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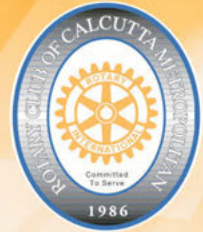
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METROPOLITANS

welcome

OUR CHIEF GUEST DISTRICT GOVERNOR
RTN AJOY KUMAR LAW-RID-3291

GUEST OF HONOUR
SMT BRATATI BHATTACHARYA,
SECRETARY-GENERAL & CEO OF
SRI SHIKSHYATAN SCHOOL & FOUNDATION,

PDGs, DISTRICT OFFICIALS, PRESIDENTS,
SECRETARIES, ROTARIANS, AND GUESTS



DG Rtn Ajoy Kumar Law



Smt Bratati Bhattacharya



Rtn Dr V K Nevatia

JULY - NEW LEADERSHIP MONTH

RI Presidential Theme ~ 2022-23

Rotary International President-elect Jennifer Jones wants members to imagine the possibilities in the change they can make to transform the world.

Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, revealed the 2022-23 presidential theme, Imagine Rotary, as she urged people to dream big and harness their connections and the power of Rotary to turn those dreams into reality.

"Imagine, a world that deserves our best," Jones told incoming district governors on 20 January, "where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference."

Jones, who will make history on 1 July by becoming Rotary's first female president, gave a live online address to precede Rotary's annual training event for district governors from around the world, the International Assembly. The assembly was rescheduled because of the COVID-19 pandemic and will now be held virtually 7-14 February.

Jones told the incoming governors about a chance she took when a member asked for assistance in getting a young peace activist out of Afghanistan during the U.S. troop withdrawal last year. At first unsure how she could help, she relied on "that certain Rotary magic" and contacted a former Rotary Peace Fellow she had met a few years earlier. Less than 24 hours later, the activist was on an evacuation list, and soon she was on her way to Europe.

Engaging members through meaningful responsibility

To better engage members, Rotary needs to "adapt and retool," Jones said, using her



hometown as an example. Windsor was once the automotive hub of Canada. But after plant closings left thousands without work, the city needed to retool, in the same way an auto plant would, preparing for new parts or a new model. Now, Jones said, Windsor is a leader in agribusiness and medical and aerospace technology.

For Rotary, "finding the right 'part' to engage each member should be our core function," Jones said. "It comes down to the comfort and care of our members."

Engaging members is crucial to retaining members, she said, adding that we need to ask members what they want to get from Rotary and give them meaningful responsibilities.

"It is our offer of hands-on service, personal growth, leadership development, and lifelong friendships that creates purpose and passion," Jones said.

Imagine, a world that deserves our best where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference.

Embracing change also means embracing new club models, Jones said, as she asked the incoming governors to form at least two new innovative or cause-based clubs during their term. "Let's make sure we

engage our members so they love their clubs and their Rotary experience," she added. Jones also announced the appointment of a Rotaract member as a Rotary public image coordinator and said that she has included Rotaractors on several committees and will assign some Rotaractors as president's representatives.

"We have been entrusted with leadership in our great organization," Jones said. "Now it is up to us to be brave and intentional in our actions, and let others help us lead." Jones noted that Rotary has little time left to achieve the RI Board of Directors' goal of having women make up 30% of Rotary's members by 2023. Rotary has achieved this in more than 110 countries, she said, but it has a long way to go. She pointed out that Rotaract has already achieved 50% female members.

To raise Rotary's profile, Jones plans to hold a global impact tour that will include talking with leaders about working together to address the world's most pressing challenges. "Rotary opens these doors and we need to harness our connections, to deepen these relationships and create new partnerships," Jones said. "And the best part is, this can happen at every level of leadership."

Jones closed her address by saying that although we all have dreams, acting on them is a choice we make. When an organization like Rotary dreams about big things like ending polio and creating peace, she said, it becomes our responsibility to make them happen. "You don't imagine yesterday," Jones said, "you imagine tomorrow."

KNOW YOUR RI PRESIDENT RTN. JENNIFER JONES



Jennifer E. Jones

Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland
Ontario, Canada

Jones is founder and president of Media Street Productions Inc., an award-winning media company in Windsor. She was chair of the board of governors of the University of Windsor and chair of the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce. She has been recognized for her service with the YMCA Peace Medallion, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, and Wayne State University's Peacemaker of the Year Award, a first for a Canadian. Jones holds a Doctor of Laws (LL.D.).

As the first woman to be elected president, Jones understands how important it is to follow through on Rotary's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Statement. "I believe that diversity, equity, and inclusion ... begins at the top and for us to realize growth in female membership and members under the age of forty - these demographics need to see their own reflection in leadership," Jones said. "I will champion double-digit growth in both categories while never losing sight of our entire family."

Jones has been a Rotary member since 1997 and has served Rotary as RI vice president, director, training leader, committee chair, moderator, and district governor. She played a lead role in Rotary's rebranding effort by serving as chair of the Strengthening Rotary Advisory Group. She is the co-chair of the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee, which aims to raise \$150 million for polio eradication efforts. She also led the successful #RotaryResponds telethon in 2020, which raised critical funds for COVID-19 relief and was viewed by more than 65,000 people.

Jones has also received Rotary International's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. She and her husband, Nick Krayacich, are members of The Rotary Foundation's Arch Klumph Society, Paul Harris Society, and the Bequest Society.

Presidential initiatives 2022-23

Diversity is one of Rotary's longstanding core values and greatest strengths. Jones knows there is more to be done to ensure that Rotary's culture exemplifies our values of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). Rotary, with input and guidance from the DEI Task Force, has strengthened our commitment to DEI, resulting in a greater focus on celebrating every individual's contributions, advancing equity, and creating a more welcoming and inclusive culture.

During the 2022-23 year, Jones encourages each of us to do our part to ensure Rotary is a welcoming and inclusive community by:

1. Learning more about DEI in Rotary, including understanding definitions and how to celebrate and respect our differences.
2. Determining why DEI matters to our club and community and how using DEI principles can help our club grow and become stronger.
3. Raising awareness of DEI, including creating a DEI committee in your club that reflects the demographics of your community.
4. Taking action on DEI in our club and community for instance educating yourself about underrepresented groups in your community in order to become a more knowledgeable and effective advocate for DEI.

Jones will also continue RI President Shekhar Mehta's Girls Empowerment initiative, recognizing that empowered girls become empowered women. Share your Girls Empowerment projects on Showcase.



Jennifer Jones

President, 2022-23
Rotary International

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24 May 2022

Rtn. Vinod Kumar Nevatia
Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan

I congratulate you on your installation to the office of club President at Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan, West Bengal, India.

The upcoming year promises to be one of the most joyful and rewarding years of your life.

As club and district leaders, you have such an important role to play. You can do so much to help create club experiences that are welcoming, inclusive and enjoyable for each and every member – and you can extend that same warmth and belonging to every participant who wishes to engage with our clubs.

If we serve our members, we serve our communities. And if we provide comfort and care for our members, they will truly come to understand the power of Rotary.

We all feel the impact that Rotary service and Rotary values have on us ... now it's our opportunity to share that feeling with others. This is a year to Imagine Rotary by envisioning a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing we can make a difference. We don't imagine yesterday, we imagine tomorrow.

We imagine a world without polio, with clean water for everyone. We imagine a world free of disease and where every child learns to read. We imagine kindness, hope, love, and peace.

It is honor to work beside you as we guide our fellow Rotary members to another successful year. I am relying on you as we commit ourselves to *Imagine Rotary*.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer Jones
President, Rotary International 2022-23



District 3291 | 2022-23



**IMAGINE
ROTARY**

**Know your
Governor**

Ajoy Kumar Law

District Governor 2022-23

District Governor Elect Ajoy Kumar Law was born in the renowned Bengali 'Laha' family of Kolkata. He did his schooling from Hindu school, graduated with Honours in Commerce from St. Xavier's College, Kolkata and completed his graduation in law from Calcutta University.

DGE Ajoy joined Rotary in 1995, was Club President in 2000-2001 and is currently a member of Rotary Calcutta Dalhousie.

A multiple Paul Harris Fellow, he served Rotary District 3291 in various capacities like District Treasurer, District Secretary Administration, Assistant Governor Administration, three times and Assistant Governor Service, twice and has graced several other positions. He has attended five Rotary International Conventions in Osaka-2004, Chicago-2005, Birmingham-2009, Montreal-2010 and Bangkok-2012.

DGE Ajoy is the founder Managing Director of a private limited company which is engaged in marketing pharmaceutical and allied products. He is an active member of Bengal Chemists and Druggists Association (BCDA) and has served as its Zonal and District President for several terms.

His life partner Mitali is a director in his company. A Rotarian for over two decades and a Past President of Rotary Calcutta Dalhousie, she is also a member of All India Women's Conference (AIWC) and other organizations.

The couple is blessed with two daughters. Their elder daughter Anupa, is an ex-Rotaractor who has completed her B.Com and MBA and is currently working for a multi-national company. Younger daughter Anwsha after completing her B.Tech & M.Tech is currently pursuing her Ph. D from the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata. She is also an active Rotarian of Rotary Calcutta Dalhousie.

Rotarian Ajoy is a life member of Eastern Chamber of Commerce and Subarna Banik Samaj. He enjoys music, especially Indian classical music. A life member of Sutanuti Parishad, he has been organizing classical music events at his residence, every year since 1994.

An avid dog-lover, DGE Ajoy is a life member of Kennel Club of India, Calcutta Kennel Club and Calcutta Canine Club. He is currently the Vice-President of Calcutta Canine Club. He enjoys gardening and has an enviable collection of plants, especially Bonsai. He is a member of The Agri-Horticultural Society of India.

He loves travelling and enjoys occasional road-trips. He is a life member of Kolkata on Wheels and a member of Automobile Association of Eastern India (AAEI).

DGE Ajoy is also a member of Calcutta Swimming Club and Mohun Bagan Athletic Club.

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR - AJOY KUMAR LAW

Dear Club President,

Many Congratulations on taking up leadership of your Club!

I am confident that you will rise to the occasion and face any challenge that comes with this new responsibility!

I take this opportunity to thank your outgoing President and all members of your Club for the sterling service rendered during Rotary year 2021-22 as we Served to Change Lives.

Rotary year 2022-23 is very significant for all of us as we have a lady leading Rotary International for the first time in Rotary history! Madam Jennifer Jones from Canada is the RI President during our year and has she exhorted us to "IMAGINE ROTARY" – a very novel theme!

I consider myself lucky to get the opportunity of working with Madam Jennifer! Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI), Empowerment of Girl Child and Membership Growth – focus areas of her predecessor - our very own Rtn. Shekhar Mehta, will continue to remain as her focus areas also.

My friend, Rotary is a journey, a journey of togetherness! Once you start this journey, you should not stop in between! Together - we get the opportunity to serve mankind to the best of our abilities! As I always say, Rotary year 2022-23 is not my year alone! It is our year together!

The call to "Imagine Rotary" beckons you my friend! I urge you to go ahead to share your service; strengthen your Club and the community - with your imagination!

Mitali joins me in wishing you all the very best!

Kind regards,

Yours in Rotary Service

Ajoy Kumar Law

District Governor 2022-23

Rotary District 3291



KNOW YOUR GUEST OF HONOUR - BRATATI BHATTACHARYYA



Bratati Bhattacharyya is a passionate Entrepreneur & Educationist and a lifelong learner with a PG in Economics from the University of Bombay and a PG in Financial Management from IGNOU. Governor's Gold Medalist from Jadavpur University and recipient of Merit scholarship from

University of Bombay. Has 30 years of working experience.

Started as an Investment banker and after 7 years joined the Education world. From a high school teacher to Vice Principal, former Principal of G.D. Birla Centre for Education and former Chief Education Officer of Techno India Group, founder Director and promoter of a preprimary school and now the Secretary General and CEO of a 102 years old educational institution, Shikshayatan Foundation, the apex body which establishes, administers and manages its 4 units, Marwari Balika Vidyalaya, Shri Shikshayatan School, Shri Shikshayatan College and Calcutta Business School, a group comprising of 10,000 students.

She is on the board of different Educational Societies and schools, Co Chairman of the Education Committee of CII ER and member of the Education Committee of BCC&I.

Recognition: Was awarded as the "Indian Iconic Educationist" (For Best Education System & Services in West Bengal) from the Indo Socio Development Association, "Inspiring Best Teacher" from the University Of Engineering & Management" of Kolkata & Jaipur and "Bharat Vidya Shiromani" from the International Institute of Education & Management, **Excellence in Managing Educational Institution** from LASWEB, "Women of Worth" from The Sister Nivedita University, "Exceptional Women of Excellence" from Women's Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry (WICCI), "Changemaker" from Aditya Birla Academy, **Aparajita from Sanmarg 2021**, "Power Woman East, 2022", **Times NIE change maker 2022**. "Radha Krishnan Institutional Award Excellence 2021"- **Shikshayatan Foundation** was handed over for the outstanding contribution towards Higher Education.

She engages in skill development & capacity development. She is a speaker and a panelist for several workshops, Seminars and Webinars. She has written and published several articles on education. She enjoys coaching school educators and she has visited several countries to learn best practices. She believes in globalization and a borderless education. She has a passion for music, art and culture. She attached to different organizations and takes keen interest in community service for empowering lives.

Hira Lal Yadav

District Governor Nominee, 2023-24

Rotary International District 3291



3rd June, 2022

Dear President Rtn. Dr Vinod Kumar Nevatia,

It gives me immense pleasure to congratulate you for being selected as the President of Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan for the year 2022-2023.

As the President of your club in the year 2022-202, you have got an opportunity to plan and undertake sustainable need based projects to bring hope & happiness in the lives of underprivileged people. It will not only bring changes in the life of beneficiaries, but it will also enhance the Image of Rotary.

Members of Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan have been doing need based sustainable service projects for years. This Club has not only Changed so many Lives through many Service Projects, but also enhanced the Image of Rotary. I would like to congratulate the Past Presidents and members of Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan for their contributions to the community through many service projects.

I am confident that Rotarians of Rotary club of Calcutta Metropolitan will make the Rotary year 2022-2023 an outstanding year of service to the community under your able leadership.

Imagine a better community, a better Country and a better World by Changing Lives through your Service Projects.

Deepali joins me in wishing you and your club members for an eventful and most successful Rotary Year 2022-2023.

Yours in Rotary,

Rtn. Hira Lal Yadav

District Governor Nominee, 2023-2024

RID 3291

To,

Rtn. Dr Vinod Kumar Nevatia,

President, 2022-2023

Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan.





Dr Krishnendu Gupta

MBBS DGO MD FICMCH FICOG FRCPI FRCOG FACOG

District Governor Nominee, 2024–2025

Rotary International District 3291

Member, Arch Klumph Society – Trustees Circle, TRF, 2018

Professor & Unit Head, Dept of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Vivekananda Institute of Medical Sciences, Kolkata

01 July 2022

Dear President *Rtn Dr Vinod Kumar Nevatia*

Hearty congratulations on assuming office as the President of Rotary Club Calcutta Metropolitan for 2022 – 2023 in the historic year with the first-ever lady President of Rotary International *Rtn Jennifer Jones* at the helm, taking over from our very own dynamic leader *PRIP Rtn Shekhar Mehta*. A joyous moment indeed!!

Being “people of action”, we all are essentially in Rotary for hands-on service projects. I am sure that you will take up both meaningful and sustainable projects based on the seven “Areas of Focus”, in addition to stressing upon the three important verticals, namely, Public Image, Membership and The Rotary Foundation.

I am positive that you and your vibrant team will support our very able and hardworking District Governor *Rtn Ajoy Kumar Law* throughout the Rotary Year, and “Imagine Rotary” the way you have never done before, and continue making a difference, being an inspiration to connect and open opportunities for others, and serve to change lives!!

It will be my unique pleasure to work with you and the members of your club in the coming years with the common goal of serving humanity.

Dr Simran joins me in wishing you and your esteemed members all the very best for a super successful Rotary Year 2022 – 2023.

Kind regards.

Yours-in-Rotary



Dr Krishnendu Gupta

District Governor Nominee, 2024–2025

Rotary International District 3291

RCCM OFFICE BEARERS - 2022-2023



Rtn Dr Vinod Kumar Nevatia
President



Rtn Dr Somen Ghosh
IPP



Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel
President Elect



PP Rtn Sashi Dhacholia
President Nominee & Editor



Rtn Rajshree Jain
Hony Secretary



PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal
Treasurer



Rtn Gyanendra Narain Singh
Chairman & Director- Club
Administration



PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee
Chairman & Director- Membership



PP Rtn Gaurang Jalan
Chairman & Director- Public
Relation



Rtn Runjhun Gupta
Chairman & Director- Service-I
(Medical & Non-Medical)



PP Rtn Harsh V Rungta
Chairman & Director-Service-II
(Youth & Vocational)



PP Rtn Subir Dutta
Chairman & Director- Foundation



PP Rtn Maitrayee Ray
Sergeant-At-Arms



PP Rtn Raj Kumar Poddar
Sergeant-At-Arms



PP Rtn Sohanraj Singhvi
Club Trainer

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT RTN. DR. V K NEVATIA



Dear friends,

I am very grateful to have been chosen to serve as the president of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan for the RY 2022-2023. Our club has done many great projects throughout the years to serve the needy and underprivileged people in our society. I would like to further the outstanding legacy of this club, but I cannot do it alone. With your cooperation and ideas, I believe we can use our privilege to do tremendous things together and improve the quality of life for those who are struggling. I look forward to working with all of you.

The theme set by RIPE Jennifer Jones this year is 'Imagine Rotary', which means dream big and take action. So we all should reflect upon what each and every one of us can do for our society in the year ahead.

MESSAGE FROM HONY SECRETARY RTN RAJSHREE JAIN



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Rotary International President Jennifer Jones wants members to imagine the possibilities in the change they can make to transform the world. Imagine Rotary, as she urged people to dream big and harness their connections and the power of Rotary to turn those dreams into reality. "Imagine, a world that deserves our best," Jones told, "where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference."

Yes, we will make the difference. I am just one-year-old member of the Club and I was asked to take the responsibility of the Hony Secretary of the Club, which was a pleasant surprise for me and I accepted the challenge. Hopefully, with the support of senior members, I will be able to discharge my duties. There is lot to be learnt about the Rotary and this platform will give enough opportunity get involved with Rotary. RCCM is known for rich culture and doing various pilot projects since their inception. With support from all concerned, I am sure I will able to carry the legacy.

I would like to thank President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia for giving me this responsibility and together we will carry the illustrious journey of the Club forward to reach greater height.

EDITORIAL NOTE FROM RTN. SASHI DHACHOLIA



The Editor's primary task is to collect all reports and photos of all projects or activities done by the Club and to get the same printed in the Club bulletin - "METRO VOICE". The importance of such a chronicle cannot be undermined, especially for an organisation of our stature. For a Club which has executed projects in excess of 15M USD (120 CR INR, in today's value) benefiting countless thousands of underprivileged in Bengal and beyond, I feel the Metro Voice gives us not just our heritage, but also inspires us for bigger and better projects.

This indeed is a challenging but thankless job; that is to ensure collation and timely publication of all information related to the Club and Rotary International. Members should know that for last couple of years, Metro Voice has been regularly posted regularly to all concerned - including some International Rotarians and Partners in Service. This is being well appreciated by all.

Unfortunately, due to some unavoidable reasons for the last few years, I am continuing to officiate as Club Editor. However, now it is time, as eloquently stated by Lord Tennyson "The old order changeth yielding place to new ...", to groom a new Editor. One who can discharge the duties of an editor much more efficiently and better than yours truly. As such, in the next 2 years before I take over as the President of the Club, it is going to be my endeavour to train one of the many new / incoming Rotarians, as the next Editor. All Members interested in being an Assistant Editor are requested to contact me.

I would like to thank IPP Rtn Harsh V Rungta, PN Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel for their invaluable contribution to correcting my reports from time to time. How can I forget Ms Joyeeta Chatterjee, Principal of PACE Learning Centre, whose contribution is immense to the Metro Voice. Without her, the reports and related photos, it would not have been possible to print the Metro Voice in time. Her support is very much appreciated and she will be missed.

Needless to say I will continue to discharge my duties as an Editor to the best of my abilities.

I convey my best wishes to President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia and his team for a very fruitful RY 2022-23.

This note is not complete if do not mention the name of Shri Arunava Dey of Radiant Advertising, who tirelessly worked for Metro Voice layout etc and publication. We are thankful to him as Metro Voice always came in time. My guardian our Honorary Member Rtn Pawan Lohia with his support and guidance both Club bulletin and various websites are always updated and active.

MESSAGE FROM PDG RTN SYLVIA WHITLOCK



To
President Rtn Dr Vinod Kumar Nevatia
For RY-2022-2023
Dear Rtn Dr Nevatia,

Congratulations on your upcoming Installation Ceremony! I am honoured to be an honorary member of your club and regret that the moratorium on my foreign travel prevents me from attending this year's event.

However, I look forward to others. I am so inspired by the work you do - with the school at Piyali, with the Artificial Limb Center, the Vocational Training Center and the countless other projects you do to bring help to a hurting world! You are an example to others. It was a happy and beneficial day when I met Jayanta through Deepa and then so many of you, members and friends.

Have a wonderful celebration and I wish you a successful year as you work to IMAGINE Rotary!
Yours-in-Rotary
PDG Rtn Sylvia Whitlock

MESSAGE FROM JIM AND CAROL LEWIS



Dear PE Rtn Vinod Kumar Nevatia
President of RC of Calcutta Metropolitan
Dear Rtn Nevatia

Greetings and felicitations from Jim and Carol Lewis!
Thank you for the memories - your club has been most successful in many ways, especially with joint global grants, and the enormous undertaking of the girl's school now known as the Piyali Learning Center.

We remember Carol's first day in Calcutta in 2007, the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan hosted a welcome luncheon for us and we enjoyed delicious Indian cuisine. PLC was only a small bamboo covered building with one electric light bulb and earthen floors. Thanks to the extraordinary vision of PDG Rtn Deepa Biswas and the subsequent and incredible journey facilitated by the esteemed PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji and fellow Rotarians and friends, this gem of a learning institution on two acres holds over 250 students, a Piyali Vocational Training Center, and has raised the surrounding village to improved livelihoods and knowledge.

In honour of RCCM's 37th Installation Ceremony, we offer our heartiest congratulations and continued support for the countless projects achieved by our mutual endeavours! With blessings for all our dear friends in RCCM, we send our hope in the future of our shared dreams, and love to all.

Jim and Carol Lewis
Past President
RC of Moorpark-RID-5240

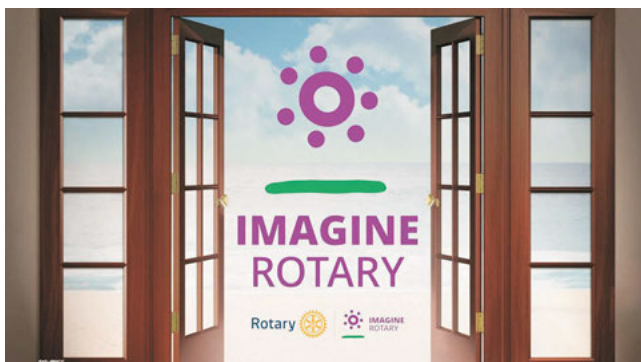
**IT DOES NOT MATTER
IF YOU ARE A ROTARIAN OR NOT,
you have benefited from Rotary!**

*Rotarians are making the world a
safer, healthier and better place to be.*

If you only knew

*what the "Rotary Foundation" has done,
you would consider it your favorite charity.*

The
Rotary
Foundation



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 District 5240
Past District Governor Deepa Willingham
CONGRATULATIONS



To: President Rtn. Dr. Somen Ghosh
President-Elect Rtn. Dr. V K. Nevatia
The Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan

June 12, 2022

Dear President Somen and President-Elect Vinod:

First, let me begin by congratulating you, PE Rtn V K Nevatia, as you begin your journey at the helm of your club this upcoming Rotary year. Since the beginning of my auspicious association with your club that began in 2007, I have watched your club serve humanity both locally and across the globe following Gandhiji's wise counsel...

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

Since June 17, 1986 inception, you certainly have every reason to find yourselves! You have served humanity through sponsorship of girls; raising funds for the construction of the Vocational Building; holding Cervical Cancer Prevention Camp etc. - all at PLC alone! On top of that, you have helped Cerebral Palsy patients; you have distributed Masks and Sanitizers at The Institute of Child Health (Park Circus) to fight against the pandemic; you have provided medical equipment to ISPAT Cooperative Hospital, and you have opened your hearts and pocketbooks to support our beloved Rotary Foundation! All I can say my brothers and sisters is **BRAVO!** To watch all of you in action has been my greatest honour and privilege!

Finally, I congratulate you again Vinod for your willingness to serve your club this coming Rotary year. Please know that, in my opinion, being the club president is THE BEST job in the Rotary world! *Just remember to dream big and as you do I - instill values...M - Make Magic...A - Aspire towards new heights...G - Give the gift of laughter...I - Inspire others...N - Never give up...E - Energize the world towards peace!* I will be there in spirit on July 3rd. as you and your team are officially "installed" to begin your journey *servng humanity* during 2022-2023 Rotary year.

Love and God bless,
Deepadi

*"I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service.
I acted and behold service was joy!" ~ Rabindranath Tagore*

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS



Vivek Bajaj
Classification:
Importer & Exporter
Proposed by
Rtn Dr V K Nevatia



Namrata Bengani
Classification:
Chartered Accountant
Proposed by
Rtn Harsh V Rungta



Nishant Jain
Classification:
Business-Timber etc
Proposed by
Rtn Dr V K Nevatia



Rajiv Tebriwal
Classification:
Builders etc
Proposed by
Rtn Dr V K Nevatia



Sanjay Chhajer
Classification:
IT Infrastructure, Electronic
Security & Surveillance
Proposed by
Rtn Sashi Dhacholia

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.

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



**ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN TRUST
GLOBAL GRANT PROJECTS – DETAILS FOR RY 2021 - 2022**

SI #	Grant #	Grant Title	Name	Rotary Club	Role	Serving As	Project Cost US\$	Project Cost INR	Remarks
1	GG14-18186	Organic Farming	Bimal Pal Victoria Arndt	Calcutta Metropolitan Thousand Oaks	Primary Contact Primary Contact	Host International	86,048.00	52,48,880.00	Closed
2	GG15-28717	From Darkness Unto Light	Dr Neeraja Rateria Victoria Arndt	Calcutta Metropolitan Thousand Oaks	Primary Contact Primary Contact	Host International	75,925.00	47,07,440.00	Closed
3	GG15-28467	Leg For The Legless	Raksha Lohia Nadine Homann	Calcutta Metropolitan Metro New York City	Primary Contact Primary Contact	Host International	55,419.00	34,36,000.00	Closed
4	GG14-11658	Rehabilitation of Post Polio Syndrome Survivors	Dr Naresh Goyal James Lewis	Calcutta Metropolitan Moorpark	Primary Contact Primary Contact	Host International	1,44,343.00	88,05,000.00	Final report not accepted
5	GG17-53417	"MATRI BHAVAN HOSPITAL - Mother & Child Health Care / Training Program for Nurses/ Equipment"	Sashi Dhacholia Victoria Arndt	Calcutta Metropolitan Thousand Oaks	Primary Contact Primary Contact	Host International	91,200.00	62,01,500.00	Final report under process
6	GG19-83773	"Maternal & Child Health Care – Equipment & Workshops (C.M.E update on USG) for Doctors and Nurses"	Jayanta Chatterji Victoria Arndt	Calcutta Metropolitan Thousand Oaks	Primary Contact Primary Contact	Host International	88,999.00	62,64,930.48	Final report under process
7	GG15-28463	Piyali Vocational Training Centre	Sashi Dhacholia Satya Mitra	Calcutta Metropolitan Worcester	Primary Contact Primary Contact	Host International	1,02,748.00	63,70,500.00	Open
8	GG17-43604	Understand & Evaluate Education Training Course	Sashi Dhacholia David Lusty	Calcutta Metropolitan Venice Sunrise	Primary Contact Primary Contact	Host International	62,560.00	41,91,350.00	Open
9	GG17-58188	Organic Farming Phase 2	Harsh Rungta Victoria Arndt	Calcutta Metropolitan Thousand Oaks	Primary Contact Primary Contact	Host International	1,02,700.00	66,75,443.00	Open
10	GG19-80213	Rehabilitation of CP Children	Dr Naresh Goyal James Lewis	Calcutta Metropolitan Moorpark	Primary Contact Primary Contact	Host International	1,07,144.00	75,00,000.00	Open
11	GG21-20359	Vocational Training Centre at PLC	Dr Naresh Goyal James Lewis	Calcutta Metropolitan Moorpark	Primary Contact Primary Contact	Host International	95,100.00	71,32,426.00	Open
12	GG21-26746	Oxygen: The Elixir of Life	Dr Naresh Goyal Victoria Arndt	Calcutta Metropolitan Thousand Oaks	Primary Contact Primary Contact	Host International	1,38,337.00	1,03,75,320.00	Open
Total							11,50,523.00	7,69,08,789.48	

VISIT BY RISAO CO-ORDINATOR-GRANTS



Shri Sumit William from Rotary International South Asia Office (RISAO)-Coordinator- Grants, TRF visited Saroj Gupta Cancer Center & Research Institute (SGCC & RI) on 25.6.2022 to see our various Match and Global Grants projects done at said Institute. He was accompanied by PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterjee and DGND Rtn Dr Krishnendu Gupta shown almost all equipment's given to them from time to time particularly sustainability. He was highly impressed.



CONGRATULATIONS IPP RTN DR SOMEN GHOSH



We congratulate IPP Rtn Somen Ghosh for completing the training in Rotary Leadership Institute on 19.6.2022.

Forthcoming Events

CLUB

- 18.07.2022 Regular Meeting at CSC at 2.30 PM
- 30.07.2022 Regular Meeting at CSC at 2.30 PM

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS



12 Jul - IPP Rtn Dr Somen Ghosh with Ann Sohini



DISTRICT AWARDS FOR RY-2021-2022

First Prize	Disease Prevention and Treatment
Second Prize	Peace, Conflict Resolution/Prevention
Special Recognition	Environment Care
Special Recognition	Bulletin Uploaded & Published
Special Recognition	Cancer Support
Silver President	Rtn Dr Somen Ghosh
Silver Secretary	Rtn Sashi Dhacholia
District Ambassador	PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee
District Governor's Citation Recognition-For Support	Outstanding Performance in all the Five Avenue of Service PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee

REPORT ON THANKS GIVING DAY ON 25.6.2022

The last Regular Meeting for the RY-2021-2022 led by President Rtn Dr Somen Ghosh was held on 25.6.2022 along with Thanks Giving Day. Thanks Giving is to acknowledge the work done.

WHY HAPPY THANKS GIVING IN ROTARY

Rotarians are thankful for the opportunity to serve and represent our professions. We know of many causes, many opportunities to volunteer, and we know that members in our Rotary Club have made a huge impact in our local & international communities.

We as Rotarians should be thankful that.....

The Eradication of Polio in the world is almost completed. There are only two countries that have active cases of Polio, and it is Rotary who has helped and will continue the fight until we have complete the task, to rid the world of Polio

We as Rotarians should be thankful that.....

We invest in young people. We have been involved in RYLA, Slap Shot and hosted exchange students. We continue to mentor and support young people through our Early Act and Rotaract Clubs

We as Rotarians should be thankful that.....

We have the opportunity to meet each week, hear a speaker, network and enjoy the fellowship of Rotarians. We have many riches to share with each other.

We as Rotarians should be thankful that.....

We have the ability to raise the funds needed and the time and ability to support programs that make a difference in the lives of children & families in our local & international communities

We as Rotarians should be thankful that.....

We can achieve our motto each day "Service Above Self"

There are many who are thankful for that Rotarians this Thanksgiving Day. We are thankful for our dedicated

and committed Rotary members helping create positive change around the world. Take a moment during Thanksgiving to enjoy the contributions that Rotarians like you make in the world.

PP Rtn Sohanraj Singhvi, PP Rtn Raj Kumar Poddar, IPP Rtn Harsh V Rungta, PP Rtn Lalit Beriwala, PP Rtn Roshni Beriwala, PN Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel, Rtn Runjhun Gupta and Rtn Gyanendra Narain Singh shared their experience with the President. They all praised the commendable job done by President Rtn Dr Somen Ghosh. A standing ovation was given to President Rtn Dr Somen Ghosh for excellent work done during the RY-2021-2022.

Hony Secretary Rtn Sashi Dhacholia was grateful to the President Rtn DR Somen Ghosh for having confidence on him for making again the Hony Secretary of the Club. He shared some beautiful moments with him and it was a great learning process for him.

President Rtn Dr Somen Ghosh then individually gave Certificate of Appreciation and flower pot to all members present in the meeting. Members present appreciated this gesture.

President Rtn Dr Somen Ghosh shared his experience during his tenure. He first thanked Hony Secretary Rtn Sashi Dhacholia for having confidence on him for making him as Editor and Director on the Board of the Club and journey continued. He was grateful to all members of the Club, who stood with him to do all projects. He was rewarded and touched when new clothes were being distributed at Nuton Jibon, when street children wore new dress then and there. And brought smile on their face. This is great satisfaction to him the reason of joining the Rotary.

PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee then summarized the afternoon, which he did in style by doing the mimicked of Late PM Rajiv Gandhi and thanked President for doing wonderful job.

HOW OUR NEW MEMBER WAS IMPRESSED DURING THANKS GIVING DAY ON 25.6.2022

Thanks giving day!

As the flower Blooms...it lifts up the entire environment and after performing to it's peak...it leaves its fragrance in the environment...just like the Rotary leadership serving every term.

The last meeting on 25.06.2022, at CSC, Kolkata, was the celebration of same. It was a day of expressing gratitude for all the was done and all that was put as a foundation for the next incoming teams to take it forward...

It was so heart-warming to hear all the past Presidents, Sohanji, Rajuji, Harsh, lalitji and Roshnijee, and Rakeshji to share their appreciation for continuing their hard work and carrying forward the good intent of impacting so many lives.

Dr Somen's fulfilment was the smile on each kid's face as they wore new clothes distributed on Bengali New Year at Notun Jibon, orphanage.

Sashiji being applauded for consistency in maintaining the Metro voice and the backend work.

Utpal da was recognized as the biggest contributor towards upholding the honour of the club through various events presentations that he was invited as Chief guest and speaker.

New members Singhji, Runjhun sharing their experience of being a part of the club, their contributions and what they look forward to.

It was a display of tradition of valuing the old members and encouraging the new members as one united family.

It all ended with by demand 'Vote of thanks' by Utpal da to repeat the charm of charter night of imitating the eminent personalities.

The best thank you was a certificate from President and Secretary to all the members along with a flower plot to keep the memory of a good term run during the toughest times of the pandemic alive, lingering in our spaces to make us smile with gratitude.

Kudos to the entire team!!!

From Rtn Runjhun Gupta



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MINUTES OF 1628TH REGULAR MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN HELD ON FRIDAY, 25TH JUNE, 2022 AT 2.30 PM AT CALCUTTA SWIMMING CLUB, 1, STRAND ROAD, KOLKATA-700 001

1. President Rtn Dr Somen Ghosh called the 1628th Regular Meeting to order.
2. National Anthem by all members present.
3. Minutes of the Regular Meeting no: 1627 dated 17.6.2022 were read and confirmed by PE Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel.
4. President Rtn Dr Somen Ghosh then informed the members about the following activities/programs which were carried out since last report :
 - a. Certificate for Interact Club of Don Bosco, Liluah will be received by 30.6.2022.
 - b. On 27th May, 2022 some of the senior students and the mothers of the PACE Learning Centre students were given the opportunity to get vocational training on hygiene product making, beauty and skin care, tailoring in Kolkata. On 9th June, 2022 a certification programme was conducted at PLC for eight students of PACE Learning Centre who attended the fifteen days vocational training course during the summer holiday.

The certificates were handed over by Dr Sagar Datta, the founder and CEO of DR SAGAR Educational Foundation, Rtn. Renu Todi who arranged this training programme for the students and Rtn. Jayanta Chatterji. We are grateful to them.
 - c. The Wellness workshop on Self Awakening was organized in the PLC auditorium for all the teachers and students above 16 years by Maitribodh Parivaar on 15th June, 2022 at PACE Learning Centre.
 - d. We Congratulate the Students of PACE Learning Centre on scoring First Division in NIOS -SR Secondary and Secondary Examinations.
 - e. He invited members to give Solar Lamps available with the Club to the needy persons.
5. PN Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel informed about the knee operation of PP Rtn Maitrayee Ray and wished her to get well soon.
6. PN Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel gave report of Charter Night held on 17.6.2022. A glittering Night and meticulously arranged by the First Lady of the Club Dr. Sohini. Celebration started with cutting of the Cake in presence of DG Rtn Prabir Chatterjee and the First Lady of the District-3291 Rubena Chatterjee, Charter Member PP Rtn Sohanraj Singhvi, President Rtn Dr Somen Ghosh, PP Rtn Raj Kumar Poddar, PN Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel, Hony Secretary Rtn Sashi Dhacholia and other members of the Club.

The evening was made colorful and very enjoyable by the artists from Durgapur, who sang both Bengali and Hindi songs, which made the evening lively.

The big hidden surprise of the evening was the mimicry performance by our PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee, who mimicked Satyajit Ray, Lalu Prasad Yadav, Atal

Behari Vajpayee and Amartya Sen. Then came another hidden surprise by our President Dr Somen Ghosh, who with the First Lady of the Club Sohini sang duet songs which included Tagore song. Our veteran PN Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel too sang some melodious songs.

We are thankful to our President Rtn Dr Somen Ghosh and the First Lady of the club Dr Sohini for organizing such wonderful evening. Three Cheers to them!!!!.

7. Hony Secretary Rtn Sashi Dhacholia then invited PP Rtn Sohanraj Singhvi, PP Rtn Raj Kumar Poddar, IPP Rtn Harsh V Rungta, PP Rtn Lalit Beriwal, PP Rtn Roshni Beriwal, PN Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel, Rtn Runjhun Gupta and Rtn Gyanendra Narain Singh to share their experiences working with the President. They all praised the commendable job done by President Rtn Dr Somen Ghosh. They all shared their experience working with President Rtn Dr Somen Ghosh. A standing ovation was given to President Rtn Dr Somen Ghosh for excellent work done during the RY-2021-2022.
8. Hony Secretary Rtn Sashi Dhacholia was grateful to the President Rtn Dr Somen Ghosh for having confidence on him and inviting him to be the Hony Secretary of the Club once again. He shared some beautiful moments with him and it was a learning process for him.
9. President Rtn Dr Somen Ghosh then individually gave Certificate of Appreciation and flower pots with flower saplings to all members present in the meeting. Members present appreciated this gesture.
10. Hony Secretary Rtn Sashi Dhacholia then requested President Rtn Dr Somen Ghosh to share his experience. He first thanked Hony Secretary Rtn Sashi Dhacholia showing confidence on him by making him first as Editor and then Director on the RCCM Board. He was grateful to all members of the Club, who stood with him to carry out various projects. He felt he was suitably rewarded and touched when new clothes were being distributed at Nuton Jibon, when street children wore new dress then and there which brought smile on their faces. They were simply too excited to get the new dress.
11. PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee then summarized the afternoon, which he did in style by doing the mimicry of Late PM Rajiv Gandhi and thanked President for doing wonderful job.
12. President Rtn Dr Somen Ghosh then requested Hon Secretary PP Rtn Sashi Dhacholia to make club announcements. Hon Secretary made various club announcements and also Birthday and Marriage Anniversary greetings. The Sunshine box collection was over and above as usual. The attendance for the day was 11.
13. President Rtn Dr Somen Ghosh then terminated the meeting.

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