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Today's Event



FUNTAKSHARI

Anchor : Rajat Baid

Rajat Baid is born & brought up in Kolkata, but his roots belong to Rajasthan. His deep love in music infused the confidence and zeal in him to perform at various cultural programs in the city for prestigious institutions like Rotary & Lions Clubs, the three Birla Institutions - Sangit Kala Mandir; Swar Vandana; Surabhika, Anamika Kala Sangam, Manthan, Madhuwan, Jyotirmayee, Spandan, Sharks International etc. and all major Clubs of Kolkata like the Bengal Rowing Club, Hindustan Club, Calcutta Swimming Club, Saturday Club, Gujrat Club, Outram Club, Cosmopolitan Club and Udayan to name a few. His stint at conducting the evergreen musical Interactive game – FUNTAKSHARI began in the year 1994 and cruising along, he has conducted almost 4000 such shows for different schools, colleges & organizations in Kolkata and at National &

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International destinations. He also has a few TV programs to boast of – “The Usha Uthup Show” on EL TV, “The Siticable Antakshari” on Siticable Channel & “Khelo Antakshari” on Taaza TV.

His musical journey also gave him the honor to share the performing stage with the likes of Dev Anand, Usha Mangeshkar, Ameen Sayani, Tabassum, Rishi Kapoor, Usha Uthup, Nitin Mukesh, Kumar Sanu, Hariharan, Sonu Nigam, Annu Kapoor, Arijit Singh and with various Television Serial personalities. His dream of playback singing came true when the veteran Director, Late Sri Tapan Sinha's film “Anokha Moti” had the only song of the film recorded in his voice. The song is... Chalo Musafir Jaana Hai Badi Door. Indeed, a dream come true ! A Gold Medallist in Marketing Management, he is also an active Rotarian and is involved with many social projects. Married in the year 1999 to Sonika, they have the most perfect and lovable children in 18-year-old Tanushree and 11-year-old Anmol. They live in a joint family of six, which include his proud parents, Nirmal & Padma.

Goodwill Visit to R N Tagore to extend Good Wishes to 4 nos. Heart Patients sponsored by R C Calcutta

Location : R N Tagore Hospital

Date : 9th Nov, 2022



On Wednesday, 9th November 2022, Rotary Club of Calcutta President Rtn Raj Kumar Agrawal, Hon. Secretary Rtn Anand Sharma, Hon. Treasurer Rtn. Shampa Ghose, Chair of Health Committee, Rtn Dr S u k a l y a n

Purkayastha and Rtn Shoma Basu, visited the R N Tagore Hospital for Cardiac Sciences. The occasion was to meet the beneficiaries supported by Rotary Club of Calcutta and Bimalendu Ghose Foundation identified for heart surgery of 4 patients including 2 new born babies with congenital heart defects. These patients at the hospital were in need of monetary help for their heart surgery which is beyond the resources they have at their disposal. Accompanied by Mrs. Johri, Head of Hospital Administration, the Rotary Club members visited the Wards and met the patients and their families. Through Rotary Club of Calcutta's endeavours to provide help in such instances, the hospital can give a new lease of life to needy patients coming from underprivileged backgrounds. Mrs. Johri expressed her thanks and gratitude to Rotary Club of Calcutta for their support and long partnership with their institution.

[Reported by Rtn. Shampa Ghosh, Hony. Treasurer]

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PROTECT NATURE by SYLVAN, The Annual Art & Craft Exhibition of Silver Point School

Location: Silver Point School

Date: 20th & 21st Oct, 2022



- Guests present** - Chief Guest PDG Rtn Rajani Mukerji, Member of National Advisory Committee, RILM.
Guest of Honour: Rtn Sulagna Daw, District Interact Committee Chair 2022-23; Rtn Anand Sharma, Secretary, Rotary Club Of Calcutta, 2022-23; Rtn Malika Mukerji Sarkar, Youth Chair, Rotary Club Of Calcutta, 2022- 23; Smt Bani Roychowdhury, Founder and Secretary, Silver Point School; Sri Purnendu Roychowdhury, Trustee member, Silver Point School & Past President, Rotary Club of Calcutta
- Judges :**
Sri Tushar Kanti Pradhan, trained and veteran Artist
Sri Monojit Pradhan, Art Teacher, Silver Point School
Smt Koyeli Chatterjee, ODISSI Dancer and educationist
Smt Archita Sikdar, renowned singer, educationist
Smt Gitanjali Jolly, choreographer, trainer and playwright
- Invitee NGO's :**
 - HAMARI MUSKAN, the brainchild of Mrs. Sraboni Sarkar Neogi, works within a democratic and participatory framework in two red light areas in in Sonagachhi and Boubazar.
 - DEVELOPMENT ACTION SOCIETY was founded in 1989 by Smt Purabi Roy. Mission of the organization is to empower women, children and youth.
 - CHILD IN NEED INSTITUTE has been working for the wellbeing of children, women. Ma'am Kakoli Dey, Director of the organisation with her team working against child trafficking, rights for women.
 - BASHA, A Home Away From Home was founded by Smt. Saswati Arora, in 2005. It is a SINGER affiliated organization that give women and children training in stitching, knitting, and other vocational training apart from academics.
 - Smt. Baitali Ganguli and her team established JABALA in 1912 that makes children aware of their rights, gives them vocational training. It works against child trafficking, abuse.
 - JAN SEVA PROJECT at Kasba is a day care centre, provides rehabilitation of children with special needs, vocational training for mothers, runs medical clinics
 - Mission of HOPE FOUNDATION holistic care and development of severely underprivileged children/ persons in India. Ayantika Roy Choudhury , CSR and Fundraising Officer is involved with the life skill training of the children of the organization
 - JOYJEET DAS MEMORIAL SCHOOL was founded in 2003. Founder Smt Shimonti Das and other teachers of the free school help access to primary education, curricular activities for disadvantaged children, vocational training for mothers.
 - The motto of NOBLE MISSION is to provide holistic services to the individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Ma'am Twisha Ganguli and Ma'am Ruma Mukherjee are the founder members of the organization.
 - SATOSH PUR AGONTUK for the overall development of the children with hearing and speaking disabilities from the underprivileged section of the society.
 - UDBHASH was established in 1988 with an aim of educating children hailing from the marginal section of the society, providing them education, training them in performing arts, craft making, painting.
 - EKTARA trains children in painting, martial art apart from academics.

OBJECTIVES OF SYLVAN :

- Providing a platform to the children of different NGOs to showcase their talents.
 - Giving an opportunity to Interactors and students of Silver Point School to organize SYLVAN, display their craft work , paintings in different class rooms.
 - Making the learners understand the importance of group work and developing a sense of cooperation with each other.
 - Helping The NGOs to put up stalls to exhibit and sell their handmade products.
- Letting the Interact Club of Silver Point School to raise funds for their yearround service projects to the underprivileged of the society

SYLVAN, 2022**Day 1 (20/10/22)**

- The programme began with the Welcome speech by Niharika Paswan, Silver Point School Vice Captain and District Interact Public Relation Officer (DIPRO) that was followed by the inaugural song by the boys and girls of the school.
- Lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries and Principal Smt. Sucharita Roychowdhury marked the beginning of SYLVAN and the commencement of the Inter School Art & Craft Competition.
- Inaugural dance was presented by the girls of senior sections.
- Chief Guest, Rtn Rajani Mukerji, Guest Of Honour, Rtn Sulagna Daw, Special guests Rtn Anand Sharma, Rtn Malika Mukerji were felicitated by Principal Smt Sucharita Roychowdhury.
- Rtn Rajani Mukerji, in his address to the Interactors, students and invitees, said that each one present there should have an aim to bring smile to one face everyday that will not only give satisfaction to the giver but bring about a happy little change in the society. Rtn Sulagna Daw, in her speech, said that one should be focused and organized in his / her work whether it is academics or Craft work or helping a person who needs it.
- The Founders, Principals of invitee NGOs, who were felicitated by Smt Sucharita Roychowdhury, Principal, talked about their organizations and shared their experiences with all present there.
- All esteemed guests were escorted by Shrimoyee Mitra, Interact President, Silver Point School, Manish Dey, Treasurer, Interact Club to different classrooms that were decorated (subject wise) by the students with their craft work, drawings and paintings.
- Stalls put up by the NGOs had the display of all hand made products like costume jewelry, embroidered sarees, dress materials, cakes, jam, jelly, pickle. Food Court of the exhibition needs special mention here. The guests loved the book stalls and chose the books of their choice.
- Since the theme of the exhibition was PROTECT NATURE, THE BEST TEACHER, plastic carry bags were not allowed while buying and selling articles. The students of Silver Point School had put up a stall for selling cloth bags & diya's made by them.
- The judges were felicitated and prizes were given away to the winners of the Inter School Art & Craft competition who participated in the categories like KALAKRITI (Sit & Draw), KARUKRITI (Best out of waste), PATACHITRA (Earthen pot painting), PUSHPA CHITRA (Flower Rangoli), MUKHAVARAN (Mask making).

Day 2 (21/10/22)

- 21st October is the Police Commemoration Day. Silver Point School observed the day by felicitating Shanti Das, SS, CID, West Bengal & ACP Faruque Zaman, Special Security, Nabanna.
- Principal, Smt Sucharita Roychowdhury and Vice Principal, Sri Chirantan Bhaduri felicitated them for their selfless service as PEACE KEEPERS .
- Go As You Like, the fancy dress competition was held where children of Primary and junior section participated.
- Parents participated in Talent Hunt Competition.
- Prizes were distributed among the winners.
- Inter House Nukkad (Street Play) Competition was one of the special attractions of the day. Themes were : Raman House "Beti Parao, Beti Bachao", Teresa House "Swachh Bharat", Derozio House "Are We Truly Independent", Naidu House "Safe Drive, Save Life". Performances by the participants and the content were appreciated, prizes were given.

Vote of thanks was conveyed where in all invitees were thanked for being a part of the school's Silver Jubilee Celebration. With the National Anthem, the programme came to an end.

SERVICE ABOVE SELF, the motto is so inspiring. Silver Point School will keep serving the society in days to come.

Goodwill Visit by Admiral (Retd.) Rajeev Paralikar to RC Amsterdam, West



On 4th Nov., Admiral Paralikar attended the RWM at RC Amsterdam, West, exchanged Banner with the President, and made a PPT presentation on "Activities of R C Calcutta in RY 2021 – 22".

[Reported by Admiral Paralikar]

REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENDANCE REPORT (01.11.2022)

Total Members	:	241
Members Present	:	57
Exempted Members	:	67
Visiting Rotarians & Guest	:	16



ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes
Rotary Club of Diemen, Netherlands,
R. I. Dist. 1580

Birthdays

Debjani Ghosh	13th November
Dr. Koel Roychowdhury	16th November
Vikram Aditya Mody	17th November
Haladhar Dey	18th November
Gaurav Swarup	21st November

Wish you many happy returns of the day

Wedding Anniversaries

Surendra Kumar Birla & R- Ann Chandrakala	19th November
Amal Chandra Chakrabortti & R- Ann Tripti	20th November
Dr. Dipak Roy Chowdhury & R- Ann Arundhati	20th November

Wish you many more years of marital bliss

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 22nd November, 2022 at 1 p.m. at Rotary Sadan
Speaker : Ms. Shivani Agarwal
Topic : "Release your worries : Attract Unlimited Abundance"

NO WEEKLY MEETING

There will be no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 15th November, 2022, as the said meeting held on Saturday, 12th November, 2022.

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S TREAT - 2022

Annual Children's Treat of the club will be held on Sunday, 20th November, 2022 at 10 a.m. onwards at Nicco Park, Salt Lake, Kolkata. We will invite more than 1,500 underprivileged Children to this Flagship programme of the Club in this year. Members are requested to generously donate or sponsor Breakfast, Lunch, Ice Cream, T-Shirts, Caps, Carry Bags, Sports Items, or any kind of Gift Items to make this a "Day of Sunshine" for these Children.

Donation of Cash or Cheque to be made in the name of "Rotary Children's Welfare Trust" are eligible for Income Tax Exemption U/S 80G of the Income Tax Act.

THANK YOU DONORS (Donation received for Annual Children's Treat up to 09.11.2022)

Nandita Sen	Rs. 27,000/-
Dr. Ashoke Kumar Basu	Rs. 2,000/-
Kirit Patel	Rs. 5,000/-
Srirupa Dasgupta	Rs. 2,000/-
Sudarshan Jalan	Rs. 25,000/-
Mohan Lal Bhagat	Rs. 5,000/-
Ashish Kumar Bagla	Rs. 25,000/-
Dr. Indrajit Roy	Rs. 10,000/-
Ms Nargis Hirji	Rs. 5000/-
Mrs. Parveen Hirji	Rs. 5000/-
Rajeev Gupta	Rs. 11,000/-
Rear Admiral (Retd.) Rajeev Paralikar	Rs. 20,000/-
Rama Shankar Bhartia	Rs. 5,000/-
B. K. Dalmia	Rs. 5,000/-
Dr. Sukanti Taraphdar	Rs. 5,000/-
Raj Kumar Agrawal	Rs. 11,000/-
Shankar Sehanobish	Rs. 4,000/-
L. N. Bangur	Rs. 75,000/-
Dr. Partishajit Das	Rs. 10,000/-

NOMINATION OF CLUB OFFICERS FOR THE ROTAY YEAR 2023-2024

Members are hereby informed that Nominations would be invited for the posts of Vice-President, Hony. Secretary, Hony. Treasurer and five Directors on the Club's Board for the Rotary year 2023 - 2024 at the regular weekly meeting to be held on Tuesday, 22nd November, 2022. The corresponding final confirmation of the Board of Directors for the Rotary Year 2023 - 2024 will be held at the Club's Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 20th December, 2022.

MINUTES OF THE 4873 REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 1ST NOVEMBER, 2022 AT 7.00 P.M. AT ROTARY SADAN

- 1 President, Rtn. Raj Kumar Agrawal welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 4873rd Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
- 2 National Anthem was led by Rtn. Anusua Das.
- 3 Minutes of the 4872nd Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club held on 18th October, 2022 was confirmed.
- 4 Rtn. Raj Kumar Agrawal welcomed Rtn. Dr. Ajay Agarwal as the Chief Guest.
- 5 President also welcomed all visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting.
- 6 **President reported the following :**
 - a) On 18th & 19th October 2022, Rtn. Rajeev Paralakar made Goodwill visits and exchanged club flags with Rotary Club of Diemen and Rotary Club of Almere, Netherland. He was also the Guest Speaker at the weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Diemen on 18th October, 2022
 - b) He informed that Hony. Secretary, Rtn. Anand Sharma and Hony. Joint Secretary, Rtn. Sonal Worah attended Dist. 3291 Bijoya and Diwali meet held on 29th October, 2022.
 - c) He also informed members that renovation of Auditorium at Rotary Sadan was in progress.
- 7 **President Announced :**

This year Annual Children's Treat - 2022 of the Club would be held on Sunday, 20th November, 2022 at 10 a.m. onwards at Nicco Park, Salt Lake, Kolkata. We would invite more than 1,500 underprivileged Children to this Flagship programme of the Club in this year and requested members to generously donate or sponsor Breakfast, Lunch, Ice Cream, T-Shirts, Caps, Carry Bags, Sports Items, or any kind of Gift Items to make this a "Day of Sunshine" for these Children. Donation of Cash or Cheque would be made in the name of "Rotary Children's Welfare Trust" and are eligible for Income Tax Exemption U/S 80G of the Income Tax Act.
- 8 Hony. Secretary, Rtn Anand Sharma thereafter conducted the Club business :
 - a) He welcomed all Members and Guests.
 - b) He then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries during the week ending 11th November, 2022 and conveyed best wishes to them.
 - c) He then informed members that there would no Regular Weekly Meeting Tuesday, 8th November 2022 on account Public Holiday (Guru Nanak's Birthday).
 - d) He informed that the next weekly Meeting on Saturday, 12th November, 2022 at 6 p.m.
Programme : "FUNTAKSHARI" with Mr. Rajat Baid followed by Fellowship and Dinner and requested members to attend the programme with their spouse.
 - e) He also informed members that the Regular Weekly Meeting scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 15th November, 2022 at 1 p.m. has been re-scheduled to Saturday, 12th November 2022 at 6.00 p.m. at Rotary Sadan followed by fellowship and dinner and requested members to note the changes and attend with their spouse.
- 9 President then handed over a cheque for Rs 3600/- (part payment) to Junaid Ali Mallah, student of B.Com, Prafulla Chandra College, on account of Scholarship for his higher education.
- 10 Rtn. Dr. Ajay Agarwal then addressed the audience on "Into Thin Air.... High Altitude Mountain Treks"
- 11 Questions raised by the members were answered by the speaker.
- 12 At the request of the President, Rtn. Hirak Ray offered the vote of thanks on behalf of the Club.
- 13 On behalf of the Club, President handed over a memento to Rtn. Dr. Ajay Agarwal.
- 14 Sunshine Box collection Rs 400/- with special contribution from Rtns B.G. Roy and Dr. Asish Kumar Ghosh.
- 15 The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Rochdale, U K, R. I. Dist. 1280.
- 16 Before adjourning the meeting President requested all to join for Fellowship and Dinner.
On behalf of the Club, he thanked Rtns Dr. Ajay Agarwal, Sujoy Banerjee, Donn S. Kabiraj, Subhasish Ghatak, Sumangala Murarka and Malika Mukerji Sarkar for Co-hosting the Fellowship and Dinner.
- 17 Meeting was adjourned at 8.04 p.m.

Raj Kumar Agrawal
President

Anand Sharma
Hony. Secretary