening Mr. Raj Lakhota, the topic being the importance of making a Will and why everyone should make it.

Rtn Yogesh Gupta introduced Mr. Raj Lakhota as a good friend who has been 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,. He has also successfully completed certificate courses on International Taxation and Indirect Taxation, Forensic Audit & Fraud Detection organized by the ICAI, BSE Certification on Central Depository (BCCD), NSE's certification in Financial Market (NCFM) – Mutual Fund Advisor's Module. He is an active member of the Bombay Chartered Accountants Society, Direct Tax Professional Association, Association of Corporate Advisors & Executives, Views Exchange and many other professional bodies.

He is Co-founder of [www.dilsewill.com](http://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.

**Mr. Raj Lakhotia:** He spoke about the importance of a will as to why it was important to make a will, how to make one, and the various do's and don'ts to be followed while making a will. He explained in detail the succession hierarchy of the beneficiaries subsequent to the passing on of a person. All in all, it was a very informative session wherein he answered our queries also.

President Rtn Mayuri Mody Doshi thanked Mr Lakhotia for the interesting and enlightening informative talk. She requested Rtn Radhika Sahni to present a small plant as a token of appreciation to Mr. Lakhotia.

**Sergeant's time:** Sergeants collection was Rs. 1300.00

**Vote of Thanks:** Rtn Jaideep Singh thanked Mr. Lakhotia for the wonderful session, Rtn Yogesh Gupta for organising the session. Rtn Nirmal Agarwal for setting up the Zoom session for the members who could not attend it physically, Rtn Madhur Jhavar suggesting that we go live during the talk and The management of Punjab Club.

President Rtn Mayuri Mody Doshi closed the meeting.

**Minuted by**

**Rtn. Shalini Agarwal**

**Secretary (2022-2023)**