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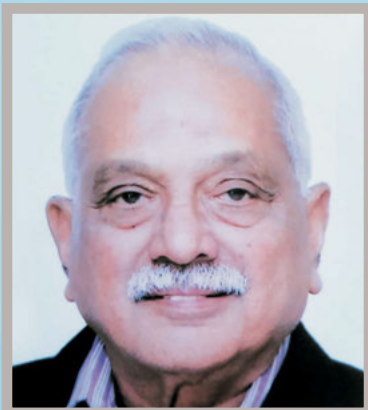
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# We Welcome

## VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDEE



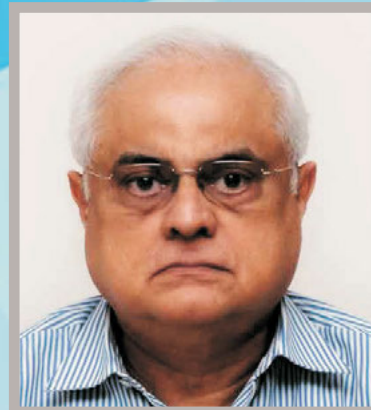
**RTN MADAN MOHAN MOHANKA**



**SHRI JYOTIRMOY CHAKRABORTY**



**SHRI J S MEHTA**



**PP RTN JAYANTA CHATTERJI**

**FEBRUARY - PEACE BUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION MONTH**

## KNOW YOUR VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDEE



RTN MADAN MOHAN MOHANKA

Madan Mohanka, Chairman of MM Group of Industries, is the pioneer in bringing new technologies, viz. wear resistant lining systems used in the mining, material handling, and mineral processing industry; cross fluted fill media for cooling towers and wastewater treatment plants and belt cleaning and tracking system in the country.

Tega Industries Limited, the flagship company, exports to 73 countries, has 18 marketing offices and manufacturing plants in Australia, Chile, and South Africa. The company enjoys a great brand image in the mining sector. Tega was one of the first companies to give 12% PF in India in 1976 when the rule was 6%. A strong believer in investing in people, Tega reimburses children's education costs to staff and workers and provides free computer education to children living in the vicinity of the plant. The company has a school for workers who are dropouts to educate and enable them to grow.

Mr. Mohanka is a Civil Engineer (B.Sc. Engg.) from Birla Institute of Technology, Ranchi and a '67 batch MBA from Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad. Mr. Mohanka is also Chairman of the other companies in the group, viz. MM Aqua Technologies Limited, Maple Orgtech (India) Limited and Hosch Equipment (India) Limited.

Mr. Mohanka is the recipient of the following awards:

1. Samman Patra - From the Income Tax Department, India in 2002.
2. Certificate of Honour from the Government of the Republic of Ghana in 2003.
3. TieGER Award for Entrepreneur of the Year 2006 by The Indus Entrepreneurs, a worldwide body of Entrepreneurs.
4. Lifetime Achievement Award from the Indian Institute of Mineral Engineers for outstanding contribution to Mineral Engineering in India - 2008



SHRI JYOTIRMOY CHAKBRABORTY

Shri Jyotirmoy Chakraborty done his schooling from Ramkrishna Sikshalaya, Howrah and done his College at Dinobandhu College, Howrah. His profession is Service and social worker mainly in the field of cooperative movement (Banking, Education and Healthcare). He got retired from Service in February, 2016.

He served as Director/Honorary Secretary of Kasundia Cooperative Bank Ltd, Howrah from 1983 to 1995. Director/Treasurer of West Bengal Federation of Urban Cooperative Banks and Credit Societies Ltd, Kolkata

5. Award of Excellence for contribution to society and achievement in the field of his vocation - conferred by Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan - RID-3291 in 2011-12
6. Outstanding Entrepreneurship Award of the 3rd Annual Asia Pacific Entrepreneurship Awards 2011 by Enterprise Asia.
7. Distinguished Alumnus Award from Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the Institute - 2011
8. Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2012 (Finalist)
9. Certificate from Prarambhik Shiksha Vibhag, Government of Rajasthan
10. Economic Times Bengal Corporate Award for best existing large corporate - 2012.
11. Distinguished Alumni award for Contribution to Engineering, technology Entrepreneurship by Birla Institute of Technology, MESRA 2021.
12. Times Philanthropy Honour for CSR activities - 2022.

He has also written 15 case studies for IIM Ahmedabad out of which 7 have been accepted by Harvard Business School for teaching.

Mr. Mohanka is also involved in various social service activities for the education and development of the underprivileged. Mr. Mohanka is Patron and Chairman of an Art group called Ranan, consisting of young artists and guides and helps them in promoting traditional Kathak, choreography and dance-theatre. Mr Mohanka is also the Chairman of Disha Foundation, a trust working mainly on implementing new Pedagogy in schools to improve the quality of education.

from 1987 to 1996. He also served as Director of National Federation of Urban Cooperative Banks and Credit Societies Ltd, New Delhi from 1989-1992. He was Director /Chairman of the West Bengal State Cooperative Bank Ltd, Kolkata from 2001 to 2012. He was Founder Chairman of Matri Foundation of Social Welfare in 2007. Presently, he is serving as Director/Secretary/Chairman of SAIL Employees Cooperative Credit Society Ltd since 1985 and Founder Chairman of Ispat Cooperative Hospital, Sonarpur, West Bengal since 2011.

## KNOW YOUR VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDEE



SHRI J S MEHTA

Jaswant Singh Mehta popularly known as J S Mehta is an Advocate, MA (Double), LLB and Founder President of Mahavir Seva Sadan. He is a passionate human being with a zeal of doing something best for society. Under his leadership, he founded Mahavir Seva Sadan (MSS) with a journey of 29 years as a President with a mission to improve the lives of people living with disabilities and locomotory disabilities with over 3 and a half decades of experience and helped over 4 lakhs beneficiaries to reshape their and family lives.

Shri J S Mehta's educational qualifications are LLB from Calcutta University, Master of Arts in Sociology, Udaipur University, Master of Arts in Political Science, Udaipur University, Bachelor of Arts and S M K College, Jodhpur. Presently, he is President Emeritus of Calcutta Centre of Mahavir Seva Sadan. A vision of life with a mission to do something best for society, with dedicated leadership and vision in life for an initiative for physically disabled people came forward with few like-minded friends and sowed the small seed of Mahavir Seva Sadan, which has been grown to a big tree, where care of beneficiaries is well taken care of by providing Artificial Limbs, Calipers, Wheel Chairs etc to restore each life and bring happiness to family. Since inception in 1985, successfully benefitted 4 lakhs beneficiaries. The aim of MSS is:

- Mission to reach, unreached living beings

- With providing Artificial Limbs thought, started Vocational Training to disabled persons where they learn making flower bouquet, various colourful envelopes, paper bags and stitching work etc.
- Also started Physiotherapy Deptt, Homeopathy Deptt and Diagnostic Center
- Started the outreach activity to reach unreached and provide the best possible care with eye care mobile unit and through camps in various locations for disabled peoples

His milestones in life are Best Lion President of District-322B in 1984 by Lions International, Karma Yogi Radha Krishna Nevatia Samaj honored by Sri Burra Bazar Kumar Sabha in 1986, Utkrust Seva Samman for phenomenal Social Service in West Bengal by Sunahara Rajasthan at Jaipur in 2010, Seva Karya Prashanshniya Puruskar by Churu Nagrik Parishad in 2011, Felicitated on several occasions for social services by Rotary Club of Mahanagar and Felicitated from Women's Development and Social Welfare in West Bengal.

His key other achievements are Successfully Managed International Camps on Artificial Limbs etc like, Nepal, Bangladesh, Seychelles, Mozambique, Mauritius etc. He also started Special Care unit for Cerebral Palsy Children. He has led from the front and tied all together as a Family. He married to Mrs Prem Mehta.



PP RTN JAYANTA CHATTERJI

- A great philanthropist and a Pucca Gentleman.
- Joined Rotary in RY 2003-04. Served as Treasurer, Director, Secretary, Vice-President, President Elect, and finally President of Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan in RY 2010-11
- RID 3291: AG: RY 2011-12, DRFC: RY 2016-19
- He has been Club trainer for several years and also been a permanent invitee to both Board and Trust.
- Attended several Rotary International Conventions across the world.
- Education has been his primary focus in Rotary: He has been instrumental in starting from scratch our Girls' school in Piyali where about 250 impoverished first generation girls receive a holistic education in the English Medium till Class XII. He has been on the International Pace Board since the beginning.
- Matching / Global Grants: He has been single handedly responsible for initiating and maintaining great relations with RI officers in both India and abroad. He has also maintained relations with countless Rotarians across

the world. Which has helped our club complete grants worth millions of US dollars.

- Community Need Assessment and Stewardship, which is very important in a Foundation Project. He has ingrained in us the importance of CNA and Stewardship for any Global Grant projects.
- A regular contributor to TRF and the Polio Fund. He is an MPH and a Major Donor + 3.
- Chairman of Saroj Gupta Cancer Centre and Research Institute, Thakurpukur
- Lover of Classical Music. Personally knowing most of the icons of classic music.
- Ardent Sports Enthusiast (Specially Cricket) - Legend Sunil Gavaskar being a personal friend
- Loves to travel
- Married to Rtn. Arundhati Chatterji
- Business: Real estate, IT, Shipping etc. Chairman-NNM Group
- Studied Economics Honors at St. Xavier's College, Kolkata

## CELEBRATION OF REPUBLIC DAY AND JOINT MEETING WITH MAHAVIR SEVA SADAN ON 26.1.2023

The ritual of celebrating Republic Day at Mahavir Seva Sadan with Joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan is happening for more than 36 years and was blessed by goddess of knowledge with the same day being celebrated as Saraswati Puja.

The members collected together with warmth and laughter over the South Indian breakfast hosted by MSS. The joint meeting started with flag hoisting ceremony lead by special guest for the day PDG & DRFC Rtn Sudip Mukherjee along with the President Rtms Dr V K Nevatia, Rakesh Kumar Goel, Harsh V Rungta and Narendra Berlia and Runjhun Gupta and with few members from Inner wheel of Calcutta Metropolitan led by First Lady Lata Nevatia and Dignitaries from MSS including President Shri Vijay Choraria and Mr S R Singhvi- Secretary along with beneficiaries and guests.

The program opened with a dance by one of the beneficiaries Ms Sushmita, who had received artificial limb and showcased the importance, quality and strength of the artificial leg that enabled her to live her passion of dancing.

PP Rtn Sohanraj Singhvi from MSS then updated on the progress till date including the upcoming project in Joka which will be housing a Multi-speciality medical centre in a 16000sqft space.

PDG Rtn Sudip Mukherjee kept his address short by expressing how happy he was to see the progress and growth of an initiative he had played a key role in supporting during his term as the DG including enabling the Global Grant for the same and was looking forward to supporting the proposed Global Grant of leg for legless. He mentioned that this was his third visit and expressed interest and excitement to be invited for the inauguration of the upcoming facility at Joka.

President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia also gave away scholarship money for 10 beneficiaries which he has been doing for years at every joint meeting.

As Acting Secretary for the day Rtn Runjhun Gupta made announcements for forthcoming events, birthday and anniversary greetings and the sunshine box collection was Rs.200/- over and above as usual.

PP Rtn Mr Sohanraj Singhvi was missed as he couldn't make it due to his surgery and everyone wished him speedy recovery while thanking his contribution and support to MSS.

Meeting was adjourned on a high note of a morning spent well in bringing smiles and recognition to the ones for whom it made a difference.

**By Rtn Runjhun Gupta**



## OPEN JOB TRAINING FOR SECURITY GUARDS ON 24.1.2023

Kreetika Academy has started Open Job training for 30 Security Guards under GG# 15-28463, which is going at full swing at their training centre.



## VERMICOMPOST PRODUCTION IS NOW FULL SWING



Good news from Durgapur Leprosy Colony, Nabadiganta, Durgapur that Vermicompost production is now in full swing from 2.2.2023 and expecting results after 3 weeks.



## NATIONAL YOUTH DAY CELEBRATION AT PACE LEARNING CENTRE

On 12th January, 2023, the students of PACE Learning Centre (PLC) celebrated National Youth day commemorating the birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, the world famous monk, one of India's most influential spiritual leaders, orators and philosophers. Being cognizant of the theme of National youth Day for 2023 i.e. "Viksit Yuba... Viksit Bharat" (Developed youth means developed India) the students have organized a small colorful cultural program where they presented a valiant speech followed by a song and recitation which absolutely matches with the theme of the day.

The young hearts are the future of the nation who have the potential to bring about a revolution. Education and empowerment are the two most important factors by which the youth can ensure the enlightened future of the nation and fortunately PLC is proceeding with the same vision and mission taking the challenge to educate and empower the unprivileged young girls of a remote village like Piyali. We believe this effort will go to a great length to achieve the best level of success which is already started to be witnessed here.

By Mahashweta Maity  
PLC Teacher Coordinator



## CO-HOST IN ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Club was Co-host to RYLA held on 21st and 22nd January, 2023 organized by RC of Calcutta Charnock City. The members could not attend this program due visitors from PACE Universal from USA.



### Forthcoming Events

#### CLUB

- 25.02.2023** Regular Meeting at CSC at 2.00 PM and the Guest Speaker PP Rtn Subir Dutta, who will speak on Budget-2023
- 11.03.2023** Regular Meeting at CSC at 2.00 PM
- 25.03.2023** Regular Meeting at CSC at 2.00 PM

#### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- 23.02.2023** - Rtn Gaurav Mathur
- 25.02.2023** - Rtn Pradip Kapoor



#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS

- 20.02.2023** - Rtn Rajiv Tibrewal & Ann Ashoo
- 21.02.2023** - Rtn Sunil Kumar & Ann Alka
- 23.02.2023** - PP Rtn Subir Dutta & Ann Anindita
- 25.02.2023** - PP Rtn Maitrayee Ray & Spouse Ashish
- 25.02.2023** - Rtn Sharmistha De & Spouse Subhabrata



## VISIT BY PACE UNIVERSAL TEAM FROM USA -2023 FROM 18.1.2023 TO 28.1.2023-REPORT ON SOME IMPORTANT EVENTS



Dear Readers,

It was very important to cover the important events that took place during the visit of PACE Universal team from USA led by PDG Rtn Deepa Willingham, PDG Rtn Sylvia Whitlock and others. So many events were spread out from 17.1.2023 to 28.1.2023 but we are reporting some important events. I am thankful to Rtn Runjhun Gupta and Ms Mahashweta Maity of PLC helping me with some reports, which are appended below for your reading

I have divided in two parts (1) Sharing their experience and (2) Various important events with reports and photos.

PN Rtn Sashi Dhacholia  
Editor

## LET US SHARE EXPERIENCE OF VISITORS FROM PACE UNIVERSAL, USA



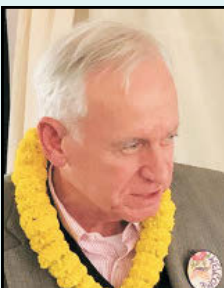
My short visit to the PACE Learning Center reinforced my belief that Deepa Willingham and the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan are doing the good they intended to do. The students are thriving, the teachers are warm and friendly, the facility is beautiful and the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan is efficiently supporting and caring for this project! Thank you's to all concerned!

By PDG Rtn Sylvia Whitlock, RID-5240



I had the pleasure of visiting PLC for a second time this January. I arrived from California, and as always PLC was like an oasis as the students and staff welcomed us with bright, beautiful faces. A lot has happened in the five years since I was there last - a pandemic, a typhoon and many challenges for the girls to overcome. But yet, they are so full of hope and have striking intelligence. What has impressed me now both times, is their passion and priority for their own education. They know what they have, they know what they are getting and I could hear and feel their excitement to launch into the world and do something with it. Also notable is how much the village of Piyali has come up since the last time we were there. More agriculture and animals, and a healthy energy with the coming and going. I can't help but to think that the many, many fresh water wells we saw while walking around have made an indelible impact on the health and wellbeing of the greater community around the school.

By Leanne Cooper Elliot



The program was varied and active. The girls acquitted themselves well. They had a chance to shine, and they were brilliant. The performances were fast-paced, well-executed, and thoughtful. The drama was a means of catharsis. The Interact Tables were appealing.

The teachers are priceless. I liked seeing the classrooms first-hand, with my student guides. The teachers have reason to be proud that they are enriching the lives of the girls, some of whom will be advocates for progress.

The evening program was gracious. It furthered and strengthened the commonality of our interests.

I am the richer for the trip and will be further rewarded in continuing efforts for the school.

By Dave Woodward



My experience at PACE was wonderful! The girls are all very talented and intelligent. They welcomed me into their community with open arms and truly showed how dedicated they are to education and each other. The camaraderie between the girls is deeply moving, as they always cheer each other on and are happy for each other's successes. The fact that they can dance, sing, act, draw, speak three languages, and be excellent in other academic subjects truly puts the US education system to shame!

I am so grateful for the opportunity to meet these amazing young women and am excited for all the future successes they will have. They are truly an inspiration!

By Darshini Stark

## IMPORTANT EVENTS TOOK PLACE DURING VISIT BY PACE UNIVERSAL, USA

### CULTURAL PRORAM ON 18.01.2023

If commitment and dedication had a name it would be PDG Rtn Deepa Willingham (82 years) and PDG Rtn Sylvia Whitlock (87 years). It's one thing to have created history being the first female President of Rotary Club but it's completely another to live up to that title in creating a legacy in living the motto 'Service Above self'...kudos to Sylvia for leading the way...

It's one thing having a desire to make an impact at age of 60 and join Rotary, but it's completely another to put everything on stake to make it happen and go beyond borders, environment, back and forth travel between countries to create a Piyali that started with a handful students in a hut, growing to 200 plus students nurtured in a school which they call as their happy place. We can only bow down to Deepa Willingham's fiery spirit of not giving up!

While it was overwhelming to be in their presence, it was equally a pleasure meeting Ms Darshini Stark, studying finance at Washington University who is here to understand how business with social causes is more fulfilling and intends to share the story of Piyali/PACE learning with the world.

Ms Leanne Cooper Elliot, on the board of PACE has already been to Piyali twice and had an amazing story of how her daughter at the age of 4, raised funds for the playground equipment's at Piyali. This speaks volume about the essence of serving within her and the qualities she ins tills in her children. She gave up being a wedding planner to serve by sharing these stories through her writing and blogs.

Rtn Dave Woodward, also on the board, is the perfect example of how men perceived tough with their

composed exteriors are so soft at heart, equalling passionate about causes and empathy to serve. He adds so much value with his expertise on legal and finance.

All their passion and excitement were so evident as we reached Piyali but what really blew away our mind was the enactment of the entire journey of how this project came in existence starting with the story of Lily (Java) and how that inspired Deepa Willingham to start an initiative to educate them with the support from the Rotary Club of Metropolitan with the members going out of their way to make this vision come alive under the able representation by PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji. They did great justice to making this narrative real and moving for all.

The students of PACE Learning Centre in a heart touching play, they displayed how the journey by PDG Rtn Deepa Willingham was started. It really touched everybody heart. A round of applause was given to the students as well as to PDG Rtn Deepa Willingham.

It all ended with the most heartfelt giving of scholarships to 2 performing girls for their education by PDG Rtn Sylvia Whitlock in the honour of her daughter Meredith, who fought bravely with her medical condition before she passed away. PDG Rtn Sylvia Whitlock has been doing this for years helping the gifted girls get the gift of opportunity to lead a dignified life.

Every visit to Piyali and meeting the girls will help you understand why they call it their happy place and instil the belief in you that you are a part of a movement that will make the world a better place.

**By Rtn Runjhun Gupta**



PDG Rtn Deepa Willingham highly impressed with Wall graffiti done by students of PLC



PACE Universal team from USA welcomed by the teachers and students of PLC



Welcome art by the students of PLC



A view of visitors from USA



## IMPORTANT EVENTS TOOK PLACE DURING VISIT BY PACE UNIVERSAL, USA



PDG Rtn Deepa Willingham with PACE Universal team



How the journey started by PDG Rtn Deepa Willingham



Girls are getting married early without any education



Action taken to motivate the girls for education



Finally PACE Learning Centre will full facilities



Final victory as dream comes true for the girls and vision of Rtn Deepa Willingham



Rtn Deepa Willingham, PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji with students of PLC



Classical dance by the student Rani Bhuiya



PDG Rtn Deepa Willingham addressed the audience



PDG Rtn Deepa Willingham with PDG Rtn Sylvia Whitlock and how their journey together started

## IMPORTANT EVENTS TOOK PLACE DURING VISIT BY PACE UNIVERSAL, USA



PDG Rtn Deepa Willingham with Rai Mondal



Chairman Jyotirmoy Chakbraborty addressing the audience



Rtn Dave Woodward addressing the students



Leanne Cooper Elliot also addressing the students



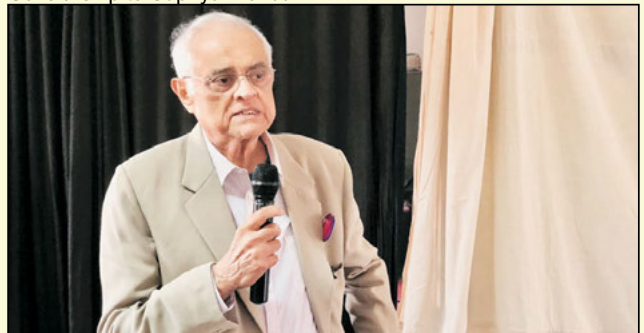
Darshini Stark also addressing the audience



PDG Sylvia Whitlock handing over the Meredith Whitlock Alstad Scholarship to Supriya Mondal



PDG Sylvia Whitlock handing over the Meredith Whitlock Alstad Scholarship to Kajal Bhuiya



PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji also addressed the audience



Teachers of PLC with their motto



Students who were given the scholarships for higher opportunities

## IMPORTANT EVENTS TOOK PLACE DURING VISIT BY PACE UNIVERSAL, USA

### FELLOWSHIP AT RTN MADAN MOHAN MOHANKA ON 18.01.2023

In the first fellowship with Pace Universal Team from USA, they were invited at his residence by Rtn Madan Mohan Mohanka. His terrace was well decorated with great ambience. The presence of Educationist like Ms Delia Dey-Director-CII and Ms Bratati Bhattacharyya-Chairperson of CII-Education Wing made the evening more meaningful.

Our host Rtn Madan Mohan Mohanka was introduced by PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji to the gatherings. A very

effective short film on his work particularly on Advancement of Education sector was shown, which was applauded by all present. Rtn Mohanka assured that he will support for the cause of the education and its infrastructure and whatever the club needed.

A well laid out bar with starters and with dinner well enjoyed by the PACE Universal team and members of the Club.



## IMPORTANT EVENTS TOOK PLACE DURING VISIT BY PACE UNIVERSAL, USA

### ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS CEREMONY ON 19.01.2023

On 19th January, 2023, this was the time to acknowledge the talent of our position holders from different domains such as Academic Excellence, best artwork, math master, best handwriting, 110% effort, 100 % attendance, best in performing arts, best citizenship awareness, shining stars and last but not the least "STUDENT OF THE YEAR" presented to the most talented girl in the school. The champions have been struggling and facing many challenges and difficulties to be pioneers. In fact, that's all because of their perseverance, constancy and determination which took them to achieve the deserved positions.

The ceremony commenced by invoking divine blessings with an inspirational hymn followed by a dance performance by the little kids and a terrific yoga performance by the senior girls. All the participants were so versatile that was proven right in front of the galaxy of esteemed personalities namely, PDG Rotarian, Deepa Willingham (Founder and CEO of PACE Universal), PDG Rotarian Sylvia Whitlock (PACE/ HB Member),

Our President sir (PP Rotarian Jayanta Chatterji), Dave Woodland (PACE/ Treasurer), Leanne Cooper (PACE director), Darshini Stark (member of PACE team of visitors) and Rotarian Rajshree Jain (Hony Secretary). The achievers got the opportunity to feel the proud moment by collecting prizes and certificates from them and being appreciated by them. The most prestigious award, "Student of the year 2022" was awarded by our beloved Deepa Mashi to Priyanka Sardar (class -XII) for her excellency in every aspect.

It was indeed a proud moment not only for the recipients of the awards but also for the teachers who are so dedicated to accomplish their responsibilities towards the students and their parents who had been invited to partake in the glory of their daughter(s). We wish for them to come through with flying colors in future too.

By Mahashweta Maity  
PLC Sr. Teacher Coordinator.



## IMPORTANT EVENTS TOOK PLACE DURING VISIT BY PACE UNIVERSAL, USA

### FELLOWSHIP AT LALIT & ROSHNI BERIWALA RESIDENCE ON 19.01.2023

PPs Lalit & Roshni Beriwalas shifted to new house and they were eager for the Club fellowship and they find a better date to welcome PACE Universal team from USA to their new home. It was well decorated with evening ambience and personally PP Rtn Lalit Beriwalas was as Bartender. A great gesture and individually both Lalit & Roshni bhabhi ensured all the guests are comfortable.

The surprise of the evening was their parent Marriage Anniversary of PPs Rtn Lalit & Roshni Beriwalas, which was greeted by cutting the cake. The host made sure that he also acknowledged the achievement by both PPs Rtn Utpal Chatterjee and Gaurang Jalan as Awardee for Vocational Excellence by cutting the cake. PP Rtn Gaurang Jalan with Ann Abha made it truly memorable by their presence in the evening. This is a good example of bonding between the Metropolitans acknowledging each other in field of their work.

Singers and Live music were arranged by them and it made the night really exciting. We were treated with stupendous dinner.

Pace Universal Team led by PDG Rtn Deepa Willingham, PDG Rtn Sylvia Whitlock, Rtn Dave Woodward, Ms Leanne Cooper Elliot and young member Ms Darshini Stark enjoyed the fellowship.



## IMPORTANT EVENTS TOOK PLACE DURING VISIT BY PACE UNIVERSAL, USA

### 5TH ANNUAL SPORTS ON 20.01.2023

The much-awaited 5th Annual Sport was finally held with lot of fun and enjoyment. There was lot of excitement amongst the students as they can have their Annual Sports after three years due to COVID pandemic.

There were 50 mtr (UKG), Alphabet Race, (i-ii) Off to school, Math race (Class- iii-iv), 200 mtr flat race, red light green light (v-vi), spoon & marble, 100 mtr hurdle, 100 mtr flat race and 400 mtr relay race (vii-viii) amongst

students. Out of four Houses named East, West, North and South and EAST HOUSE was the winner. Winners of 1st, 2nd and 3rd places were suitably awarded with trophies and medals. The best player was Ms Payel Naskar of Class-XI. Our congratulations to the winner of the House and to the best player.

The day well spent with the students at PLC.



Waiting at Hotel Lobby for PLC



Leanne Cooper Elliot shaking hands with students of PLC



50 Mtr race below Class 5 students



Another game to get albabbet done



Visitors from PACE UNiversal enjoying the sports



Student interacting with PDG Deepa Willingham



Winners are being given Medals



Winner was East House

## IMPORTANT EVENTS TOOK PLACE DURING VISIT BY PACE UNIVERSAL, USA

### FELLOWSHIP AT THE RESIDENCE OF JAYANTA & ARUNDHATI CHATTERJI ON 20.1.2023

Every Metropolitans looks forward to the fellowship at the residence of PP Rtn Jayanta & Arundhati Chatterji every year but again due to COVID pandemic, it was not held for last three years. The top terrace of their residence was well decorated and with all around flowers etc, it was a very soothing evening at his place.

Lot of ideas were exchanged with PACE Universal team from USA which was led by PDG Rtn Deepa Willingham, PDG Rtn Sylvia Whitlock, Rtn Dave Woodward, Ms Leanne Cooper Elliot and Ms Darshini Stark, who were quite excited with the evening.

Metropolitans with their spouse joined the evening also and had a well laid Dinner, which guests enjoyed a lot.



## IMPORTANT EVENTS TOOK PLACE DURING VISIT BY PACE UNIVERSAL, USA

### "WOMEN ALSO SERVE" BY PDG RTN SYLVIA WHITLOCK IN OUR REGULAR MEETING ON 21.01.2023

They say you have to be fortunate to come in touch with living legends. Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan is blessed to have two living legends as our honorary members and what an opportunity to hear them share their journey speakers on 21st January 2023 at the club meeting at Calcutta swimming club. PDG Rtn Sylvia Whitlock is the first female to serve as the President for Rotary. She was given a warm welcome by PP Rtn Naresh Goel giving her introduction.

She shared how that was not an easy feat. She has to face the repercussions of being a first woman in the club that only had men. But nothing could shake Sylvia out of making a difference to humanity. She stood her ground with grace even if it meant being witness to few men resigning or even going through a legal battle of 11 years or even if it meant sitting through a grilling 4-hour interview after they finally won the right to officially include women to only be mis portrayed on news and social media.

She also shared how her desire to work with initiatives to educate girl child got her to meet PDG Rtn Deepa Willingham Willingham. They have remained great friends through all the years committed to spread the impact globally.

PDG Rtn Deepa Willingham added with how the fight continued through her journey and how she became a name that was most feared and respected as she earned that by walking her talk. She shared a funny incident that when her name was announced as the incoming District Governor, the 2 words everyone said in unison was "Oh shit!!!"

She also shared that seeing the success of Piyali, she was offered 1 million and 10 acres to create the same impact on international ground but she walked away when she could find another PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji there to take it forward like he has been doing here in Kolkata.

The other visiting members from PACE Universal board also came forward like Dave Woodward, Leanne Cooper Elliot and Darshini Stark shared their association and experience of visiting PIYALI Learning Centre.

PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji spoke about the say of cultural event in honour of the visiting guests and the impact on students. PN Rtn Sashi Dhacholia spoke about the experience of attending the 5th Annual Sports day!

PE Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel spoke about his desire to work towards the betterment of Transgender community, urging the club to support projects on the same. Finally, the meeting was brought to an end by vote of Thanks by PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji and customized gifts for the speakers and the visiting team members given personally by Hony Secretary Rtn Rajshree Jain. The meeting had representation of the teachers and staff from PIYALI Learning Centre, who were shining bright with gratitude for the shared opportunity.

I will end with this....you can read about them, you can hear about them, but nothing will match the energy of meeting them, listening the same story from them and embracing their greatness.

By Rtn Runjhun Gupta





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PICNIC ON 22.01.2023

This is the first time that PLC Interact Club and Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan joined together to hold the Picnic at PLC. The surprise of the day was from PLC Interact Club and Rotaractors Club of PLC or let us say students of PLC displayed their talent by exhibiting their drawings arts and crafts made by them, which was open for sale. Pace Universal team shown great interest in their talent and purchased their items handsomely. This is fund raising for Piyali Interact Club.

Pace Universal team individually handed over gifts brought from USA to each of the student. A nice gesture from them.



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### NETAJI'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MIME ACTS ON SOCIAL AWARENESS AT PACE LEARNING CENTRE ON 23.01.2023

On 23rd January 2023, the students of Pace Learning Centre assembled in the school premises to pay homage to the great national hero, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on his 126th birth anniversary. It was an added pleasure for all of us to spend such a special day in the presence of various dignitaries like PDG Rotarian, Deepa Willingham (Founder and CEO of PACE Universal), Leanne Cooper (PACE director), Darshini Stark (member of PACE team of visitors). Through a small cultural program based on the theme of Netaji's patriotism, we all celebrated the "Parakram Diwas" (Day of valour). Our dear Deepa Mashri put a floral garland on Netaji's portrait to pay tribute to the great freedom fighter.

Next, we move to our next episode of the Mime act which was totally kept as a "surprise event" for the

honorary guests and our students could prove their spectacular talent to astound each and every onlooker. The students played three mime acts in a row on three different topics namely, COVID-19 do's and don'ts, Child Labour and Save environment. All these 3 acts were parallely outstanding.

Finally, after a prolonged applause from all the spectators, our beloved Deepa Mashri made our participants surprised by announcing that she would like to showcase their video of such fabulous performances at Rotary International. It was really a proud moment for all the students and teachers who groomed them up thoroughly. We all wish them a bright future ahead.

**By Mahashweta Maity**  
PLC Sr. Teacher Coordinator



## IMPORTANT EVENTS TOOK PLACE DURING VISIT BY PACE UNIVERSAL, USA

### FELLOWSHIP BY PRESIDENT RTN DR V K NEVATIA AND PE RTN RAKESH KUMAR GOELAT THE SATURDAY CLUB ON 24.01.2023

At a cosy place in the Saturday Club, the fellowship was quite entertaining in a sense that Metroropolitans and PACE Universal opened up for some projects. We are grateful to hosts President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia and PE Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel for making the night beautiful.



## IMPORTANT EVENTS TOOK PLACE DURING VISIT BY PACE UNIVERSAL, USA

### MEDICAL CAMP BY ISPAT CO-OPERATIVE HOSPITAL ON 25.01.2023

The Management of PACE Learning Centre is always concerned about health of each student. From time-to-time various camps are being held for the students. The Management of Ispat Co-operative Hospital conducted health camp at the school premises for all students by

having weight measurements, blood pressure, blood test, eye check-up and general conditions. In case some special further investigations are required, the same has been referred to the Hospital for further action. Around 174 students were medically checked-up.



## IMPORTANT EVENTS TOOK PLACE DURING VISIT BY PACE UNIVERSAL, USA

### CELEBRATION OF REPUBLIC DAY & SARASWATI PUJA ON 26.01.2023

On the auspicious day of 26th January, 2023, the students and staff members assembled in the school premises to celebrate a couple of prosperous occasions on the same Day. It was all of our pleasure to observe and spend such a special day in the presence of various dignitaries like PDG Rotarian, Deepa Willingham (Founder and CEO of PACE Universal), Our respected President Sir PP Rotarian Jayanta Chatterji, Dave Woodward, (Pace Treasurer), Leanne Cooper Elliot (PACE director), Darshini Stark (member of PACE team of visitors) along with the preparation for Saraswati (Goddess of knowledge and wisdom) Puja, the National flag hoisting ceremony took place when our honorable guests turned up. It was good to see hoisting of the tri colored by our beloved Deepa Mashi followed by the Indian National Anthem sung by all to honor the historic day as the constitution of India came into effect from 26th January, 1950 and our nation became an independent republic country.

this session, the students remained engaged in the rituals of worshipping the Goddess to seek the blessings of Maa Saraswati. The students fabricated a pandal (temporary structure) using thatch and bamboo on their own, decorated with flowers and designed the floor artistically to bring out the village essence. Most of the students were in Basanti (greenish yellow) or colorful saree to celebrate the festival of Vasant Panchami (Saraswati Puja). Rai Mondal, one of our students explained about the Goddess and the relevance of the puja to our foreign guests beautifully.

After the distribution of "Prasad" and delicious lunch we moved to our next episode of a small cultural program

to pay tribute to our nation and national heroes. The program was commenced with the "Saraswati Mantra" followed by some periodic patriotic songs sung by our dear students so melodiously. Last but not the least we have chosen this day which is appropriate to appreciate the achievers who have successfully passed their board examination (Secondary & Senior Secondary) with high percentage of marks. The achievers got the opportunity to feel the proud moment by collecting prizes and certificates by our honorable guests. Bithika Sardar, the highest scorer of NIOS Secondary Examination was selected for receiving Eshan Arora Scholarship certificate from respected PDG Rtn Deepa Willingham Willingham (Mashi) and our president, respected Jayanta Sir. It was really a day well spent throughout.

By Mahashweta Maity  
PLC Sr. Teacher Coordinator.



**MINUTES OF 1643rd REGULAR MEETING OF  
ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN  
HELD ON THURSDAY, 26th JANUARY, 2023  
AT 11.30 AM AT MAHAVIR SEVA SADAN,  
20, EKBALPORE LANE, KOLKATA-700 023**

1. President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia called the 1643rd Regular Meeting to order.
2. In absence of Hony Secretary, President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia requested Rtn Runjhun Gupta to officiate as Hony Secretary for the meeting.
3. President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia invited PDG & DRFC Rtn Sudip Mukherjee to the head table. President also welcomed President Shri Vijay Choraria and members of Mahavir Seva Sadan.
4. National Flag was hoisted earlier prior to the meeting by the Chief Guest PDG & DRFC Rtn Sudip Mukherjee and others and National Anthem was sung by all present,
5. Minutes of Regular Meeting-1642 dated 21.1.2023 as printed in the Metro Voice were read and confirmed.
6. President informed about the followings:
  - On 21.1.2023, PACE Universal team from USA led by PDG Rtn Deepa Willingham and PDG Rtn Sylvia Whitlock and members of their team attended our Regular Meeting. PDG Rtn Sylvia Whitlock spoke about her journey to the Rotary and how she fought to be the first women Rotarian. It was touching story from her. PDG Rtn Deepa Willingham also highlighted how her vision for PACE Learning Centre was implemented.
  - Kreetika Academy has started training session for 30 Security Guards under GG# 15-28463 as approved by the RI due to change of scope.
  - On 11.2.2023, the Club will hold Vocational Excellence Award ceremony at CSC at 2.00 PM. The awardee are Shri J S Mehta, Shri Jyotirmoy Chakraborty and Rtn Madan Mohan Mohanka.
7. PDG & DRFC Rtn Sudip Mukherjee and President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia distributed scholarships to the needy physically challenged students.
8. President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia announced about the surgery of our PP Rtn Sohanraj Singhvi and wishing him for the speedy recovery.
9. President request Acting Hony Secretary Rtn Runjhun Gupta to make Club announcements.
10. Acting Hony Secretary Rtn Runjhun Gupta made the Club announcements. She informed about the forthcoming events and Birthday & Marriage Anniversary greetings. The Sunshine box collection was Rs.200/- over and above as usual. The overall attendance was 5.
16. There was no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

**TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE – FEBRUARY 2023**



**Ian H.S. Riseley**  
**Trustee Chair 2022-23**

One of the fascinating things about Rotary is that we are many things at once. We are a service organization based on action. We are also a professional and community networking group, not to mention a place to find friendship and fun.

And, when you stop to think about it, you and I are also part of a peace organization. I saw this in 2013 when I represented Rotary at an international symposium on advancing a peaceful democratic transition for Myanmar. Despite recent setbacks, the fact that Rotary was at the table demonstrates that the world sees us as peacebuilders who are not deterred by the most difficult issues.

How did we earn this reputation? Through literacy projects that help people expand their minds and viewpoints. And through water, sanitation, and hygiene projects that create common ground for communities in conflict. The Rotary Action Group for Peace promotes hands-on service projects, and our annual international conventions unite thousands in a celebration of global harmony.

Perhaps the most visible face of this cause is the Rotary Peace Centers program, now in its 21st year. Today, more than 1,600 Rotary Peace Fellows are advancing the cause of peace in more than 140 countries. On 1 February, we open applications for the next generation of peace fellows. Encourage your local peacebuilders to learn about Rotary and apply for this unique fellowship.

And soon, we'll be recruiting fellows for a new peace center in the Middle East and North Africa region as we begin working this year with a recently selected partner university. Made possible by a generous gift of \$15.5 million to The Rotary Foundation from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation, the addition of this center furthers Rotary's vision of peace making in action.

As we celebrate Rotary's 118th anniversary and Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month, we can be proud of the many ways Rotary promotes peace. Without The Rotary Foundation, and your support of it, none of that would be possible.

You can directly support this work through the Foundation by visiting [rotary.org/donate](http://rotary.org/donate) and selecting the peacebuilding and conflict prevention area of focus. I also encourage you to contribute to the Ian and Juliet Riseley Endowed Fund in The Rotary Foundation to support peace projects.

If Paul Harris could see us now, he would be amazed by the astonishing growth of the little club he founded in 1905 and the global force for good - and peace - that Rotary is today.

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