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WE WELCOME

**PDG RTN SYLVIA WHITLOCK, PDG RTN DEEPA WILLINGHAM
AND PACE UNIVERSAL TEAM FROM USA**

PROUD MOMENTS FOR METROPOLITANS

TWO OF OUR STALWARTS

PPs RTN UTPAL CHATTERJEE AND GAURANG JALAN

WERE BESTOWED WITH VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

BY ROTARY DISTRICT-3291

A RARE FEAT AS TWO ROTARIANS FROM OUR CLUB WERE FELICITATED



GUEST SPEAKER PDG RTN SYLVIA WHITLOCK, USA (DISTRICT GOVERNOR, 2012-2013)



PDG Rtn Sylvia Whitlock was born in New York City. She was educated through High School in Kingston, Jamaica and International baccalaureate from Cambridge University, England. Her other educational qualifications are B.A. Psychology - Hunter College of the City University of New York, M.A. - Education, Cal Poly, Pomona, PH.

D. Education - Claremont Graduate School

M.A. Marriage and Family Therapy - Azusa Pacific University, California State Teaching and Administrative Credentials, Licensed in Marriage and Family Therapy by Board of Behavioral Sciences, California and Licensed Supervisor - Marriage and Family Therapy

She joined Ex-Rotary Club of Duarte in 1982 and held every office at club level. She is the first Woman President worldwide, in Rotary International and made up at clubs in England, Scotland, the Caribbean, Australia, South Africa, India. She chaired Four-Way Test Speech competition for 6 years and also Chaired Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee for 6 years. She also served on District Finance Committee and Chaired Simplified Grant Program and Served as Assistant Governor

She is recipient of Rotary Foundation District Service Award and recipient of Sylvia Whitlock award established and presented at the 2017 International Convention. She is also recipient of AFRAM GLOBAL Villager Award, 2019 and UNA Global Citizen Award 2013.

She participated in NIDS, established AIDS clinic in Jamaica, supported orphanage in Mexico, sank wells in

Nigeria, raised almost \$90,000 for Education for Girls in India. She is multiple Paul Harris Fellow, Benefactor and Member of the Bequest Society, and Major Donor

She served as District Governor 2012-2013. She has spoken at more than 100 District Conferences, numerous clubs in the United States and overseas, Institutes and Zone events

Addressed all 530 incoming governors at 2013 International Assembly.

She is the Honorary Member of Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan, Chicago One and Duarte Rotary. She is the member of the Rotary Club of Claremont, CA. She is member of the Board of Spanish Trails Girl Scout Council, Recorder for Blind and Dyslexic, Commission Member at Tri-City Mental Health Authority, Trainer in Mental Health First Aid, Volunteer at Pomona Valley Hospital, Chair of Pastor Parish Relations Council at Trinity U.M. church, Member and Past President of Beta Mu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International.

Her Academic Activities are Chair of Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accreditation Teams, Member of California State Committee on Credentials at California State Department of Education (2004-2010), Distinguished Alumna at Cal Poly, Pomona, NAACP Woman of the Year, Hall of Fame and Hunter College, CUNY. 2021

Sylvia had three adult children, one of whom is Human Resources Assistant at University of California, Berkeley. She considers raising her children the most satisfying and enjoyable job she has ever had, almost comparable to enjoying her first grandson, and now a new granddaughter and another grandson. She is also a world traveler.

Topic : **WOMEN ALSO SERVE**

DEEPA BISWAS - PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR D-5240 FOUNDER/CEO OF PACE UNIVERSAL



Deepa Biswas, residing in Solvang, CA, is a naturalized citizen of the United States, was born and brought up in Calcutta, India where she obtained her primary (under the stewardship of Mother Teresa, who was her teacher), secondary and undergraduate educations in Calcutta and graduate degrees in the US. Prior to her entrepreneurial

endeavors in the energy sector, Rotarian Willingham served as the Administrative Director of Ancillary Services in the hospital industry.

Deepa is an active Rotarian and served as the District Governor for Rotary District 5240 in 2010-2011. She is the Past President of the Rotary Club of Santa Ynez Valley, being named the Rotarian-of-the-Year during her year as President and has been the winner of many humanitarian awards including the winner of Santa Barbara's 'Gutsy Gals You Inspire Me Award' in 2013; one of the "Women of Action" Honoree at the White House in 2014; Time Now – Global Amazing Indian awardee from the Times of India in 2015; and one of three Inspiring Women of Action at World Bank's

celebration of International Women's Day in Washington DC, 2016.

She is an ardent believer of the principles of Rotary and therefore, actively participates in recruitment and retention of Rotary members. During her year as Club President, she added 12 new members to her club, she chartered a new club and she helped her daughter establish a community-based Rotaract Club in Santa Barbara.

PDG Deepa believes that PEACE is not just the absence of war. It is for us to actively create a lack of poverty, injustice, non-human environment and hopelessness for our fellow citizens. Thus, in her dream to create peace, she founded PACE Universal – www.paceuniversal.org, an US not-for-profit organization spearheading programs that are eradicating poverty, injustice, non-human environment/condition including trafficking through the education of girls and women, providing adult education/vocational training/micro-loans and upgrading the living conditions through holistic village rehabilitation. It is her aspiration to make the first PACE Learning Center be a model for duplication around the world on our pathway to peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF 400 WOOLLEN BLANKETS

Warmth from one person to another person is sign of human personality particularly if it's relates to underprivileged. Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan decided to provide Woollen Blankets to the needy people so during the winter they can have warmth and can enjoy with comfort without pinching of cold weather.

Rtn Narendra Berlia came forward with offer to sponsor 400 Woollen Blankets to be distributed to various underprivileged people particularly students, inmates, senior citizens etc so they can have comfort during the Winter season. RCCM is grateful to Rtn Narendra Berlia for his kind gesture. The Club decided to distribute 400 Woollen Blankets at the following locations:

	Name of Beneficiaries	Nos	Date of distribution
1	PACE Learning Centre- Piyali	200	13.12.2022
2	Divine Destination Old Age Home for Ramkrishnapur Rani Rashmani Seva Sangha- Kulpi Village, Diamond Harbour	17	17.12.2022
3	Divine Destination Old Age Home- Belapahari, West Medinipur	70	18.12.2022
4	Miscellaneous (needy people)	10	20.12.2022
5	Save the Orphans and Old Age Home-Bansdroni	83	24.12.2022

DISTRIBUTION OF BLANKETS AT PACE LEARNING CENTRE

200 Woollen blankets were distributed at PACE Learning Centre.

Detailed report and photos already published in Metro Voice dated 17.12.2022.

DISTRIBUTION OF BLANKETS AT SAVE THE ORPHANS AND OLD AGE

On 24.12.2022, we have distributed blankets to the inmates of "Save the Orphans and Old Age"- Bansdroni. The inmates were excited to receive the one blanket and brownie each during the Christmas Eve as Kolkata is now experiencing the Winter. Our Rotaractors made them smile by decorating their Class room and handing over the Christmas Cap to each of them. Well done, Rotaractors.

RCCM was led by the President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia, PP Rtn Raj Kumar Poddar, PN Rtn Sashi Dhacholia and Rtn Runjhun Gupta. Our Rotaractors Club was led by Rtr Medha Chakraborty, Rtr Sreya Chakrabarty and Rtr Ronojoy Goswami.



DISTRIBUTION OF BLANKETS AT SAVE THE ORPHANS AND OLD AGE



DISTRIBUTION OF BLANKETS AT DIVINE DESTINATION OLD AGE HOME- BELAPAHARI, WEST MEDINIPUR

Woollen blankets were distributed to 70 senior citizens on 18.12.2022.



DISTRIBUTION OF WOOLLEN BLANKETS AT DIVINE DESTINATION OLD AGE HOME, KULPI

Woollen blankets were distributed to 17 senior citizens on 17.12.2022



INAUGURATION OF BUNK BEDS

When there is will, there is way and we did it by providing Bunk Beds at "Save the Orphans and Old Age"-Bansdrani on 24.12.2022, when their Management requested us to provide the Bunk Beds during our visit to their centre on the time of Durga Puja this year when we have distributed New Clothes to the inmates.

There was no commitment from us but when our members come to know they readily come forward to sponsor the cost of Bunk Beds for the two rooms. We are thankful to both PP Rtn Lalit Beriwalla and PP Rtn Gaurang Jalan who agreed to sponsor one each Bunk Bed. Let us hope that inmates can now have good and sound sleep.



ROTARIAN FROM USA

Service Above Self and One Profits Most Who Serves Best, saw this official motto of Rotary in action as we welcomed Rtn Richard Payne and his wife Pat from Rotary Club of Global Action, California, USA to visit PACE learning centre on 27.12.2022 under the able guidance of our PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji in presence of, PE Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel, PN Rtn Sashi Dhacholia and myself.

It was wonderful to hear this lovely couple narrate their love for India and how they have been traveling for years exploring the beautiful places creating memories and still having few more on their list. This ensured their future travels for us. But even more commendable is their attitude towards service which made them move from their jobs to taking up editor's role in highlighting the issues faced by businesses in Asian market to setting up secured funding for schools and creating support and recognition for a star student every year giving them opportunities to take up their causes and help their projects get global visibility and support.

They expressed their happiness after the complete tour of the school by the girls of the Interact club of PACE learning centre. They said, "It's really a happy place"! Pat further shared her excitement saying she would have loved to study in a school like this. They were all praise for the efforts made to sustain the school and hoped there were plans for further growth and further development of school.

They even showed keenness to discuss options of collaborations and support.

They were equally open about discussing pressing global issues and offering to have a discussion for joint efforts in addressing the crucial ones like educating women and even creating opportunities that lead to acceptance for various communities including transgenders.

What got us together was the desire to serve. Looking forward to this meeting turning into a greater opportunity to make a bigger difference. A big thank you to Rakeshji and Sashiji for the time and effort. A heartfelt gratitude to Jayantada for all the efforts in making this a memorable rendezvous!

A big thank you to the team of Interact Club of PACE Learning Centre taking our Guest to the tour of the school and they were highly impressed the way students gave all the details. They instantly gave our guests some handmade drawings drawn by the students. Indeed, well done, Interact Club team.

By Rtn Runjhun Gupta



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT PACE LEARNING CENTRE

On 23rd December 2022, all the students and staff of PACE Learning Centre (PLC) celebrated and wished Merry Christmas to one another with the rhythm of Jingle Bells at school premises. Students decorated the Christmas tree with colourful balloons, handmade designed papers, balls, stars, flowers, etc, and commemorated the birthday of Lord Jesus with the song "Joy to the world". All of the students took a bite of the delicious Christmas cake distributed to them and enjoyed the last day before the winter vacation with

various indoor and outdoor fun activities. They all were in a festive mood also in free mind as more or less all of them have successfully completed the academic year 2022 and were promoted to next class with few exceptions. All the students and staff of PLC wish Merry Christmas and a wonderful year ahead to their sponsors, supporters and well-wishers.

By Mahashweta Maity
PLC Teacher Coordinator



WE TAKE CARE ABOUT ENVIRONMENT

Each Student of PACE Learning Centre took pledge to take care personally about health of one plant each. A laudable initiative by the students of PLC concerning the environment.



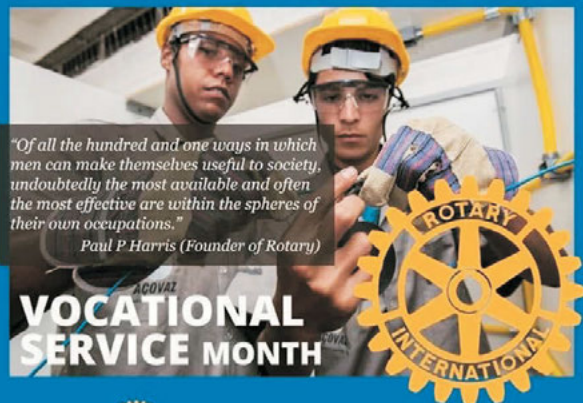
GLIMPSE OF 1641ST REGULAR AND 36TH ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 17.12.2022



MEDICINES WERE GIVEN AT JYOTIRMAY CLINIC, GARCHA ROAD FOR THE NEEDY PATIENTS ONLY ON 22.12.2022



JANUARY



"Of all the hundred and one ways in which men can make themselves useful to society, undoubtedly the most available and often the most effective are within the spheres of their own occupations."
Paul P Harris (Founder of Rotary)

VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH



TAKE ACTION: Get Involved, Join Rotary

PROUD MOMENTS FOR METROPOLITANS

In a glittering Rotary District Conference-2023, our two stalwarts PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee and PP Rtn Gaurang Jalan were felicitated Vocational Excellence Award held on 7.1.2023. It was memorable occasion for Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan that out of the 4 Awardee, 2 were from our Club, definitely a rare feat in our RID District- 3291 and in the Club History. This is a prestigious Award for any Rotarian for being recognized for Vocational Excellence Award.

Both PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee and PP Rtn Gaurang Jalan were handed over Vocational Excellence Award and certificate by the Rotary International President Representative for the RID District- 3291 Conference-2023 PDG Rtn Santosh Prasad Rijal, RID-3292, Nepal and District Governor Rtn Ajoy Kumar Law. Indeed, it's a proud moment for both of them.

KNOW YOUR AWARDEE - PP RTN UTPAL CHATTERJEE



Mr Utpal Chatterjee, now the Global Ambassador for Peace under the aegis of the United Nations and a Global Peace Icon, he is among the most internationally acclaimed of Indian journalists and public speakers. Until recently, he was the outstanding Honourable Sheriff of Calcutta and its first citizen.

He has interviewed 21 Heads of State, including US Presidents, British Prime Ministers, the great Mikhail Gorbachev in a cold '89 Moscow (and so many more), 10 Nobel Laureates and travelled with three Indian Prime Ministers as part of their respective media delegations." He has also met and spoken at length with the likes of, say, the late Princess Diana.

Having done his fellowship in Journalism from Oxford under the mentorship of the fabled Sir.Neville Maxwell, he has travelled abroad on other official assignments more than 55 times across all the continents except Africa and Australia.

He has been recognised for being an OUTSTANDING INDIAN for "his contribution to enriching National values, public service and international journalism" by NIFI (National Integration Forum of India). Now also a "Distinguished Professor", he was recently bestowed with the National Education Leadership Award.

Incidentally, for the sixth year running, he is the Chief Rotary Ambassador and was earlier the Goodwill Ambassador for the Department of Income Tax, GOI. The All-India Human Rights Council also recognized him as the LEGEND OF BENGAL.

KNOW YOUR AWARDEE - GAURANG JALAN



Gaurang Jalan is a graduate in B.A. (Hons) with History, Political Science and Economics from St Xaviers College, Kolkata & pursued his Post Graduation interest in Behavioural Sciences. He has also done a stint at Sotheby's Institute of Art, Singapore.

He was conferred with the coveted **National Award** by the President of India for his latest film **Avijatrik**

(The Wanderlust of Apu) for best Bengali Film, in September 2022. This film won 27 National & International awards in all.

As Producer of movies, he has been associated with **Gaurang Films** which has produced Award winning films— Feature, Documentary & Short - in multiple Indian languages (Hindi, English, Bengali, Assamese, Oriya & Bhojpuri). Their film "Safed Haathi" (*White Elephant*) is the recipient of the 'Golden Lotus' (from President of India), for being the Best Children's Film, "Aaj Ka Robinhood" (*Return of Robinhood*) received 'Special Mention' by the Unicef Jury in Berlin Children Film Festival, "Anokha Moti" (*Magic Pearl*) participated in 22 International Festivals & was widely appreciated. In recent times, they have also embarked on making films in DV format & short films. Notable amongst them was "Aami" (*I AM*) which won the best film and best documentary at the Kids for Kids Festival at Athens, Greece, besides having been screened at Chicago and was also invited to "The Oprah Winfrey Show"! Other productions include "Fish for Thought", "Last Lines", "Who am I", "Flickering Angels" to name a few. He has represented the Cairo International Film Festival (under Ministry of Culture, Govt of Egypt), in India, since 2006.

He is also co- owner of the music Label **Eternal Sounds**.

As an Art connoisseur, he is supporting noble causes through **Jagriti Art Initiative** - promoting Contemporary Modern Indian Art for charitable causes, and providing pro-active platform to emerging & established artists, besides working closely with auction houses.

He had also been broadcasting in Kolkata with All India Radio as a *RJ* and *Anchor* since 1999 and is an approved 'Vani Certificate' holder from Prasar Bharati, Broadcasting Corporation of India, Government of India. Gaurang Jalan has also anchored a Documentary 'The Men Who Saved Killapara', a film for the Border Security Force, Government of India.

The '**Jalan Group**' has other *business interests* in Mining, Real Estate Facility Management, Logistics & Warehousing.

Rotary | Social Interest | Hobbies

Rotary: A Rotarian for about 26 years, since 1996, has held various positions as Club Director, Secretary, Editor, Treasurer & President (2007-08). During tenure as President, the Club adjudged Best Club in Dist 3290 amongst 124 Clubs. Recipient of "Membership Development & Extension Award from RI President Wilfrid J Wilkinson besides "Rotary Foundation District Service Award". Also recipient of District Governor's & Presidential citation in 2007 amongst others. **A Major Donor Plus**, Rotarian Gaurang has held various key positions in the District & served as Chairman, District Treasurer, TRF Chair (Annual Giving) & Assistant Governor over the years.

Gaurang is a keen Golfer and supports various charitable besides being actively involved in various National and International Business Forums, like FICCI & CII, as member.

Married to Abha, who is an active member of Inner Wheel, he is blessed with a son Naman & daughter Jagriti, who are in UK.

PROUD MOMENTS FOR METROPOLITANS



A view of Dias



Award for Vocational Excellence was handed over to PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee by RIPR and DG



PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee giving Acceptance speech



Vocational Excellence Award was handed over to PP Rtn Gaurang Jain by RIPR and DG



PP Rtn Gaurang Jalan giving Acceptance speech



RCCM Members with DG Ajoy Kumar Law, Utpal Chatterjee and Gaurang Jalan enjoying the moments



PDG Amitava Mookherjee addressing the audience



MC conducting the session

ANANDADHARA- ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE-2023

Rotary District- 3291 Conference-2023 was held between 6.1.2023 to 8.1.2023 with galaxies of VIPs and Dignitaries. Our Club was hugely honoured as two of our PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee and PP Rtn Gaurang Jalan were given Vocational Excellence Award. The Club was represented by President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia, PE Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel, PN Rtn Sashi Dhacholia, PP Rtn Subir Dutta and Rtn Runjhun Gupta. We sponsored the District Conference in Gold Category. It was well managed show with some of the finest speakers from Rotary and from the country.

Our young member Rtn Runjhun Gupta was quite excited to attend the District Conference-2023. She is sharing her experience, which is as under:

"Every organisation carries with its unique history, its core values, the vision, mission purpose, identity and most importantly the passion. 'People of Action', this ethos of Rotary can be seen demonstrated by most members of the club. But it's attending the District Conference that helps you put it all into perspective with great speakers, networking and the realization that journey of 117 years is so rich that knowing it will make you feel humble to be a single drop in this big ocean and get the inspiration to do more."

Grateful for the opportunity



Satrugnan Sinha, IPRIP Sekhar Mehta, RIPR, DG & Ors inaugurating the District Conference



Members attending the District Conference



Club Exhibit-2023 being displayed at District Conference-2023



With PDG Rtn Sidhartha S Bose and Ors



RCCM members had a good time for all 3 days



PN Rtn Sashi Dhacholia with RIPR PDG Rtn Santosh Prasad Rijal of RID-3292, Nepal



With RI Director Rtn Kamal Sanghvi

SLIT LAMP FOR EYE CHECK-UP ON 10.1.2023

We have handed over the Slit Lamp for Eye Check-up to Shree Vishudhanand Saraswati Marwari Hospital on 10.1.2023 jointly with our Inner Wheel of Calcutta Metropolitan under Helping Grant from Eastern India Rotary Welfare Trust. This instrument was much needed at the Hospital as the previous was not working properly.

The Management of the Hospital was grateful for our help. We hope this new instrument will help lot of patients for proper Eye Check-up. This program was attended by PP Rtn Dr V K Nevatia, PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal, PN Rtn Sashi Dhacholia, Hony Secretary Rtn Rajshree Jain and Rtn Runjhun Gupta.



WE WERE CO-HOST TO RYLA PROGRAM HELD ON 17.12.2022 & 18.12.2022 ORGANIZED BY ROTARY CLUB OF AABAHAMAAN KOLKATA

Rotary RID 3291

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards 2022

December 27-28 2022

Venue: Krishnachandrapur High School, 24 Parganas (South)

Rotary Club of Aabahamaan Kolkata

CLUB NO. 222228 CHARTER DATE JANUARY 29, 2021

PARTNER ROTARY CLUBS

RC CALCUTTA MILLENNIUM **RC KAMARHATI**

HOST ROTARY CLUBS

RC BUDGE BUDGE
RC CALCUTTA COSMOPOLITAN
RC CALCUTTA ENDEAVOUR
RC CALCUTTA MEGA CITY
RC GARDEN REACH
RC SALT LAKE CITY CALCUTTA
RC SALT LAKE METROPOLITAN KOLKATA
RC TOLLYGUNGE

CO-HOST ROTARY CLUBS

RC AAROHEE KOLKATA
RC ARUNADAY NIVRAH
RC BELVEDERE GARDENS CALCUTTA
RC BENGAL
RC BIHANNAGAR
RC CALCUTTA AMORY
RC CALCUTTA DHAKURIA
RC CALCUTTA LABAN HRAD
RC CALCUTTA NANKURGA CHI
RC CALCUTTA MAHANAGAR

RC CALCUTTA MAYFAIR
RC CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN
RC CALCUTTA RENAISSANCE
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RC CENTRAL CALCUTTA
RC KOLKATA BENEVOLENCE
RC SALT LAKE DOWN TOWN
RC SERAMPORE

Rtn Jennifer E. Jones RI President
Rtn Ajoy Kr. Law DG RID 3291
Rtn Ananya Guha Club Secretary
Rtn Bibek Kundu Club President



DISTRIBUTION OF MOSQUITO NETS ON 12.1.2023

On National Youth Day, which is being celebrated as Swami Vivekananda Birthday on 12.1.2023, we have distributed Mosquito Nets to Street Dwellers in front of Vivekananda Bhawan. We hope these Street Dwellers will get relief from the mosquitos thus saving themselves from the disease like malaria etc.

We are grateful to Shaodiya Poribar for arranging the Street Dwellers and it was well organized by them. Thanks to Rtn Runjhun Gupta for taking initiative to get Street dwellers.



Forthcoming Events

CLUB

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

26.01.2023

Joint Regular Meeting with Mahavir Seva Sadan at 11.00 PM at 20, Ekbalpore, Naptani Bagan, Mominpore, Kolkata-700 023. Team from Pace Universal, USA will also join the meeting

11.02.2023

Vocational Excellence Award Ceremony and Regular Meeting at CSC at 2.00 PM

Congratulations



We congratulate
PDG Rtn Sudip Mukherjee
being elected as DRFC & COL representative
for the Rotary year 2023-2026



We also congratulate
Rtn Dr Ramendu Chaudhuri
of RC of Calcutta Sun City being elected
as DGND for the RY-2026-2027

CONGRATULATIONS TO 100% ATTENDANCE OF RCCM MEMBERS FOR COMBINED NOVEMBER-DECEMBER-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 Rajshree Jain
- 8 President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia
- 9 PP Rtn Raj Kumar Poddar
- 10 PP Rtn Harsh V Rungta
- 11 Rtn Rajiv Tibrewal



ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN

PROPOSED BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2023-2024

1	President	Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel
2	IPP	Rtn Dr V K Nevatia
3	President Elect	PP Rtn Sashi Dhacholia
4	Vice President	Rtn Rajshree Jain
5	Hony Secretary	Rtn Runjhun Gupta
6	Treasurer	Rtn Pradip Kapoor
7	Chairman & Director- Club Administration	PP Rtn Gaurang Jalan
8	Chairman & Director- Membership	PP Rtn Narendra Berlia
9	Chairman & Director- Public Relation	PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee
10	Chairman & Director- Service- I (Medical & Non-Medical)	PP Rtn Dr Somen Ghosh
11	Chairman & Director-Service-II (Youth & Vocational)	PP Rtn Harsh V Rungta
12	Chairman & Director- Foundation	PP Rtn Subir Dutta
13	Sergeant-At-Arms	PP Rtn Maitrayee Ray
14	Editor	PP Rtn Sashi Dhacholia
15	Club Trainer	PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal
CHAIRMAN		
1	Literacy	Rtn Namrata Bengani
2	Water	Rtn Gyanendra Narain Singh
3	Sanitation & Hygiene	Rtn Vivek Bajaj
4	Environment	PP Rtn Sunil Kumar
4	CICO	PP Rtn Sashi Dhacholia
5	CRFC	PP Rtn Subir Dutta

DISTRIBUTED KITS TO UNDERPRIVILEGED WIDOWER ON 15.01.2023

Our Club sponsored 5 kits containing essentials to underprivileged widower and participated in the Project "MAA" Mother's Apt Appreciation. This is a flag ship project of RC of Calcutta North East. This year they have distributed 500 kits in Kolkata and 200 Kits to be distributed in Jhargram. People from all walk of life participated in this project. There was participation of more than 200 consisting of Rotary Clubs, Inner Wheels, Rotarians, Individuals, Institutions, EIRWT and others. RC of Calcutta North East organized in a very disciplined manner. Kudos to them,



RI PRESIDENT-ELECT ANNOUNCES 2023-24 PRESIDENTIAL THEME



**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**

Rotary International President-elect R. Gordon R. McInally called for members to capture the world's attention and lead the way toward possibilities far beyond our current expectations.

McInally, a member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, West Lothian, Scotland, revealed the 2023-24 presidential theme, Create Hope in the World, during the Rotary International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, USA, on 9 January. He urged members to promote peace in troubled nations, help those affected by conflict, and maintain the momentum of initiatives begun by past leaders.

Watch the theme address

"The goal is to restore hope - to help the world heal from destructive conflicts and, in turn, to help us achieve lasting change for ourselves," McInally said at Rotary's annual training event for incoming district governors.

McInally spoke about a woman he met in Ban Taling Chan, Thailand, where Rotary members helped build houses, a meeting hall, and childcare and health care facilities following the tsunami that devastated South Asia in late 2004. The woman had lost her husband, her daughter, and her son in the tsunami, as well as her livelihood. But she still had a gift to offer McInally: a beautiful seashell.

"She went on to tell me that Rotary... had restored her optimism. We gave her hope," McInally said.

"This is how Rotary brings lasting change to the world," he added, "one restored or newly created hope at a time."

Promoting peace

A significant way to bring hope to the world is to put a greater emphasis on peace, McInally said. He cited the action Rotary members have taken in the past year to support the people of Ukraine after the invasion by Russia. Rotary has made humanitarian relief a priority, attracting more Ukrainian members in the process. But McInally noted that true relief won't come without peace - not just in Ukraine, but in Yemen, Afghanistan, Syria, and dozens of other places around the globe.

"Peace is the soil where hope takes root," McInally said.

McInally also emphasized the power of continuity, calling for Rotary members to continue the work of some past leaders. He pledged to maintain the Empowering Girls initiative launched by 2020-21 President Shekhar Mehta and uphold the emphasis on diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout Rotary. He also noted recent events that underscore the importance of Rotary's continuing focus on polio. In the past year, polio cases have emerged in many areas around the world, making it more crucial than ever for Rotary members to lead the fight against the disease.

To do that, McInally said, Rotary must continue to raise at least US\$50 million each year to receive the full 2-to-1 funding match from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Only about 1 in 12 members currently gives to the polio eradication campaign, with fewer than 1 in 5 clubs donating each year.

McInally asked the district governors-elect for support creating a new sense of urgency in their clubs to help realize Rotary's vision of a polio-free world. "This is the time for us to go beyond what's necessary year to year and make sure we provide every resource necessary to succeed as quickly as possible," he added.

Focusing on mental health

In addition, McInally said, Rotary members should offer hope to those affected by mental health challenges - a crisis exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many people have lost family members, many more have found their social networks uprooted, and young people especially have had their educational and developmental paths interrupted. As a result, more people around the world are facing mental health issues. And yet, seeking assistance is often perceived as a sign of weakness.

"Nothing could be further from the truth," McInally said. "Reaching out for help is courageous - and continuing on a path toward wellness is even more so."

He added that Rotary will work to improve mental health services in the next year and beyond. Rotary should be known as an organization that takes care of its members as well as the people it serves, McInally said. "Any mental health professional will tell you that by helping others, we essentially help ourselves."

McInally ended his speech by describing his ideal balance of continuity and innovation. "Rotary helps create the conditions for peace, opportunity, and a future worth living," he said. "By continuing what we do best, by remaining open and willing to change, and by keeping our focus on building peace in the world and within ourselves, Rotary helps create a more peaceful world - a more hopeful world."

VERMICOMPOST PROJECT - DURGAPUR

Vermicompost project Durgapur Leprosy Colony, Nabadiganta, Durgapur is nearing completion. Once completed, it will generate employment and revenue so that villagers can become self-sufficient.

What is Vermicompost: **“Vermicomposting is a process in which the earthworms convert the organic waste into manure rich in high nutritional content.”**

Let us hope, once it is ready, the community at a whole of Durgapur Leprosy Colony, Nabadiganta will be benefitted. A true example of Service to Mankind



JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH ON THE ROTARY CALENDAR

Rotary emphasizes integrity and high ethical standards. As part of Rotary's guiding principles and the Avenues of Service, Vocational Service calls on Rotarians to empower others by using their unique skills and expertise to address community needs and help others discover new professional opportunities and interests.

Vocational Service is at the heart of Rotary, which was founded on the classification system of membership. Business and professional life are the bedrock of Rotary, and Vocational Service is a major force in promoting honour, integrity, and trustworthiness in business.

Vocational Service Projects - Ideas for your club; During Vocational Service Month, Rotary clubs highlight the importance of the business and professional life of each Rotarian.

Here are just some of the special activities that Rotary Club can look at to promote the vocational avenue of service.

- * Distribute Four-way Test
- * Distribute Vocational Awards to outstanding individuals, Arrange Vocational Visits
- * Awareness seminar on career guidance, Organize / Arrange in Plant Training
- * Start Vocational Education / Skill Guidance Centre. Start Part Time Consultancy centre
- * Helping Physically Challenged people to gets jobs.

JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH



ROTARIANS DO IT WITH INTEGRITY



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Jennifer Jones
RI President 2022-23

Rotary recently surveyed our members and found something that should be unsurprising but still caused many of us in Rotary leadership to sit up and pay attention: The single most important factor in member satisfaction is the club experience. How at home you feel in your club, how rewarding club meetings are, and how engaged you feel in service projects.

I have seen this firsthand across the Rotary world this year. When members feel an emotional connection to their club, they cannot imagine leaving. And that connection is often forged in "Rotary moments," when people feel that special connection to the people around them and the impact of their service. Our Imagine Impact Tour is all about shining a light on those Rotary moments and encouraging our members to tell their stories.

But there's something else that makes an enormous difference in building and sustaining that connection. It's the comfort and care of our members - both Rotarians and Rotaractors. As my Rotary friend Todd Jenkins says, "People can't see how you think, but they sure can see your actions."

We are in the relationship business, and if we take care of each other - genuinely show concern for each other - then we will make friends for life, and we will do anything to widen that circle of friendship.

The question is: How do we live with our eyes wide open and do the things that really matter? We do this by taking time for each other, actively listening to one another, and treating every Rotary member as equally valuable - no matter how long we have been a member or what position we hold.

People like me in Rotary leadership can offer all kinds of advice about how to make your club experience more valuable. But what's most important is for everyone in every Rotary club to speak up and listen to one another. We should never be afraid to share with our fellow Rotary member what we expect to get out of our membership and have an open discussion about how to make that happen.

To lead a Rotary club is to invite such dialogue and to be willing to try new approaches. Good leadership is giving it away. Propping others up. Allowing others to feel the victory.

I have one last request for club leaders. We still need to do more worldwide to increase our female membership. It's up a bit this year, but I know we can and must do better. Rotary is growing again. As I write this, we're just a handful of members away from surpassing 1.2 million Rotarians again. So let's redouble our efforts to bolster our clubs with great new members, then keep them for life by providing comfort and care.

TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE – JANUARY 2023



Ian H.S. Riseley
Trustee Chair 2022-23

A new year is upon us. As we look forward to new beginnings and experiences, let's think outside the box and find new opportunities to serve through Rotary.

Consider taking up a community economic development project this year. In this Rotary area of focus, we apply our professional experience by promoting the entrepreneurial spirit as we help communities help themselves in a sustainable way. Community economic development projects, to paraphrase the universal adage, don't just give someone a fish today but teach them to fish so they can eat for a lifetime.

These projects can be microloans to start up a livestock breeding business, or they might take the adopt-a-village approach in which Rotary works with communities on multipronged efforts to boost local economies sustainably.

In 2000, during its transition to independence, Timor-Leste was reeling from political violence and destruction. Communities not only needed shelter and improved living conditions but also a new economy.

This is where Australian Rotary clubs stepped up with the East Timor Roofing project to produce and install corrugated roofing, and later, water tanks and grain silos. As the project grew, other organizations joined, including The Rotary Foundation, which delivered a grant that set the project on its path to success.

Before long, East Timor Roofing became a financially viable enterprise, raising enough money to build roofs for homes, schools, orphanages, and commercial buildings. Subsistence farmers got silos for their crops. Hundreds of Timorese received professional training in basic building and administrative skills. Thousands of new water tanks ensured that young girls could attend school rather than fetching water.

What began as a roofing project is today a commercial enterprise employing local people and making a huge impact. And your Foundation paved the way.

What experiences lie ahead for you in 2023? A district or global grant? Or possibly a visit to Melbourne, Australia, just up the road from my home, to make new friends, reunite with old ones, and find partners for projects during the 2023 Rotary International Convention?

Let's make a New Year's resolution to take advantage of opportunities to learn, grow, and serve. And let's have some fun in the process. This is Rotary, after all.

So, my friends, let us go forth and carpe annum - seize the year.

MINUTES OF THE 36th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN HELD AT 2.30 AM ON 17th DECEMBER, 2022 AT THE CALCUTTA SWIMMING CLUB, 1, STRAND ROAD, KOLKATA-700 001

1. President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia took the chair and thanked the members present.
2. Adequate quorum being present, President called the 36th Annual Meeting to order
3. The Minutes of the 35th Annual Meeting held on 23rd December,2022 were read and proposed by PP Rtn Sashi Dhacholia and seconded by PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee. The same was approved.
4. The President informed that the Club Accounts as on 31.03.2022 had been circulated. After discussion, the members ratified and approved the circulated Club accounts and passed the following resolution duly proposed by IPP Rtn Dr Somen Ghosh and seconded by PP Rtn Harsh V Rungta.
"RESOLVED THAT, the members of RCCM, after discussion approved the accounts for RCCM Club as on 31.03.2022."
5. The President informed that the Trust Accounts as on 31.03.2022 had been circulated. After discussion, the members ratified and approved the circulated Trust accounts and passed the following resolution duly proposed by PP Rtn Harsh V Rungta and seconded by PP Rtn Raj Kumar Poddar
"RESOLVED THAT, the members of RCCM, after discussion approved the accounts for RCCM Trust as on 31.03.2022."
6. The President informed that the auditors M/s SBA Associates were available for reappointment as auditors for the year 2022-2023. After discussion, it was unanimously approved by the members to appoint, M/s SBA Associates and the following resolution was passed duly proposed by PP Rtn Sashi Dhacholia and seconded by PP Rtn Raj Kumar Poddar
"RESOLVED THAT, the members of RCCM, after discussion approved that M/s SBA Associates be and are hereby appointed as Statutory Auditors for RCCM Club and RCCM Trust accounts for the FY 2022-2023 at a remuneration to be agreed and decided by the Board."
7. The President requested PE Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel to introduce the Board for RY 2023-2024.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2022-2023

1	President	Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel
2	IPP	Rtn Dr V K Nevatia
3	President Elect	Rtn Sashi Dhacholia
4	Vice President	Rtn Rajshree Jain
5	Hony Secretary	Rtn Runjhun Gupta
6	Treasurer	Rtn Pradip Kapoor
7	Director- Club Service	PP Rtn Gaurang Jalan
8	Chairman & Director- Membership Chair	Rtn Narendra Berlia
9	Chairman & Director- Public Relation	PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee
10	Chairman & Director- Service (Medical)	PP Rtn Dr Somen Ghosh
11	Chairman & Director-Service- Non-medical (Youth & Vocational)	PP Rtn Harsh V Rungta
12	Chairman & Director- Foundation Chair	PP Rtn Subir Dutta
13	Sergeant-At-Arms	PP Rtn Maitrayee Ray
14	Editor	PP Rtn Sashi Dhacholia
15	Club Trainer	PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal

CHAIRMAN

1	Literacy	Rtn Namrata Bengani
2	Water	Rtn Gyanendra Narain Singh
3	Sanitation & Hygiene	Rtn Vivek Bajaj
4	Environment	Rtn Sunil Kumar
5	CICO	PP Rtn Sashi Dhacholia
6	CRFC	PP Rtn Subir Dutta

The above RCCM Board for the RY-2023-2024 was proposed by PE Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel and seconded by PP Rtn Harsh V Rungta.

8. With no further announcement, President adjourned the Annual Meeting.

MINUTES OF 1641st REGULAR MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN HELD ON SATURDAY, 17TH DECEMBER, 2022 AT 2.00 PM AT THE CLACUTTA SWIMMING CLUB, 1, STRAND ROAD, KOLKATA-700 001

1. President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia called the 1641st Regular Meeting to order.
2. National Anthem was sung by all members present.
3. Minutes of Regular Meeting no: 1640th dated 10.12.2022 as printed in Metro Voice were read and confirmed.
4. President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia informed about the: Projects done and Forthcoming programs:
 - On 10.12.2022- We were Co-host to Awareness Seminar Life Beyond Cancer organized by RC of Calcutta Dhakuria
 - On 11.12.2022- 6 Cycle Vans were handed over to needy physically challenged persons at Mahavir Seva Sadan Out of which, one Cycle Van was sponsored by PP Rtn Gaurang Jalan
 - On 11.12.2022- President was happy to announce that both Rtn Rajiv Tibrewal agreed to sponsor 3 Polio Corrective Surgeries costing Rs.17,500/- each and PE Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel also agreed to sponsor 2 Polio Corrective Surgeries@ Rs.17,500/- each at the request of President Shri Vijay Choraria of MSS. We are grateful to both of them for their spontaneous response. The President of MSS also informed that there is wait list of more than 80 patients for Polio Corrective Surgeries and requested Club to work on this project also.
 - On 11.12.2022- Vermicompost project is under construction at Durgapur Leprosy Colony, Nabadiganta, Durgapur and likely to be completed in couple of days. Worms filling will be done next week.
 - After completion Vermicompost, project mushroom cultivation will be taken at Nabadiganta.
- On 13.12.2022- 220 Woollen blankets were distributed to the students and support staff of PACE Learning Centre. We are extremely grateful to Rtn Narendra Berlia for sponsoring 400 Woollen blankets. The balance 180 will be distributed as under:
 - A. 70 Woollen Blankets at Devine destination Old Age Home, Bhelphari, West Medinipur on 18.12.2022
 - B. 17 Woollen Blankets at Old Age Home for Men, Ramkrishnapur, Kulpi Village, Diamond Harbour on 17.12.2022
 - C. 83 Woollen Blankets at Save the Orphans & Old Age-Bansdrani on 24.12.2022
 - D. 10 Misc to the needy persons
- On 13.12.2022- We were Co-host to Education to all- a District-3291 Literacy Event organized by RC of Calcutta Chowringhee.
- On 14.12.2022- Keertika Academy handed over Completion Certificate to 30 successful General Duty Assistant (GDA) candidates. Some of them already joined as per placements and others will join soon.
5. Rtn Renu Todi informed the members that she is opening very soon one Recreation Centre for elderly people. She is inviting members to join if they can spend the time with them. She will post the details in Club WhatsApp's group very soon.
6. Hony Secretary Rtn Sashi Dhacholia made the Club announcements. She informed about the forthcoming events and Birthday greetings. The Sunshine box collection was Rs.1200/- over and above as usual. The overall attendance was 15.
7. There was no other business, the meeting was adjourned.



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