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Today's Speaker



SHIVANI AGARWAL

**Topic : RELEASE YOUR WORRIES - ATTRACT UNLIMITED
ABUNDANCE**

Shivani Agarwal is an English Honours graduate from Loreto College Kolkata. She Co-heads a prominent integrated Communications and Advertising agency DPS based in Kolkata. She has worked with ace Ad film consultants and directors like Alyque Padamsee, Anurag Kashyap, Imtiaz Ali, Rahul Bose, Bugs Bhargava, Daboo Ratnani. These 'Emami Group of Company' Ad films have starred top Bollywood actors like Katrina Kaif, Kangana Ranaut, Saina Mirza, Ali Fazal, Shilpa Shetty, Shruti Hasan to name some.

She heads Raj Ad Mass Media (RAMM) a BTL Agency equipped to manage Pan India Promotions. Some of the FMCG brands she



oversees are Boroplus, Kesh King, Healthy & Tasty Oil, Zandu, Navratna, Sarda Plywood to name a few. She is also a Director in CRI Tips, one of the largest manufacturer and marketer of pen tips in the world.

She currently resides in Kolkata and juggles multiple roles with elan. A daughter, a wife, a mother, an entrepreneur, a businessperson. She hails from a family of teachers, her mother being an Ex-English Lecturer in Loreto College Darjeeling. She is the proud mother of an Aerospace Engineer from Georgia Tech University, Atlanta and an Computer Engineer from Carnegie Melon University, Pittsburg.

But more importantly she is a Motivational Speaker, a CERTIFIED Belief Clearing Practitioner, Angel Coach, Law of Attraction Coach, Pranik Healer, Diamond FengShui Advisor and Kon Marie Enthusiast. She is the founder of 'A Journey With Gratitude' a platform where she conducts numerous knowledge-based sessions, for likeminded people. She has helped hundreds of people with her techniques and positive motivational talks.

She has also been awarded by SHE for her contribution as a 'Motivational Speaker'.

She has been invited by many prestigious platforms as a Motivational Speaker such as FICCI Flo Indore Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Jyotirmayee Club, Kolkata, Rotary Clubs of South Delhi and Avyanna, Calcutta Swimming Club, Bombay Gymkhana and so on. Today she adds Rotary Club of Calcutta to this impressive list!

CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAM AT ROTARY SADAN

Date : 14 Nov. 2022



Children's Day was celebrated on 14th November 2022 at Rotary Sadan with support from Taj Bengal and their volunteers. 45 children from SCIR were invited. They played various games with Volunteers from

Taj Bengal. A session of Quiz on Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru and our country was also organised. Children responded very enthusiastically, and they knew almost all the answers. It was an interactive session which they enjoyed thoroughly. Taj Bengal also arranged food packets for the children which they relished.

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Rotarians viz. Rtn Haladhar Dey, President Raj Kr. Agrawal, Rtn Partha Pratim Mukherjee, Rtn Anusua Das, R-Ann Parveen Hirji, Rtn B K Dalmia and Hony. Secy. Anand Sharma, were also present to support and encourage the children.



[Reported by Secretary Rtn Anand Sharma]

VISIT TO RCC BISHNUPUR

Date : 17th Nov. 2022



Chair Environment Ashok Basu and Secretary Rtn Anand Sharma visited RCC Bishnupur on Wednesday, 17th Nov. 2022 in the morning. This was to review the work done for clearing a pond of hyacinth and other material that had clogged the pond post amphan and no work could be done in course of the pandemic. About 20 families are dependent on the pond for all their daily needs. The RCC also used the pond for pisciculture to raise funds commercially by sale there of. The complete clogging of pond had disabled all these essential activities. With the support of the Club, the pond is now cleared of hyacinth mostly. An interesting feature is that water monitors and other life also use the pond and in turn carry algae back into the pond, and this must be cleaned periodically, which however is not so much of a comprehensive exercise. The introduction of fish will also clean algae naturally. Our support has therefore holistically recreated a water source that is vital for sustaining life. It was heartening to note from a beneficiary that this pond is “Ma Ganga”.

The visit also provided the opportunity to review all the other activities of the RCC, particularly the school. It was a delight to see the young kids going through the motions of school life with enthusiasm. We met some of their teachers who explained the method of holistic education that the Aurobindo Ashram curriculum is designed for. Teachers are well motivated and are sent to Ashrams in Puducherry and Delhi for training and retraining. For Secretary Anand Sharma this was the first visit to the RCC, and he was given a complete walk through of the school and its various activities. Sewing Machines provided by us are being well used. The new school building is fully functional and some more infra development work was visible. They are digging from some parts of their property to raise the ground in the areas adjoining the school building to make it free of water logging which can then be used for sports, gymnastics etc. The school is gearing up for registration with West Bengal Board of Secondary Education.

They have requested from us some park and play equipment like slides etc. for use by the tiny tots and some more ponding activity. We will consider these once we receive written requests covering full details of cost and benefits.



[Reported by Secretary Rtn Anand Sharma with inputs from Rtn Ashok Basu]

REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENDANCE REPORT (12.11.2022)

Total Members	:	244
Members Present	:	60
Exempted Members	:	67
Visiting Rotarians & Guest	:	45

Birthdays

H.V. Patodia	25th November
Rachana Nahata	28th November
Dr. Subhendu Sarkar	28th November

Wish you many happy returns of the day

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 29th November, 2022 at 1 p.m. at Rotary Sadan
 Speaker : Mr. Sandeep Sengupta, Director, Indian School of Anti Hacking
 Topic : "Anti-Fraud for Banking Transactions Social Media Security & Securing Mobile devices"

RESIGNATION

The Board accepted the resignation of Rtn. Sushil Kumar Bagla at its meeting held on 28th October, 2022 with effect from 02.11.2022.



ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes
 Rotary Club of Almere,
 Netherlands, R. I. Dist. 1570

Wedding Anniversaries

Sri Prakash Jalan & R-Ann Vandana	22nd November
Sudarshan Jalan & R-Ann Minakshi	23rd November
Vikram Aditya Mody & R-Ann Sanchita	25th November
Sharya Veer Himatsingka & R-Ann Riddhima	25th November
Nandita Sen & Mr. Biswajit	26th November
Debashis Mitra & R-Ann Sambi	27th November
Abhijit Neogi & R-Ann Moumita	27th November
Bodhi Brata Das & Anusua Das	28th November

Wish you many more years of marital bliss

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.

WELCOME GREEN BADGERS



Prof. Dr. Joydeep Das

Medicine – Pediatric
Date on induction : 12th November, 2022
Date of Birth : 2nd January, 1972
Chamber : Jagannath Gupta Institute of Medical S C. K. P. Mondal Road, Buita, Budge Budge Kolkata – 700 046
Mob : 9433076643
E-mail : jddaijoydeep@gmail.com

Residence : Flat No 1 F, Natural Top, 77 A, Christopher Road, Kolkata – 700 046
Wedding : 12.05.2001
Spouse : Dr. Devyani De
Hobbies : Listening Music
Children : One



Dr. Pratibha Pradhan

Medicine – Dermatology
Date on induction : 12th November, 2022
Date of Birth : 23rd August, 1981
 Director, Himalaya's Skin Clinic & Hair free & Hair Grow D A – 26 (Ground Floor) Salt Lake City, Sector – 1, Kolkata – 700 064
Tel : 9836441700 / 8240036332
Mob : 9831876138 / 8240915314
E-mail : drpratibhasp@gmail.com

Residence : 803, Cascade Tower – 4, Uniworld City, New Town Kolkata – 700 156
Wedding : 6th February
Spouse : Dr. Dipendra Pradhan
Hobbies : Badminton
Children : One Girl



Amitabha Ray

Medical Equipment Distribution
Date on induction : 30th August, 2022
Date of Birth : 2nd November, 1975
 Partner, Saimed Innovation, Kamalalaya Centre, Room No. 412, 156 A Lenin Sarani, Kolkata – 700013
Tel : 033 – 40627462 ; **Mob** : 9831813344
E-mail : amitava@saimed.in
Residence : 1295, Survey Park, Kolkata – 700 075

Wedding : 13.12.2017
Spouse : Mandira Misra Ray
Hobbies : Cricket Music & Debate
Spouse Hobbies : Singing, Artwork
Children : One



Jai Kumar Surana

Legal Service – Advisory
Date on induction : 12th November, 2022
Date of Birth : 15th July, 1960
Office : Surana & Choudhury, Temple Chambers, Room No. 66 (1st floor), 6, Old Post Office Street, Kolkata – 700 001
Tel : 2262 8965; **Mob** : 9830211111
E-mail : jai_surana@hotmail.com

Residence : 57 D, Ballygunge Circular Road, Kolkata – 700 019
Wedding : 22nd January, 1984
Spouse : Mita
Hobbies : Reading, Travelling & Social Service
Spouse Hobbies : Cooking, Reading & Socialising
Children : Two (one Son and one Daughter)

MINUTES OF THE 4874TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 12TH NOVEMBER, 2022 AT 6.00 P.M. AT ROTARY SADAN

- 1 President, Rtn. Raj Kumar Agrawal welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 4874th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
- 2 National Anthem was led by Rtn. Sumangala Murarka.
- 3 Minutes of the 4873rd Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club held on 1st November, 2022 was confirmed.
- 4 Rtn. Raj Kumar Agrawal informed members that there was no speaker on that day as the Fellowship Committee organised an interesting programme "Funtakshari" with Mr. Rajat Baid after the meeting. President then welcomed Mr. Baid.
- 5 President also welcomed all visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting.
- 6 **President reported the following :**
 - a) President informed members the sad demise of mother of our Past President, Rtn. Saumen Ray on 8th November, 2022 and offered heartfelt condolences to his bereaved family. May her soul rest in peace.
 - b) On 9th November, 2022 – Rtns. Shampa Ghose, Anand Sharma, Anindita Shoma Basu, Dr. Sukalyan Purkayastha and Rtn. Raj Kumar Agrawal visited R N Tagore Hospital, Mukundapur, Kolkata.
- 7 **President Announced :**
 - i) 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 our Flagship programme of the Club 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.
 - ii) To observe Children's Day on Monday, 14th November, 2022 – Special Project Committee organised in association with Taj Bengal Hotel, a programme with Games and Food for children of our RCC SCIR between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rotary Sadan Lawn. Food & gifts were sponsored by Taj Bengal Hotel, Kolkata and requested members to attend on that day.
 - iii) Members were 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 would be held at the Club's Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 20th December, 2022.
- 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 21st November, 2022 and conveyed best wishes to them.
 - c. He then informed members that there would be no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 15th November, 2022 as the said meeting is held on 12th November, 2022.
 - d. He then informed members that the next weekly meeting would be on Tuesday, 22nd November, 2022 at 1 p.m.
Speaker : Ms. Shivani Agarwal
Topic : "Release your worries : Attract Unlimited Abundance".
- 9 At the request of the President Ms. Gargi from Reverse Factor made an announcement for a session at Kala Mandir on "Healing Thought and Emotions" and requested members to attend the same.
- 10 At request of the President, Rtns Sumangala Murarka, Dr. Sukalyan Purkayastha, Anand Sharma introduced their candidates Mr. Jai Kumar Surana, Dr. Joydeep Das, Dr. Pratibha Pradhan and Mr. Amitabha Ray respectively. Past Presidents Rtns Dr. S. K. Sharma, Nilima Joshi, and Abhijit Kolay inducted Mr. Jai Kumar Surana, Dr. Joydeep Das, Dr. Pratibha Pradhan and Mr. Amitabha Ray respectively.
- 11 Sunshine Box collection Rs 500/- with special contribution from Rtn Debjani Ghosh.
- 12 The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Diemen, Netherlands, R. I. Dist. 1580.
- 13 Before adjourning the meeting, President requested all to join Fellowship and Dinner.
On behalf of the Club, President thanked Rtns Biswajit Datta, Dr. Ramaditya Ray, Kasturi Raha, Debjani Ghosh, Dr. Nandini Ray and Dr. Shankar Ghosh for Co- hosting Fellowship and Dinner on that day.
- 14 Meeting was adjourned at 7.34 p.m.
- 15 At request of the President, Mr. Rajat Baid conducted "FUNTAKSHARI" programme after the meeting.

Raj Kumar Agrawal
President

Anand Sharma
Hony. Secretary