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**WE WELCOME  
PDG RTN AJAY AGARWAL  
AS GUEST SPEAKER,  
WHO WILL SPEAK ON  
“WE CARE & RETENTION OF MEMBER”**



### **KNOW YOUR GUEST SPEAKER - PDG AJAY AGARWAL - R I DISTRICT 3291**

Hailing from the reputed Agarwal family of Kolkata which publishes Daily Vishwamitra, the oldest Hindi newspaper now in its 107th year of publication, PDG Ajay Agarwal is a journalist, newspaper publisher and printer with vast experience in the industry. In addition, he has interests in newsprint import and trade, and also in real estate development.

Having joined Rotary Club of Central Calcutta in 1988, he served as President 1992-93 of the club taking over from (at that time) IPP Shekhar Mehta.

In later years he served in numerous District, Zonal and International positions. He has been a regular discussion leader at RLI since its inception and has been a faculty in PETS, SETS, AGTS, District Assembly and District Conference numerous times.

During his tenure as District Governor in 2019-2020, the celebrations of Rotary's centennial in India took place with unprecedented enthusiasm and activity in all areas, culminating in euphoria for the Rotarians from all over. The District Assembly, Conference and other programs were start studded and remembered for their grandeur capturing the spirit of the landmark.

In 2021-2022, he served as RIPR to the District Conference of RI District 3030, which was held on a cruise ship, a first for any conference in India.

Having served as District Public Image Coordinator in 2017-2018, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022, he has been appointed ARPIC (Assistant Rotary Public Image Coordinator) for Zone 6 in 2022-2023.

He is presently a member of Rotary Club of Calcutta Millennium, which was chartered in 2016.

**AUGUST IS THE MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION MONTH**

## INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

### Namrata Bengani

proposed by  
Rtn Harsh V Rungta  
under Classification  
Chartered Accountant



### Sunil Kumar

proposed by  
Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel  
under Classification  
Stock Market Trader



### Vivek Anand

proposed by  
Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel  
under Classification  
Tea Industry



### Gaurav Mathur

proposed by  
Rtn Dr Somen Ghosh  
under Classification  
Advocate



### Pradeep Lata

proposed by  
Rtn Dr V K Nevatia  
under Classification  
Hotel Industry



## The Objective of Rotary



The Objective of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

### First

The development of acquaintance as an opportunity to service;

### Second

High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

### Third

The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

### Fourth

The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

## THE 4 WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say, or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

## ROTARY CODE OF CONDUCT



As a Rotarian, I will

1. Exemplify the core value of integrity in all behaviors and activities
2. Use my vocational experience and talents to serve in Rotary
3. Conduct all of my personal, business, and professional affairs ethically, encouraging and fostering high ethical standards as an example to others
4. Be fair in all dealings with others and treat them with the respect due to them as fellow human beings
5. Promote recognition and respect for all occupations which are useful to society
6. Offer my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community
7. Honor the trust that Rotary and fellow Rotarians provide and not do anything that will bring disfavor or reflect adversely on Rotary or fellow Rotarians
8. Not seek from a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship





## WE CARE FOR EYE VISION

Dark clouds were hovering around the Kolkata and it seems that there will be heavy rains in and around the Kolkata on 23rd August, 2022 but the time we reach PACE Learning Centre, which was one and half hour drive from the city, the sky gradually cleared and there was bright sunshine at PLC Campus when reached.

President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia thought about having the Eye Check-up of all students of PACE Learning Centre (PLC) and tied up with Mahavir Seva Sadan to conduct the screening as they are having Mobile Ambulance for Eye Check-up, so it's suited us. President main concern was to ensure proper Eye sight of all students and any deficiencies should be taken care of in the early stage of their life.

PLC students were quite excited about the Eye screening camp held on 23.8.2022 and one by one 212 students were checked. Teachers and back up staff were also screened. The idea to have such screening camp to ensure healthy eye of all students and the teachers and staff. More than 38 students, teachers and staff will be provided with specs in due course.

As usual, the students of PLC never forget to show their love to the visitors, by handing over them handmade greetings to all personnel of Mahavir Seva Sadan.

If the First Lady Lata Nevatia of the Club travels with you, then she ensures you are well taken care of with morning breakfast and homemade tea in the morning followed by stumptuous lunch by PLC canteen.

Club was represented by President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia, First Lady Lata Nevatia and also PP of Inner Wheel, PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji and PN Rtn Sashi Dhacholia.





## WE CARE FOR EYE VISION



## PLC UPDATES

PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji, President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia and PN Rtn Sashi Dhacholia with Teacher Co-coordinator Mahashweta Maity took stock of students activities and their career.





## THE JOURNEY GOES ON AT MAHAVIR SEVA SADAN

Our association with Mahavir Seva Sadan (MSS) started since inception of both from 1986 i.e. 37 years. We have Joint Meetings with them on 15th August and 26th January every year. Indeed, one of the finest examples of friendship and co-operation between us. We are doing various projects for Physically & Mentally Challenged both by way of Matching and Global Grants and cash donations.

We celebrated 75th Independence Day jointly with Mahavir Seva Sadan on 15.8.2022 and the National Flag was hoisted by our Chief Guest DG Rtn Ajoy Kumar Law and the First Lady Rtn Mitali Law in presence of members of MSS, Inner Wheel, RCCM and other guests. Before the program started, President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia took both DG and the First Lady to various floors to show, how the artificial limbs are prepared, rehabilitation of Cerebral Palsy Children and physically challenged persons making paper bags, flower pots etc. In absence of our Hony Secretary, Rtn Runjhun Gupta officiated as Acting Hony Secretary. The program started with Bhawana Geet and both Chief Guest Rtn Ajoy Kumar Law and Guest of Honour Shri Harak Banthia were felicitated with flower bouquets made by the MSS.

In his opening remark President Emeritus Shri J S Mehta of MSS welcomed all and briefed how the journey of MSS started with 200 sft space and today they had full-fledged building with another new building coming up at Joka. He also gave details about all facilities available at MSS and informed that MSS has so far already provided artificial limbs etc to more than 4 lakhs beneficiaries. He also introduced us to Pushpa, who had lost both her legs during the childhood in accident but with artificial limbs, she became self-sufficient and is now looking after her family.

The day became colorful by cultural program of Dance by Cerebral Palsy affected children and song recital by a physically challenged boy. There was classical dance by physically challenged girl named Sharmistha, who is also fitted with both artificial legs and in spite of that who really made everyone sit and see her flawless dance like famed Sudha Chandran. There was heart touching song sung by Rudranil, who is Cerebral Palsy affected, who could not move earlier and is now able to walk.

DG Rtn Ajoy Kumar Law was touched the kind of service being provided by MSS in association with RCCM. He has no words how to express the appreciation. DG Rtn Ajoy Kumar Law also distributed sponsorship to the physically challenged students. He committed his support for his entire term for anything that was needed.

President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia informed that due to technical reason, no grants projects could be carried with MSS for couple of years but now the road is cleared and the Club has already working on Global Grant projects for Artificially Limbs, Calipers for physically & mentally challenged. This brought round of applause from the members of MSS.

PP Rtn Sohanraj Singhvi, who is also patron of MSS, spoke about their future goals to make the country "Free from Crutches". They are vigorously working on this and one by one they will cover all states in India. MSS wants their institution to be the best in South East Asia.



DG Ajoy Kumar Law and the First Lady Mitali Law how the artificial legs are done



President showing the Artificial Limbs workshop



Flag hoisting by DG Ajoy Kumar Law and the First Lady Mitali Law



A view of the Head table



## THE JOURNEY GOES ON AT MAHAVIR SEVA SADAN



Address by the President Emeritus J S Mehta of MSS



PN Sashi Dhacholia introducing the Chief Guest DG Ajoy Kumar Law



DG Ajoy Kumar Law being felicitated by MSS with their signature memento of Leg



A view of audience



Sushila is welcomed by DG who is having both artificial legs since childhood



Another view of audience



DG Ajoy Kumar Law handing over sponsorship envelope to needy physically challenged students



PE Rakesh Kumar Goel talking about the visit to Nabadiganta



## THE JOURNEY GOES ON AT MAHAVIR SEVA SADAN



Sharmistha with added legs as one was too small



DG Ajoy Kumar Law address



Rudranil-affected Crebral Palsy sang beautifully



President DR V K Nevatia announcing about the Global Grant project on Artificial Limbs



Sharmistha being physically challenged danced like Sudha Chandran Classical style



Acting Secretary making Club announcements



Crebral Palsy Children presenting dance



PP Sohanraj Singhvi in his Closing remarks



## IF THERE IS WILL, THERE IS WAY

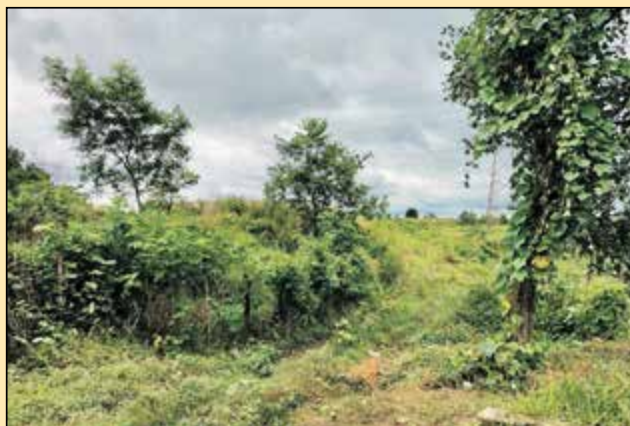
This Sunday, 14th August, we, along with members of Inner Wheel club of Kolkata Metropolitan, visited a remote village near Durgapur. This village, "Nabadiganta" is almost 181 KM from Kolkata and the visit was long overdue. When we started it was raining and it continued throughout our journey till Nabadiganta village but then the Rain God showed mercy and when we reached there the rains stopped. We started our work by surveying the village, seeing various projects like mushroom cultivation, ponds for fish farming and rain water harvesting etc. We were able to interact with the villagers, go round the area and understand their needs.

As mentioned, this village Nabadiganta is 181 Km from Kolkata. It was earlier known as Durgapur Leprosy Colony, PO: Gopinathpur, Durgapur-713 211 and was inhabited by patients suffering with Leprosy. We found this village to be most neglected village with no facilities. The road is not properly laid and with great difficulties we reached their place. Our PE Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel, President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia and PN Rtn Sashi Dhacholia assessed and felt we could help them with the following projects, may be jointly with Inner Wheel Club.

1. Taking forward Mushroom cultivation
2. Production of Vermicompost

For your information, we had earlier provided them one toilet for the school. We have also handed over one Electric Sewing Machine with attachments for embroidery, piko and making button holes on 14.8.2022. We also hoisted the National Flag and participated in joyfully singing the National Anthem.

We find our visit has given us a better understanding of their needs and hopefully will be able to help them and reduce their suffering by doing some more useful projects for the villagers.



Another view of Greenery



Mushroom Cultivation Plant room



Electronic Sewing Machine is being handed over



Greenery view of Nabadiganta Village



RCCM President Inner Wheel President addressing the audience



## IF THERE IS WILL, THERE IS WAY



Villagers view



PE Rakesh Kumar Goel gave Football to the youth of village so that they can have matches



Tree Plantation



A view of Toilet provided by RCCM last year

## STEPHANIE A URCHICK-ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT NOMINEE FOR 2024-2025

Stephanie A. Urchick, of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2024-25, a decision that would make her only the second woman to hold that position. She will be declared the president-nominee on 1 October if no challenging candidates have been suggested.

With the world facing incredible challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic, disasters driven by climate change, and conflict in many regions, Urchick says Rotary's leaders can offer a vision and a plan for overcoming these challenges.

"Measures taken by Rotary leadership to survive and end critical challenges often make our organization stronger and more resilient for future events," Urchick says. "This kind of essential leadership also creates new levels of cooperation, even among rivals, when Rotarians pull together as people of action to serve and solve a crisis."



Making regionalization a priority is crucial, says Urchick.

"Because Rotary operates in more than 200 countries and regions, it is vital to recognize that the organization has the potential to become more efficient and effective by understanding and reacting to how regional differences affect the way Rotarians work together to address providing service, promoting integrity, and advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace," Urchick says.

Urchick is partner and chief operating officer of Doctors at Work LLC, a consulting and training company. She

holds a doctorate in leadership studies from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She is active on numerous community boards and committees, and has been honored by organizations including Zonta International and the Sons of the American Revolution.

A Rotary member since 1991, Urchick has travelled to Vietnam to help build a primary school and to the Dominican Republic to install water filters. She studies several Slavic languages, has mentored new Rotarians in Ukraine, and coordinated a Rotary Foundation grant project in Poland.

Urchick has served Rotary in many roles, including as a director, Foundation trustee, and chair of the RI Strategic Planning Committee and the Foundation's Centennial Celebration Committee. She currently serves on the Election Review Committee and the Operations Review Committee. She is a Rotary Foundation Major Donor and a member of the Bequest Society.



**SAGAR TAHKE PAHARE-A PUBLIC IMAGE INITIATIVE  
BY ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT-3291 ON 31.7.2022**

**Sagar Tahke Pahare**

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Indo-Bangladesh Bike & Car Rally and Mountaineering Expedition 2022  
From Gangasagar to Mt. Yunam (20,000 ft) at Lahul Spiti, Himachal Pradesh via Kolkata, Bandel, Dhanbad, Varanasi, Agra, Delhi, Bilaspur, Manali, Gispa and Bharatpur by Road with Holy Water, Flag of India, Rotary International and Dist 3291 to reach at the Peak on 15th August 2022

Total Distance to be covered: more than 2500 kms

- Gangasagar - Kolkata - Bandel - Dhanbad
- Dhanbad - Varanasi
- Varanasi - Agra
- Agra - Delhi
- Delhi - Bilaspur
- Bilaspur - Manali
- Manali - Gispa
- Gispa - Bharatpur
- Bharatpur - Base Camp - Peak

Flag Off on Sunday 31st July 2022 after the felicitation of the Team and handing over the Holy Water and Equipments from 9 am to 11 am at Nehru Childrens Museum (next to Rotary Safar)

• Night stay

A Public Image Initiative of Rotary International District 3291

Supported by  
RI Districts 3240, 3250, 3120, 3011, 3012, 3070.

We are co-sponsor to Indo-Bangladesh Bike & Car Rally and Mountaineering Expedition. From Gangasagar to Mr Yunam (20,000 ft) at Lahul Spiti, Himachal Pradesh via Kolkata, Bandel, Dhanbad, Varanasi, Agra, Delhi, Bilaspur, Manali, Gispa and Bharatpur by Road with Holy Water, Flag of India, Rotary International and District-3291 to reach at the Peak on 15th August, 2022 and also supported by various District in India. Our President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia joined on 31.7.2022 for Car & Bike rally.



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**Imagine Big  
Imagine Rotary**

Jennifer Jones  
RI President

**TOGETHER WE  
IMAGINE ROTARY**

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August is  
**Membership and New Club  
Development Month**

TOGETHER WE  
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Rotary PEOPLE OF ACTION



## PACE LEARNING CENTRE CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

### CELEBRATION OF PLATINUM JUBILEE OF INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY AT PACE LEARNING CENTRE ON 15.8.2022

75th Independence Day was celebrated by hoisting of National Flag by PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji in the premises of PACE Learning Centre in presence of Teachers, Students and Staff.

On 15th August, 2022 all the students, teachers and staff members of PLC assembled in the school premises to salute our great nation on its Independence Day. Our respected President Rtn Jayanta Chatterji commenced the first and foremost episode of our programme with the flag hoisting ceremony followed by the National Anthem with great pride and patriotism.

After that, a rapt cultural programme was staged by our dear students to pay tribute to the great national heroes of our country for whom now we live in the status of independent citizens. This year we have proceeded with four stepped thematic performance keeping in mind the keyword, "Unity in Diversity". Narration based multi patriotic songs in the opening part followed by a dance performance by our junior jewel kids both were just mind-blowing.

A fusion dance by the senior girls preceded by a patriotic play, based on the theme, "Concept of freedom in Modern India and the role of Education to bring the positive change" added a different level to their creative skill. Thanks to our teachers whose active involvement guided our students to produce their best performance. The programme successfully ended with the august speech by our respected President sir which was inspiring enough for all of us to realise the majestic power of Education, how we are connected to the future of our nation and how should we be responsible with our civic sense and dignity.

The entire event of the day concluded with the delicious lunch party prepared by our support staff. Last but not the least, the greatest pride for PLC on such an auspicious day obviously should be covered with the breaking news that all our Senior Secondary qualified students are placed in high ranking order in the very first merit list published by multiple colleges under Calcutta University and confirmed their admission in renowned institutes in Honours courses. They were also overwhelmed when our president sir personally congratulated them and wished for their future endeavour and success. It's really a memorable Independence Day for all of us who are whole heartedly connected to PLC.

By Mahashweta Maity  
PLC Teacher Coordinator





## PACE LEARNING CENTRE CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

### ADMISSION OF GIRLS

We congratulate the following girl students, whose admission are provisionally confirmed by the respective colleges under Calcutta University.



Anamika Sarkar  
(Sociology Hons -  
Gurudas College)



Rama Pramanik  
(Sociology Hons -  
Gurudas College)



Kajal Bhuiya  
(Sociology Hons -  
Gurudas College)



Madhumita Sardar  
(Psychology Hons-  
Victoria Institution)

### RAKSHA BANDHAN CELEBRATION

On 12th August, 2022 PLC Interact Club arranged for celebration of Rakhi Bandhan, the festival of "Bond of protection". As per the preamble of Indian Constitution, all the citizens of India should possess the utmost sense of fraternity among themselves for the unity and integrity of the nation. Rakhi Bandhan is one of the most endearing way to strengthen the bond not only between brothers and sisters, but it also has a social significance. It underlines the notion that everybody should live in harmony and hence speaks about the rich culture and traditions of India that make our nation extraordinary. Therefore, our Interact Club members actively participated

in the project to symbolize the promise of care and protection of their dear uncle and aunts, PLC support staffs who always look after and support them from morning to evening.

Interact Club members showcased their talent by their hand made Rakhis using different craft materials and tied it on the wrist of the support staff member of PLC and expressed their gratitude towards them. They were engrossed and became emotional for the respect showed to them by our dear students. Not only it ended here but also the Interact club students served lunch to them and it was good to see their happy faces again.





## 20 BENEFITS OF ROTARY MEMBERSHIP

**“It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself”**

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

1. **Friendship** ~ In an increasingly complex world, Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs; the need for friendship & fellowship. It is one of two reasons Rotary began in 1905.
2. **Business Development** ~ The second original reason for Rotary's beginning is business development. Everyone needs to network. Rotary consists of a cross section of every business community. It's members come from all walks of life. Rotarians help each other and collectively help others.
3. **Personal Growth & Development** ~ Membership in Rotary continues one's growth & education in human relations & personal development.
4. **Leadership Development** ~ Rotary is an organization of leaders & successful people. Serving in Rotary is like a college education. Leadership: - learning how to motivate, influence, and lead leaders.
5. **Citizenship in the Community** ~ Membership in Rotary club makes one a better community citizen. The average Rotary club consists of the most active citizens of any community.
6. **Continuing Education** ~ Each week at Rotary there is a program designed to keep one informed about what is going on in the community, nation and world. Each meeting provides an opportunity to listen to different speakers and a variety of timely topics.
7. **Fun** ~ Rotary is fun, a lot of fun. Each meeting is fun. Social activities are fun. The service is fun.
8. **Public Speaking Skills** ~ Many individuals who join Rotary were afraid to speak in public. Rotary develops confidence and skills in public communications and the opportunity to practice and perfect these skills.
9. **Citizenship in the World** ~ Every Rotarian wears a pin that says "Rotary International". There are a few places on the globe that do not have a Rotary Club. Every Rotarian is welcome - even encouraged - to attend any of the over 34,000 clubs over 200 nations and geographic regions. This means instant friends in both one's own community and in the world community.
10. **Assistance when traveling** ~ Because there are Rotary clubs everywhere, many a Rotarian in need of a doctor, lawyer, hotel, dentist, advice, etc., while traveling has found assistance through Rotary.
11. **Entertainment** ~ Every Rotary club and district has parties and activities that provide diversions in one's business life. Rotary holds conferences, assemblies, and institutes that provide entertainment in addition to Rotary information, education and service.
12. **The Development of Social Skills** ~ Every week and at various events and functions Rotary develops one's personality, social skills and people skills. Rotary is for people who like people.
13. **Family Programs** ~ Rotary provides one of the worlds largest youth exchange programs; high school and college clubs for future Rotarians; opportunities for spouse involvement; and a host of activities designed to help family members in growth and the development of family values.
14. **Vocational Skills** ~ Every Rotarian is expected to take part in the growth and development of his or her own profession or vocation; to serve on committees and to teach youth about one's job or vocation. Rotary helps to make one a better doctor, lawyer, teacher, etc.
15. **The Development of Ethics** ~ Rotarians practice a 4 Way Test that governs one's ethical standards. Rotarians are expected to be ethical in business and personal relations.
16. **Cultural Awareness** ~ Around the world, practically every religion, country, culture, race, creed, political persuasion, language, color and ethnic identity is found in Rotary. It is a cross section of the world's most prominent citizens from every background. Rotarians become aware of their cultures and learn to love and work with people everywhere. They become better citizens of their countries in the process.
17. **Prestige** ~ Rotary members are prominent people: leaders of business, the professions, art, government, sports, military, religion and all disciplines. Rotary is the oldest and most prestigious service club in the world. It's ranks include executives, managers, professionals - people who make decisions and influence policy.
18. **Nice People** ~ Rotarians above all are nice people - the nicest people on the face of the earth. They are important people who follow the policy of it is nice to be important but it is important to be nice.
19. **The absence of an "Official Creed"** ~ Rotary has no secret handshake, no secret policy, no official creed, no secret meetings or rituals. It is an open society of men and women who simply believe in helping others.
20. **The Opportunity to Serve** ~ Rotary is a service club. It's business is mankind. Its product is service. Rotarians provide community service to both local and international communities. This is perhaps the best reason for becoming a Rotarian: the chance to do something else and to sense the self-fulfillment that comes in the process and return of that satisfaction to one's own life. It is richly rewarding.





**Jennifer Jones**  
**RI President 2022-23**

We've all taken our own path to become a member of Rotary. Some of you joined because your father was a Rotarian. Some of us signed up because an employer tapped us on the shoulder and asked us to attend a meeting. Others became members only after a U.S. Supreme Court ruling made it possible. Yet each of us entered through one mechanism - an invitation.

An invitation that unlocks our imaginations and allows us to know that everything and anything is possible. Each one of us has that same opportunity - the honor to extend an invitation.

It is awe-inspiring to imagine how we can look out across our communities and identify our future leaders. It's often tempting to attract people who are exactly like us. It's a special form of ingenuity to consider how people who are seemingly very different can, in fact, share our values and have some of those same talents, just waiting to be unleashed.

It's time for Rotary to take our next step in advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) across our organization.

Embracing an experience where people feel included is more than just making our membership numbers more diverse. It's about making our meetings and events places where we can speak openly and honestly with each other, where our members feel welcome and safe. This means removing barriers for entry and opening doors for inclusion. Our values remain our strength - and our commitment to excellence requires us to maintain high standards for our members as well.

I believe we are all committed and determined to advancing DEI across Rotary. This is rooted in the deepest traditions of our organization, and it will ensure that we remain vibrant and relevant for decades to come.

A few years ago, our Rotary Board set the ambitious goal of increasing the share of female members to 30 percent by 2023. We have less than a year to go, but I believe we can meet and exceed this target.

We need Rotary leaders to rise from every continent, culture, and creed. We need young members and young thinkers to take on larger roles and responsibilities. We need to listen to new Rotary members just as keenly, and with as much respect, as those with many years of membership.

During our recent convention in Houston, we heard from astronauts about their journeys into space. We reflected upon a time in the 1960s when U.S. President John F. Kennedy urged the world to dream, with his declaration that we would "go to the moon [and do] other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard."

Fully committing Rotary to DEI and meeting our ambitious membership targets may seem as unlikely as a moon shot. But I know that when people of action are committed to a big goal, we make it worth every ounce of our energy.



## TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE – AUGUST 2022



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

During my travels, Rotary often comes up in conversation. Most people associate us with local projects and fundraisers - which is great - but few know what a global force Rotary is. It's easier to understand this aspect of Rotary through an example, such as how Rotary responded to the devastating bushfires in Australia in late 2019 and early 2020.

The result of extreme drought, global warming, and adverse weather conditions, the fires caused catastrophic damage. The need for help was obvious and substantial.

No stranger to forest fires themselves, Canadian Rotarians knew the best way to help was through The Rotary Foundation. They were soon joined by Rotary clubs and districts in other countries and Taiwan, resulting in three Foundation global grants totaling \$280,000 to support the economic recovery of farmers affected by these fires.

One farmer wrote a letter of thanks on behalf of the remote communities we helped, saying they "were in disbelief that Rotary clubs from other countries would step up and help our relatively small farming region" and adding that "they were very grateful and honored to be considered worthy of such aid."

Friends, this is the kind of impact your Foundation has every single day around the world and why it deserves the support of all Rotary members.

The most significant projects done in Rotary's name are those accomplished through The Rotary Foundation. The list goes on and on. Think of the impact of our polio eradication efforts, our peace education programs, and our Programs of Scale grants. All these efforts to make the world a better place emanate from our Foundation.

The Foundation also impacts our club experience, membership, partnerships, and so much more. The more visibility and impact we have through Foundation projects, the more people want to be part of what we are doing as partners or as members. Everybody wins.

To me, Rotary and its Foundation are inseparable - you can't have one without the other. They are two sides of the same coin. I love the friendship and fellowship and projects I experience as a member of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Australia; but I am also thrilled to be part of a global movement that is changing the lives of countless people through The Rotary Foundation.

Remember that other side of the Rotary coin and support your Foundation. By doing so, you will also be supporting your fellow members who are bringing to life the projects our world truly needs.

**MINUTES OF 1632nd REGULAR MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN HELD ON MONDAY, 15TH AUGUST, 2022 AT 11.30 PM AT MAHAVIR SEVA SADAN, 20, EKBALPORE, NAPTANI BAGAN, MOMINPORE, KOLKATA-700 023**

1. President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia called the 1632nd Regular Meeting to order.
2. It was noted that before the start of the meeting, National Flag was hoisted by DG Rtn Ajoy Kumar Law, First Lady Rtn Mitali Law, Members of MSS and Inner Wheel and other guests with National Anthem
3. Minutes of 1631st Regular Meeting were read and confirmed.
4. President informed about his visit to Nabadiganta, Durgapur along with Inner Wheel members along with PE Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel and PN Rtn Sashi Dhacholia on 14.8.2022.
5. PE Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel gave detailed report about the visit to Nabadiganta near Durgapur on 14.8.2022. This village is most neglected and there is no proper infrastructure is available to the villagers. The Club can look forward to Mushroom cultivation and Vermicomposting projects after necessary discussion with Board.
6. President informed that today two prospective members are present and they are qualified to be taken as members of the Club after necessary action.
7. PN Rtn Sashi Dhacholia introduced and welcomed Chief Guest Rtn Ajoy Kumar Law and the First Lady Rtn Mitali Law. He was given a memento by the MSS.
8. President Emeritus J S Mehta updated about the MSS activities.
9. There was Cultural program by Cerebral Palsy Children and beneficiaries of Artificial Limbs etc of MSS.
10. President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia handed scholarship of Rs 500 each to 16 physically challenged students.
11. In his key note address, DG Rtn Ajoy Kumar Law started with how overwhelmed he was to see the great work being done and applauded MSS and RCCM. He committed his support for his entire term for anything that was needed.
12. President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia in his address shared about Global Grant project, which earlier due to technical reason was not held. Now we can go ahead with Global grant projects for MSS.
13. PP Rtn Sohanraj Singhvi wrapped it by saying he felt so proud being part of this from inception and MSS starting with just 200sft and now MSS moving to 1L Square feet in Joka. He said he would love to this initiative go to different cities and see other rotary clubs come together for this.
14. President requested Acting Hony Secretary Rtn Runjhun Gupta to make Club announcements. She thanked President and informed about forthcoming events and Birthday Greetings. The Sunshine box collection was Rs.1000/-, which over and above as usual. The total attendance for the day was 9.
15. Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

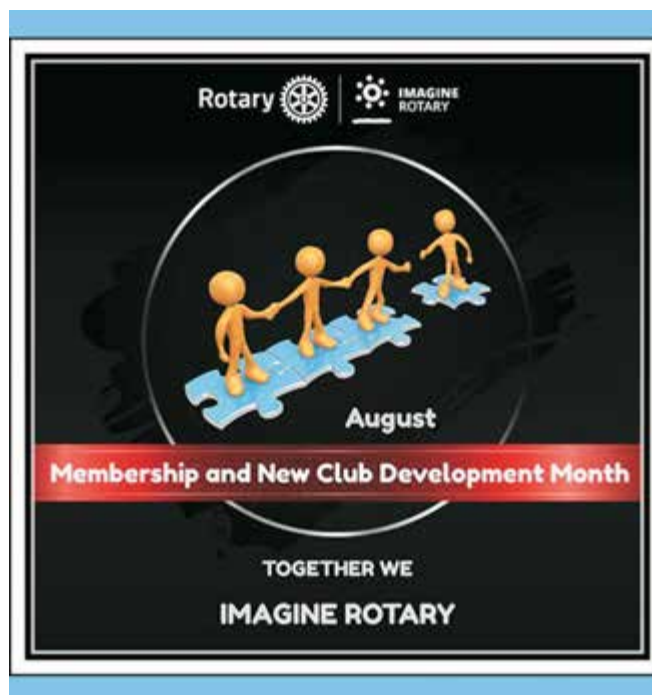
### Forthcoming Events

#### CLUB

- 03.09.2022** Regular Meeting at 2.00 PM at CSC. The Guest speaker will Ms Nilanjana Maulik, who will speak on Dementia and Alzheimer
- 24.09.2022** Regular Meeting at 2.00 PM at CSC. Guest speaker will be Ms Pragati Sureka
- 15.10.2022** Regular Meeting at CSC at 2.00 PM
- 29.10.2022** Regular Meeting at CSC at 2.00 PM
- 12.11.2022** Regular Meeting at CSC at 2.00 PM. Guest Speaker will be PP Rtn Binod Khaitan, who will speak on "Interaction on Rotary Foundation"

### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

31 Aug - PP Rtn Maitrayee Ray



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