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January is Vocational Services Month

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Today's Speaker



ALKESH AGARWAL

RAISING FUNDS AND SCALING BUSINESS

Alkesh is a serial entrepreneur and an active angel investor with over fifty investments. Entrepreneurship and Innovation have been his passion from a very young age, and he has been consistently working on transforming problems and challenges into lucrative business opportunities.

Counted under his successes are his hand-built businesses including Re-feel – India's Largest Printer Cartridge Recycling Network & Clublaptop – India's Largest Multi brand Laptop Repairs and Accessories Network.

He is a partner in Seeders - an early-stage investment syndicate focused on deep tech, Spacotech, Agritech, Fintech & D2C sectors.

Alkesh has been recognised in several leading journals for example in the Cover

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Story of "The Franchising World" - a leading Franchise magazine.

He has been featured in Young Turks on CNBC - a leading Business News Channel Worldwide, and also in the Coffee Table issue Nifty Spirits by Times of India Group.

MEGA HEALTH CAMP AT JOYRAMBATI 30 DEC 2022 – ALL DAY

The Mega Health Camp was organised by Rotary Club of Calcutta in association with The Refuge at Joyrambati Ramakrishna Sarada Primary Teachers Training Institute at Joyrambati. Total of around 1500 patients were seen. The journey was great, and it was really a great satisfaction to help the needy.



It was a blessing to be able to hold this Health camp at Joyrambati, the birthplace of Maa Sarada. The medical team comprising of 9 doctors from various specialities, 2 Rotarians cum doctor and 2 Rotarians reached a day in advance to ensure that the necessary arrangements had been made and things were in place.

The health camp was held at their hall, a place with a huge open area with the pictures of Ramakrishna, Maa Sarada and Swami Vivekananda at one end. It created an atmosphere as if they were overseeing the



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entire proceedings and blessing everyone with their divine grace. From early morning the crowds started pouring in. The Refuge had a full team of volunteers in place, and they went into action. Directions were given and the crowd was segregated into sections for check-up by the different medical specialities, namely, medicine, dermatology, gynaecology, orthopaedics, cardio, neuro, ENT and eye. The volunteers from Refuge did an excellent job of coordinating the huge flow of people, directing them, and ensuring that the Doctors could comfortably check on each patient. Nearly 1500 patients were seen. The Doctors were felicitated with a Stole and a picture of Ma, Ramakrishna and Swamiji. Free spectacles were arranged. Cataract surgeries are being arranged soon.

Presence of very young doctors was notable. An early start to their community service life; future Rotarians doubtlessly!

Despite its proximity to a city like Kolkata, what stood out was the state of underdevelopment and poverty calling for more intensive intervention from Rotary.

[Reported by Rtn Dr Sukalyan Purkayastha and Rtn Dr Ajay Agarwal]

CHARTER NIGHT 1 JANUARY 2023



The Club celebrated its 103rd Charter Night on 1 Jan 2023. 103 itself is a magical number and the evening was rendered even more so by a series of events that happened. PHF recognitions, a new member induction and a brilliant Guest of Honour. The evening was marred by the announcement of the sad demise of our long-standing member Rtn Subimal Bose. DG Ajoy Law commended the Club's projects and explained the working of the Rotary Foundation.

The fellowship that followed in the lawns was high spirited. Clearly however, the highlight of the evening was the Guest of Honour's talk. Erudite and illuminating, Col Singh explained the intricacies of the world of equine sport and India's place in it. It was a field that members knew little of. The session was enjoyably interactive, and the range of discussions was immensely broad from the mundane to the sublime. One can only thank Rtn Ayesha Mazumder for bringing such a person amidst us.



HELPING THE UDAAN – CHILDREN OF PAILAN

A DISTRIBUTION DRIVE ORGANISED BY THE INTERACT CLUB OF SILVER POINT SCHOOL

DATE : 30/12/22

Objectives :

- To support 30 children of UDAAN with copies and stationaries
- To help them to pursue their academics
- To strengthen relationship with UDAAN and bring about a positive change in the lives of the children there

UDAAN Project, a path breaking effort by Art Of Living, is a shelter at Pailan that looks after the children of sex workers.

The Interact Club of Silver Point School in order to stand by UDAAN, handed 14 benches to the authority so that the children housed there, could continue with their



studies. 50 colour boxes, 150 copies, 50 art copies, drawing books, 50 pencils, pens, erasers, sharpeners were distributed among them.

A great effort indeed by the Interactors who will continue doing the good work in days to come.



[Reported by Rtn Malika Mukherjee, Chair Youth, Interact and Rotaract]

USG MACHINE FOR SARADA MISSION MATRI BHAVAN – 4 JAN 2023

Rotary Club of Calcutta donated, a USG Machine (3D/4D USG Machine and Colour Doppler) – Voluson S10 Expert (Make-Wipro GE Healthcare) sponsored by Cera Sanitaryware Ltd. (CSR donation) to Sarada Mission Matri Bhavan, a 100 bedded hospital run under the auspices of the Ramakrishna Sarada Mission, Dakshineswar on Wednesday, January 4th, 2023.

This USG machine will be especially useful to do extensive & detailed investigations on patients prior to surgical intervention as well as to detect structural abnormalities in fetuses.

Due to financial adversity, the poorer sections of the society cannot afford the cost of the investigation like this. With the help of this equipment, the doctors at Matri Bhavan will be able to penetrate deeper into the poorer sections of the community by detecting early the emergency signs either for pregnancy or for any Gynaecological or Surgical problems and treating accordingly to avoid major complications arising due to late diagnosis resulting in the decrease of Maternal and Infant Morbidity and Mortality rate.

Rotarians present for the inauguration were President Rajkumar Agrawal, Rtn Vikram Somany, Hony. Secy. Anand Sharma, Hony. Treasurer Rtn Shampa Ghose, PP Abhijit Kolay, Rtn Kirit Patel, Rtn Dr S K Sharma, PP Nilima Joshi, PP Heena Gorsia, Rtn Dr Suresh Agarwal and Rtn Sonal Worah.



[Reported by Rtn Shampa Ghosh]

CHAMPS EMERGE FROM JADUGORA SCHOOL, PURULIA AYODHYA PAHAR



Dramatis Personae : Jadugora School Purulia Ayodhya Pahar, Rotary Club of Calcutta, Kalapi NGO

In an outstanding example of baseline intervention leading to enhanced intervention, NGO Kalapi has taken the onus of educating some students of Jadugora School in High Schools in Kolkata. Our intervention in Jadugora Purulia Ayodhya Pahar has attracted, pretty much like a beehive, others who are now pushing possibilities beyond boundaries. Susmita Nandi's report in FB, shared with our PP Rtn Haladhar Dey is a story that warms the cockles of the heart. A story of extraordinary achievements, given the opportunity, of children from under privileged backgrounds. These children are excelling in their educational pursuits to be at the very top of their classes in attainments in their High School education in Kolkata.

PP Rtn Haladhar Dey reports : Having been involved with the project since its inception in 2010, I feel it's a proud moment for the Old Number One, Rotary Club of Calcutta, of which I feel extremely proud to be a member. I think our club members should be informed and made aware of the children's commendable performance, facilitated to the largest extent by our Club, its donors, and its committed members making this possible duly catalysed by Kalapi.

REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENDANCE REPORT (01.01.2023)

Total Members	:	243
Members Present	:	49
Exempted Members	:	66
Visiting Rotarians & Guest	:	47



ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes
Rotary Club of Rangpur,
Bangladesh, R. I. Dist. 3281

TODAY

Mr. Alkesh Agarwal
Serial Entrepreneur and Angel Investor
Topic: "Raising Funds and Scaling your Business"

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 17th January, 2023 at 1 p.m.
Speaker : Mr. Karan Kishorepuria
Entrepreneur, Angel Investor and Change maker
Topic : "LinkedIn Personal Branding 101"

Birthdays

Dr. Bratati L . Majumder	12th January
Manikaustobh Goswami	12th January
Pawan Kumar Kanoria	13th January
Anita Jain	14th January
Swagat Sengupta	14th January
Dr. Sanjay Kumar	15th January
Roshni Ganguly	15th January
Dr. Krishna Sen	16th January

Wish you many happy returns of the day

Wedding Anniversaries

Prabhat Krishna Rohatgi & Rtn Dr. Sashi Prabha	16th January
Krishna Sen & Mr. Prashanta	16th January

Wish you many more years of marital bliss

REPORTS

- Health Care Committee organised a Mega Health Camp at Jairambati Math, Kamarpukur, Hooghly, on Friday, 30th December, 2022.
- Our Club donated a high-end latest tech USG Machine to Ramkrishna Mission Sarada Matri Bhavan. The USG Machine was donated by Past President, Rtn. Vikram Somany. Inauguration of the USG Machine held on Wednesday, 4th January, 2023 at 11.30 a.m.
- R I District 3291 Conference – 2022-23 "ANANDADHARA" was held from Friday, 6th January to Sunday, 8th January, 2023 at Nicco Park, East Side Pavillionn, Salt Lake City
- Club celebrated its 103rd CHARTER DAY on 1st January, 2023. Club was formed in 1919 and received its Charter on 1st January, 1920.

NO WEEKLY MEETING

There will be no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 24th January, 2023.

MEMBERS' ROSTER - 2022-23

Members' Roster - 2022-23 is available. Members are requested to collect their copies from Club Office.

RESIGNATION

The Board accepted the resignation of Rtn. Ashok Maheshwary at its meeting held on 20th December, 2022 with effect from 28.12.2022.

WELCOME GREEN BADGERS



Rtn. Abhineet Gupta

Toy Manufacturing

Date on induction :
1st January, 2023

Date of Birth :
8th June, 1979

Director: Fun Toys

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R-Ann : Saswati

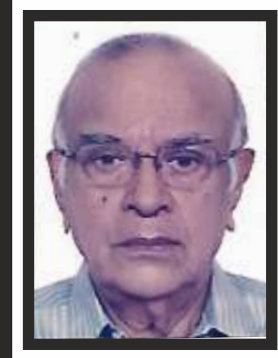
Wedding : 10.11.2008

Hobbies : Music, Socialising

Spouse Hobbies : Socialising

Children : One (Adrija)

In Memoriam



Late Rtn Subimal Bose

We mourn the sad demise of our Member Late Rtn Subimal Bose who passed away on Sunday, 1st January, 2023. He has been a member of the Club since 1983. He served as Director, Committee Chair and Sgt-at-Arms. Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. May his soul rest in peace.



2023

Happy New Year

To the readers of "the Chaka"

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

Republic Day will be celebrated on Thursday, 26th January, 2023 at the Rotary Sadan. Flag hoisting at 10 A.M. Members are requested to kindly attend with family.

THE CHAKA - CHANGE OF GUARD

At the request of The Editor of the Chaka Rtn Amit Ghosh to step down on health grounds, President Raj has accepted the same and appointed Co Editor Rtn Ashok Kumar Basu (AB4) as Editor of The Chaka for the remaining part of the Rotary Year. However, Rtn Amit Ghosh will stand in as Resident Co Editor. The Chaka team wishes him a rapid return to normal rhythm and expresses its deep gratitude for anchoring The Chaka with excellence and shall look forward to his guidance and mentorship all through the rest of the year.

**MINUTES OF THE 4881ST REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 1ST JANUARY, 2023
AT 6.30 P.M. AT THE ROTARY SADAN**

1. President Rtn. Raj Kumar Agrawal welcomed all Members, Dist. Officials and Guests and wished them Happy New Year. He then called the 4881st Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
2. National Anthem was led by PP Rtn. Nilima Joshi.
3. Minutes of the 4880th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club held on 27th December, 2022 was confirmed.
4. President informed members that the Club would be celebrating its 103rd CHARTER DAY on 1 January 2023. He also informed that the Club was formed in 1919 and received its Charter on 1st January, 1920.
5. President then welcomed District Governor, Rtn. Ajoy Kumar Law, who is the Chief Guest and Colonel (Dr) Prabal Pratap Singh, International Official du Olympic set, and Championnate du Monde as the Guest of Honour.
6. 103rd CHARTER DAY lamp Lighted by DG, Rtn. Ajoy Kumar Law, Guest of Honour, Colonel (Dr) Prabal Pratap Singh, President, Rtn. Raj Kumar Agrawal, Hony. Secretary, Anand Sharma and Rtn. Hirak Ray.
President then outlined the Club Activities during the last six months, from July, 2022 to December, 2022 and thanked to all Committee Chairs and members for their support.
7. President then welcomed all District Officials, Visiting Rotarians and Guests who were attending the meeting.
8. President informed the sad demise of our Member Late Rtn. Subimal Bose who passed away on Sunday, 1st January, 2023. He has been a member of the Club since 1983. Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. May his soul rest in peace. We mourn his death and, in his memory, observed one minute silence.
9. **President Reported the following :**
 - a) Health Care Committee organised mega Health Camp at Jairambati Math, Kamarpukur, Hooghly on 30th December, 2022.
 - b) President informed members that the Editor of "The Chaka" Rtn. Amit Ghosh was unable to continue as Editor due to his Health issue. Assistant Editor, Rtn Ashok Kumar Basu (AB4) has agreed to be Editor of "The Chaka" with effect from 1st January, 2023 and requested members to send all "The Chaka" related matters to Rtn Ashok Kumar Basu (AB 4).
10. **President Announced the following :**
 - i) RI District 3291 Conference – 2022-23 "ANANDADHARA" would be held from Friday to Sunday, 6th to 8th January, 2023 at Nicco Park, East Side Pavilion, Salt Lake City, Kolkata and requested members to register their names. Registration Charges per head Rs. 6,000/- . For registration members may contact Club Office.
 - ii) Our Club donated a high-end latest tech USG Machine to Ramkrishna Mission Sarda Matri Bhavan. The USG Machine was donated by Past President, Rtn. Vikram Somany. Total cost of the USG Machine was 45 Lakh. The inauguration ceremony for the same would be held on Wednesday, 4th January, 2023 at 11.30 a.m. and requested members to join the inauguration ceremony.
11. Hony. Secretary Rtn Anand Sharma thereafter conducted the Club business :
 - a) He welcomed all Members, Dist. Officials and Guests and wished them Happy New Year.
 - b) He then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays during the week ending 9th January, 2023 and conveyed best wishes to them.
 - c) He then informed members that there would be no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 3rd January, 2023 as the said meeting is being held on 1st January, 2023.
 - d) Next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 10th January, 2023 at 1 p.m. Guest Speaker to be announced.
 - e) He then informed that Members' Roster-2022-23 was available and requested members to please collect their copies from Club office.
12. At the request of the President, Rtn Suman Chakraborty introduced his candidate Mr. Abhineet Gupta. DG, Rtn. Ajoy Kumar Law inducted Mr. Abhineet Gupta as a member of the Club.
13. DG, Rtn. Ajoy Kumar Law then recognised PHFs, Rtn. Raj Kumar Agarwal – eight stones and Kirit Patel – three Stones.
14. At the request of the President, Rtn. Ayesha Mazumder introduced the Guest of Honour, Colonel (Dr) Prabal Pratap Singh.
15. Colonel (Dr) Prabal Pratap Singh then addressed the audience on "Equestrian in the World and India's Place."
16. DG Rtn. Ajoy Kumar Law then addressed the audience.
17. Questions raised by the members which were answered by the speakers.
18. On behalf of the Club, President handed over mementoes to Colonel (Dr) Prabal Pratap Singh and DG Rtn. Ajoy Kumar Law.
19. No Sunshine Box collection on that day.
20. On behalf of the Club, Rtn Hirak Ray offered the vote of thanks.
21. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Calcutta World, India, RI. Dist. 3291
22. President requested all to join fellowship and dinner. Before adjourning the meeting, on behalf of the Club, he thanked Rtns Dr. Chandra Sekhar Dhar, Dr. Ayusmati Thakur, Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Supriya Roy and Suksham Singh for Co-hosting Fellowship and Dinner on that day.
23. Meeting was adjourned at 8.15 p.m.

Raj Kumar Agrawal
President

Anand Sharma
Hony. Secretary