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ROTARY FOUNDATION – Still Making History



At the 1917 convention, outgoing Rotary president Arch Klumph proposed setting up an endowment “for the purpose of doing good in the world.” That one idea, and an initial contribution of \$26.50, set in motion a powerful force that has transformed millions of lives around the globe.

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With every project, we are changing the world for the better

How the Foundation works

The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects.

Our Mission: The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

Global Grants As Per Area of Focus

| | Total Funding (Millions) | Number of Grants |
|--|--------------------------|------------------|
| 01 Basic Education and Literacy | 512.1 | 184 |
| 02 Community Economic Development | 517 | 264 |
| 03 Disease Prevention and treatment | 574.8 | 129 |
| 04 Maternal and Child Health | 58.4 | 58.4 |
| 05 Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention | 55.6 | 129 |
| 06 Water, Sanitation and Hygiene | 525.7 | 341 |

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Model High School - long term project initiated



**Termite
Treatment
in Progress**



**Meeting cum
Fellowship called
Chennai Express
on 13/11/22**

Projects

**Childrens day
Celebration with
magic show and
distribution of
food packets at
Model high school
on 14/11/22**

**Upcoming
project
Hinglegunj on
19/11/22.**

Give to receive Abundance -An Inspiring Story

Once a man got lost in the desert. The water in his flask had run out two days ago, and he was on his last legs. He knew that if he didn't get some water soon, he would surely perish. The man saw a shack ahead of him. He thought it would be a mirage or maybe a hallucination, but having no other option,



he moved toward it. As he got closer he realized it was quite real. So he dragged his weary body to the door with the last of his strength. The shack was not occupied and seemed like it had been abandoned for quite some time.

The man entered hoping against hope that he might find water inside. His heart skipped a beat when he saw what was in the shack: a water pump, It had a pipe going down through the floor, perhaps tapping a source of water deep under-ground. He began working the pump, but no water came out. He kept at it and still nothing happened. Finally he gave up from exhaustion and frustration. He threw up his hands in despair. It looked as if he was going to die after all. Then the man noticed a bottle in one corner of the shack. It was filled with water and corked up to prevent evaporation. He uncorked the bottle and was about to gulp down the sweet life-giving water when he noticed a piece of paper attached to it. Handwriting on the paper read: "Use this water to start the pump. Don't forget to fill the bottle when you're done." He had a dilemma. He could follow the instruction and pour the water into the pump, or he could ignore it and just drink the water. What to do? If he let the water go into the pump, what assurance did he have that it would work? What if the pump malfunctioned? What if the pipe had a leak? What if the underground reservoir had long dried up? But then, maybe the instruction was correct. Should he risk it? If it turned out to be false, he would be throwing away the last water he would ever see. Hands trembling, he poured the water into the pump. Then he closed his eyes, said a prayer, and started working the pump. He heard a gurgling sound, and then water came gushing out, more than he could possibly use. He luxuriated in the cool and refreshing stream. He was going to live! After drinking his fill and feeling much better, he looked around the shack. He found a pencil and a map of the region. The map showed that he was still far away from civilization, but at least now he knew where he was and which direction to go. He filled his flask for the journey ahead. He also filled the bottle and put the cork back in. Before leaving the shack, he added his own writing below the instruction: "Believe me, it works!"

"This story is all about life. It teaches us that we must give before we can receive abundantly. More importantly, it also teaches that faith plays an important role in giving. The man did not know if his action would be rewarded, but he proceeded regardless. Without knowing what to expect, he made a leap of faith. Water in this story represents the good things in life. Something that brings a smile to your face. It can be intangible knowledge or it can represent money, love, family, friendship, happiness, respect, or any number of other things you value. Whatever it is that you would like to get out of life, that's water. The water pump represents the workings of the karmic mechanism. Give it some water to work with, and it will return far more than you put in. Give to receive abundance & Stay Blessed forever!

Anniversary



**Rashmi & Sanjay
Chowdhary**
20th November



**Suman & Bhupesh
Kapoor**
20th November



**Surakhsha & Yugal
Sikhri**
21st November



**Anjana & Nitesh
Agarwal**
24th November

Birthday

"Cheers to another wonderful year"



15-November
Mayuri Mody Doshi



15-November
Manish Shah



16-November
Madhur Jhawar



16-November
S.K. Mehra



23-November
Narinder Gulati



Editor-Speak

Empathy - a word that could have a huge impact on helping change the world for the better, giving us a feeling of contentment, peace and a sense of purpose. I chose to share this story "Give to receive in Abundance" to help highlight "The Rotary Foundation Month". Let us all be proud of the impact the Rotary movement is making worldwide. Wishing all of you an eventful November as there is a nip in the air and winter beckons us.

Rtn. Radhika Sahni

Minutes of the Meeting

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Minutes of the 2107th Continuous and 8th Meeting for the year 2022-2023 of Rotary Club of Calcutta Midtown, held on Thursday, 28th October 2022 at 7 pm in Room no.1 Saturday Club

Meeting called to order: President Rtn Mayuri Mody Doshi called the 2107th continuous and 8th meeting for 2022-2023 to order.

National Anthem: The National Anthem was sung by all.

Confirmation of previous meeting minutes: The 2106th continuous and 7th meeting minutes for the year 2022-2023 were passed and seconded by Rtn Yugal Sikri and Rtn Ankush Khanna respectively.

Address by President Rtn. Mayuri Mody Doshi: She welcomed all Rotarians Annes and Prospective. Rtn Sahil Desai was appointed as Sergeant for the evening. She thanked Dr Kapoor for chairing the last meeting at a very short notice.

Matrishakti: It was held on 22nd October 2022 which was attended by Convenor Suchi Narula, Rtn Dr. Kalyan Sarkar and Ms. Ruma. 39 packets of nutritious food grains were distributed. 5 mothers completed their term, and the newborn healthy babies came to meet us. 5 new expecting ladies were inducted in the program. She suggested all to give a round of applause for Rtn Suchi Narula for being a very dedicated convener and Dr Sarkar who went for this project even though it was Dhanteras. Next camp will be held on 19th of November.

Model High School: The termite treatment is going to start on Saturday at the Model high school. It will take approximately 3 weeks to complete as the school is on and they can only do the work on weekends. It has a 5yr warranty. President Rtn Mayuri Mody Doshi informed the floor that there were three prospective whose resumes have been circulated earlier. They are Mr. Bharat Bagla, Mr. Sidharth Tibrewal and Mr. Arijit Das. She requested Mr. Bharat Bagla to introduce himself. Prospective Bharat Bagla: He thanked everyone for inviting him and was happy to see a lot of known faces. He is a financial planner and has been actively participating on other social platforms. He is already a Rotarian from a club in Mumbai but he is mostly stationed in Kolkata and hardly gets to attend his clubs meeting.

Any other Matter: She opened the floor for members to share their views.

Rtn Dr. Surinder Kapoor suggested that something needs to be done to motivate more members to go for the Hingalganj project. He reminded that as per Dr. Sarkar's suggestion we should have a get together for all the babies and the moms.

Secretary's Report: Birthdays: Birthdays: 29th October- Rtn Yogesh Gupta
10th November-Rtn Ravi Dhawan
6th November- Rtn Bhupesh Kapoor

Anniversaries: 1st November- Rtn S Ravi and Anne Shobha

Hosts for the Diwali fellowship: Rtns Yogesh Gupta and Sonali Gupta
Rtn Anirudh Tikmany and Anne Poonam Tikmany
Rtns Chetan Narula and Suchi Narula
Rtns Ashish Bhuwalka and Ruchira Bhuwalka

Attendance: 22 Members / 42% attended the meeting.

Sergeant time: Rs. 2700 was collected.

She thanked everyone and closed the meeting.

Rtn. Shalini Agarwal
Secretary
2022-2023