

President's Message

As we kick off another year, I wanted to reflect on the tremendous impact we are making in the community. Our hard work of the past few months is paying off, and I am thrilled to see two of our flagship projects come to fruition. We have installed two 20 KVA solar plants at the Earth Saviours Foundation, providing continuity of electrical supply and clean energy to residents there. Additionally, the work for building a toilet block for girl students at the Islampur government school has started. This will improve sanitary conditions for girl students and promote equality in education.



In January, we started the year with a fun-filled evening of online Tambola, which was enjoyed by members and their families. The laughter and light banter over winning and losing brought us together, and it was a great way to bring in the New Year 2023.

Members and spouses braved the cold and had a fun-filled picnic, strengthening the bond within our club. We also stepped out multiple times to volunteer at blood donation camps and to celebrate Republic Day with the children of the NGO 'Donate An Hour' near outskirts of Gurgaon.

I had the privilege of visiting the Rotary Club of Lake Union Seattle and was overwhelmed by the warmth and welcome I received. Seeing the positive impact Rotary is making globally and the sense of community and purpose it brings was truly inspiring.

I encourage all members to get involved and make a positive impact in our community. Together, we can make a lasting difference in the lives of those in need.

Arti Agarwal
President 2022-23

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Events of the Month (January 2023)

BLOOD DONATION CAMP at IGT Solutions Pvt Ltd, Gurugram

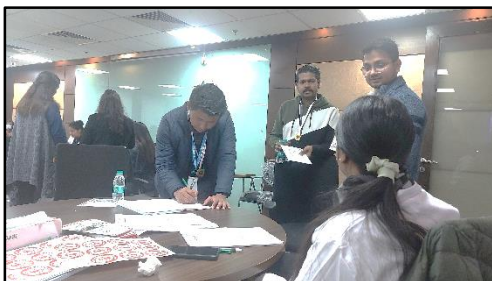
Collection 109 Units



RCGQE had a highly successful camp at IGT Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Gurugram, on 19th Jan 2023. There was a continuous stream of donors throughout the day, keeping the Blood Bank's staff busy and happy with the numbers.



The young enthusiastic donors came in groups. Some were regular donors, happy with the opportunity. Some had donated earlier for someone near and dear and were motivated to do that again. However, the most touching donors were the first-timers, who voluntarily came pushing themselves, trying their best to overcome the fear of the needle. Some had brought a friend along to hold hand and boost



their morale.



Thanks to the management of IGT Solutions Pvt Ltd and the team assigned to help in smooth conduction of the camp. It turned out to be a highly satisfying day. The arrangements were excellent and their hospitality overwhelming with personal touch. **A record 109 units of blood were collected.** Thanks to Prez Arti, Rtn Akhil and Rtn Anil for ensuring that camp goes on smoothly. Very proud of our members who volunteer their time to ensure their presence throughout the duration of the camp to interact with the donors and boost their morale.



Republic Day Celebrations at NGO – ‘Donate An Hour’, Gurugram

Our members, braving the chilly and foggy morning of 26th January headed to NGO ‘**Donate An Hour**’ (DoAr) to celebrate Republic Day with the children at Explorer Academy and participate in their Interact club Investiture ceremony.

Founded by Divya Prakash and Meenakshi DoAr is a residential school for 48 underprivileged children.

It was a memorable program organized & conducted by the children. The flag was ready to be unfurled, the stage adorned with a large photo of Maa Saraswati (as it happened to be Basant Panchmi too) and the children all excited to put up a great show.

Program started with MCs inviting the Founder Meenakshi to welcome the Chief Guest RCGQE President Rtn Arti Agarwal by presenting her with a garland. Founder Divya Prakash, the DoAr team and students welcomed the Rotarians, partners and other guests by presenting them with garlands.

The National Flag was unfurled ceremoniously and National Anthem was sung. This was followed by lighting of the ceremonial Lamp by Prez Arti Agarwal, the Chief Guest and singing of Saraswati Vandana by the students of the Academy.



On the occasion of Republic Day our club members gave Laddoos to children at DoAr. Our Club also donated 400 packs of Sanitary Napkins. Rtn Baljit- Anita, Rtn Vinod –Indu Sud carried board games and encyclopedia and other books for their library.



Interact Club Investiture at DoAr- Explorer Academy

The entire program was organized with a lot of enthusiasm and efficiency. Divya Prakash, Founder of DoAr and Mentor of the Interact Club at Explorer Academy, welcomed all the guests. The Interact Club Board members were called upon stage and pinned. President, Interact Club, DoAr – Explorer Academy, delivered a very impressive and impactful speech,



sharing her thoughts about the role of Interact Club and the projects for the year. Impressive performance by the children followed for their first Installation as an Interact Club. President RCGQE, Rtn Arti Agarwal, in her address applauded the efforts of students in conducting educational classes for the village students, cleanliness drive and planting trees. She motivated them to take up challenges and try to find solutions.

The well-mannered children with smiles on their faces totally overawed the guests. The couple duo of Divya and Meenakshi are doing a commendable job in providing wholesome education and growth to the children preparing them for a bright future. Mentor Divya Prakash gave Vote of thanks to the Rotary Club of Gurgaon and other guests. The program ended with snacks and a cup of hot tea for all.



RCGQE Flagship Projects 22-23 - WIP

Installation of Solar Plants/ Panels at Earth Saviours Foundation, Mandawar



Toilet Block for Girls At Govt School



RCGQE at a Meeting of RC of LAKE UNION, SEATTLE



Prez Arti Agarwal and Director International Rtn Akhil Agarwal attended a meeting of RC of Lake Union Seattle, USA. Highlights of this meeting were:

- Shared details of our projects
- Learnt about the projects supported by their club
- Met a visiting Rotarian Arunachalam from RC of Chennai Aristo
- Exchanged flag with him
- Interacted with him to know more about their club



RCGQE Fellowships

Fellowship Lunch At PanchGaon on Republic Day



After spending time with children at NGO DoAr, members headed to Panchgaon. The day that started as a cold, chilly day culminated with a warm fellowship lunch at Panchgaon.



Ushering in the NEW YEAR 2023 with 'Online Tambola'



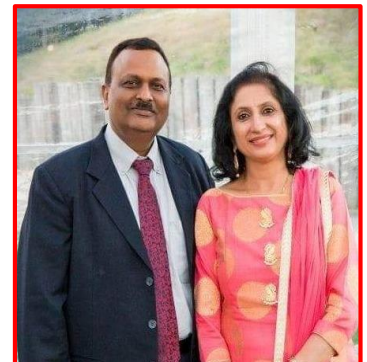
After the noisy and generally exhausting celebrations on the New Year's Eve, 1st January normally slips in with most of the world feeling groggy.....ooooops...or lazy or lethargic in the morning. We at RCGQE decided to make some more noise in the evening with **ONLINE TAMBOLA** as a welcome and enjoyable activity to wish **HAPPY NEW YEAR** to one another.

And who else but the renowned mastermind and past master at all entertainment and games, PE Wg Cdr Baljit S Ahluwalia, assisted as usual by his partner for life Anita Ahluwalia, conducted the game with his trademark panache. Members wished **HAPPY NEW YEAR** to each other. The evening was full of exchange about members' welfare, light banter and laughter all through, enjoyed by one and all.

R'Ann Rajshree Agarwal, joining the event after a long time walked away with most of the prizes.



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Club Picnic at AAramgarh Farms, Gurgaon

While the cold weather probably discouraged a few, many fun loving members chose to come out at AARamgarh Farms, an upcoming, popular place in Gurugram for the club hosted annual picnic.

It was a pleasant surprise to see that the Sun God had also decided to support the brave hearts. It was bright and warm the whole day, making all the games, fun and food possible in the open lawns of the resort.

The picnic started with light snacks and a cup of hot tea as a warmup for the day. Delicious snacks followed to munch on with chit chat going on till it was time for some mental and physical games conducted by PE Wg Cdr Baljit S Ahluwalia. Two teams were formed to compete in all the games. Team "The Unstoppables" was led by Aparna Gupta and Team "4ACES" was captained by Anita Ahluwalia. After completion of all the games, Team "4 ACES" was declared the winner for winning more rounds.

FUN and FROLIC in full swing with both the teams competing hard.

Music and dance came next with hearty participation by members capable of shaking a leg. It was now time for a sumptuous lunch. Delicious food led the members taking to their chairs for some rest. This was just the right moment to start Tambola in which all the members participated.

Tambola was followed by distribution of prizes to winners in games. There was a cup of hot tea again before closing the fun filled day and go home with very fond memories of a very enjoyable outing.





GREETINGS

February	BIRTHDAYS
1 st	Mala Puri
February	ANNIVERSARIES
7 th	Manish and Reena Mittal
25 th	Rajesh and Neeru Adlakha
25 th	Vinod and Indu Sud
27 th	Lalit and Sushma Mattu



Club Calendar for February 2023

4 th Feb	Saturday	BDC at Scottish High School, Gurugram
10 th Feb	Friday	Speaker Meeting – Rtn Ashok Thussu
23 rd Feb	Thursday	Eye Camp at IGT for Support Staff
25 th Feb	Saturday	Inauguration of Solar Plants at ESF, Mandawar