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From Editor's Desk:

Helen Keller's Story of Bravery in the Face of Adversity

Hellen Keller is a role model who overcame difficulties to become a symbol of resilience, determination, and hope. Keller was born in Alabama in 1880 and experienced an ailment as a baby that left her deaf and blind. Despite her severe handicap, Keller refused to give up on life or accept her restrictions.

Keller learnt to communicate through a unique method of touch-based sign language with the assistance of her teacher and lifelong partner, Anne Sullivan. She went on to college, become a well-known author and activist, and tour the world advocating for the rights of disabled people.

Keller's story exemplifies the strength of the human spirit and the power of endurance. Despite tremendous hurdles, she refused to let her limitations define her and instead focused on her talents and abilities. She helped to tear down barriers for persons with disabilities and inspire future generations through her relentless advocacy work.

Keller's legacy continues to inspire and motivate people all over the world today, reminding us all that no matter what hurdles we encounter, we have the power to overcome hardship and make a difference in the world. Her tale is a strong example of the strength, fortitude, and resilience that each of us possesses, and it inspires us to embrace our own potential and follow our dreams with tenacity and perseverance.

Minutes for the 2148th Continuous Rotary Meeting and 2nd for the year of Rotary Club of Calcutta Midtown was held on Thursday, 25 July, 2024 at Room No. 1, The Saturday Club Limited at 7 pm.

- **Meeting called to order:** President Rtn. Preeti Agarwal called the 2148th continuous and 2nd meeting for the year 2024-25 to order.
- **National anthem:** The national was rendered by all.
- **Confirmation of Last Meeting Minutes:** The last meeting minutes were floated over WhatsApp. They were proposed to be passed by Rtn. Dr. S.K. Kapoor & seconded by Rtn. Bhupesh Kapoor.
- **Appointment of Sergeant-at-Arms:** Rtn. Samir Prasad was appointed as the sergeant at arms for the meeting.
- **Cervical Cancer Awareness Session:** Rtn. President Preeti Agarwal apprised that it was a tremendously successful awareness session for the cervical cancer vaccine on 20th July 2024, featuring an enlightening talk by Honorary Rtn. Dr. Lalita Seth and the Eastern India head of The Serum Institute Mr. Sourav Mukherjee. She said that guardians of all 50 beneficiaries have signed the consent forms. She mentioned the impeccable organization by Rtn. Nirmal Nahata for the event. She appreciated the support & presence of fellow Rotarians Bhupesh Kapoor, S. Ravi, Samir Prasad, Ruchira Bhuwalka, Mayuri Doshi, Shalini Agarwal, Nirmal Nahata, Ann Shobha, IW President, Secretary & other members.
- **Date of next Vaccination:** President announced 3rd August 2024 as the next vaccination date at SGCCRI from 12 noon to 2 pm. She requested members to be present for the important project.

- **MOU with ABMSS:** President Rtn. Preeti Agarwal informed that Rtn. Dr. Kalyan Sarkar has assured about ABMSS and recommended that we proceed with signing the MOU with them. ABMSS the cooperating organization has requested us that we deposit the funds of Rs. 5 lakhs for the Cleft lip surgery project into their trust account as a lump sum at a time decided by us. The floor agreed for the same. Rtn. Dr. S.K. Kapoor committed donation for one surgery.
- **Health Camp at Chandan Nagar:** President apprised that our Immediate Past DG Rtn. Hiralal da has helped us organize health-camp in Rotary Eye Hospital at Hooghly for ABMSS. Our honorary Dr. Chatterjee will conduct the camp on Sunday, 28th July for identifying children with cleft lip. Although we are not participating in this health camp, we have helped them to organize it.
- **Scholarship Program:** Rtn. President Preeti Agarwal updated that the appeal received from Navjyoti regarding scholarship of 3 deserving students was sent to the last years donors and they have agreed to continue the scholarship of 45k rupees each. She informed that we'll invite the students in September's meeting to handover the scholarships to them. Rtn. Dr. Kapoor requested to pass the new candidates through SOP made & further asked the President to make a committee for taking decisions regarding scholarships.
- **Independence Day Project:** President Rtn. Preeti informed that we will be inaugurating the computer center on our I-day at the Refuge. We'll do flag hoisting at 10 am and 350 children will be given mid-day buffet meal. IW is a part of the project with us. After that we may proceed for a South-Indian brunch fellowship.
- **Update on RKMBBA visit:** President Rtn. Preeti informed that our annual pilgrimage visit to RKMBBA is scheduled for Sunday, 25th of August. It was informed that Swamiji has asked for 26 Daisy Speakers for the visually challenged children. Rtn. Yugal Sikri was asked to evaluate the need as recording devices had been given to the school previously too.

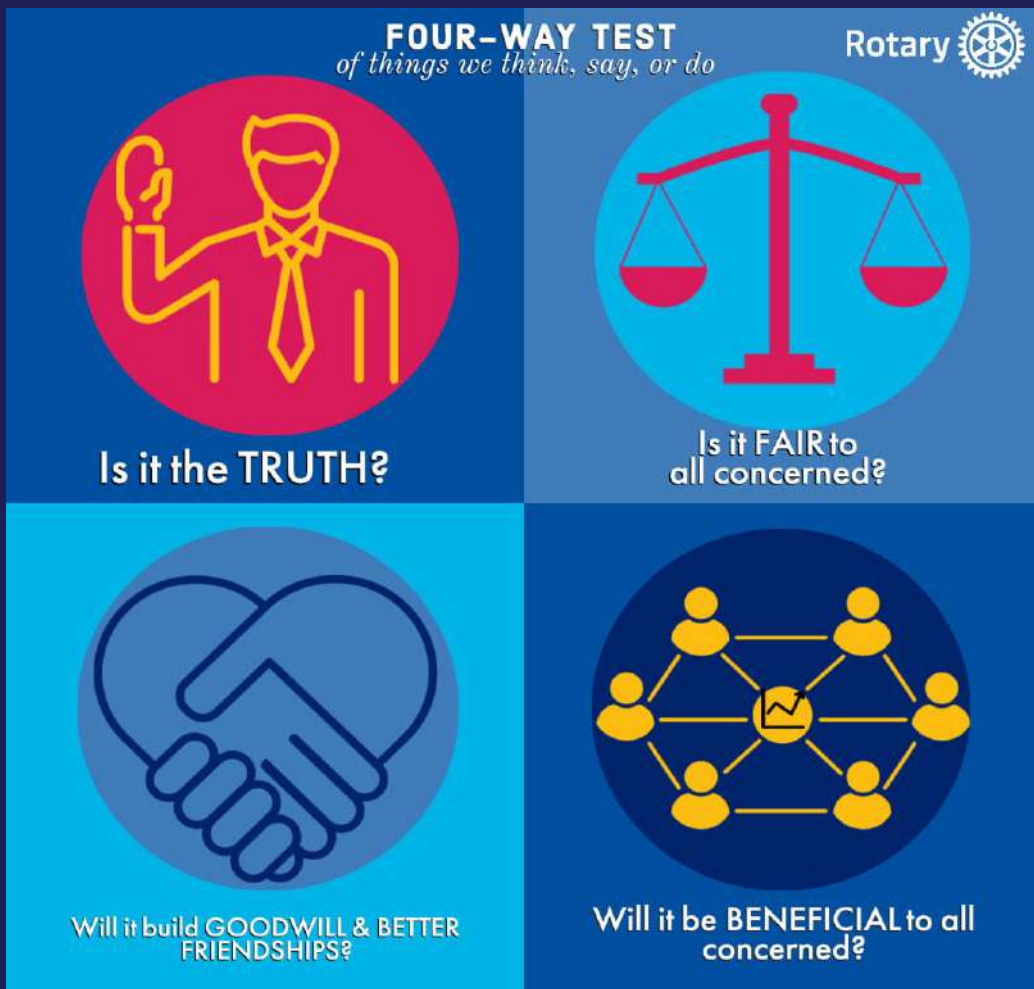
- **District Project:** President Rtn. Preeti updated about confirmation of our participation in the District Initiatives of Adult Literacy and Hashtag English & Effortless Arithmetic. She said the cheques will go in a day or two. Rtn. S. Ravi suggested to send the online link of the latter course to The Refuge for the young children to make use of the online classes.
- **Vocational Training:** President Rtn. Preeti informed that we are going ahead with Spoken English & Computer Training at Refuge. As per the WhatsApp discussion, Physiotherapy and Geriatric Care may be considered as a part of our Vocational Training. Rtn. Nahata gave a brief description and updated that he'll get back with all the necessary details.
- **Sanitary Pad Project:** President spoke about a new project of distribution of Sanitary Napkins and asked Rtn. Nahata to give an update on the same. He spoke about his meeting with the Director, NAB, Ms. Kanchan Gaba who gets good quality sanitary pads made from visually challenged children & women from humble backgrounds. Rtn. Nahata was asked to get the entire details about it in the next meeting.
- **Karaoke Evening:** President asked everyone to stay back for the karaoke fellowship post meeting.
- **Antakshri Announcement:** President announced that our next meeting cum fellowship will be an Inter Club Antakshri Competition with Rotary Club of Calcutta Mayfair on 10th August at Haldiram Banquet. She announced the dress code as Regional. President requested everyone to send their names to the fellowship director for both participation and for attending the event.
- **Any other matter:** President appreciated the commendable work of Editor, Rtn. Bhupesh Kapoor for an outstanding Bulletin. The floor applauded for him. President also apprised that secretary Rtn. Ruchira has got the Trust Account credited with Rs. 1,76,000/-. While INR 76,000/- has come in, a Corporate has confirmed his contribution of 1 lakh rupees for the Cervical Cancer Project. President also applauded the super promptness of the secretary in making the minutes.

- **Secretary's Report:** Secretary Ruchira announced the attendance of 45% as 21 members were present out of 46 members. She announced the Birthdays & Anniversaries.
- **Sergeant's Time:** Rtn. Samir Prasad did a humorous act by making everyone try to sing & a sunshine of 2300/- was collected.
- **Meeting Closed:** President Rtn. Preeti Agarwal closed the meeting.

Minuted by:

Rtn. Ruchira Bhuwalka

Secretary 2024-25 RCCM



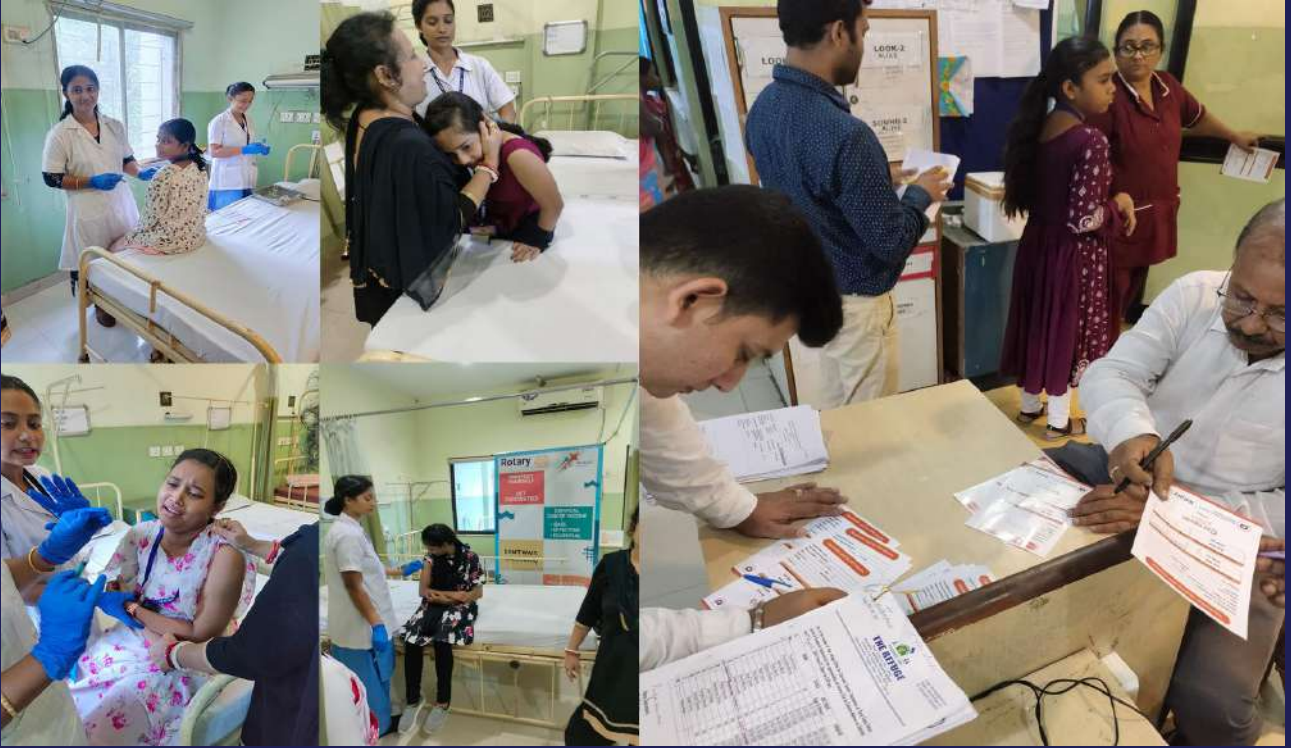
Cervical Cancer vaccination awareness programme for girls conducted at Refuge on 20th July. Presentation from Dr. Lalita Seth



Readying and entertaining the girls for Second Cancer Vaccination Programme at Saroj Gupta Cancer Center and Research Institute on 3rd Aug 24



Vaccination Programme in Progress



ADVERTISING, OR BRAND PROMOTION, EMAIL US OFFICIAL CHANNEL (KOLKATA)



ER VACCINATION DRIVE, PROVIDING VACCINES TO 50 CHILD

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The Refuge NGO | Conducted A Cervic...
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youtube.com

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Open the link and watch impressive inauguration of Cervical Cancer
Vaccination programme on 1st July.

First Rotary Midtown Meeting for Rotary year 2024-25 Held on 25th July.



Birthday's

"Cheers to another wonderful year"



Rtn. Chandan Chakraborty (11th August)



Rtn. Bilan Singh (14th August)



Rtn. Sanjay Choudhary (15th August)

Anniversary



Nina & Rakesh Khanna

12th August

Sometimes you
need to look
at things
from a
Different
Perspective.

Back Towards Light