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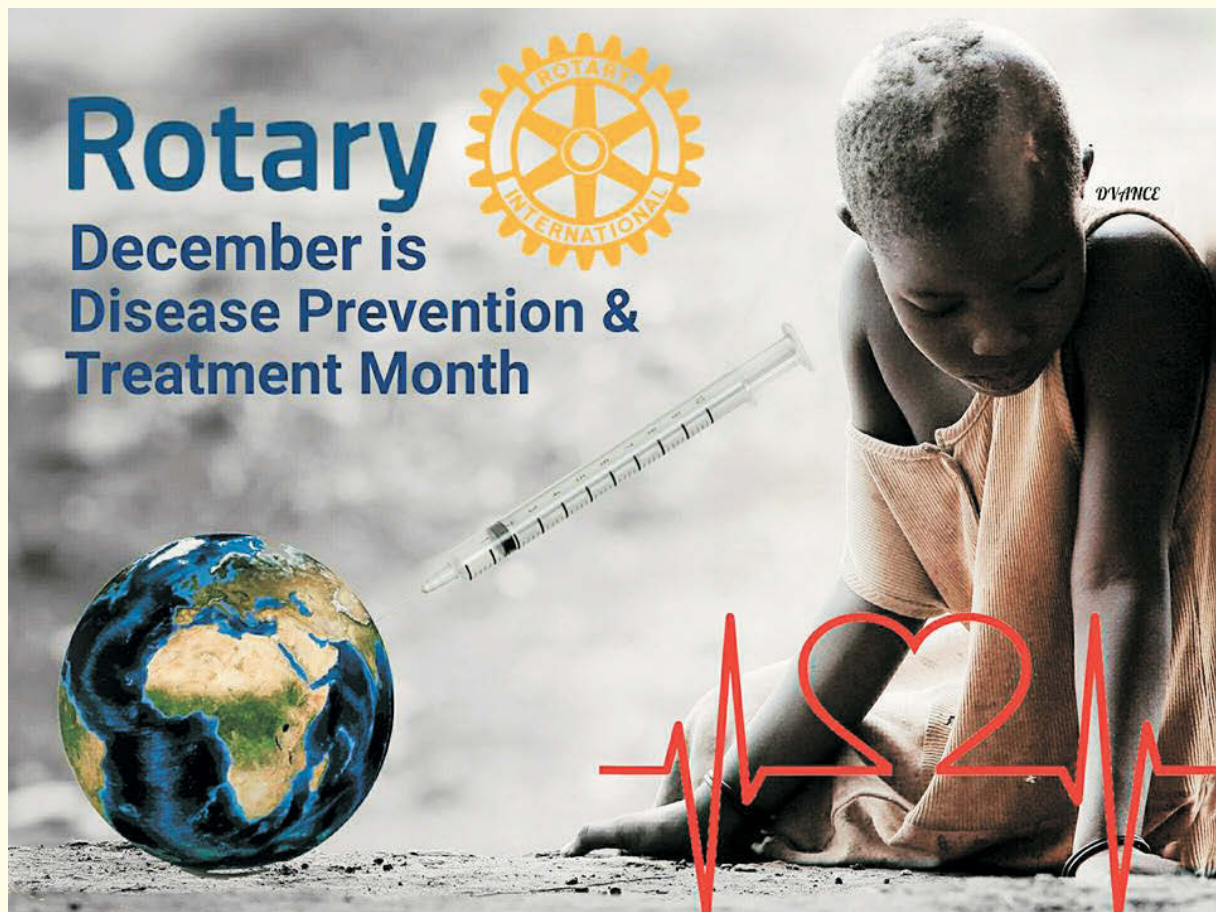
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Rotary's top priority is the eradication of polio, but our members take on far greater responsibilities to fight disease. They set up health camps and training facilities in undeveloped countries and in communities struggling with HIV/AIDS and malaria. They also design and build the infrastructure for doctors, nurses, governments, and partners to reach the one in six people in the world who can't afford to pay for healthcare.

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month on the Rotary Calendar.



This is one of the Foundations Areas of Focus and one in which many of us would be aware of the numerous projects around the world supported by clubs and the Foundation. Look at your role in promoting improved health at home and abroad and supporting these vital programs that contribute not only to healthy communities but peaceful communities.

Disease prevention and treatment takes on many forms, from supporting studies to helping immunize people to improving drinking water and the sanitation infrastructure. The world relies on Rotary to tackle these global challenges, and to set an example for others to follow.

INSURGENCY & DECADE OF TERRORISM

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- " It was very interesting to learn about deadly bombs being made out of lip stick casings, ball bearings and cordite. And how the Israelis imported virtually cornered the markets for lipstick and ball bearings to make such deadly bombs, which could literally shred a human being.
- " He informed that the border to Bangladesh is very vulnerable, hence lot of leakage both in terms of human and materials. That the porous border was the point of entry of terrorists - who then travelled to all parts of the country.
- " He also gave us some snippets of his just published novel - Operation Black Stiletto, and that his next novel, which he just completed, would be about the Nandigram Massacres.

Q & A session was very interesting and he was happy to inform us that India does not encourage or sponsor terrorism in any form or manner.

PP Rtn Harsh V Rungta displayed the book "BLACK SLIETTO" authored by Shri Dilip Mitra, which is available online.



PP Harsh V Rungta recognized for 100% attendance



A view of audience



A view of Head table with Guest speaker Shri Dilip Mitra



PP Harsh V Rungta introducing the Guest speaker



PE Rakesh Kumar Goel recognized for 100% attendance



Guest speaker Dilip Mitra addressing the audience

INSURGENCY & DECADE OF TERRORISM



PP Utpal Chatterjee giving vote of thanks



PP Harsh V Rungta display the book authored by Dilip Mitra

CONGRATULATIONS PP & DRFC SHAHUL HAMEED OF RC Singapore, D-3310 WILL TAKE OVER AS GOVERNOR OF HIS DISTRICT FOR RY 2025-26

Rtn Shahul Hameed is a great friend and well-wisher of our Club. RC of Singapore is our Sister Club.



DR SHAHUL HAMEED
DECLARED AS
DISTRICT GOVERNOR
NOMINEE-DESIGNATE
& WILL SERVE AS DG
FOR RY 2025/26
ROTARY
INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 3310

Dr Shahul is a dentist by profession and runs a group dental practice in Singapore. He is an Adjunct Senior Lecturer with the Faculty of Dentistry, National University of Singapore, Council Member with the Singapore Dental Council, and Member of the Panel of Advisers, for the Family Justice Courts, Republic of Singapore. Dr Shahul is also the Chairman of the Book of Humour (BOH) Trust as well as a Director of IshK Tolaram Foundation.

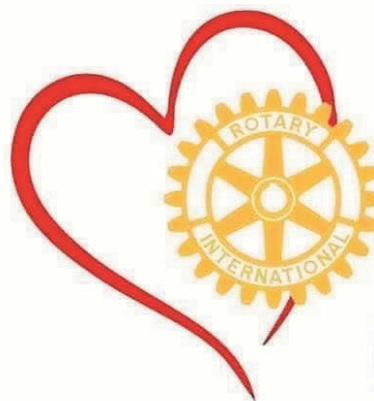
A Rotarian with Rotary Club of Singapore since 1995, Dr Shahul is currently the District Rotary Foundation Chair (DRFC) for District 3310. In the past, he also served as the Chair for Grants, Stewardship, Scholarship, International Service and Rotaract from 1999-2021. He is also the first Rotarian from District 3310 to be appointed as a Member of the Rotary Foundation's "Cadre of Technical Advisers" since January 2017.

Dr Shahul is also an invited Speaker for Rotary Foundation Seminars for Rotary Institutes, Zones, Districts and Clubs in Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Taiwan, Philippines, Nigeria, Pakistan, India and Australia. In February 2021, Dr Shahul was featured as one of the Plenary Speakers at Rotary's International Assembly (IA) Plenary Session for all incoming District Governors for RY2021/2022.

In recognition for his contributions to the Community, and for his work with Global Grants, Dr Shahul has been conferred Honorary Memberships to 10 Rotary Clubs around the world, namely in Indonesia (3), India (6) and Philippines (1).

Dr Shahul is the recipient of Rotary International's highest Award, the "Service Above Self" Award, Rotary Foundation's highest Award, the "Distinguished Service Award", Rotary Foundation's "Citation for Meritorious Service Award" and the Republic of Singapore's "Public Service Medal".

Dr Shahul is married to Michelle and is Father to 17-year-old son, Mirza. As Governor, Dr Shahul will manifest to further strengthen, support and motivate Clubs in the ideals of Service by enhancing knowledge and encouraging the creation of lasting change, while espousing the spirit of giving to uplift our Rotary Foundation.



Learn Rotary
Love Rotary
Lead Rotary



LAUNCHING OF INNOVATIVE PROJECTS FOR INTERACT CLUB OF PACE LEARNING CENTRE

It was 29th November 2022 and the pleasant day started with the multi-purposive visit to the PACE Learning Centre (PLC) by PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji and Rtn Arundhati Chatterji. They spent the whole time with loads of indoor and outdoor plans for the upcoming activities.

They made a campus tour and examined every nook and corner with their valuable advices which we are always ready to abide by accordingly.

It was an exceptionally special day for all the Interact Club members who received from them unique ideas and assignments in a row to be accomplished in the lap of nature from time to time. Our dear ma'am Rtn Arundhati Chatterji splendidly explicated the biodiversity, ecology, food chain system and so on to make them understand how nature is protecting us and in what ways we owe to nature. So, to save our mother earth, PLC Interact Club members always go forward to serve. They are strongly willing to execute their new project of taking responsibility for one plant by looking after it with all care and affection, making notes, and preparing a scrapbook for their respective "plant friend".

PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji doubled their enthusiasm by announcing an award for the best performer. There was also a discussion about the fund-raising event to be organized by the Interactors for their future interact activities.

They have also grabbed the idea to heighten awareness regarding basic civic sense and responsibilities in their community. Rtn Jayanta Chatterji has also proposed to them to decorate their huts with designs with their skillful hands of art.

Last but not the least, the students were overjoyed by the announcement of the trip to the Sundarbans, a world heritage site in West Bengal.

I am highly grateful to them for their prudent counsel for every concern for the betterment of our second home, PLC. All these valuable suggestions and opinions will help us to carry out the Experiential Teaching Learning method, one of the recommended modern techniques to teach the students more effectively. The campus of PLC is always the nest for the wings that want to fly high.

By Mahashweta Maity
PLC Teacher Coordinator



SEMINAR ON THE ROTARY FOUNDATION (TRF)- AN UPDATE

District-3291 has organized seminar on The Rotary Foundation on 26.11.2022, an annual feature in every Rotary District apart from Grant Management Seminar to qualify for Grants. There are few active Clubs who are doing various Global Grants projects in our district-3291 and our Club is one of them. As such, our Club was Co-host to the above seminar on the Rotary Foundation held on 26.11.2022, a very important event in our district, when imminent Galaxy of speakers encourages Rotarians why Foundation is so important and to contribute whole heartily.

The Galaxy of speakers were led by TRF Trustee PRID Rtn Dr Bharat Pandya, RIDE Rtn Anirudha Roy Chowdhury, Ms Sakuntala Raha-Manager Fund Development & Donor Services, RISAO, EPNC PDG Rtn Shyamashree Sen, DG Rtn Ajoy Kumar Law, DRFC & PDG Rtn Sudip Mukherjee, DT PDG Rtn Angsuman Bandyopadhyay, PP Rtn Binod Khaitan, PDG Rtn Rajni Mukherji and DGN Rtn Krishnendu Gupta, who made the audience sit to listen them in rapt attention. The hall was jam packed with few Rotarians waiting outside to get inside the hall. Such was the response from the Rotarians of district-3291. The salient points of the seminar from the various speakers are as under:

- Annual Fund
- Polio Plus Fund
- Restricted Fund-CSR
- Planned Giving
- Endowment Fund
- Towards your own Global Grant Project
- Get recognized as RFSM, PHF, MPHF
- Designated your contribution to a Global Grant
- Get recognized as benefactor or Bequest Society member by supporting the endowment fund by pledging or outright contribution
- Non-rotary Clubs or institutions can contribute
- Directed Gifts where RI can spend the fund
- 100% Rotary promise Club
- In CSR India Grants-International partner is not required and construction is allowed
- To become PHF, the district-3291 will contribute maximum USD 500 matched by the donor or even the less amount
- Each Club will be given USD 8500 for GG
- To use judiciously the point to become MPHF
- TRF admn cost is around 8% which lowest worldwide whereas norm is around 20%
- Requesting Rotarians to contribute at least USD 10
- Requesting to contribute at least USD 100 annually to TRF

Overall, it was a very educative and motivated session for the Rotarians to contribute generously to TRF, whose acceptance as most transparent NGO worldwide and that is why Bill Gates Foundation without any thought contribute to TRF.

The above seminar was attended by the President Rtn DR V K Nevatia, PE Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel and PN Rtn Sashi Dhacholia.



SEMINAR ON THE ROTARY FOUNDATION (TRF)- AN UPDATE



DISTRIBUTIONS OF SANITARY NAPKINS ON 03.12.2022

We have distributed 600 Sanitary Napkins for 60 women villagers in the second phase as committed by the Club at Durgapur Leprosy Colony, Nabadiganta, Durgapur. This initiative brought cleanness and Hygiene awareness amongst the women villagers. Women empowerment.



NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan for 2021-2022 will be held on Saturday, the 17th December 2022 at The Calcutta Swimming Club, 1, Strand Road, Kolkata-700 001 at 2.00 PM, to transact the following business:

Meeting Agenda

1. To adopt the minutes of Annual Meeting held on 23.12.2021 as attached.
2. To adopt the Club accounts for FY 2021-2022 as attached.
3. To adopt the Trust accounts for FY 2021-2022 as attached
4. To appoint the Auditor for FY 2022-2023 and to consider their request for the increase in their audit fees.
5. To consider and elect the Board of Directors of RCCM for the Rotary Year 2023-2024.
6. To consider and select Sergeant-at-Arms and Editor.
7. To consider any other matter as may be brought in accordance with the club rules.

Note: The Statement of Accounts as on 31.3.2022 of the Club and Trust are attached herewith

By Order of the Board
Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan

Rajshree Jain
Hony. Secretary

Dated: 21st November, 2022

NOTIFICATION

Members desirous of serving on the Board of Directors for the year 2023-2024 are requested to file their nominations in prescribed forms available with the undersigned by 5 p.m. of 10th December, 2022 at the Club's registered office at C/o. Radiant Advertising & Marketing (I) Pvt. Ltd., Ganga Jamuna Apartments, 28/1, Shakespeare Sarani, Kolkata-700017. The last day for withdrawal of nominations is 15th December, 2022 by 5 p.m.

By Order of the Board of RCCM, Kolkata.
(Rajshree Jain)

Hony. Secretary

Dated: 21st November, 2022

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Service



Above Self

Forthcoming Events

CLUB

- 10.12.2022** "LIFE BEYOND CANCER" Awareness Seminar at Eastern Metropolitan Club, A-73, Purba Diganta, Santoshpur, Kolkata-700 075 from 6.30 PM. We are the Co-host to this seminar
- 11.12.2022** Distribution of Cycle Vans at 11.00 AM at Mahavir Seva Sadan, 20, Ekbalpore, Naptani Bagan, Mominpore, Kolkata-700 023
- 13.12.2022** Distribution of Woollen blankets at PACE Learning Centre at 11.00 AM situated at Gourdah Road, South 24 Parganas- 743 363 (Near Canning Rly Station)
- 13.12.2022** We are participating Club in "Education for All" District Literacy Event at Rotary Sadan from 4.00 PM to 5.00 PM organized by the Rotary Club of Chowringhee
- 17.12.2022** Regular Meeting and Annual Meeting for the RY-2021-2022 at CSC at 2.00 PM
- 17.12.2022 & 18.12.2022** We are Co-Host in Association in RMD Connect-2022 at Haldiram Banquets, Ballygunge
- 27.12.2022 & 28.12.2022** "Sampreeti RYLA" at Krishnachandrapur High School, Krishnachandrapur, Mathurapur, 24 South Parganas as the Club Co-host organized by RC of Aabahamaan Kolkata
- 07.01.2023** Regular Meeting at CSC at 2.00 PM
- 15.01.2023** To provide kits to Widow Mothers at "MAA" event at Hrishikesh Park on Amherst Street, Kolkata organised by RC of Calcutta North East
- 21.01.2023 & 22.01.2023** We are Co-host to RYLA Uttoran organized by RC of Calcutta Charnock City. It's full day program at DHYAN ASHRAM, Diamond Harbour Road, Konchowki, P.O: Bishnupur, 24 Parganas South-743 503
- 21.01.2023** Regular Meeting at CSC joined by the team from PACE Universal, USA. PDG Rtn Sylvia Whitlock will be Guest speaker
- 26.01.2023** Joint Regular Meeting with Mahavir Seva Sadan at 11.00 PM at 20, Ekbalpore, Naptani Bagan, Mominpore, Kolkata-700 023
- 11.02.2023** Vocational Excellence Award Ceremony and Regular Meeting at CSC at 2.00 PM

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

16 Dec - IPP Rtn Dr Somen Ghosh



7 AREA OF FOCUS



PEACEBUILDING AND
CONFLICT PREVENTION



DISEASE PREVENTION
AND TREATMENT



WATER, SANITATION,
AND HYGIENE



MATERNAL AND
CHILD HEALTH

The
Rotary
Foundation 

**NOVEMBER IS THE ROTARY
FOUNDATION MONTH**

"DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD"



BASIC EDUCATION AND
LITERACY



COMMUNITY
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT



ENVIRONMENT



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PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION



Rotary encourages conversations to foster understanding within and across cultures. We train adults and young leaders to prevent and mediate conflict and help refugees who have fled dangerous areas.

Rotary 
District 3291

DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT




We educate and equip communities to stop the spread of life-threatening diseases like polio, HIV/AIDS, and malaria. We improve and expand access to low-cost and free health care in developing areas.

Rotary 
District 3291

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE



Clean water, sanitation, and hygiene education are basic necessities for a healthy environment and a productive life.


Rotary 
District 3291

7 AREA OF FOCUS

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH



Nearly 6 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. We expand access to quality care, so mothers and their children can live and grow stronger.

Rotary 
District 3291

BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY



More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

Rotary 
District 3291

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT




Nearly 800 million people live on less than \$1.90 a day. Rotary members are passionate about providing sustainable solutions to poverty.

Rotary 
District 3291

ENVIRONMENT



Rotary members are tackling environmental issues the way they always do: coming up with projects, using their connections to change policy and planning for the future.

Rotary 
District 3291

TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE – DECEMBER 2022



Ian H.S. Riseley
Trustee Chair 2022-23

We all make hundreds if not thousands of decisions daily. Whenever I need to make an important decision, I remember the words of Roy Disney, who co-founded what became the Walt Disney Co.: "It's easy to make decisions when you know what your values are."

Each of us brings a set of personal values into our clubs. Rotary also unites by a set of core values - service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership - that guide our decisions and galvanize us to take action and, by doing so, change the world.

Another value is inextricable to Rotary: our giving spirit. From the club members who volunteer their time for service projects to the Rotary leaders in the Arch Klumph Society who sustain our Foundation, Rotary members are among the most generous people I have ever met. Combining our personal generosity with the countless ways Rotary affords us to give back makes us a global force for good.

In Rotary, we take it a step further. We also value good stewardship, planning, and sustainability. Not only do we give, but in Rotary we also give smart. We know that building sustainability into our projects means their impact will be felt over the long term.

In short, through the Foundation, your gifts keep on giving.

This is why donating to The Rotary Foundation is one of the most intelligent decisions you can make. You know that your gift will align with those values you hold dear and that it will be administered by your fellow Rotarians, who share those values.

It is quite an understatement to say that in giving to Rotary, we also receive. As someone who has been privileged to visit hundreds of Foundation projects around the world, I can tell you that the gift we get in return is priceless.

I hope you, too, will be as lucky I have been, to see the look of amazement on the face of a person at an eye clinic in Chennai, India, who now sees clearly. The proud smiles of Guatemalan children who learned to read thanks to Rotary. Or the grateful tears of a parent in Pakistan whose child have received two drops of polio vaccine. Then you will understand what I'm talking about. We are so fortunate to be able to serve humanity by supporting our Foundation.

During this season of giving, I thank you for your generosity to The Rotary Foundation and for all the ways you give to our great organization. Juliet and I extend our warmest holiday greetings to you all.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE – DECEMBER 2022



Jennifer Jones
RI President 2022-23

While sitting with a group of Rotary leaders outside of Lusaka, Zambia, I ask a question: "How many of you have ever had malaria?" Every hand in the room goes up. They even begin to tell me about the first, second, or third time they experienced the disease, one of the main causes of death and sickness in many developing countries.

They are fortunate. They have access to medical treatment and lifesaving medicines. For the people of rural Zambia, their story is very different.

On a wooden bench in a small village, I sit with Timothy and his young son Nathan. With a camera crew capturing our conversation, he tells me of the time Nathan showed signs of malaria. He brought the boy to the nearby home of a community health worker, where Nathan quickly received medicines that in all likelihood saved his life.

Calmly, Timothy tells me about his other son's bout with the disease a few years earlier. He had to race that son to a medical clinic more than 5 miles away. Riding a bike and carrying his child on his back, he tells me, he could feel his son's legs turn cold and then his little body go limp. As he finally entered the clinic, he screamed for help, but it was too late. The camera stops rolling, and we sit in silence. He begins to weep, and I hold him tightly. "I lost my son, I lost my son," he says.

This story is all too familiar for the families we meet over the next few days. And yet there is hope. Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia is Rotary's first Programs of Scale grant recipient, and it is saving lives. Across two provinces of Zambia, 2,500 volunteer health workers have been selected by their communities. They are trained to bring medical care closer to those who need it, and they are able to diagnose and treat malaria and other ailments. Rotary partnerships create lasting change.

MINUTES OF THE 1ST CLUB ASSEMBLY OF RY-2022-2023 OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN HELD ON SATURDAY, THE 16TH JULY, 2022 AT 2.30 PM AT CALCUTTA SWIMMING CLUB, 1, STRAND ROAD, KOLKATA-700-001

1. President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia called the 1st Club Assembly of RY-2022-2023 to order.
2. Members welcomed President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia and his team and wished them a very successful RY-2022-2023.
3. The purpose of calling the 1st Club Assembly so that Chair's put their views about the proposed programs or projects during the current year subject to the approval of the Board.
4. President informed that AG Rtn Sobhan Kumar Das, who was traveling and Rtn Samar Kanti Dutta Majumdar, who was sick, of Zone-14 for RY-2022-2023 could not attend the Club Assembly.
5. President, however, informed the members that he put the following for the Club consideration:
 - Dementia- to create awareness and care but now significant health issue throughout the world
 - Trafficking of all kindsHe would like to help the Club on the above projects
6. President requested Rtn Gyanendra Narain Singh, Chairman-Club Administration to present his objectives for the year:
 - To hold at least 24 Regular Meetings
 - To hold 4 Club Assembly
 - To hold Annual Meeting
 - To hold Board Meeting every month
 - To hold 4 Trust Meetings
 - To hold Joint Meetings with other Clubs and Institutions
 - To bring High-profile Guest speakers in our Regular Meetings
 - To publish Club Bulletin-Metro Voice in every Regular meeting which includes special edition of MV for special projects
 - To publish Souvenir preferably on 15.8.2022 to bring much needed funds both for the Club and Trust
 - In today's world digital is playing very important role, hence our Club website and all Rotary websites should be updated regularly
 - To improve the overall Club attendance particularly by involving each member in some activity
 - To send Birthday and Marriage Anniversary Cards with flower bouquet to each member. He was informed this practice is already prevailing but due to Covid it was stopped.
 - To hold at least 4 Fellowships or every alternate 2 months, which includes Installation meeting, DG's visit, Charter Night on 17.7.2023 etc.
 - We are doing all necessary compliance of statutory requirements in time and during the current year care will be taken to comply all Statutory requirements in time. We have so far not received the renewal of FCRA account, which takes time.
 - To update the Bye-Laws in line with the guidelines of RI and if required to print new booklet.
7. President then requested PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee, Chairman-Membership to give his vision about membership, who proposed the following:
 - To bring young and energetic members
 - To increase the membership at least by 15%, out of which 4 members were already inducted
 - To finalize the names of Membership Committee
 - To update the Classification list
 - To organize seminar on Membership
 - To suitably reward those who bring new members
 - To induct one lady member was already inducted on 3.7.2021He is in process to bring some high profile lady Member, who can also bring some members with her to make this club more vibrant and energetic.
8. President informed the members that PP Rtn Gaurang Jalan, Chairman-Public Relation is travelling hence unable to attend but sent his vision through the him, which are as under:
 - Rota Quiz can be organised in September as it is Education Literacy month
 - November is Rotary Foundation month and we can have a PDG speaker on the occasion.
 - February 2023 is Peace & Conflict resolution month and we can have another PDG come as Speaker
 - Starting August we can send two members (one new & one old) to fellow clubs as goodwill visits. Kindly identify which ones can be done & I will identify our members accordingly.
 - Our Rotaractors should also be asked to take up a project at Piyali in Disease Prevention Month in December which will be helping cause of Rotary message & female hygiene.
 - We will report about all our activities in Metro voice, GML, Rotary News etc with pictures.
 - Anns can do a project at MSS in association with our Inner wheel in October, which is Community Development month.
 - He will try and get both Press & Radio coverages for our marquee projects
8. President then requested PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal, Treasurer to give his plan of action:
 - To ensure all statutory obligations are done in time like filing of Income Tax return, Trust return, GST, FCRA, TDS etc
 - Since the Club has become 100% PHF, he will look forward to make it 200% PHF this year also. Requesting members to contribute to the Foundation.
 - Audit of both Club and Trust to be done in time.
 - Membership invoice for the 1st Half will be raised soon with increase of Rs.1000/- in membership subscription for the first Half. Previous year membership dues are being collected.
 - He thanked PP Rtn Subir Dutta, who singly handling all the statutory requirement without any remuneration although he is himself is CA.
 - He also discussed broadly about the draft Club budget for the RY-2022-2023 and the same will be put in the forthcoming Board Meeting for the approval.
9. President requested Rtn Runjhun Gupta, Chairman-Service-I (Medical & Non-Medical) to put her vision and objectives:
 - To do projects under mentally & Physically Challenged
 - To provide scholarship to underprivileged physically challenged children
 - To continue to do Rehabilitation of Cerebral Palsy Children under Global Grants
 - To do Phaco project under Global Grants
 - To do SNID & NID camps, as and when dates are fixed and to create awareness about Polio Plus
 - Associating with the team training with Paralympics
 - Mental health awareness with the corporates/institutions
 - Supporting the elderly with medical equipment's
 - Noise pollution awareness (both honking and mobiles)
 - Personal development (grooming for jobs in city)
 - Shelter for Kids of women forced into trafficking
 - Heritage: Creating awareness about the city and tourism
 - Opportunities /training for Transgender
 - Teaming up with Rotaract and giving them the support to lead 3 projects
 - Partly District funded projects mosquito net distribution/sewing machine distribution/Solar lamp distribution/Toilet construction
 - Water supply in areas
 - Skill developed (supporting the weavers)
10. President informed that due to some pre-occupations, both PP Rtn Harsh V Rungta, Chairman Services-II (Youth & Vocational) and PP Rtn Subir Dutta, Chairman, The Rotary foundation could not present their plan of action.
11. Since there was no other business, the meeting was terminated.

**MINUTES OF 1639th REGULAR MEETING OF
ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN
HELD ON SATURDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER, 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 1639th Regular Meeting to order.
2. President requested PN Rtn Sashi Dhacholia to officiate as Acting Hony Secretary in absence of Hony Secretary Rtn Rajshree Jain, who is sick.
3. President invited Guest speaker Shri Dilip Mitra, IPS (Rtd), Former DGP, West Bengal to join the head table.
4. National Anthem was sung by all present.
5. Minutes of Regular Meeting no: 1638 dated 11.11.2022 as printed in Metro Voice were read and confirmed.
Projects done and Forthcoming programs:
 - The Club has received under Helping Grant from Eastern India Rotary Welfare Trust under District Grants to the tune of Rs.2.80 lakhs for One Slit Lamp for Eye Check up to Shree Vishudhanand Saraswati Marwari Hospital, Amherst Street. EIRWT has contributed 1,00,000, Inner Wheel of Calcutta Metropolita-90,000 and the Club - 90,000/-. Order for the equipment is being placed.
 - District-3291 is having Rotary Foundation Seminar on 26.11.2022 at Royal Bengal Room from 3.30 PM to 6.30 PM. The Club is Co-host to this seminar and has paid Rs.25,000/-. Requested members to register themselves in large number by paying Rs.500/-.
 - At the request of Save the Orphan & Old Age, Bansdrani, we are providing COTS for one room so that inmates can stay properly costing approx. Rs.30,000/-. PP Rtn Lalit Beriwal will be contributing Rs.25,000/- against this project.
 - On 20.11.2022, there will be 5th Board Meeting and 2nd Trust Meeting at the residence of PE Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel at Noon. Board members are requested to join and lunch will be served
 - 100% Attendance recognitions to PE Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel and PP Rtn Harsh V Rungta by giving small dairy to each one.
 - PP Rtn Utpal Chatterji was recognized as Four Global Peace Icons and as An Outstanding Indian by the National Integration Forum of India. Congratulations to PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee
 - PE Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel informed that PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee received a call from PM of India Shri Narendra Modi today and wished him all the best and to continue to do the wonderful work he is doing. There is round of applause to him by the members.
6. President requested PP Rtn Harsh V Rungta to introduce the Guest speaker Shri Dilip Mitra and shared some memorable moments with him.
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8. Q & A session was very interesting and he was happy to inform us that India does not encourage or sponsor terrorism in any form or manner.
9. PP Rtn Utpal Chatterji to give vote of thanks and felicitated Shri Dilip Mitra.
10. In view of absence of Hony Secretary Rtn Rajshree Jain, the Acting Hony Secretary Rtn Sashi Dhacholia made the Club announcements. He informed about the forthcoming events and Birthday and Marriage Anniversary greetings. The Sunshine box collection was Rs.800/- over and above as usual. The overall attendance was more than 12.
11. There was no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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