



Presidency Times

Bulletin of Rotary Club of **Calcutta Presidency**
Rotary International District 3291



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RI President's Message

While sitting with a group of Rotary leaders outside of Lusaka, Zambia, I ask a question: "How many of you have ever had malaria?"

Every hand in the room goes up. They even begin to tell me about the first, second, or third time they experienced the disease, one of the main causes of death and sickness in many developing countries.

They are fortunate. They have access to medical treatment and lifesaving medicines. For the people of rural Zambia, their story is very different. On a wooden bench in a small village, I sit with Timothy and his young son Nathan. With a camera crew capturing our conversation, he tells me of the time Nathan showed signs of malaria. He brought the boy to the nearby home of a community health worker, where Nathan quickly received medicines that in all likelihood saved his life.

Calmly, Timothy tells me about his other

son's bout with the disease a few years earlier. He had to race that son to a medical clinic more than 5 miles away. Riding a bike and carrying his child on his back, he tells me, he could feel his son's legs turn cold and then his little body go limp. As he finally entered the clinic, he screamed for help, but it was too late. The camera stops rolling, and we sit in silence. He begins to weep, and I hold him tightly. "I lost my son, I lost my son," he says.

This story is all too familiar for the families we meet over the next few days. And yet there is hope. Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia is Rotary's first Programs of Scale grant recipient, and it is saving lives. Across two provinces of Zambia, 2,500 volunteer health workers have been selected by their communities. They are trained to bring medical care closer to those who need it, and they are able to diagnose and treat malaria and other ailments. Rotary partnerships create lasting change

Jennifer Jones
President 2022-23
Courtesy: Rotary International

Let's know some unknown facts about Messi today

Those who love football and keep regular updates on football must know Messi. Messi is the best footballer in the football world. But we don't know much about him...

- Do you know? 48 percent of UNESCO's charitable trust's income comes from Messi's donations. Messi has single-handedly built 9847 schools in 189 countries.
 - You will be surprised to hear that he himself bears all the school expenses of 40 million children in the world.
 - You will be surprised to know that Messi alone bore the majority of the expenses of the Argentina team in the 2018 World Cup.
 - Messi received millions of euros from Barca as a fee, but donated a large part to Barca's youth development project. It is located in La Masia. Messi himself grew up here. He helps 15 million street children of the world from his charitable trust.
- Argentina was the runner-up in the World Cup when Messi was there. He donated the entire money of the runner-up to hospitals in Argentina.

Messi is one of the top 50 donors in the world according to a Forbes survey.



Website link

<https://rcalcuttapresidency.rotaryindia.org/NA>

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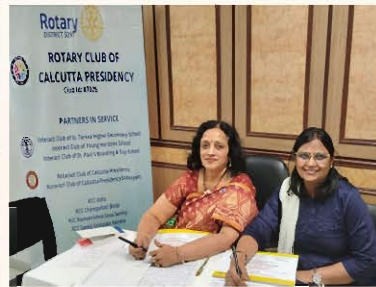
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Saw the happiness in children faces on christmas morning when the school kids were given candy floss in Hampi while trekking for Hanuman mandir.

Project No. 54

Disease prevention



Rotary Club of Calcutta Calcutta Presidency organised

"Dil ki Suno " on 3 rd Dec at 4 pm project on Cardiac Care and CPR technique training for the rotarians in BM Birla Auditorium. Speaker was Dr Ashok Malpani. Chief guest was our DGE. Hiralal Yadav and guest of honour was DGN Dr Krishnendu Gupta We were the lead club . seven other co host clubs of the district joined in this health awareness project. Best thing 23 club members were present in the project. Pradip Jain was the anchor in the project. After the welcome by B M Birla management, welcome by President Dr Rina Malpani, DGN spoke few words. Speaker Dr Malpani spoke about heart ailment and how to prevent it. This was followed by Hands down training for BLS technique to save a person who has suddenly collapsed . Sister Sudipta did it very well. The audience was eager to learn the skill . DGE Hiralal was felicitated and he spoke about how important this talk was. Vote of thanks was given by Amit Gupta .

beneficiaries 100.

Project No. 55

Vocational, Peace and conflict, Public Image

RCCP participated in program* 'Satrangi Shaam ' by Bandhan. a transgender community on 6 th December at 6 pm in ICCR hall in Ho chin min sarani. There was exemplary drama about the difficulties that the transgenders faced . This was followed by fashion show showcasing the work done by them in last fifteen months. We had sponsored for their Fashion show. With the help of many sponsors this project could be done . In our project Ek nahi Pehchan the transgender's had been thought stitching and designing by the designers . In Today's program all the sponsors and participants were felicitated . Thanks to Sangita B for organising it so well.

Beneficiaries 30



Project no 56

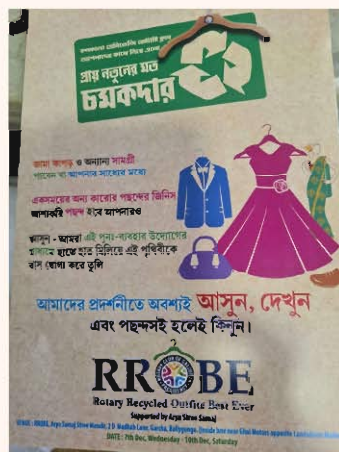
Environment Protection Community Development

From 7 th to 10 Dec

RROBE - Rotary's Recycled Outfits Best Ever. at Arya Samaj Stri mandir, Ballygunge. This is Rotary club of Calcutta Presidency's contribution to the environment. We ask friends & relatives (known people only) to clear their cupboards givs us thier nearly new stuff lying unused and unworn, and we will find people to buy them for token amounts and love them again.

A wholesome project -

1. Saving the environment by reusing goods.
 2. Making available good quality, branded items to community people at token amounts. (the girls smile says it all)
 3. An easy source of income with our local partner (the community boy & his friends)
 4. Happiness to see how our discards bring so much joy to others.
- Total collection - 34000. It is used in Presidency for its various projects.



Project no 57

Public image

On 11 dec we were co host with Rotary club of Benvolence for Drama. Acche Din by Bhatia in Kala Kunj. It was done to collect fund for Joynagar general hospital. OT. The play was very interesting.



Project No. 58



Literacy

On 13 Dec at 4 pm in Rotary sadan there was literacy meet. We were the participating club. All the pDG were felicitated. There was a dance by ek tara students. 2 speakers were there. Professor of Jadavpur and Dr Haque. Well organised project. 3 members of our club attended it.

Beneficiaries 200

Minutes of the 158th RWM & AGM of Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency held on 10th December 9 am at Hotel Prime Park



- President Rina called the 158th Meeting to order, and welcomed Ms. Punam Agarwal for joining the meeting.
- Rtn. Archana was requested to lead the National Anthem.
- Minutes of the last meeting were taken as read & confirmed.
- **Presidents Announcement:**
- President Rina announced that as this was the AGM meeting, the matter of RWM would be discussed in short.
- The Rotary Foundation Meet was attended by Rina, Ranjan ji and Asha. Ranjan ji gave a brief of the meet, that it is important to support the foundation by each club as the money given comes back to the club in the form of grants.
- The project "Dil Ki Suno" was held on 3rd Dec. at BM Birla Hospital, and was a grand success. It was well attended by District officials, Co-host clubs and club members. Dr. Ashok Malpani was the keynote Speaker and he highlighted the importance of cardiac care & CPR. It was well covered by eight newspapers.
- A visit to Piyali and Baruipur was done on 4th Dec. for opening of a Vocational Centre.
- On 6th Dec. "Satrangi Shaam" a project with Transgenders was held at ICCR supported by Presidency. Drama and a Fashion show was done by them. It was covered in one daily newspaper.
- 7th to 11th RROBE is being held at Arya Stree Samaj, where nearly new clothes are being sold at nominal prices. There is a very good response from the neighbourhood.

Project No. 59



Medical

In July eye camp 25 patients were identified for cataract surgery. On 22 nd Nov they had cataract surgery in Barasat eye camp. Debu da helped in this
Beneficiaries 25

Project No. 60

GOAL Literacy

RCCP starts Goal

Scope- regular Nutrient inputs to Baruipur football group.

No of beneficiaries - 70 approx.

Items - Chana & Peanut jaggery.

Frequency - thrice a week.

Sourcing - directly from distributors/ manufacturers.

Batch size - 400 units/lot.

Cost per lot - 6300/-.

App cost per month - 11000/-

Project take-off- 11 Dec, 22

Project No. 61

Disease prevention & treatment: Aoshadhi daan:

Presidency initiative to provide free medicines to the residents of Piali under disease prevention & treatment- this is the 3rd lot of medicines worth 3500/- in each lot. Members determined to support the local people via club RCC Ramkrishna Seva Samity for months to come. Thanks to members for contributing it Thanks to Yashwantji and Rajesh ji making it happen

- Treasurer Rajesh Bothra presented the accounts, a few points were discussed.
- President then informed members that Rtn. Sangita Jain (B), President Elect, was asked her to introduce her team. Rtn. Sangita said that she was still in the process of her team formation. But Secretary and Treasurer were finalised as Rtn. Abha Lunia & Rajesh Bothra respectively. Other posts will be filled soon.
- Rtn. Sangita Jain informed members of the visit to Old Age Home Navnir at Tollygunge. Some repair work was to be undertaken which would be considered.
- President informed that there was Drama to be held at Kala Kunj on 11th Dec. and the club was co-host.
- 13th Dec. Presidency was Co-host to the District Literacy Meet. Members to attend.
- Plan for the inauguration of CSR project of toilets on 18th Dec. was deferred. New date would be announced soon.
- The Eye Camp to be held on same date and place was also cancelled for the moment due to the demise of Dr. Ajoy Paul.
- Punam Agarwal ji said she was interested in joining the club and gave a brief introduction of herself.
- Members were requested to discuss if there was any matter and were asked to prospective members.

2023

• HAPPY • NEW • YEAR •

Countdown begins to welcome :

- Christmas
- New Year - 2023
- New Adventures
- New Reasons to Smile
- New Reasons to Love n Respect Each Other!
- Wishing ALL - NewNess in their Lives!

"Laughing at your own mistakes
can lengthen your life."

-Shakespeare

"Laughing at your wife's mistakes
can shorten your life."

- Shakespeare's wife



Laughter Therapy

While getting married, most of the guys say to girl's parents,
"I will keep your daughter happy for the rest of her life".
Have you ever heard a girl saying something like this to the boy's
parents
like "I will keep your son happy for the rest of his life"????
Nooo.... because women don't tell lies! ????



Wings to Fly
Oman

Oman, located on the coast of the Arabian Peninsula, is a land of rich history and fascinating cultures. It's a new short-haul destination for mature travelers. Places to visit are Muscat, the capital of the Sultanate, Jabal Akhdar, the mountain range, Nizwa town, famous for Round Tower Fort, and Wahiba Sands, where one can stay in Tents to experience the dunes. It is also a self-drive destination. Oman currency Rial is one of the most expensive currencies in the world. It is suitable for a 6-7 days holiday destination near to us in the west.



The angels

Like jewels, like pearls
A soft blanket of fur
A tree, some wine
A once-green backyard covered in white

A fireplace, some heat
Fuzzy socks covering feet
An oak mantle and mistletoe
I watch it gleam, I watch it grow

The smell of ginger and cinnamon-spice
The day turns slowly into night
And everyone starts feeling what one feels
As the darkness thickens and jewels gleam

I see the stars, I see your eyes
A dance alone as we reach twilight
Old music plays in jazz and white
Swiftly in time, we see the angels fly

Anaya Singhi

GOOGLE PANDIT

November - December horoscope

SAGITTARIUS



Sagittarians are the honest people who are imbued with great spark within them. They know how to manage the things at their fingertips. Sagittarians have a pure soul. Sagittarians are very brave and know how to tackle the challenges of life in their own life. Sagittarians handle their challenges with grace and intellect and come up with triumphs at the end. They have the tendency to shine and make others feel jealous about it. Sagittarians are very smart and do not let anyone put them down. Expect that you might face turmoil on your professional front; other aspects of your day seem to be extraordinary.

CAPRICORN



There are no results for They are, as a rule, very independent and high-minded in all they do and detest being under the restraint of others. Capricorns will grind anything that gets in their way down to dust. Time is definitely on their side. It gets easier for them as they older. When they age, they cheer up too. They worship intellectual, clever people; they rarely interfere with the affairs of others, but they will never stand interference from others. A representative of this sign as a friend is loyal, kind, carin...



Dr. Arpita Bhattacharya
Sanjay Sureka
Sangita Jain

8 Dec
26 Dec
28 Dec

Happy Anniversary

Anju Singhee & Basantji	2 Dec
Jaishree Somani & Vikash	2 Dec
Anup Shanghai & Poonam	3 Dec
Raj Kumar Nahata & Sarika	5 Dec
Sunil Mall & Chandra	7 Dec
SunilaPoddar & Raj Kumar	8 Dec
Vinod Bhandari & Anupama	10 Dec
Anurag Bindawala & Hima	12 Dec

We Meet Twice a month adhering to all Covid Prevention Norms.