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1637th REGULAR MEETING

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**Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan
cordially welcomes you along with your spouse
to our**

*fellowship
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**at the Banquet Hall
The Calcutta Swimming Club
1, Strand Road, Kolkata 700 001
on Tuesday, 1st November, 2022
from 7 pm onwards.**

**The program will be accompanied by
Nigel & Khalid with Karaoke and games
followed by Cocktail & Dinner.**

EMBARKING ON A NEW ERA OF BROTHERHOOD BETWEEN INDIA AND CHINA ON 15.10.2022

The topic "Embarking on a new Era of Brotherhood between India and China" is a very sensitive subject considering the current situation between the two countries but the Counsel General Mr Zha Liyou of Chinese Consulate General in Kolkata handled this subject beautifully and explained how both brotherhood and business can be done with detailed inputs on 15.10.2022 in our Regular meeting. Surely, he made the audience to sit and listen to him in rapt attention. Thanks Mr Zha Liyou accompanied by his wife and staff.

Mr Zha Liyou, Consul General of People's Republic of China came with the intent to bridge the gap between the 2 countries. He literally demonstrated that by proudly flashing the Indian attire with the local flavor of Bengal handloom crafted jacket. He was accompanied by his beautiful wife, Mrs Zheng Huiqun, demonstrating simplicity and dressed in a simple Indian attire to match the ethos he came to share. He Tengyuan, his associate from Consulate, with Indian name Jagdish was a pleasant surprise speaking fluent Hindi.

He highlighted both countries are not bound by borders but by the history of having to fight the oppression and colonization to emerge stronger as powerful nations and today both can claim to have strengthened their economy and their presence in the world.

He expressed that the opportunities are in forms of collaborations whether it's through education, through businesses. It's about encouraging the younger generation and supporting them with new ideas.

He mentioned on a lighter note that it's easier to convince an American but tough to convince an Indian, because Indians come with very strong core values, similar to Chinese. He was excited to share that Chinese love extending hospitality to Indians as they believe in the promise that was made ages ago as brothers and sisters. The situations might have been tough, perceptions, judgements might have been created but all it takes is the faith in the foundation to take this relationship forward irrespective of the negative agendas and its time we took the leap of faith for world peace and our future generations.

The meeting became more memorable and vibrant as seven Rotary Clubs i.e., RC of Calcutta Charnock City, RC of Calcutta Endeavour, RC of Jodhpur Gardens Calcutta, RC of Kolkata Temple City, RC of Central Calcutta Gardens, RC of Calcutta Lake Town, RC of Amelia Kolkata and Rotaract Club of Calcutta Metropolitan. A very engrossing session and appreciated by all. We are grateful to our Co-host Clubs for their participation.

One new member Rtn Pradeep Bagla was inducted today. We welcome Rtn Pradeep Bagla as Metropolitan and looking forward to the valuable contribution from him. We are thankful to Rtn Rajshree Jain for introducing the Rtn Pradeep Bagla.

Another Good news from Rtn Vivek Bajaj, who have agreed to contribute Rs.5.00 lakhs for the Club projects only. We are thankful to Rtn Vivek Bajaj for wonderful gesture.

The Souvenir for the RY-2022-2023 was released by our Guest speaker Mr Zha Liyou. We are thankful to all who contributed by way of advertisement and donation for the Souvenir to ensure doing fruitful projects etc.

The attendance for the day was more than 55, which includes 19 members. We are thankful to PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee for bringing the Guest speaker Mr Zha Liyou.

Inputs from Rtn Runjhun Gupta



A view of Head table with Guest speaker mr Zha Liyou



Induction of Rtn Pradeep Bagla as member of the Club by the President



New member Rtn Pradeep Bagla making classification talk

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New prospective member Shri Partha Ganguli addressing the members



A view of audience



Another view of Co-host rotarians



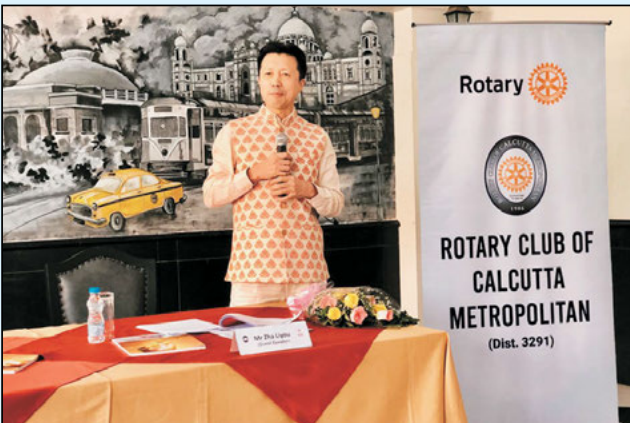
PN Sashi Dhacholia thanking the Co-host Clubs



PP Rtn Harsh V Rungta introducing the Guest speaker Mr Zha Liyou



Mr Zha Liyou addressing the audience



Another view of Guest speaker



PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee gave the vote of thanks (2)

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Rtn Pradeep Bagla during Q & A session



Guest speaker Mr Zha Liyou during the Q & A session



Members enjoying the Q & A session



Guest speaker Mr Zha Liyou being felicitated by PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee



Mrs Zheng Huiqun being felicitated



Guest speaker Mr Zha Liyou in relaxed mood



He Tengyuan with Indian name Jagdish being felicitated



Club Souvenir for RY-2022-2023 was released

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A view of Co-host Club members with the Mr Zha Liyou



President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia being felicitated by the Mr Zha Liyou



Co-host Club members enjoying photo session with Mr Zha Liyou



Another view of Co-host members with Mr Zha Liyou



Celebration with Guest speaker by cutting the cake



Rotaractors of Metropolitan also joined the meeting as Co-host

PARENTS' ORIENTATION WORKSHOP AT PACE LEARNING CENTRE (PLC)

On 29th Sept. 2022, the last day before Puja (Hindu religious festivities' month) vacation, we arranged for an orientation workshop with parents which was needed for various reasons.

First, we were able to share several good news with them, viz: the success stories of some of the recent graduates of PLC. These graduates are presently employed in ISPAT Cooperative Hospital. We were also immensely proud to share our graduate Supriya Mondal's achievement who is just on the track to be a trained nurse. They were thrilled to hear about our four girls - Rama Pramanick, Anamika Sarkar, Kajal Bhuiya, Madhumita Sardar - who have received admission in prestigious colleges in Kolkata

under the University of Calcutta System. The parents present there offered their congratulations to the girls mentioned above and wished them much success for their future.

We were thrilled to be greeted by the parents with a big round of applause when we announced that Class IX students have already been successfully registered for their secondary examination with the regulatory board - the West Bengal Board of Secondary Education (WBBSE). It is hoped that our association with WBBSE will lead us to upgrading our present curriculum. Our students will benefit from such change in the curriculum as listed below...

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- o The students' names will be included in "Sikkhashree" Portal of West Bengal Government which may facilitate them to acquire government jobs in future.
- o Being able to access all the government facilities and scholarships will be an added advantage for the students.
- o Students will continue studying at PLC, a place that offers a peaceful environment and they can prepare themselves for regular board examination with quality education that is absent in government schools. Government schools have overcrowded classrooms and underdeveloped infrastructure.
- o It is hoped that with the above changes, we will see a reduction in the dropout rate caused by ill-informed parents (mostly the fathers) who forcefully make their daughters get admitted in government schools being lured by government offered monetary gain.
- o Regular board degree or formal education system has always had better impact and provision than open board or non-formal education system. Thereby, from now on we can proceed with both the boards i.e.

WBBSE (West Bengal Board of Secondary Education) and NIOS (National Institute of Open Schooling) side by side to serve our students in the best possible way. We all are extremely optimistic that all these success stories will spread a positive vibe in community.

The workshop ended successfully with a relevant and purposeful fun activity where we noticed their active involvement and interest. Certificates of appreciation and gifts were presented to the winning team. Others received certificates of participation.

I would personally like to express my earnest gratitude to our honorable president sir, Rotarian Jayanta Chatterji for his constant support in every way. I also want to extend my gratitude to my dear colleagues and the parents who attended the workshop taking time out from their busy schedules. Last but not the least, my heartfelt thanks go to Mr. Tapan Ghosh, the administrative head of PLC who made my task easier by handling the field work required for the introduction of regular board in our school.

Mahashweta Maity - PLC Teacher Coordinator



Parents meet



Another view of parents interaction



Parents having fun time



Teacher Co-ordinator explaining the purpose of parents meet



Parent being recognized

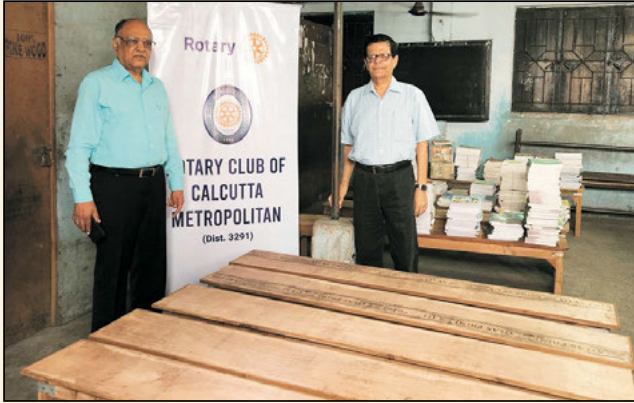
YOUTH IS THE FUTURE

We are still in lacking to provide basic infrastructure to all schools particularly Government schools and for want of basic things required for education, the students are not properly taught with good ambience. Our Club keep on looking to provide some basic relief to schools so that students are properly can study.

Dakshin Calcutta Arya Vidyalaya is government owned school but lack in to provide basic infrastructure to their

students. On their request, the Club decided to handover 10 benches to the said Vidyalaya where students can properly sit and study on 13.10.2022 in presence of their teacher-in-Charge Shri A K Singh.

For your information Last year, we provided them 10 ceiling fans. Our Inner Club keep on providing various facilities to them.



Benches being provided to the School



Students now having benches to sit in the class

MEHNDI FESTIVAL- A WONDERFUL EVENT BY PACE LEARNING CENTRE (PLC) INTERACT CLUB

On 29th September 2022, on the eve of Durga Puja (the biggest religious festival of Bengal), PLC Interact Club members organized an astounding event of Mehndi Festival (a form of temporary body art using a paste, created from powdered dry leaves of the Henna plant). Mehndi symbolizes positive spirit and prosperity. It was the last day before Puja (Hindu religious festivities' month) vacation, and all were full of festive spirit which was brightened up even more by their artwork. The beautiful designs were painted on the hands of the teachers and students who wished to make their hands spectacular.

The Interact Club members manifested their creativity with excellent artwork. We were just bewitched by their level of perfection, patience, and dedication. The lovely girls curated many modern trends, such as, Minimalistic Design, Arabic Art, Hashtag Design etc. all of which demonstrated their talent in art. Additionally, they raised money during the event which they plan to use in some future projects. I express my heartiest gratitude to our respected President, Rotarian Jayanta Chatterji Sir, for granting the permission to arrange this artistic event. I appreciate all the Interact Club members, their coordinator - Mrs. Priyanka Das and all my colleagues for their active involvement and enthusiasm to make the event a grand success.

Mahashweta Maity - PLC Teacher Coordinator



COMMITTED TO WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

A campus interview session was held on 11.10.2022 at Keertika Academy by PORTEA for 33 female General Duty Assistant (GDA) including Online interviews with their Head Office. It was worth to be at their place to meet all the candidates. They all were rearing to go ahead, if placed.

The latest update is that nearly 25 candidates cleared the Campus interview and there will be two more such sittings with companies like Duster and S&IB.

Keertika Academy has been contracted to provide mobilization, training and placement for women the followings under GG#21-20359:

General Duty Assistant (GDA)	- 90 nos
Sewing Machine Operator (SMO)	- 60 nos
Retail Sales Executive (RSE)	- 90 nos
Customer Care Executive (CCE)	- 90 nos

Keertika Academy has completed in Job roles Skill Development training for GDA and SMO and they will now take up their assignments on Retail Sales Executives (RSE) and Customer Care Executives (CCE). Their scope of work is for mobilization, training, counselling and finally placement. We had a detailed discussion with their CEO- Mrs Susmita Mukherjee, when she made various things

transparent. It was also made clear that few jobs need minimum qualifications.

It was also observed that the response is positive after seeing other candidates getting job and good salary. Slowly positives are being seen with more playing important roles in their jobs.

It is worth to mention that there are drop out after taking the completion Certificate of National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), which is now valid for two years. The success rate is between 60 and 65%. For women, there is huge demand for Security personnel, Housekeeping in Malls/Stores (but no domestic) and back office staff for IT.

This Keertika Academy made it very clear to all candidates that they will get their completion Certificate only after the joining.

The above project is under GG# 21-20359 for USD 95,100 which is equivalent to INR-71,32,426/-. Thanks to our International Partner Rotary Club of Moorpark-RID-5240. The Club was represented by PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji, President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia, PE Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel and PN Rtn Sashi Dhacholia.



Discussion with Keertika Academy for the placements



Keertika CEO addressing the candidates



Placement briefing session



A view of GDA candidates



GDA candidates agreeing not to leave after getting the completion certificate



Online interview with candidates

RALLY TO END POLIO

The Club participated in "Rally to end Polio" on 23.10.2022 as a Co-host Club organized by the District-3291 and RC of Ballygunge. This is a flagship project of Rotary International. Our President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia joined the rally which started from Eden Gardens and finished at Rotary Sadan through motor vehicle rally from different parts of Kolkata for creating awareness about the Polio eradication.



Forthcoming Events

CLUB

12.11.2022 Regular Meeting at 2.00 PM at CSC. Guest Speaker will be PP Rtn Binod Khaitan. There will Interaction on Rotary Foundation

26.11.2022 Regular Meeting at CSC at 2.00 PM

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

01 Nov - Rtn Renu Todi

03 Nov - Rtn Runjhun Gupta

09 Nov - PP Rtn Lalit Beriwal



OCTOBER IS COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MONTH

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ROTARY MEMBERS TRAIN PEOPLE TO BECOME RESOURCES FOR THEIR COMMUNITY, OFFERING NETWORKING ACTIVITIES, ADVICE ON NEW BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, AND MATHEMATICS AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT TRAINING.

SEMINAR ON "BREAST CANCER AWARENESS & SURVIVORS' MEET" ON 28.2.2022

Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan was Host Club to the seminar on "Breast Cancer Awareness & Survivors' Meet" on 28.10.2022 which was well organized by Rotary Club of Calcutta Charnock City. All key note speakers from the district-3291 like DG Rtn Ajoy Kumar Law, DGE Rtn Hiralal Yadav and DGN Rtn Dr Krishnendu Gupta Hiralal Yadav and DGN Rtn Dr Krishnendu Gupta giving more emphasis on creating awareness rather than detection of disease at late stage. It was observed that 90% cancer can be cured if detected earlier. The cancer survivors play more important role giving confidence to the others that they are surviving.

The eminent speaker on Breast Cancer Awareness were Dr Dhritman Maitra, Prof Dr Raghunath Mishra, Dr Sujoy Dasgupta and Dr Sweta Chakraborty updated about Breast Cancer awareness to the well-attended audience.

President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia and PN Rtn Sashi Dhacholia represented the Club in the seminar. We are grateful to RC of Calcutta Charnock City for making us as the Host Club particularly to their President Rtn Sudipta Chaudhuri, PP Rtn Rima Chakravarty and PP Rtn Rina Sinha Roy.



President is presented with Certificate of Appreciation



President with District Officials including PDG Rajani Mukherji



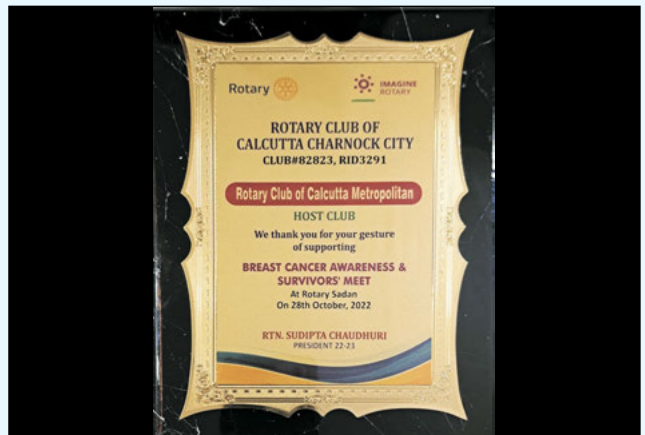
DG Ajoy Kumar Law addressing the audience



PN Sashi Dhacholia with President Sudipta Chaudhuri and Rima Chakravarty



A view of well attended audience



Memento presented



Jennifer Jones
RI President 2022-23

In August, I was proud to visit Pakistan and highlight Rotary's top goal, eradicating polio. It was also a tremendous opportunity to spotlight female health workers who are playing a critical role in protecting children from this vaccine-preventable disease.

This month, as we celebrate World Polio Day, we are shining a spotlight on our more than 30-year effort to lead the first global polio eradication campaign and our success in forming partnerships capable of completing this massive goal. We all know that this is one of the most ambitious global health initiatives in history and that we've reduced polio cases by more than 99.9 percent worldwide.

Pakistan is one of only two countries in the world where wild poliovirus remains endemic. (The other is neighbouring Afghanistan.) I was able to witness and take part in vaccination campaigns in Pakistan, and soon after I left, a monumental nationwide immunization campaign took place, focused on 43 million children under the age of 5. I saw the incredible work of Rotary members on the ground. More than 60 percent of vaccinators in Pakistan are women, and they are doing a remarkable job building trust and convincing mothers to vaccinate their children.

Seeing it all first-hand, I know that the will exists across the Rotary world to end polio, and I'm confident that we have the strategy. The Pakistani media has been very supportive of our efforts as well, and this is making a difference. This month, a new global pledging moment at the World Health Summit in Berlin promises to pull together more resources to fund these time-sensitive eradication efforts. Now it is up to us to do our part and raise \$50 million this year to earn the full 2-to-1 match from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

There's great cause for optimism on the polio front - but also some staggering new events that have further raised the stakes. Over the past few months, new polio outbreaks have occurred in Israel, the United Kingdom and, most recently, in the New York City area. These stories are frightening, but in every case, the response is clear - vaccines work, and if polio is spreading, we need to make sure the most at-risk people have kept their vaccinations up to date.

Most importantly, we need to eradicate this virus now. If polio exists anywhere, it can spread everywhere. What I saw in Pakistan convinced me that we can and must finish the job, but it will only happen if we remain committed to a strategy that's working and back it with all necessary resources.

Through our commitment, generosity, and sheer determination, we will #EndPolio.

MINUTES OF 1636TH REGULAR MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN HELD ON SATURDAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 2022 AT 2.00 PM AT THE CALCUTTA SWIMMING CLUB, 1, STRAND ROAD, KOLKATA-700 001

1. President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia called the 1636th Regular Meeting to order.
2. President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia invited Guest speaker Mr Zha Liyou Sen to join the head table and he was welcomed with flower bouquet.
3. National Anthem was sung by all members present and guests.
4. President informed about the demise of Late PDG Rtn Kamal Seth who left for his heavenly abode on 29.9.2022. He played a major role in sponsoring and guiding RCCM during the formation of the Club. One minute silence was observed and may his soul rest in peace.
5. Confirmation of minutes 1635 dated 24.9.2022 as printed in Metro Voice were read and confirmed.
6. President thanked the following Co-host Club Presidents and their members for the Regular Meeting dated 15.10.2022:

Name of the Co-Host Club	Name of the President
RC of Calcutta Charnock City	Rtn Sudipta Sengupta Chaudhuri
RC of Calcutta Endeavour	Rtn Ravina Ghosh
RC of Jodhpur Gardens Calcutta	Rtn Priyabrata Daw
RC of Central Gardens Calcutta	Rtn Sankhanil Mahanti
RC of Kolkata Temple City	Rtn Ruby Mitra
RC of Amelia Kolkata	Rtn Chandrima Das
RC of Calcutta Lake Town	Rtn Uttam Sen
Rotaract Club of Calcutta Metropolitan	Rtr Medha Chakraborty
7. President informed about following programs:
 - Distribution of New Clothes and Shoes took place at Notun Jiban and then at Home for Orphans and Old Age, Bansdroni on 27.9.2022.
 - Distribution of Sanitary Napkins and inner wear garments to 60 women villagers of Durgapur Leprosy Colony, PO: Gopinathpur, Durgapur-713 211, (Nabadiganta) on 25.9.2022 for 3 months.
 - Placement Briefing session for 30 GDA girls on 11.10.2022 by Kreetika Academy with Online interview was done. 25 candidates were selected.
 - Handing over of 10 benches at Dakshin Calcutta Arya Vidyalyaya on 13.10.2022.
 - Congratulations to PP Rtn Gaurang Jalan who was presented with Medal on 30.9.2022 for winning the Prestigious 68th National Film Award for the Best Bengali Film as Producer for "Avijatrik" for the year 2020.
8. President informed that account of Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan Trust (RCCMT) as on 31.3.2022 were duly audited and necessary I/Return was also filed in time.
9. Induction of New Member- Shri Pradeep Bagla who was proposed by Rtn Rajshree Jain: He was inducted by the President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia. Member kit was handed over to him. Spouse Mrs Deepa Bagla was handed over flower bouquet. Members welcomed Rtn Pradeep Bagla as Metropolitan of the Club.
10. Hony Secretary Rtn Rajshree Jain read out the The Object of Rotary, The 4Way Test and Rotary Code of Conduct. Rtn Pradeep Bagla signed the Code of Conduct.
11. President informed that Rtn Vivek Bajaj will be contributing Rs.5.00 lakhs for various projects during the current RY-2022-2023 and members applauded his gesture.
12. PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee introduced Shri Partha Ganguli as prospective member of the Club, who also introduced himself.
13. President requested Guest speaker Mr Zha Liyou to release the Souvenir for the RY-2022-2023 joined by Editor PP Rtn Sashi Dhacholia and Hony Secretary Rtn Rajshree Jain.
14. President requested PP Rtn Harsh V Rungta to introduce the Guest speaker Mr Zha Liyou. Mr Zha Liyou, the Counsel General of Chinese Consulate General of Kolkata handled the topic "Embarking on a new Era of brotherhood between India and China beautifully and explained how both brotherhood and business can be done with detailed inputs. Surely he made the audience to sit and listen to him in rapt attention. Thanks Mr Zha Liyou who was also accompanied by his wife and staff.
15. Q & A session was very interesting and informative.
16. PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee proposed the vote of thanks and Guest speaker was felicitated by PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee
17. Hony Secretary Rtn Rajshree Jain made the Club announcements. She informed about the forthcoming events and Birthday greetings. The Sunshine box collection was Rs.1000/- over and above as usual. The overall attendance was more than 55, which includes members attendance as 19.
18. There was no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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