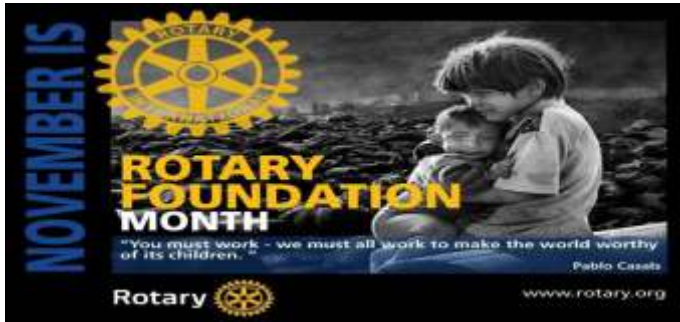


REGULAR CLUB E-BULLETIN OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA JADAVPUR

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The Rotary Foundation aims to transform gifts into projects that intend to change lives, both locally and globally. As an integral part of the largest NGO of the World, Rotarians across the globe invest their time, money, and expertise into realizing the foundation basics and approaching challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, malnutrition and polio, besides promotion of peace and solidarity.

Rtn Dr. Souvik

MINUTES OF THE 2110th MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA JADAVPUR, HELD AT SHIVMANDIR COMMUNITY HALL, KOLKATA, ON 11th OCTOBER, 2023 AT 7 PM

President Rtn Paromita called the 2110th meeting to order. This RCM was held on 11th October, 2023 from 7 pm onwards at Shivmandir Community Hall, 25, Lake Temple Road, Kolkata-29. She then requested PP Rtn Dr Chitra Mondal, to lead the National Anthem. She thanked Rtn Chitra di for leading the National anthem and welcomed all the Rotarians and their spouses present.

President welcomed Hon member Sambhu Narayan Banerjee and Guest of the evening Sri Soumit Narayan Deb from Sovabazar Rajbari. President Rtn Paromita briefed about the service projects held during the last fortnight:

- ❖ On 22nd September, 2023, World Leukemia Day was observed at Netaji Subhas Bose Cancer Hospital for Psychological counseling for patient and their relatives were done in groups and also individually by eminent Psychologists in association with Life Beyond Cancer as a joint initiative of Rotary Club of Calcutta Avyanna, Rotary Club of Calcutta Jadavpur and Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar. PP Rtn Dr Chitra Mondal was felicitated for her longstanding association with Late Dr. Ashish Mukherjee, the founder of Netaji Subhas Bose Cancer Hospital. Celebrity actors Rupa Ganguly and Badsha Maitra were present. Rtn Partha Sarkar, Rtn Jaydeb da, Rtn Manas da, Rtn Chitra di, IPP Pausali and President Paromita were present.
- ❖ On 24th September, 2023, a Blood Donation Camp is being organized in aid of cancer-affected children in association with Netaji Subhas Bose Cancer Hospital and Atalanta Club in collaboration with Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe and Life Beyond Cancer. Rtn Mainak and Rtn Soumya donated blood.
- ❖ On 14th September, 2023, RCCJ supported the transport and logistics of 13 individuals from the glaucoma family

who came for check up in the Vivekananda Mission Ashram Clinic. Of the 13, three were post-operative follow-ups. One patient who was to be admitted on that day for surgery couldn't be admitted due to medical reasons. But he is doing okay with regards to intraocular pressure and thus a delay in operation shouldn't be much to be worried about. All the patients were given free medicines, some of which are quite expensive and almost unaffordable by the poorer section of the society. The next clinic visit day is on 12th October, 2023.

- ❖ On 7th October, 23, our beneficiary Udbhas had its Annual Cultural Program. Donations were given for the cause by the following members:

1. Hon Member Samirendu da -Rs 1000/-
2. PP Rtn Aditi di -Rs 1000/-
3. IPP Rtn Pausali -Rs 1000/-
4. PP Rtn Partha Sarathi da -Rs 300/-
5. Rtn Manas da -Rs 200/-
6. President Paromita -Rs 1000/-

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

BIRTHDAYS:

- ❖ Ann Sephali Chakraborty, spouse of PP Rtn Swapan Chakraborty - 3rd October
- ❖ Ann Manika Kar, spouse of Rtn Sambhunath Kar - 6th October
- ❖ Rtn Manab Paul - 13th October

The meeting was formally closed by President Rtn Paromita.

The meeting was followed by a "Pujor Baithaki Adda" Rtn Shakhi di started the cultural bonanza with a scintillating

dance performance. This was followed by Abbritti by PP Rtn Dr Chitra di, PP Rtn Partha Sarathi da, PP Rtn Dr Aditi di and President Elect Rtn Mainak, songs by Rtn Shakhi di, Dr Debnath Chaudhuri, spouse of Rtn Aditidi and Ashim Dutta, spouse of President Paromita.

Guest of the evening Sri Soumit Narayan Deb from Sovabazar Rajbari shared interesting Durga puja trivia of the Rajbari in a lucid Baithaki Adda. The members happily interacted with him. On behalf of RCCJ President Paromita thanked Sri Deb for his mesmerizing lecture and taking time out from his busy schedule to visit the RCM of RCCJ. He was presented with a memento on behalf of the club by our Honorary Member Sri Sambhu Narayan Banerjee.

Happy Birthday Wishes

- Smt. Arpita Ghosh** - 28th October
[W/O Rtn. Manas Kumar Ghosh]
- Smt. Anju Tibrewal** - 3rd November
[W/O Rtn. Anup Tibrewal]
- Smt. Munmun Sarkar** - 14th November
[W/O Rtn. Anirban Sarkar]
- Smt. Amrita Bandopadhyay** - 14th November
[W/O Rtn. Manasij Bandopadhyay]
- Rtn. Dr. Chhabinath Mandol** - 16th November
- Rtn. Paromita Das Dutta** - 20th November



To all the Members of RCCJ and their Families!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT : BLOCK THE DATES

- ANNUAL PICNIC - 21st January, 2024
- Annual Fundraising Programme of "Life Beyond Cancer"- 17th February, 2024
- DG Visit - 21st February, 2024
- Annual Family Trip - 24th - 25th February, 2024

Ideas, Feedback & Suggestions



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Rtn. Paromita Das Dutta

President, RCCJ

Some snippets of RCM, 11.10.23



Some more snippets



Rtn. Paromita Das Dutta

President, RCCJ

NOVEMBER – Rotary Foundation Month



- November is The Rotary Foundation Month.
- TRF Mission: The Rotary Foundation helps Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

#ServiceAboveSelf #DoingGood #CreateHOPEInTheWorld
#BeingBetter #Rotary #Rotaract #yPDG4ever

DOWN THE MEMORY LANE! Adaptation of a School



Rtn. Dr. Chitra Mandol

PP & Member, RCCJ

We started our journey together, so I will try to incorporate both of our experience. During 2001, one fine Monday morning, the then director of Indian Institute of Chemical Biology (IICB), late Rotarian IPP Dr Satish Pakrashi (1988-89), called both me and Chhabinath together in his office. We were wondered at the same time nervous why Director is calling us? Anyway he informed us that in the evening, we had to go with him and Rotarian IPP Dr Anita Pakrashi (Anitadi, 2001-02). He did not tell us why or where? By looking at our puzzled face, he laughed and said do not worry you will be treated with singara and tea. We were at a complete loss. Anyway, we arrived at Chaikra Baithak, besides the lake, in very

nice surroundings. ~ 15 gentlemen and two ladies entered into that room in a very informal way at ~ 6.30 PM. They were chatting laughing seemed to us they were thoroughly enjoying each other companionship. Whole atmosphere was very friendly and full of positive energy. Within a very short time, we did not know how, we also became part of them. Possibly this is Rotary magic! Our dear Rotarian IPP late Jyotishda with white dhoti and Panjabi, in a very soft voice used to guide us regarding new activities of our club. Nobody questioned him; all of us seriously took that as our sole responsibility. During Chhabinath's presidency year (2008-09), myself and Jyotishda went in search of schools around Jadavpur area. Being a computer person, Dr. IPP Rotarian Chhabinath was dreaming about computer education to the school children. Unfortunately, we could not find any schools without computer. Almost all the schools had computers and also a dedicated room but without computer teacher. During this search, we end up entering at Santoshpur Rishi Aurobindo Balika Vidyapith and met great headmistress Mrs Srimati, a doctorate from Bose Institute. Observing her dedication for building next generation and will power to improve the infrastructure of a state Government school where most of the students were first generation student from low income family, we decided to adopt this school. Now they become an integral part of our club. Since then we did many projects. In fact, first project during Chhabinath's Presidency was to install two drinking water facilities for these children. From very beginning, with the initiative from Jyotishda, we regularly arranged a two days eye camp in the school premises. As a follow up, needy children were taken to the eye specialist for further treatment. We were invited in many of the school program. We used to distribute books, awards to the successful students. Subsequently, we became part of their 15th August celebration. I during my presidency time (2012-2013) delivered quite a few inspiring lectures in Bengali and continued our service to the school through varieties of activities. In fact, one of our Ex Rotarian Dr. Prem started an ambitious vocational project by providing choices for their future career. Unfortunately, most of girls could not respond in a proper way. We had to stop that project. In front of our eyes, with untiring effort, dedication, hard work, preparing both teachers and students in participating in many national level competitions, Srimati, slowly, steadily and successfully could improve the health of this school through different innovative projects and gave an impressive shape of today's school. Now the school has big hall with stage, many rooms, laboratories, more importantly, a dedicated group of teachers. Our club was always with them. In fact, we have one interact club also. Joytishda always used to tell that do not involve so much with District projects. Our club is a small club with small budget; we will do whatever we could by ourselves. District Prizes should not matter to us. Our journey continued with various family gathering, picnic, outing etc. In this journey, we lost many big hearts like Rotarians Probirda, Joytishda, Dr. Anitadi, Dr Pakrashi, Nitharda, Nireshta, Dipankarda and recently Krishna. A few left for their personal reasons. But our club is unique as it never splits its originality. Many times, we felt to leave the club for very personal reasons, but I do not know why we still continuing our voyage with this 45 years old club. I do not know when Joydeb and Partha becomes our family guide. Goutamda, Shambhuda, Samirenduda, Swapan, Chandan, Shaki, Partha, Sanjib become close friend of us. Now, our club is really on different wheel with lots of young minds. These new generation members with their brilliant ideas also become part of us. I think, we, Rotarians, are bonded with an invisible rope and possibly that is the magic of Rotary club of Calcutta Jadavpur.

Basic Education & Literacy – Chapter 3

Panthaniwas e Pathshaala – Special Classes

16.10.23-19.10.23



Rtn. Dr. Aditi Nag Chaudhuri

Chair, Literacy, RCCJ

- Class VI, VII and VIII got the information about the constituents of air and the hands-on experiment to find the volume of oxygen in a

certain volume of air by burning a candle on a basin of water covered with a glass. After the candle was put off one fifth of the total volume of glass was filled with water showing one fifth of a certain volume of air contains oxygen. When oxygen is consumed no burning is possible i.e., oxygen only helps in burning even in a living system, where mainly haemoglobin carries oxygen during respiration. After such burning carbon dioxide is formed which can be consumed by Chlorophylls of plants to produce glucose which we get from plants.

The maximum portion of air almost four fifth by volume is Nitrogen, and very small volume of carbon dioxide, water vapour and inert gases are there



- Then they were informed about the three phases of matters - solid, liquid and gases and they have seen ice was melting to water and water vapour was coming out from hot water. They got the idea of latent heat of melting of ice as 80cal /gm and that of water boiling to vapour was 536cal/gm. They made model of solid ice, liquid water and water vapour.



Rtn. Dr. Kunal Ray

Chair, Pediatric Cancer Project, RCCJ

Request to Observe Children's Day on 14.11.23

Based on a discussion with the Director of SSKM Hospital and his associates, our Club along with other Rotary clubs will conduct a program on Children's Day (14th Nov) at the Main Auditorium of the hospital. A total of 70 children including thalassemia patients and cancer survivors along with their parents will be invited. The program is being finalized so that the children enjoy it. In addition, small gifts would be given to in-house pediatric cancer children at SSKM.



Children's Day Program at SSKM Hospital

Date: 14th November 2023

Time: 11 am to 1 pm

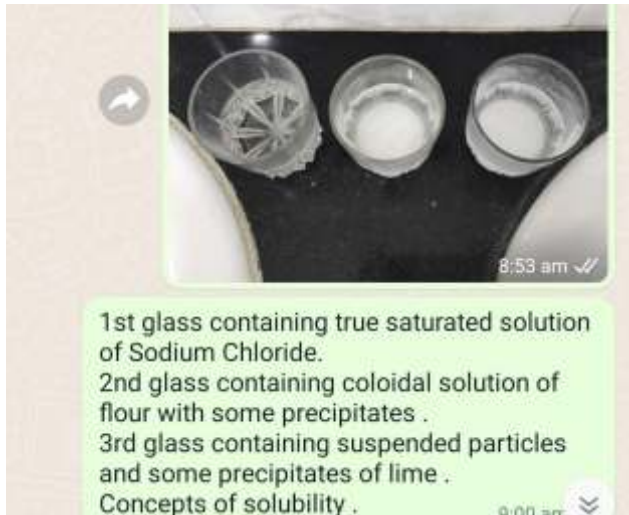
Location: SSKM Hospital Main Auditorium

(Courtesy: Director, IPGMER-SSKM Hospital)

- Those students did experiment of hydrogen gas liberation from mineral acid by Aluminium foils.



- Lastly on the fourth day, **Class VII and VIII** have done experiments on Light path, Pinhole Camera, Reflection from plane mirror, lateral inversion, and infinite number of images between two parallel plane mirrors. They also described what is called refraction.



PINHOLE CAMERA

REFRACTION

INFINITE number of IMAGES

- They were made aware of the true solution, colloidal solution and suspension.
- Those students were taught about the Atomic structure and they drew the structures according to Periodic table and describe the model of those atomic structures with number of protons, neutrons and electrons.

- Class VI** on the last day drew human skeleton and described that according to their syllabus.



- Class IV** have worked on Solar system, the planets and human respiratory system and puja greeting cards for their parents.

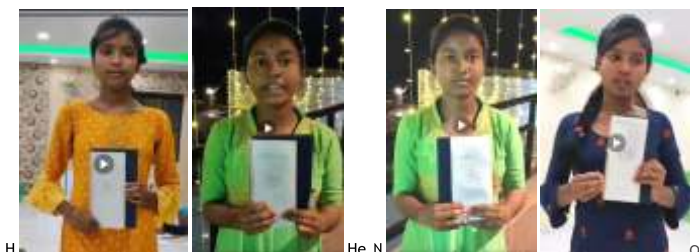


- Class III** students have drawn posters on differences between towns and villages, and save water.

- Class IV** and I made flower vase with used plastic bottles, popcorn and dried branches of



- Class I** made greeting cards for their parents.





Rtn. Partha Sarathi Sarkar

Chair, Public Relations, RCCJ

Durga Puja Fun with Underprivileged Children of Udbhas

18.10.23

It was well organised program by the Puja committee of South City. Excellent hospitality. They have taken care of every child including cancer survivor DEV (son of Ms Karabi Dey, employed by RID 3291 through Life Beyond Cancer team). Children & the teachers of UDBHAS enjoyed fun program, played games & had sumptuous lunch. Thanks to Dev Mukherjee of South City Puja committee and Jayasree di of Udbhas.

A GLIMPSE



Rtn. Dr. Mainak Sengupta

President-Elect, RCCJ

Update on Glaucoma Project

Vivekananda Mission Ashram Eye Hospital, Amtala

12.10.2023

On 12th Oct 2023, President Paromita D Dutta, IPP Pausali Paul, PP Kunal Ray, PP Jaydeb Banerjee and President Elect Mainak Sengupta went to visit Vivekananda Mission Ashram Eye Hospital at Amtala to have an update of the glaucoma project. On the day, 4 patients from the family concerned were called by the Doctors in charge for a check-up. Among them, 3 have been recently operated in the clinic. The doctors confirmed that their progress is good. The other patient who has started showing symptoms was also checked for his infra ocular pressure. The doctors opted for a few more days of medication before going for surgery. The RCCJ team met the doctors in charge, Dr. Asim Sil and Dr. Subhra Sil and initiated a discussion about how to continue the project funding.

RI NEWS CORNER!!

LATEST NEWS FROM RI BOARD OCT 2023 MEETING



- All agreed to eliminate the creation of an annual presidential theme and logo starting in Rotary Year 2025-26.
- Back to our

roots: Rotary Mottoes: Service Above Self and One Profits Most Who Serves Best.

Information Courtesy : Rtn. Jaydeb Banerjee

Presidential Message

November 2023



R. Gordon R. McNally

RI President 2023-24

Next year, Rotary takes a step toward supporting peacebuilding in the Middle East and North Africa region when recruitment begins for our newest peace center in partnership with Bahçeşehir University (BAU) in Istanbul.

A series of events in the coming year will recognize the new center at BAU and Rotary's work to promote peace. The 2024 Rotary International Convention in May

will mark 25 years since the first Rotary Peace Centers were announced — coincidentally at the Rotary Convention in Singapore in 1999. Recruitment for the first cohort of Rotary Peace Fellows at BAU also starts in 2024, and selected candidates will begin their program in early 2025.

Since its beginning, the peace centers program has prepared more than 1,700 peace fellows working in more than 140 countries to create a more peaceful world. That is certainly worth celebrating, but Rotary Peace Fellows are more than statistics on a page. Their actions have helped Create Hope in the World and will continue to do so.

For example, Jennifer Montgomery and Goret Komurembe — peace fellows from the program at Makerere University in Uganda — are co-founders of Magenta Girls Initiative. The international nongovernmental organization equips Ugandan girls and young women with the support and tools to overcome harmful gender norms, generational poverty, gender-based violence, trafficking, and trauma.

Ndzi Divine Njamsi, another peace fellow who studied at Makerere, has taken lessons learned about Positive Peace and is sharing them with students of his own in Cameroon. He became interested in the Rotary Positive Peace Activator training program after witnessing extremism, online hate speech, and violence in Cameroon. Since completing the program, he has brought his lessons on peace to students at the Yaoundé International Business School and other organizations in the Central Africa country.

The world needs more people like the graduates of the program at Makerere and our other peace fellows. To that end, we can all advance peace by encouraging our local peacebuilders to learn more about Rotary and apply for this impactful fellowship. Rotary members can also mentor candidates for the fellowship. Or you can work with peace fellows who have already graduated. They probably have an initiative or two that would benefit from your help.

Our peace centers in North America, Europe, Africa, Australia, and Asia depend on financial support as well. The program at BAU was made possible thanks to a generous gift of \$15.5 million to The Rotary Foundation from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation.

This new Rotary Peace Center will offer a one-year professional development certificate in peace and development studies for fellows focusing on peacebuilding within the Middle East and North Africa region.

Peace must be waged persistently; it is the soil where hope takes root. But as with any journey, we take one step at a time. Let's take those steps together.

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