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ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA CHOWRENGHEE

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL / District 3291



Serving Together



President's Message

Dear Members,

The theme for this year is "Imagine" which may have different connotations for different individuals based on their own perceptions. There are 2 things I would like you to imagine with me.

Imagine a Rotary club where all the members contribute to the club and ask themselves what's needed and what can I do personally to make the club stronger, more welcoming and more inclusive, and how can I express my appreciation for the contributions of my fellow club members.

Imagine a rotary club where all the members feel like they really belong – a club where all the members are fully engaged and understand the workings of the club. A club where the members forge relationships with each other and share a meaningful sense of community and a club where the members feel that their individual contribution is appreciated and where innovation and creativity is valued.

Now Imagine what it would take for us to take our club to newer heights.

One of the wisest things I have ever been told is that one should seek to understand rather than to strive to be understood. I hope to do that over the next few months so that I can fully benefit from your opinions, your goals, your values, and your aspirations for the club.

I look forward to working with you.

Warm Regards



Mr S V Raman

S.V.Raman, popularly known as Raju Raman, retired as Programme Director of Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan Kolkata in 2010. He is presently Programme Consultant to Victoria Memorial Hall, teaches public speaking/communication/journalism/film/German at various institutions and is an avid debater and cultural activist. He is connected with several social and cultural organizations in various capacities. Presently he is the President of Cine Academy, Bichitra Pathshala and the Indo-German Association, Chairperson of The Creative Arts, Secretary of Manovikas Kendra and Sahay, Governing Committee Member of The Calcutta School of Music, as well as an active Executive Member of the Calcutta Debating Circle.

Nilanjana Maulik has triple masters in sociology/social anthropology, Management of Human Services and Dementia. She also has specialization in End of Life Care from Stanford School of Medicine along with being an International Master Practitioner of Spark of Life Philosophy from Dementia Care International, Australia. Nilanjana is currently the Secretary General of ARDSI – the Alzheimer's and Related Disorders Society of India, Calcutta. She is directly involved in Awareness building to Care Counseling and running various programs like Training Caregivers, Daycare and Home care. She has been awarded the "Best Demetia Careworker" nationally and also brought the "Best Chapter" award twice for ARDSI Calcutta.



Nilanjana Maulik

Our Speakers



Basab Sen

Basab Sen is a senior-disciple of world-renowned philosopher A. Parthasarathy. He is an alumnus of the Vedanta Academy, India which conducts residential courses on Vedanta. For almost two decades Basabji, has dedicated himself to the full-time study and propagation of this practical wisdom to audiences around the world. He was a speaker at TEDx Chowringhee in June 2022.

Basab is a trustee of Vedanta Institute Kolkata (Website: <https://vedanta-kolkata.org/>) and Vedanta Institute Mumbai.

INSTALLATION

The 23rd Installation ceremony for Rotary Club of Calcutta Chowrenghee was held on 30th July in Park Hotel. Chief Guest of this ceremony was DG Ajoy Kumar Law.



President Manisha Srivastava spoke about her plans for the year ahead and introduced her board members. Rotary Chowrenghee

Members felicitated all PDG's and district officials present. DG Ajay Kumar Law then addressed the audience President Manisha Srivastava handed over a cheque of 1000 USD towards annual giving. DGE Hiralal Yadav was requested to release the roster. Meeting was attended by 17 district officials & 37 members.



Projects - July to September, 2022

Disease Prevention & Control

31st August

GLOBAL GRANT PROJECT - UTHE SAB KE KADAM

Awareness camp in Uluberia



Uthe sabke kadam: an awareness camp for this project was held on 31st August at Uluberia. The audience was explained the process of the artificial limbs being fitted and the life long support given to those individuals who had lost their legs in some unfortunate incident.



Uthe sabke kadam project completed fitting of 98 prosthetic legs in the month of July and 80 in August.



Rotary Chowrenghee supported Dipankar Das to get an artificial hand glove after he lost it in an unfortunate accident.



A joint meeting with MSS, Rotary Mayfair and Young Indians for Uthe Sabke Kadam project was held on 17th August.

FREE DENTAL CAMP



Rotary Chowrenghee organised a free dental camp where over 150 primary school children of Rotary Chowrenghee Vidyalay School were given free dental checkup. The children were first given a talk on dental hygiene followed by a check up. Dental hygiene kits were distributed. All children with cavities were offered free treatment at the clinic.

3rd September

EYE CAMP AT ULUBERIA

Rotary Chowrenghee in association with Susrut along with Rotary Belur arranged an eye camp at Uluberia on 3rd Sept. Over 160 beneficiaries were given an eye checkup and those requiring were given free spectacles.

Cataract patients after their surgery at Susrut. Out of the 12 identified 4 were operated upon.



Weekly dispensaries in Kumirmari



Basic Education & Literacy

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Independence Day program in RCV.



Projects - July to September, 2022



Independence Day Celebrations.



Library in Rotary Chowrenghee Vidyalaya.



Rotary Chowrenghee started mid day meals for all students at RCV. Carefully chosen nutritious food is served everyday which has helped in increasing the attendance in school.



Water & Sanitation

Toilets were opened in Karatberia High school and wash stations were opened in Banibon Girls High school, Uluberia. This is part of the WINS project.

Community & Economic Development



250 mosquito net distribution was done at Amtalla RCC on Sep 11. The beneficiaries appreciated the gesture due to the ongoing dengue and thanked our club for the support shown to them.



Stree Sanitary Pads being distributed to village women in Sundarbars.



Women Empowerment. June 2022. Women working for Parampara Diwali

Parampara



Parampara, a fashion & lifestyle exhibition, a fund raising event for the projects undertaken by Rotary club of Calcutta Chowrenghee, was held on 19th and 20th July 2022. There were around 75 participants from all over the country. The super successful show witnessed a huge footfall as shoppers flocked to the fashion, jewellery & home décor stalls at the event. Parampara has been the leader and pioneer in what has become one of the Eastern India's largest & grandest platform for showcasing the latest trends in fashion and home products.



Projects - July to September, 2022

Interact Corner



BDMI Installation.

The Second Installation of the Interact Club of B.D.M. International took place on 10.08.2022. However, before the installation they reached out the lesser privileged. On July 7th, the club promoted gender-equality by organizing a STEM workshop on “Nurturing Young Women in STEM”. The event was in collaboration with the American Centre and the Interact Club of B.D.M.I.



Another major project undertaken was to promote the use of paper-bags and say no to plastic on the World Nature Conservation Day.

In the event The Interact Club Student Council was formed. Mr. Rajani Mukherjee was the Chief Guest.



Students from classes VI to XII contributed to a month-long e-waste collection drive E-Cycle organised by the Interact Club of Sri Sri Academy. The school has tied up with Hulladek to whom ICSSA proposes to hand over all the e-waste collected so far.

Oral hygiene awareness and dental check up camp for children from Hope Foundation- organized by the Interact



Club of Indus Valley World School on 10th September.



Members of Rotary Chowrenghee present for the Interact installation ceremony of Indus valleyWorld School.



Members of Rotary Chowrenghee present for the Interact installation ceremony of Sri Sri Academy



Rotary Chowrenghee received the **Rotary International President Citation award** for the year 21-22.



Congratulations

Congratulations to PP Urmi Basu for receiving this **Guardian of Humanity Award** for Excellence in Protection of Human Rights & for the services towards social justice for the marginalised communities.

Fellowships



PE Meena Khemka attends her first President Meet for the year 23-24, Uday.



Our New Members

Pravin Agarwal is an exporter of agri and industrial packaging in jute and woven snacks. He is a committee member of Federation of Indian Export Organisation(FIEO) Eastern region. Pravin enjoys travelling, watching sports and reading- both fiction as well as current affairs. He is married to Manisha and they have a daughter Vanshika.



Pravin Agarwal

Date of Birth: 04/11/77

Director, United Credit Ltd., VP - Dabriwala Baniya Udhog Ltd., Looking after the operations of our family run shopping centre - The Enclave, Alipore'.

Curator & Ecospace designer - House of SOW - Studio | Cafe & Culture | Fitness | Health & Wellness Learning | Pop-up Store | Collabs

Vision & Philosophy - Human or Mother Earth we need to nourish to flourish. We believe that everyone grows at a different pace but together we can help each other grow. Let's sow the seeds. Connect n collaborate

She is a Chartered Accountant and L.L.B, B. Com.

Rashmi is an ardent nature lover, passionate about sustainable living and is married to Devashish & has twin girls - Vanya & Vrisha.



Rashmi Dabriwal

I have been an active member of Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria for around 25 years and held positions like treasurer /Director. I am into tea cultivation and manufacturing. I was an avid golfer and used to play racquet sports till recent times. I am married to Priti and I have two children Vedika and Pradyumn.

I am looking forward to participate in various activities of Rotary Chowrenghee.



Sanjay Dalmia

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Congratulations on your

Anniversaries

October

15th Kapur G M & Uma
12th Gaurav Kumar Gupta & Ritu
23rd Jairath Leena & Vikram

November

20th Goenka Hemant & Shruti
23rd Neotia Dinesh & Abha
23rd Ginodia Rajeev & Shobha
25th Srivastava Manisha & Devesh
26th Kejriwal Shantanu & Nalini
28th Jain Alka & Kamal

December

2nd Chitlangia Archana & Jaydeep
2nd Tania Vikram & Shruti
2nd Roychowdhury Sudeshna & Pinaki
6th Ajmera Himanshu & Kavita
6th Kajaria Ravi Kumar & Anushree
6th Sood Sangeeta & Kapil
7th Beri Ambica & Sanjiv
8th Ajmera Sanjeev & Ruchira
10th Kariwal Vivek & Shivaani
11th Jain Praduman & Neelima
11th Sethia Nita & Ashok
11th Todi Sangita & Raj
11th Baid Rohini & Sidhartha
12th Agarwal Piyush Mohan & Namita
14th Kejriwal Pawan Kumar & Vandana
25th Gupta Bharat H & Sangeeta

Birthdays

October

6th Saraogi Aditi
7th Kajaria Ravi Kumar
7th Daruka Sanjeev
15th Surana Ashok
16th Jalan Divya
23rd Kanoria Neeraj
23rd Almal Ritu
29th Gaurav Kumar Gupta

November

4th Sanghvi Jayshree
21st Sood Sangeeta
25th Saraf Pradeep
28th Sethia Nita

December

3rd Jindal Rajiv
8th Ajmera Sanjeev
8th Bhagat Anuradha
8th Saharia Anshu
12th Khemka Meena
14th Saraf Deepak

Congratulations!

to the grandparents

Leena & Vikram Jairath
Sangita & Raj Todi
Anushree & Ravi Kajaria
Sucheta & Sandeep Merh