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February: **PEACEBUILDING & CONFLICT RESOLUTION** Month

One of the seven areas of focus of Rotary we don't seem to talk about very much is peacebuilding and conflict prevention (the actual area of focus is named "Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution"), which is the theme for the month of February. It is often, however, the conflicts that occur throughout the world that are the root causes of poverty, despair, economic hardship and poor health. Take for instance the major deterrent to polio eradication: the difficulty in vaccinating children in war torn countries. Rotary International as an organization understands this relationship and therefore is deeply invested in supporting individuals and programs that will develop leaders who are committed to seeking ways toward peace. The path toward peace begins with understanding and respect for the differences that make us unique. ~Manas

MINUTES OF THE 2116th MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA JADAVPUR, HELD AT TITLI GARDEN, 11:30AM

President Rtn Paromita called the 2116th meeting to order. This RCM was held on 21st January, 2024 from 11:30am onwards at Titli Garden, Kolkata. She requested Hon member Sambhu Narayan Da and Senior Rotarian Bhaskar Da to lead the National Anthem. She thanked Sambhu Narayan Da and Rtn Bhaskar Da for leading the National anthem and welcomed all the Rotarians and their spouses present.

The members were informed that Net banking for the Trust A/c is now active. As resolved that form for online banking for Club A/c has been submitted and it is under process.

President appealed members to remit their subscription for Jan – Jun 24 as soon as possible to the Club A/c.

President briefed the members regarding the upcoming annual fund raising programme of Pediatric Cancer. A fund of ₹100000 needs to be raised for the same. For every donation club members will be getting tickets for the event. Pediatric Cancer Chair PP Rtn Kunal da and District Pediatric Cancer Chair PP Rtn Partha Sarathi da appealed to the members for donating for the Annual fund raising event. Commitments were received from the members towards the same.

Abhinandan Part II, District Award Ceremony Chapter 2 was held.

A proud moment for RCCJ.

The Award for Outstanding Secretary 22-23 was awarded to on Rtn Dr Mainak.

We also received Certificates for

- i) *District Governor's Citation for '22-'23*,
- ii) *Highest TRF in Quantum*
- iii) *Support to District*.

PP Rtn Jaydeb da got acknowledged for his *Service to District Core Team* once again. And IPP Pausali received the *Award for Outstanding President 22-23*.

TEAM PANCHHI and Rotary Club of Calcutta Jadavpur spent some quality time with the gorgeous kids of Cancer Department of Institute of Child Health, Park Circus on 16th January, 24. Teachers of Panchhi performed the Story Telling Session in front of the kids and their family with colourful props. It was astonishing to see the kids enjoying coloring session so intensely even if their tiny hands were paining hard due to the innumerable pricks of needle. PP Rtn Dr Kunal Da, Rtn Dr Jharna Di, PP Rtn Joydeb da, PP Rtn Sanjay da, Rtn Manas da, PP Rtn Partha Sarathi da, IPP Pausali and President Paromita were present. TEAM PANCHHI promised to participate in many more performances like this in future along with RCCJ. Thanks to the Management of ICH, specially Dr Arunalok Bhattacharya, and members of Cankids Ms Oindrilla and Ms Payel.

On 26.01.24 RCCJ would organize a programme to distribute of Wheel chairs to different organizations and needy individuals at RM Lab, Golpark from 10:00am.

Ideas, Feedback & Suggestions

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On 07.02.24 RCCJ would donate a Foot sewing machine to a cancer survivor Kajal Barui.

Club Secretary PP Rtn Dr Partha Pratim Roy conducted the club business by congratulating the following members on their special occasions:

BIRTHDAYS:

- Rtn Rajarshi Ranjan Maity – 27th January

ANNIVERSARIES:

- Rtn Sambhunath Kar and Ann Monika Kar – 22nd January
- Rtn Koyeli Dutt and Angshuman Dutt – 26th January
- Rtn Dr Mainak Sengupta and Ann Dr. Sampurna Sengupta – 29th January
- PP Rtn Swapan Chakraborty and Ann Sephali Chakraborty – 30th January
- Rtn Dr Soma Banerjee and Ranjan Banerjee – 30th January

The minutes of the last meeting was unanimously confirmed.

The meeting was formally closed by President Rtn Paromita.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: BLOCK THE DATES

- DG Visit – 21st February, 2024
- Annual Fundraising Programme of “Life Beyond Cancer”- 23rd February, 2024
- Annual sports at Pathshala, Dwaranda – 2nd March, 2024

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Ann Sreyashi Bhowmik
w/o Rtn Manoj Bhowmik – 9th February*



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

PP Rtn Partha Pratim and Ann Krishnakoli Roy

8th February

Hon Member Samirendu and Ann Protima Dutt

10th February

Rtn Tapati and Rathindra Bhattacharya

11th February

Rtn Paromita Das Dutta and Ashim Dutta

11th February

PP Rtn partha Sarathi and Ann Rakhi Sarkar

20th February

Attending meeting of Rotary Club of North Saskatoon, Canada



Rtn Dr. Mainak Sengupta

19.01.2024

Today I had the chance to be present in the meeting of Rotary Club of North Saskatoon.

It was a wonderful experience as I introduced myself and my club to the RCNS members.

They sang a “welcome song” for me, as a guest of their club. Had sumptuous lunch and was an audience to a wonderful guest talks on stage management in theatres.

In every meeting they collect what they name as “happy dollars” as donations. And they have guest talks from different vocations every meeting. Instead of felicitating the speaker, they contribute from their coffer a token amount towards the vocational activity of the concerned guest speaker every meeting. Like this time they contributed towards the theatre activities of local school children.

I did speak a bit about our club activities especially LBC and our literacy ventures and that RCCJ would welcome collaborative ventures with their club.

It was a jolly good experience to participate in the RCM of RCNS





Rtn. Pausali Paul, IPP, RCCJ

It was my privilege to be a part of Abhinandan Part II, District Award Ceremony Chapter 2. Indeed a proud moment to receive the Award for Outstanding Secretary on Mainak's behalf. We also received Certificates for:

- i) District Governor's Citation for '22-'23,
- ii) Highest TRF in Quantum
- iii) Certificate of Appreciation for Support to District.

Jaydeb da got acknowledged for his Service to District Core Team once again. And Myself received the Award for Outstanding President. Felt so proud to get up to the dias representing RCCJ again & again.

Heartiest congratulations to Us!!!!



Sambhu Narayan Banerjee, Hon Member, RCCJ

21.01.2024

What a wonderful program RCCJ had yesterday. Picnic is the best event in fellowship which is the source & bonding of Rotary. Success of Picnic depends on Participants, venue & menu. All participants in picnic were from Rotary family having same outlook, culture & status. Picnic In Bengali called Bonobhajan. So, Venue was ideal. Menu was sumptuous. So, all needs being met the event was very successful. Thanks to the organizer namely Paromita, Partha Pratim & Swapan. Of course to all the participants without whom there can be no program.



Rtn. Paromita Das Dutta, President, RCCJ

26.01.2024 & 28.01.2024

On the occasion of the 75th Republic Day RCCJ organized a programme for distribution of Wheelchairs received from Indian Humanity Foundation to different benevolent organizations and needy individuals at RM Lab, Golpark. PP Rtn Gautam da, PP Rtn Partha Roy da, PP Rtn Jaydeb da, PP Rtn Swapan da, Rtn Shikha di and President Paromita were present.

On 28.01.2024 2 wheel chairs were donated to Amurtya. PP Rtn Jaydeb da, PP Rtn Sanjay da, Rtn Shakhi di, Rtn Chandan da, Hon member Samirendu Da and his wife Protima di and IPP Pausali were present.

Presidential message



R. Gordon R. McInally
President 2023-24
February 2024

I am enthused and encouraged by your embrace of mental health initiatives throughout the Rotary world. More than 1,000 of you have responded so far to an ongoing survey by the Rotary Action Group on Mental Health Initiatives, offering your feedback on what Rotary can do to improve the personal well-being of members.

The top suggestions are illuminating. Rotary members are asking for more fellowship, camaraderie, conversation, cohesiveness, and connection. They also want more recognition, validation, and integration. They are seeking more service opportunities, and they want more wellness activities, including mental health speakers, awareness efforts, and education.

Our members not only appreciate the greater focus on mental health, but they also believe that making more of the Rotary experience will materially improve their lives. I find it interesting that members are not asking anything dramatically new of their club — rather they want more of what we do best. For example, connection can be improved during meetings simply by assigning seating once each month to encourage people to speak with someone new.

Here are some great ways that we can help achieve these results and make Rotary more appealing to those considering membership. First, we need to acknowledge the importance of increasing belonging in our clubs and to encourage Rotary members to make the most of every opportunity for new and stronger connections. Public health experts worldwide are concerned about increasing levels of loneliness — the U.S. surgeon general has even declared it an epidemic. Mental health experts agree that finding groups and clubs around common hobbies and interests is a strong way to create greater connectedness. This is what Rotary is all about. We need to make sure all of our members are fully engaged and that our communities are better aware of this inherent strength.

Second, if your club has found new ways to build connection, please share your stories with us at mindhealth@rotary.org so we can make them more broadly known within the Rotary world. Your good ideas might inspire others. Post your service project stories on Rotary Showcase.

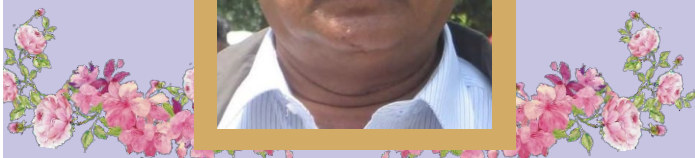
And finally, I encourage you to share feedback from surveys like this with your club and bring forward your own ideas to improve your club experience and meet your peers' expectations. The journey we have begun is about more than mental health. It is about taking advantage of the full strength of our wonderful organization and helping all members feel that they are part of a community that cares deeply about their personal well-being.

Everything you do to strengthen connections in Rotary, with each other and the people we serve, also helps improve mental health. And everything we do to improve mental health helps strengthen those connections. Let's continue this virtuous cycle.



PP Rtn Jaydeb Banerjee, *Club Foundation Chair, RCCJ*
30.01.2024

It is with deep sadness I would like to inform you that Past President of our Club Sri Alope Ghosh passed away on 30th January 24 morning at Purnam Nursing home. He was put into the Ventilator 2 days back as he was fighting for his life. We the members of Rotary Club of Calcutta Jadavpur express our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. May his soul rest in eternal peace.



RI's incoming President shares thoughts on creating a 'simply irresistible' future for the service organization (EXCERPTS)



Stephanie A. Urchick
President-elect 2023-24
Rotary Club of McMurray
Pennsylvania, USA

Selected to lead Rotary for 2024-25, Stephanie Urchick will be just the second woman to hold the position. She has a doctorate in leadership studies from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and has served Rotary in roles as a Director, Foundation Trustee, and Chair of the Rotary International Strategic Planning Committee and Centennial Celebration Committee.

How did you get into Rotary?

Somebody invited me. She said, "Do you want to go to a Rotary Club meeting?" And I looked at her and said, "What the heck is Rotary?" I didn't know, cause no one in my family had ever been in Rotary. So, she gave me the elevator pitch, and when she started talking about internationality I got hooked because I wanted to be a spy when I was growing up. By the fourth meeting I was doing a newsletter, and a year and a half later I was President and never looked back.

What do you think is the biggest challenge facing Rotary International today?

It continues to be a membership. With a new action plan, we've turned a corner. I am so happy and proud to say that Rotary is different. We are meeting people where they are. It's not your grandfather's Rotary anymore – and I don't mean any disrespect to seniors, cause I'm one. I don't have 40 years in front of me to do Rotary anymore. We really need to attract a new generation and we're getting more and more young people. Our Rotaract (18 to 30 age group) is exploding around the world. We have more young professionals coming in. I love Rotary, but I'm not going to be here forever and I want to make sure there are people lined up behind us who will carry on the magic.

And you're already making the rounds?

I'm not going to wait for my year. I started two years ago talking about clubs being irresistible because, you know what, Rotary is a big ship and it takes a while for messaging, so my efforts started a couple of years ago.

So, your biggest goal is to increase membership? Any other goals?

The second one will be helping to heal a divided world for true positive peace. No matter where you look, we've got a really screwed up world. There is so much infighting and conflict. Our organization can use the tools we have to switch that around.

If you had to describe Rotary, in one sentence what would it be?

It's a member organization that does service and allows us to change the world. Take action to create lasting change, both in our communities, around the globe, and in ourselves.

AN APPEAL

The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world.

Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects.

With your help, we can make lives better in your community and around the world.

Our mission

The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

What impact can one donation have?

- For as little as 60 cents, a child can be protected from polio.
- \$50 can provide clean water to help fight waterborne illness.
- \$500 can launch an antibullying campaign and create a safe environment for children.

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