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1638th REGULAR MEETING

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Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan cordially invite you to a discussion on "Interaction on THE ROTARY FOUNDATION"

Venue:

The Calcutta Swimming Club

1, Strand Road, Kolkata-700 007

Date: Saturday, 12th November 2022

at 2 pm..

Guest Speaker
PP Rtn Binod Khaitan



Co - Host Clubs:

**Rotary Club of Aabhamaan Kolkata
Rotary Club of Ballygunge
Rotary Club of Calcutta Dhakuria
Rotary Club of Calcutta Endeavour
Rotary Club of Calcutta Mayfair
Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency
Rotary Club of Hooghly
Rotary Club of Jodhpur Gardens Calcutta**

KNOW YOUR TODAY'S GUEST SPEAKER



Rtn. Binod Khaitan - is a Past President of Rotary Club of Central Calcutta. He was District Secretary - Projects & Program for Rotary Years 1998/99 & Millennium Year 1999/00. He has been DGSC &/or District Stewardship Chair of RID 3291 for several years, for reason of his knowledge and dedication in furthering Grant programs of TRF. From 1997 to 2020 he was a Trustee and Trustee Secretary of The Eastern India Rotary Welfare Trust, through which RI District - 3291 set up it's Dream Project – Hospital at Sector V, Salt Lake, Kolkata. He is known for his outstanding work in the Villages of Hooghly District through RI's Program – Rotary Community Corps. He has been involved with a couple of 3H Grants and many TRF Grant Projects and is associated in the setting up of several Eye Hospitals in Eastern India. Since 2002/03 he is actively involved in spreading Rotary Leadership Institute in South Asia. RLI International has appointed him Vice Chair RLI South Asia Region since 2006/07.

Rtn. Binod is a third generation Rotarian. Though he attended several Meeting, projects & programs of RC Calcutta with his grandfather since 1956, he joined RC Central Calcutta in 1988 at the behest of PDG Saral Deb. His wife, Ann Chandrakala & he are Major Donors Level IV. All his family members including grand children are PHFs and he & his son Sakate are a Rotary Foundation Benefactor. He is an enthusiastic propagandist of the Rotary Foundation. He is the recipient of TRF's Distinguished Service & Meritorious Service Awards. He is listed in the Rotary Global History Fellowship (RGHF) as a Rotary Hero. He has attended ten RI Conventions held at Singapore, San Antonio, Chicago, Copenhagen, Birmingham, New Orleans, Lisbon, Sydney, Seoul & Hamburg. He is the first Patron of the 4 Way Test Association in India & the first member of Rotary Global History Fellowship in Asia.

Rtn. Binod has been associated with the Plywood, Tea, Jute, Fertilizer, Tyre tube and Soft Drink Industries. He has represented these industries in various Trade and Research Associations.

Rtn. Binod is a philanthropist, and is associated with several Charitable Trusts and Organizations. A lover of natural surrounding is a keen Golfer and has represented the country. He was the first National Junior Golf Champion and has been the Chief Referee during the Indian open Golf Championships held at the RCGC.

MEMORABLE FELLOWSHIP AND GALA NIGHT ON 1.11.2022

On Tuesday, 1st November 2022, Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan hosted their much awaited 'Fellowship Night 'at the Banquet Hall of The Calcutta Swimming Club.

All members were invited along with their respective spouses. It was a gala event with the very talented team of Nigel & Khalid kicking off the evening by dishing out memorable old Bollywood numbers followed by Karaoke by our very enthusiastic Rotarians. It was Rotarian PE Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel singing 'Mere Rashkeh Qamar ' & Rotarian Vivek Bajaj signing' Lag jaa gale' along with spouse Jyoti, to name just a few. Soon after everybody took to the dance floor grooving to awesome old melodies. A special mention for Rotarian Rtn Dr Naresh Goel & Rotarian Rajshree Jain for setting the dance floor on fire with their sizzling chemistry!

Although the night was young, it was well concluded with a sumptuous spread. The event was a profound success from all aspects eliciting praises from all. Quoting a few: "Very memorable evening. Enjoyed every moment "- PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji. "It was indeed, a great evening! Calls for an encore" - Rotarian Utpal Chatterjee. "Lovely time, hope for many more "- Roshni Beriwalla. A special mention for President Rtn Dr Vinod Nevatia & Hony Secretary Rtn Rajshree Jain for organizing this wonderful event & all the fellow Rotarians for making this event such a success.

What was most amazing in this fellowship was active participation of newly inducted members, who whole heartily made the evening a memorable one. We hope more to come so that we can have lovely evening.

By Rtn Sharmistha De



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WE ARE THANKFUL TO THE FOLLOWING CO-HOST PRESIDENTS AND THEIR MEMBERS FOR JOINING THE INTERACTIVE SESSION ON THE ROTARY FOUNDATION ON 12.11.2022

Name of the Co-Host Club	Name of President
RC of Aabhamaan Kolkata	Rtn Bibek Kumar Kundu
RC of Ballygunge	Rtn Sanjay De
RC of Calcutta Dhakuria	Rtn Soma Sarkar
RC of Calcutta Endeavour	Rtn Ravina Ghosh
RC of Calcutta Mayfair	Rtn Neha Sethia
RC of Calcutta Presidency	Rtn Rina Malpani
RC of Hooghly	Rtn Deb Prasad Mukherjee
RC of Jodhpur Gardens Calcutta	Rtn Priyabrata Daw



**CONGRATULATIONS TO
PP RTN UTPAL CHATTERJEE
WHO IS NOW GLOBAL PEACE AMBASSADOR
TO THE UNESCO**

**CONGRATULATIONS
100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF
SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER-2022**

- 1 PP RtN Utpal Chatterjee
- 2 PP RtN Jayanta Chatterji
- 3 PN RtN Sashi Dhacholia
- 4 PP RtN Subir Dutta
- 5 PP RtN Dr Naresh Goyal
- 6 PE RtN Rakesh Kumar Goel
- 7 RtN Runjhun Gupta
- 8 RtN Rajshree Jain
- 9 RtN Jayanta Neogi
- 10 RtN Dr V K Nevatia
- 11 PP RtN Rak Kumar Poddar
- 12 PP RtN Harsh V Rungta
- 13 RtN Rajiv Tebriwal
- 14 RtN Renu Todi

**WE WELCOME RTN PRADEEP BAGLA
AS METROPOLITAN**



Induction of Pradeep Bagla by the President RtN Dr V K Nevatia as Metropolitan

WE MISSED IT IN THE MV ISSUE DATED 1.11.2022

DIWALI & HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION AT PACE LEARNING CENTRE

On 21st October 2022, on the final day before the Diwali vacation, the Interact Club of PACE Learning Centre(PLC) organized two alluring events. Diwali is the Hindu festival of lights which implies the victory of light (good spirit) over darkness (evil spirit). To celebrate the auspicious occasion, the club members decorated the floor with Rangoli which means "an array of colours" in Sanskrit. It is a traditional Indian art form dating back some 5,000 years to the pre-Aryan period. Rangoli is a multi-coloured floor decoration that symbolises wealth, joy, and prosperity! The Rangolis were finally illuminated by handmade Diyas*. Through this activity the students were able to showcase their talents and creativity!

* Please note - A diya also known as deepa (our beloved Mashi's name) is an oil lamp made from clay or mud with a cotton wick dipped in oil or ghee(clarified butter). Following this another tantalizing episode commenced with the hilarious presentation by the children who dressed up in scary masks, makeup, and costumes to celebrate Halloween - a Pagan religious festival where people wear costumes to ward off the evil spirit which is associated with the Indian tradition of celebrating Diwali(the Festival of Lights).

All the children, teachers and staff members enjoyed both sessions wholeheartedly. I earnestly appreciate

the Interact Club members, especially the class-XI girls for their active involvement and the spontaneous tendency to outdo themselves from previous year's accomplishments.

Finally, I express my heartiest gratitude to PLC President Rotarian Jayanta Chatterji Sir for permitting us to execute our plan. I also express my thanks to our administrative head, Mr. Tapan Ghosh who inaugurated the programme by lighting up the Diya and for giving company throughout the day.

Mahashweta Maity

PLC Teacher Coordinator



TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE – NOVEMBER 2022



Ian H.S. Riseley
Trustee Chair 2022-23

Many of you will recall my challenge to Rotary clubs when I was RI president in 2017-18: to plant one tree per member to help the environment. Thanks to you, we estimate over 4 million trees went into the ground in Rotary's name - quite a forest indeed.

This month, as we celebrate The Rotary Foundation, let's remember that each Foundation project is much like planting a tree. With each sapling of hope, health, and peace we plant through the Foundation, we make an investment in the future that will one day grow into something even greater.

Such a tree was planted by Rotary in Sri Lanka, where more than 2,000 children born annually with a congenital heart defect can now get a corrective surgery that allows them to survive to adulthood. Local Rotarians identified the need to make the surgery more available and effective, and rallied 17 Rotary districts around the world to contribute District Designated Funds. After the Foundation matched those funds, a total global grant of \$365,000 was used to create the first human heart-valve tissue bank in Sri Lanka, with the government providing the building, staffing, and supplies to ensure its sustainability.

Visiting this life-saving facility in 2017 was an unforgettable experience for me. But I have seen countless other great "trees" planted across our seven areas of focus. We planted PolioPlus in 1985 and it has grown into one of the greatest public health initiatives in history, helping reduce cases of wild poliovirus by 99.9 percent. Seven Rotary Peace Centers around the world have also taken root and are now bearing fruit as scores of peacebuilders and community leaders go forth with the skills to make the world more safe and secure.

Charity Navigator, an independent agency, has given The Rotary Foundation its highest ranking for more than a decade. Why? Our overhead expense level is much lower than most similar organizations - 91 percent of gifts to the Foundation go to programs and operations. Not only are we efficient stewards, but Rotary's requirement of a community-needs assessment for global grants helps ensure the sustainability of our projects over the long term. And the Foundation is a charity you can trust because it is run by your fellow Rotarians.

However, only about 38 percent of members actively support our own organization's great charity. We can and should do better. Just as I challenged you to plant trees as president, as Foundation trustee chair I would like to challenge each club to make a giving plan for our Rotary Foundation this year.

Imagine our impact - Rotary's great forest of hope and peace that will flourish - and please give today.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE – NOVEMBER 2022



Jennifer Jones
RI President 2022-23

Being asked to Imagine Rotary can seem like a big, heady exercise, but the most important element of it is something quite small, even personal.

Not too long ago, Rotary members were expected to perform our acts of service quietly. I understood and appreciated the thought behind that - humility is a wonderful trait, and we should continue to nurture it in other ways.

But keeping Rotary to ourselves has a cost. and by sharing our Rotary moments, we are being generous with others and giving them an opportunity to understand the impact of Rotary.

It brings to mind that wonderful aphorism: "People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel."

So how do we make people feel Rotary? The best way is to share our Rotary moments. We have all had them - when the ordinary collides with intention to create something extraordinary.

Some people have those Rotary moments the first time they go to a meeting. For others, it can take years, before seeing the joy in the eyes of someone we serve. Or perhaps in hearing from another member something that hit close to home.

As Nick and I share this journey, we are amazed at the work you are performing and the lives that are transforming. Throughout the year, I'm going to share with you the sights and the stories that made those tours meaningful for us.

I hope you can do the same in your corner of Rotary. It can be something you share in meetings or on social media. For the most savvy and ambitious, it could be an event you publicize with local media. Even sharing your stories with friends has impact.

We need ambassadors for Rotary's message and our dreams for a better world. The best ambassadors are you. The more you share stories - and share them from the heart - the more you encourage others to partner with us, to join us, and to stay.

To give you just one small example, in the months ahead, I will be turning over this column to Rotary members who will share their personal stories as they relate to diversity, equity, and inclusion in our organization. It's important that we hear these stories directly from the people who experienced them as a way of feeling the importance of DEI for the future of Rotary.

In everything we do, what people feel about Rotary will shape our future. I can only imagine what you will inspire through the stories you'll tell.

MINUTES OF 1637th REGULAR MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN HELD ON TUESDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER, 2022 AT 7.00 PM AT THE CALCUTTA SWIMMING CLUB, 1, STRAND ROAD, KOLKATA-700 001

1. President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia called the 1637th Regular Meeting to order.
2. National Anthem was sung by all members present and also by the spouses.
3. Minutes of Regular Meeting no: 1636 dated 15.10.2022 as printed in Metro Voice were read and confirmed.
4. President informed about following programs:
 - The Club was Co-host to the District Diwali meet on 29.10.2022 at Eastern Metropolitan Club. It was well organized and attended by the President.
 - The Club was also Co-host to the District program "Rally to End the Polio" which started from Eden Gardens and finished at Rotary Sadan to Commemorating World Polio Day on 23.10.2022, which went through several important routes and had created awareness about the eradication of Polio. Several Rotary Clubs of District-3291 have joined this rally led by DG Rtn Ajoy Kumar Law.
 - Our Club 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.
- Necessary District Grant application has been filed for Slit Lamp for Eye Check-up for Shree Vishudhanand Saraswati Marwari Hospital, Amherst Street, Kolkata costing approx. Rs.2.80 lakhs under Rotary Helping Grant with East India Rotary Welfare Trust. Rtn Rajiv Tibrewal will be Primary contact for this grant. Inner Wheel of Calcutta Metropolitan will also contribute Rs.90,000/- to this grant. We are expecting sanction from EIRWT anytime.
5. President requested members to pay their Half yearly membership subscription and others dues, if not paid.
6. President informed that members will be happy to know that Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, Foreigners Division (FCRA Wing) vide no: 0300113902021 dated 26.10.2022 have renewed the Registration under Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act for 5 years effective from 1.4.2023.
7. President handed over Certificate of Appreciation to Rtn Vivek Bajaj being the Rotarian for the month October-2022. Members present applauded the same.
8. Rtn Vivek Bajaj handed over the cheque of Rs.5.00 lakhs as promised by him in the name of RCCMT to be used for projects of the Club.
9. The next Regular meeting of the Club will be held on 12.11.2022 at CSC at 2.00 PM and there will be interactive session with PP Rtn Binod Khaitan on Rotary Foundation. Hopeful various rotary clubs will join who are interested to know about the Foundation or Grants.
10. 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 45, which includes members attendance as 25.
11. President requested all Rotarians, who were born in the month of October-2022 to join with their spouses and celebrate their Birthday by cutting the cake.
12. There was no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Forthcoming Events

CLUB

- 19.11.2022** Regular Meeting at CSC at 2.00 PM and the Guest speaker will be Shri Dilip Mitra, IPD (Rtd), Former DGP, West Bengal and topic will be "Decade of Terrorism"
- 10.12.2022** Regular Meeting and 2nd Club Assembly
- 17.12.2022** Regular Meeting and Annual Meeting for the RY-2021-2022

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

14 Nov - PP Rtn Dr Neeraja Rateria



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