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Today's Speaker



Rtn. ASHOK BASU

TOPIC : "PHOTOGRAPHY - THE FIRST TEN THOUSAND"

Rtn Ashok Basu aka AB4 is a member from March 2016.

He is quite the proverbial rolling stone. In life as a professional banker, he has worked in a multitude of roles across areas in India, in the subcontinent and in the Persian Gulf.

He holds his greatest attainments to be the experience of the wide canvas of people, cultures and nature in the places that he has been privileged to work in.

In the Rotary world similarly, he is proud to call himself a serial Rotarian, having been a member of 3 clubs earlier in different places prior to joining our Club. A fitter example of a rolling stone is hard to find!

Ashok was drawn to photography ever since he

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saw an uncle of his develop film and positive print. Quite active in the black and white days and quite popular too amongst his school and college groups as 'our photographer', his usage of the camera, as with everyone else, increased in geometric progression with the advent of the digital camera. As in life, so in photography, he is a rolling stone and does not call any genre his own. Yet, wildlife photography draws him most and these have found some little presence in exhibitions and the press in Mumbai and Kolkata.

He loves travelling, prefers to train it avoiding the rigors of air travel in the post pandemic world, and drives medium to long distances whenever his wife Meena allows him. In other times, he is Meena's chief bag carrier!

[Compiled by Rtn Renuka Shah, Program co-ordinator]

SITE VISIT AND RECCE OF PROJECT SAMARTH



Project Samarth, one of the Clubs largest community service projects – distribution of 650 wheel chairs and 100 sewing machines - gets off the ground on 17th Dec, 2022. A recce of the project venue, the historic Princep Monument grounds, was conducted on Sunday, 27th Nov.

Senior leadership of President Raj, PP Saumen Ray, CYP Purnendu and Rtn Subhajit Guha Mazumdar marked present and valuable advice and suggestions were made. The meticulous planning made by Arindam Roychowdhury, Chair, Community Service and his team of live-wire co-chairs, Yogesh Dassani and Ravindra Khandelwal was in evidence. Starting with the movement of the wheelchairs and Sewing Machines in large numbers, locating the seating for the beneficiaries, backdrop, first-aid camp, registration desk, food and water distribution kiosks, seating for Rotarians, wheelchair support wherever required, all aspects of the event flow was discussed and finalised. This project is a time critical and logistics critical one. Managing this at the micro level on the ground requires a dedicated team of volunteers. Members, particularly Green Badgers are requested to attend and help. More details will be shared on WhatsApp for information of all.

(Reported by Rtn Ashok Basu, Co Editor)

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97TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S TREAT

Location : NICCO Park

Date : 20th Nov, 2022

Time : 9.00 AM to 5.00 PM



It is a great reason for us to be grateful and proud to be associated with this August Club which is carrying on with its longest running Community Project in Asia, the 97th Annual Children's Treat held on 20th November 2022 at Nicco Park with 1100 children from 21 organisations.

The day started with school buses sponsored for the day by South Point School, 5 in number, and 10 by DPS Ruby Park, thanks to Rtn Sanjeev Agarwal, registering at Rotary Sadan at 6:30 a.m. Rtms K. K. Kothari, who kindly sponsored samosa, gatia and chai for drivers and all, Purnendu Roy Chowdhury, Yogesh Dassani, Anand Sharma, Anand Bhuwalka and myself along with 25 odd Rotaractors led by Sonal Baid were present to register each bus, and equip it with breakfast, Frooti, badges etc. for the children and despatch it to respective schools. On reaching Nicco Park, the children were welcomed with hot energy drink sponsored by Rtn Kanak Dutta, and a bright yellow Rotary cap. They then assembled in the shamiana for the address by our Chief Guest D.G. Rtn Ajoy Law. Soon after, the children were led to the various 6 rides allowed by the authorities. The whole park dawned the sprinkling of yellow caps all over accompanied by 'whoops' of laughter and unbridled joy as the children carried on with the toy train ride, the carousel, the cup and saucer ride etc. Tired, but happy they trooped back in the shamiana for sumptuous lunch veg and non-veg, served with love and contentment by around 25 Rtms, Ann's, Spouses. After lunch, the children were treated to a Magic Show which was a great hit going by the claps and cheer it received! Too soon, it was time to shepherd the children back in their buses.



Before leaving, each Organisation was presented with a set of badminton rackets, shuttles, and net. Each child was presented with a school bag containing a Hoopla toy sponsored by Rtn Sharmistha Koya, chips sponsored by Sumangla Murarka, Oreo biscuits sponsored by Sonal Worah, pencil case with pencil set, copy books, got by Partha Mukherjee at a subsidised rate, chocolates donated by RILM. Each bus was also provided with soft drinks for the children on their way home by Rtn Goenka. The happy, joyous sated looks on the children's faces as they were leaving, the cheerful bye-byes aptly explained why this fabulous project is carrying on for 97 years and will continue to do so, by God's grace, in the years to come.

The detailing of the program has been oft covered in The Chaka and Rotary News so this signature event of our Club is now known to all, to use the editor's lexicon 'From Cape Comorin to Kashmir'.

The current year's event now serves as a heads up to its own Centennial coming up in the Rotary Year 2025-26! Post the Club's Centenary Event, this one in 2025-26 will doubtless serve to again re-enforce the Club's pre-eminence in India, Asia, and the World.



PP Nandita Sen had this to say about this year's event "It was a delight to be a part of the children's day. Arguably the Best program of our club organized by so many Rotarians with so much care. One suggestion to the organizers-put up Road signs giving direction from the Nicco Park main gate up to Rotary's entry gate. This will save lot of hassle for many like us. Otherwise, everything was just perfect - After 2 pandemic years it was a great effort to put up a show like this".

CYP Purnendu Roy Chowdhury rightly pointed that the Children's Treat brought out the child in some

Rotarians and also the DG! Truly, Wordsworth's words "child is the father of man" comes to mind and follows with "and I wish my days to be bound each to each by natural piety". Isn't that truly the Rotary Spirit?

So, as we approach a glorious centennial of the Annual Children's Treat, let us put our heads together for spreading scope, scale and content. Immediately what comes to mind are inclusion of Purulia and Bara Manguwa schools in separate events at the respective places. It is certain that successive leadership teams will generate many ideas that can culminate in a memorable, impactful, meaningful event that, as said earlier, will once again highlight the Rotary Club of Calcutta's pre-eminence.



(Contributed by Rtn Sonal Worah, CYP Purnendu and PP Nandita Sen and Co Editor AB4)

VISIT TO ALOR DISHA OLD AGE HOME BY INTERACT CLUB OF SILVER POINT SCHOOL

Location : Alor Disha, Haltu

Date : 26/11/22

Time : 10.30 am



Six Interactors of Silver Point School along with their teacher Coordinators visited ALOR DISHA Old Age Home, near Sucheta Nagar, Haltu. Their Objectives were :

- * To meet the 30 elderly housed in Alor Disha Old Age Home
- * To sensitize the Interactors about importance of grandparents in their lives

As they met the elderly there, they chanted Gayatri Mantra, sang songs (Aguner Poroshmoni..., Anondoloke...), recited a poem (Kheya by Rabindranath Tagore) which were enjoyed by the 30 elderly housed there. The residents shared their daily life in the HOME. The Interactors distributed food packets among them and clicked photos.

It was truly a great experience for the Interactors.



[Reported by Rtn. Malika Sarkar, Chair, Youth Services and Interact Rotaract]

REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENDANCE REPORT (29.11.2022)

Total Members	:	245
Members Present	:	41
Exempted Members	:	67
Visiting Rotarians & Guest	:	3



ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes
Rotary Club of Belur, India
R. I. District 3291

Birthdays

Pranab Kumar Sarkar	6th December
Dr. Rajiv Kumar Seal	7th December
Bablu Kolay	7th December
Indranil Dasgupta	8th December
Bhaskar Mukherjee	9th December
Purnendu Roychowdhury	11th December
Ayesha Mazumdar	15th December

Wish you many happy returns of the day

Wedding Anniversaries

Jeet Banerjee & R-Ann Malavika	6th December
Indrajit Banerjee & R-Ann Haimanti	6th December
Dr. Asok Kumar Ghoshal & R-Ann Anita	7th December
Pagya Chopra & Mr. Vishal Modi	7th December
Rajarshi Dey & R-Ann Sujata	7th December
Dr. Sukalyan Purkayastha & Dr. Papia Chowdhuy Purkayastha	9th December
Ajay Kumar Doshi & R-Ann Usha	9th December
Pranab Kumar Sarkar & R-Ann Debjani	9th December
Rajeev Swaika & R-Ann Archana	11th December
Sudhir Jalan & R-Ann Alka	12th December
Deepak Kumar Khemka & R-Ann Shobha	12th December
Dr. Gautam Khastgir & R-Ann Aparna	12th December
Sushil Jhunjhunwala & R-Ann Gyaneshwari	12th December
Srirupa Dasgupta & Mr. Biswarup	12th December
Shampa Ghose & Dr. Rajiv	13th December
Dr. Chandreyee Das & Dr. Partha Pratim	13th December
Partha Pratim Mukherjee & R-Ann Mousumi	13th December
Vikram Somany & R-Ann Smiti	13th December
Dr. Indrajit Roy & R-Ann Ajanta	13th December
Samrat Sen & R-Ann Anindita	14th December
Shantanu Deb Mookerjee & R-Ann Rini	14th December
Dr. Rajiv Kumar Seal & R-Ann Medha	14th December
Malika Mukerji Sarkar & Mr. Souvik	15th December

Wish you many more years of marital bliss

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting on Sunday, 18th December, 2022 at 10.00 a.m. followed by Breakfast at the residence of Rtn. Lata Bajoria, 76, Garden Reach Road, Kolkata 700 043.

Speaker : Rtn. Lata Bajoria, Director, Hooghly Jute Mills Ltd.

Topic : Jute Eco System

Congratulations 100%ERS FOR THE ROTARY YEAR 2021 -2022

1 Raj Kumar Agrawal	13 Partha Pratim Mukherjee
2 Dr. Suresh Kumar Agarwal	14 Subha Pal
3 * Sushil Kumar Bagla	15 Kirit Patel
4 Sakti Kumar Banerjee	16 Sujata Pyne
5 Suman Chakraborty	17 * HIRAK RAY
6 * Balkrishna Dalmia	18 Arindam Roychowdhury
7 * Haladhar Dey	19 Purnendu Roychowdhury
8 Subrata De	20 Atindra Nath Sen
9 Shampa Ghose	21 Renuka Shah
10 Debjani Ghosh	22 Anand Sharma
11 Nilima Joshi	23 Rajeev Swaika
12 Sriranjani Joshi	

* Exempted from Attendance

RESIGNATION

The Board accepted Resignation of Rtn. Rekha Kanojia at it's meeting held on 28th November, 2022 with effect from 01.12.2022.

SECOND CLUB ASSEMBLY & GREEN BADGERS MEET

The Second Club Assembly and Green Badgers meet will be held on Sunday, 11th December, 2022 at 10 a.m. at Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) Breakfast and Registration 9.30 a.m.

All members, especially PDGs, Past Presidents, Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, Club Officials and New Members are requested to kindly block the above date and join the important meeting. Committee Chairs are also requested to send their committee activities reports during the second quarter of the Rotary year 2022-23 to the Hony. Secretary for the second Club Assembly.

Congratulations

Rtn. Suman Chakraborty has been nominated as the Hony. Joint Secretary for the Rotary year 2023-24



Rtn. Indrajit Banerjee has been nominated as the Hony. Joint Treasurer for the Rotary year 2023-24

FORTHCOMING PROGRAMMES AND EVENTS – DECEMBER, 2022

Day	Date	Programmes / Events	Time	Venue
Tuesday	06.12.2022	Felicitation of 100 % ers for the Rotary Year 2021-2022 at the RWM	1 p.m.	Rotary Sadan (2nd floor)
Sunday	11.12.2022	Second Club Assembly & Green Badgers Meet	Registration and Breakfast at 9.30 a.m. / Club Assembly at 10 a.m.	Rotary Sadan (2nd floor)
Tuesday	13.12. 2022	No Regular Weekly Meeting	--	--
Saturday	17.12.2022	SAMARTH Mela, Distribution of Wheel Chairs and Sewing Machines	9 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Princep Ghat Ground, Kolkata
Sunday	18.12.2022	Regular Weekly Meeting Followed by Breakfast.	10 a.m.	Residence of Rtn. Lata Bajoria, 76, Garden Reach Road, Kolkata 700 043.
Thursday	22.12.2022	Regular Weekly Meeting and "Songbola" – A Musical Tambola with DJ Hitesh Teckchandani	RWM - 6 p.m. 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Songbola – 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Fellowship and Dinner at 8 p.m. onwards.	Rotary Sadan (Ground Floor)
Tuesday	27.12.2022	Regular Weekly Meeting	1 p.m.	Rotary Sadan (2nd floor)

PRESIDENT APPEAL FOR DONATION FOR SAMARTH MELA ON 17.12.2022

The Clubs Mega project Samarth covering over 700 beneficiaries will be held on Saturday, 17 December 2022. The Community Service team led this project with enormous investment of time and effort. 600 wheelchairs and over 100 sewing machines shall be distributed to beneficiaries. A health camp will also be organised. Since most beneficiaries are differently abled, they will be accompanied by parents and guardians, total footfall is expected to be over 1200. This requires a humongous effort by volunteers in navigating the event flow successfully and the generosity of donors for various costs such as drinking water, food packets, publicity, emergency medicines and health camp etc. We call on members to volunteer for the project and to generously donate. Money donations may be made in favour of "Rotary Club of Calcutta Welfare Trust" and are eligible for Income Tax Exemption U/S 80G of the Income Tax Act. Thank you, donors (4th Dec, 2022) :

1. Raj Kumar Agrawal, 2. Abhijit Kolay, 3. Anonymous, 4. Arindam Roy Chowdhury, 5. Sukalyan Purkayastha, 6. Amit Ghosh, 7. Sonal Worah, 8. Subrata Dey, 9. Subha Pal, 10. Shampa Ghosh, 11. Kanak Dutt, 12. Sujata Pyne, 13. Atindra Nath Sen, 14. Nandita Sen, 15. Kirit Patel, 16. Shamlu Dudeja, 17. Amitabha Ray, 18. Shouveek Ray, 19. Dr Ashoke Basu, 20. Indrajit Banerjee, 21. Heena Gorsia, 22. Ravindra Khandelwal, 23. Saumen Ray

NO WEEKLY MEETING

There will be no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 13th December, 2022 as the said meeting will be held on Sunday, 18th December, 2022 at 10 a.m. followed by Breakfast at the residence of Rtn. Lata Bajoria, 76, Garden Reach Road, Kolkata - 700 043.

MINUTES OF THE 4876TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 29TH NOVEMBER, 2022 AT 1.00 P.M. AT ROTARY SADAN

- 1 In absence of President, Raj Kumar Agrawal, Imm Past President, Rtn. Sujata Pyne conducted the meeting. She welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 4876th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
- 2 National Anthem was led by Rtn. Sarvani Gooptu.
- 3 Minutes of the 4875th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club held on 22nd November, 2022 was confirmed.
- 4 Imm Past President, Rtn. Sujata Pyne welcomed Mr. Sandeep Sengupta, Indian School of Anti Hacking as the Chief Guest on that day.
- 5 She also welcomed all visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting.
- 6 **Imm Past President Reported the following :**
Rtns. Raj Kumar Agrawal, Purnedu Roychowdhury, Anand Sharma and Arindam Roy Chowdhury attended Rotary Foundation Seminar held on 26th November, 2022 at Royal Bengal Room, City Center, Salt Lake City, Kolkata.
- 7 **Imm Past President Announced :**
The Club will organise "SAMARTH Mela" on Saturday, 17th December, 2022 at the Princep Ghat Ground, Kolkata between 9.00 a.m to 4 p.m. where 650 Wheel Chairs and 100 Sewing Machines would be distributed to specially abled people and women from the villages by empowering them in their daily lives and requested to make a note of it and attend the mega project.
- 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 5th December, 2022 and conveyed best wishes to them.
 - c. He then informed members that the next weekly meeting would be held on Tuesday, 6th December, 2022 at 1 p.m. Speaker : Rtn. Ashok Kumar Basu, Banker and Rolling Stone . Topic : "Photography – The First Ten Thousand"
 - d. The Second Club Assembly and Green Badgers meet would be held on Sunday, 11th December, 2022 at 10 a.m. at Rotary Sadan. Registration and Breakfast at 9.30 a.m. All members, especially PDGs, Past Presidents, Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, Club Officials and New Members are requested to kindly block the date and join the important meeting. He also requested all Committee Chairs to send their Committee activities reports during the second quarter of the Rotary year 2022-23 to the Hony. Secretary for the Second Club Assembly.
- 9 At the request of the Imm. Past President, Past Secretary, Sriranjani Joshi gave a report on 97th Annual Children's Treat held on 20th November, 2022 at Nicco Park, Salt Lake City, Kolkata.
- 10 At the request of the Imm. Past President, Rtn. Ravindra Khandelwal introduced Chief Guest, Mr. Sandeep Sengupta.
- 11 Mr. Sandeep Sengupta then addressed the audience on "Anti-Fraud for Banking Transactions Social Media Security & Securing Mobile devices".
- 12 Questions raised by the members were answered by the speaker.
- 13 At the request of the Imm. Past President, Rtn. Dr. Chandra Sekhar Dhar offered the vote of thanks on behalf of the Club.
- 14 On behalf of the Club, Imm. Past President handed over a memento to Mr. Sandeep Sengupta.
- 15 Sunshine Box collection Rs 1700/- with special contribution from Rtns P. S. Chauhan, Subhashis Ghatak and Rachana Nahata.
- 16 The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Amsterdam West, Netherlands, R. I. Dist. 1580
- 17 Meeting was adjourned at 2.47 p.m.

Sujata Pyne
Immediate Past President

Anand Sharma
Hony. Secretary