

## REGULAR CLUB E-BULLETIN OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA JADAVPUR

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October is Economic and Community Development Month for Rotary. It has been estimated that nearly 800 million people live on less than \$1.90 a day. Our fellow Rotarians are extremely passionate about providing sustainable solutions to the crisis of poverty. Our Rotarian friends and Rotary Foundation work together to back local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly in developing communities, besides providing training and access to well-salaried jobs. Let us all keep this spirit alive!!

*Rtn Dr. Souvik*

## MINUTES OF THE 2109<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA JADAVPUR, HELD AT SHIVMANDIR COMMUNITY HALL, KOLKATA, ON 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2023 AT 7 PM

President Rtn Paromita called the 2109th meeting to order. This RCM was held on 21st September, 2023 from 7pm onwards at Shivmandir Community Hall, 25, Lake Temple road, Kolkata 29. She then requested IPP Rtn Pausali, to lead the National Anthem. She thanked IPP for leading the National anthem and welcomed all the Rotarians and Guests present. PDG Mukul Sinha, District Literacy Chair was present to address the members. President welcomed PDG Mukul Sinha formally by presenting an Uttoriyo. President Rtn Paromita briefed about the service projects held during the last fortnight. Various activities were arranged for the children of Pathshala from 8th to 11th September, 2023 as part of the EAZY SCHOOL 2 project:

1. Handwriting competition
2. Spell craft making
3. Sankhya chart making
4. Stationary items distribution
5. Excursion to Amkholi – Wood fossil park
6. Food Pyramid making
7. Seed distribution of fruit bearing trees
8. Inauguration of additional computer inaugurated by Mr. Debasis Pal (Rotary family)

Rtn Aditi Nag Chaudhuri and Rtn Pausali Paul were present at Dwaranda, Bolpur.

On 14.09.23, 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 op follow ups. One patient who was to be admitted today for trab 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. Next clinic visit day is on 12th October, 2023. On 16th September, 2023 RCCJ donated a Taiwan made wheel chair to Rehabilitation Center for Children, a NGO working in rehab of children with orthopedic deformities since birth. The wheel chair was received from Indian Humanity Foundation. This whole project was possible only because of the support received from PDG Prabir Chatterjee. We thank him from the core of our heart. We thank PP Rtn Jaydeb Banerjee for planning and executing the event perfectly. Special mention of Hon member Samirendu Dutt for joining the event. On behalf of RCCJ IPP Pausali Paul, PP Rtn Jaydeb Banerjee, PP Rtn Swapan Chakraborty, PP Rtn Partha Pratim Roy and myself President Paromita were present. Rotary Club of Calcutta Jadavpur is going to observe Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in the Pediatric wards of ICH on 19.09.23, 10:00am to 11:00am. Goodie bags containing stationary items were distributed to 12 pediatric patients in the Pediatric Cancer ward of ICH. Life Beyond Cancer Team had been working at ICH since last few years. RCCJ had been instrumental in developing a play area at ICH in association with LBC. Ms. Shonali Chakraborty, a proposed new member was introduced to the club members. The next RCM would be held on 4th October at Shivmandir Community Hall, 25, Lake Temple road, Kolkata 29.

Announcements were made by president regarding future programmes on 22nd September, 23 Observance of World Leukemia Day at Netaji Subhas Bose Cancer Hospital for Psychological counseling for Parent groups 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. On 24th September, 23 a Blood Donation Camp is being organized in aid of cancer affected children in association with Netaji Subhas Bose Cancer Hospital and Atlanta Club in collaboration with Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe and Life Beyond Cancer.

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

**BIRTHDAYS :**

- Rtn. Koyeli Dutt – 30th September
- Rtn Alope Ghosh–1st October
- Ann Sephali Chakraborty, spouse of PP Rtn Swapan Chakraborty

The meeting was formally closed by President Rtn Paromita. The meeting was followed by a presentation by PP Rtn Aditi Nag Chaudhuri, Literacy Chair, RCCJ on the activities of the club under Literacy in the last two and half months of this RY 23-24. After the presentation PDG Mukul Sinha spoke to the gathering. PDG Mukul Sinha, District Literacy Chair congratulated RCCJ and specially PP Rtn Aditi Nag Chaudhuri Literacy Chair, RCCJ for already achieving almost 50% of the goals set for EAZY SCHOOL 2. He went on to say that he from now on will use RCCJ as an example for other clubs. On behalf of RCCJ President Paromita thanked PDG Sinha for his encouraging words and taking time out from his busy schedule to visit the RCM of RCCJ.

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT : BLOCK THE DATES**

- ANNUAL PICNIC - 21st January, 2024
- Annual Family Trip - 16th -18th February, 2024

*Happy Birthday Wishes*

**Smt. Sephali Chakraborty - 3rd October  
[W/O Rtn. Swapan Chakraborty]**

**Smt. Manika Kar - 6th October  
[W/O Rtn. Sambhunath Kar]**

**Rtn. Manab Paul – 13th October**

**Ideas, Feedback & Suggestions**



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**উদ্ভাস**  
শিক্ষকল্যায় সংস্থা (পঃ বঃ সরকার অনুমোদিত)  
৯৪, বাপীবাগান, কলকাতা - ৭০০০৭৬

বন্ধু,  
৭ই অক্টোবর ২০২৩ শনিবার সকাল ৯টায় 'উদ্ভাস' এর হোলস্টোর 'অবন মহলে' (সি এল টি মাফ) উৎসর্গিত আর্থনৈতিক উন্নয়ন পরিবেশন করবে।  
অনিবার্য কারণে সঠিক কারণে বন্ধুর বিরতিতে গরু যে বছর উদ্ভাসের ৫ই প্রায়শনা  
সফল করে তুলতে আপনারদের সহযোগিতা ও উৎসাহ প্রদান করুন।  
আশা করি আপনারদের উপস্থিতি শিশুদের আর সুস্বস্তিতে উন্নয়নিত করবে।

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রাজকী শ্যাম  
সভাপতি  
কলকাতা

অমলী কুমার  
সম্পাদক  
মুলাই ২৪, ২০২৩

বিতরণ - প্রকটি কার্য প্রকল্পের প্রবেশাধিকার।

Udbhas is organizing a cultural programme at Aban Mahal CLT Hall on 07.10.23. Donation cards of 200 each are available. Please let President know if you need any.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES!!**

**Rtn. Dr. Arup Kumar Dutta &  
Dr. Soma Dutta  
- 8th October**

**Anniversary**

love to see that regardless you cherish each other by heart after this much time. May you get numerous more joyful minutes.

**Life Beyond Cancer**

Till date, we have supported the initiation of treatment and wellness of 207 cancer-affected children.

For Volunteering: We are available @ NIS on Monday & Wednesday and @ SSKM on Tuesday and Thursday (11am to 2pm).

For Donation link: Please call / WhatsApp: 8335068511 / 9811874318 / 9831004777

## ***DOWN THE MEMORY LANE!***

### **RCC CHOWBAGA**



**Rtn. Sambhu Narayan Banerjee**

*Hony. Member, RCCJ*

In Rotary, what we now call RCC (Rotary Community Corp) was called RVC (Rotary Village Corp) in yester years. Rotary Club of Jadavpur had a number of RVCs located at Basanti, Boichitala, Diamond Barbour, South Garia, Baruipur and Chowbaga. These RVCs were formed by different Presidents keeping in view their own professional interests in different fields. All RVCs other than Chowbaga existed for a short duration mainly because of inconvenient location, local leaders' vested interest, lack of cooperation from local leaders and RCCJ's subsequent leaders' interest in other areas. The RCC (RVC) Chowbaga has existed for more than 40 years now as it has fulfilled all the needed criteria for formation of a RCC. The story for the success is as below:

In the R.Y. 1983 - 84, Rtn. Jyotish Chandra Dutta (Jyotish da) was elected as President of Rotary Club of Jadavpur (RCJ). Jyotish da was a freedom fighter and a devoted social worker. His passion was to develop society in the field of education, vocation, agriculture, sanitation, drinking water etc. So, from the beginning of his Rotary Club President ship, he was in search of an underdeveloped village in a neighbouring area having a sincere local leader. Ultimately, with the help of a club member, Rtn. Dilip Mondal, advocate, detected the village Chowbaga which fully filled all the needed criteria. Chowbaga was then a totally under-developed village which was adopted by RCJ with the consent of all club members including the club leadership. The program was taken over under R.I. Rural Development Program scheme. The village also had a devoted and honest leader, Sri Chandi Charan Biswas, a school teacher who was also a devoted social worker. As such, he was a great help to materialize the program. Thus, virtually two leaders - Rtn. Jyotish Ch. Dutta from RCJ and Chandi Babu from the Chowbaga village were the two persons totally involved in the project. The development program started during 1983 - 84 with the erection of Bus stand shelter and distribution of books & stationery. to the vocational training centre. In the R.Y. 1985 - 86, RCJ purchased a plot of land to build Rotary Karma Shisha Bhawan in Chowbaga. During the said RY Rotary Village Corps (RCC) was formed at the Chowbaga village. at the said Rotary Karma Siksha Bhawan building. A welfare centre started. Gradually, Embroidery, tailoring and knitting, typing wing and Charitable Homeo Dispensary and Musical classes started in Chowbaga. All facilities for all these projects were provided by RCJ. Recently a number of toilet blocks have also been constructed there. All villagers of Chowbaga have been benefited and now the village Chowbaga can be considered as a Developed, model and Self Sufficient village. Many times GSE teams and even RIP Robert Barth also visited the village during RY 1993-94 during the governorship of our Amitava Bhattacharyya and appreciated the warmth and hospitality of the villagers.



**Rtn. Partha Sarathi Sarkar**

*Chair, Public Relations, RCCJ*

## **Observance of World Leukemia Day**

**22.09.2023**

I take this opportunity to thank Dr Soma Mukhopadhyay, Drs & Staffs of NCRI for their wonderful hospitality. The deliberations of 3 Psychologists Rina, Samapika & Snehasree in group session & one to one counselling was exemplary. It was nice to see that Rtn Chitradi was felicitated for her long-term association with Dr Ashis Mukhopadhyay, the founder of NCRI. President Paromita, IPP Pausali, Rtn. Jaydeb da, Rtn. Manas Babu & Rtn Partha Sarathi Sarkar attended the heart touching event. To mark the occasion of World Leukemia day popular faces like Mrs. Rupa Ganguly & Mr. Badsha Maitra encouraged the survivors. It is a joint initiative of RC Calcutta Jadavpur, RC Calcutta Aviyanna & RC Calcutta Mahanagar.

### **A Glimpse**



### **Some more Glimpse**



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*Chair, Public Relations, RCCJ*

## **Blood Donation Camp**

**Atalanta Club, Tollygunj**

**24.09.2023**

A blood donation camp was organized by LBC within short notice for the underprivileged Cancer affected children at NCRI, Rtn Mainak, Rtn Soumya donated blood from our club. My sincere thanks to both of them. Rtn Manas Ghosh was also present from RCCJ & lauded our effort. Pandit Ajoy Chakrabarty was present at the event, & encouraged the volunteers of LBC. Local councilor Sandip Nandi Majumdar & members of ATALANTA club coordinated the blood camp. We donated a total of 21 Units of blood to NCRI as a Return Gift for the children of NCRI, suffering from LEUKEMIA.

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## Some more Glimpse



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## Donation for LBC Project

Rtn Kanak Dutta, president of Rotary Club of Calcutta, owner of Binud Bihari Dutta presented donated Rs 1 lac on behalf of Rotary Club of Calcutta for initiation of treatment to Rotary life beyond Cancer. Rtn Dutta applauded the work LBC team is doing in 8 hospitals at present. The cheque was drawn in favour of lead host club, Rotary Club of Calcutta, Jadavpur trust.

## A Glimpse



## RI NEWS CORNER!!

### Presidential Message

October 2023



The World Health Organization designates 10 October as World Mental Health Day, and with Rotary placing a special focus on mental health this year, I would like to help answer the question posed to me most often when I travel to meet members: How can my club get started?

**R. Gordon R. McInally**  
RI President 2023-24

There are some wonderful examples of Rotary members taking action already. In the Philippines, the Rotary

Club of Tiaong-Hiyas held a 12-week health challenge for mothers in the community to promote some baseline health screenings and coaching on a healthier lifestyle.

By the end of the challenge, the mothers had a special bond and decided to form a Rotary Community Corps called Ilaw ng Tahanan ("one who lights up the home") with the goal of involving more mothers in health education and wellness support — and later youth services, teen pregnancy prevention, and help with unhealthy substance use. Almost a year later, the RCC is preparing to open its own health center where mothers can come for peer-to-peer support.

Another strong example is in Colorado. In the fall of 2021, a small group of stakeholders from the Rotary Club of Highlands Ranch formed the Rotary Clubs of Colorado Endowed Fellowship for Pediatric Mental Health, which enhances the ability of Children's Hospital Colorado to recruit and train pediatric psychiatry providers and allows the hospital network to make additional appointments. This increases access to mental health care for children and decreases provider shortages.

Since then, the project has brought on new supporters and is now fully funded with a \$500,000 endowment. Investment income from this endowment will support a fellow — a psychologist or psychiatrist — at Children's Hospital. A new fellow will be named every one to two years, beginning spring of 2024. Over time this will create a cohort to bolster the mental health workforce, treating kids from all 64 Colorado counties and neighboring states.

There are many more great mental health project stories on Rotary Showcase, and I invite you to share your experiences as you begin your own projects. Also, please reach out to [mindhealth@rotary.org](mailto:mindhealth@rotary.org) with any thoughts or ideas you would like to share about mental health in the Rotary world.

On 10 October, I will host a Facebook Live event when we will recognize World Mental Health Day and further explore how Rotary members can begin this journey. But I would like to leave you with one way every Rotary member can make a difference.

Right now, there is someone you know in the Rotary world — in your club, from a project you've worked on, in a Rotary Fellowship or Rotary Action Group — who could use a little more of your time and attention. Rotary is this great gift of global friendship, and that also means being there for each other.

Discovering the human connections that bind us is what we do through our membership every day. It's what Rotary has always been about, and we can build on it by helping each other find peace at home.

We need to learn how to ask not just "How are you?" but also "How are you really?" By doing so, Rotary can continue to Create Hope in the World.

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