

REGULAR CLUB E-BULLETIN OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA JADAVPUR

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August is Membership and Extensions Month, when Rotary Clubs, around the world focus on membership in Rotary. Hence August is the month to celebrate one's Rotary club, befriend the fellow club members, and join in hands to rise above self, and participate in Service Projects to do good in one's community.

Let us all be more compassionate, and have reverence towards one and all.

-Rtn Dr. Souvik

MINUTES OF THE 2106th MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA JADAVPUR, HELD AT CRC, KOLKATA, ON 9TH AUGUST, 2023 AT 7 PM

The 2106th RCM of Rotary Club of Calcutta Jadavpur was held on 9th August, 2023 at CRC from 7pm onwards.

President Rtn Paromita called the 2106th meeting to order. She then requested PP Rtn Gautam Chakravarty, to lead the National Anthem. She thanked Rtn Gautam da for leading the National anthem and welcomed all the Rotarians and Guests present.

President Rtn Paromita briefed about the service projects held on 23rd - 31st July, 2023 at Pathshala, Bolpur. PP Rtn Aditi Nag Chaudhuri elaborated the details of these projects which has already been published in last issue of Ahana, the Club Bulletin. President Rtn Paromita mentioned about programme held to inaugurate of 3 air conditioner machines donated to Rammohan Library and free Reading Room on 2nd August. The regular monthly Science Club was held at Udbhas on 6th August, 2023. Ms. Subhalakshmi Nag, a graduate of Nutrition science, niece of PP Rtn Aditi di showed hands on easy experiments to detect adulterants in common foods. Another interesting project called “ফিরে চল মাটির টানে” was undertaken, at Pathshala, Bolpur on 6th August. This unique endeavor was the idea of Rtn Manab Paul. In this project the students of Pathshala were given hands on training to make clay figurines and artifacts in the guise of storytelling in native language. This method of storytelling enthralled the students as the students could relate to it. The training was given by Sri Maksud Ali Mondal, a scholar of Kalabhavan, Viswabharati. The teachers of Pathshala were felicitated by a local inhabitant for their dedication and passion for teaching. President Paromita specially thanked Dr. Debnath Chaudhuri, Spouse of PP Rtn Aditi di, Ms. Subhalakshmi Nag, niece of PP Rtn Aditi di, Ms. Arpita Ghosh Deb, spouse of Rtn Manas Kr Ghosh and Master Agrag Ghosh, son of Rtn Manas Kr Ghosh, family members of Rotarians for their active help and participation in executing

the projects. She mentioned about some upcoming projects like Gloucoma check-up at Netra Niramoy Niketan, Amtala under Dr Asim Sil & Dr(Mrs) Sil on 10th August, Programme of Interact club at St. Ninian's school and Udbhas on the occasion of 76th Independence Day on 15th August, Blood Donation camp at Ramakrishna Mission, Sihas on 28th August, Co Hosting an Awareness programme on Thyroid Cancer with RC Charnock City on 2nd September, Celebration of National Nutrition Month by arranging a Nutritional screening camp for 2ys to 16 years children and a Mother and child nutritional awareness camp at Udbhas on 3rd September, a lecture on Alzheimer Disease and Dementia by Dr Nilanjana Maulik 6th September. Ishan Gharami, a pediatric cancer patient, a beneficiary of our LBC project, being treated at NRS Medical College needed a injection worth Rs 19748/-. RCCJ thanks Rtn Anup Tibrewal for arranging this costly medicine free of cost for this patient. President Paromita made a call for giving write ups to the Editor for publication in Ahana. President Paromita declared the decision of the board to hold an online meeting after every three physical meetings. The next meeting on 23rd August would be an online Zoom meeting.

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

BIRTHDAYS:

- ❖ Rtn Shikha Mukherji – 12th August
- ❖ Rakhi Sarkar spouse of Rtn.Partha Sarathi Sarkar – 17th August

ANNIVERSARIES:

- ❖ PP Rtn Alope Ghosh and Mahua Ghosh– 10th August

Club Secretary PP Rtn Dr Partha Pratim Roy acknowledged the donation of Rs 120000 towards the Literacy Fund from

Vidyapeeth Trust by Hon Member Prof Indrajit Roy.

The meeting was formally closed by President Rtn Paromita.

The RCM was followed by an impromptu cultural session by melodious rendition of one Rabindra sangeet and one old Bengali film song by Adisurya, son of Hon Member Prof Indrajit Roy, who had come all the way from Birmingham, UK. On behalf of RCCJ President gifted Adisurya with a couple of music albums.

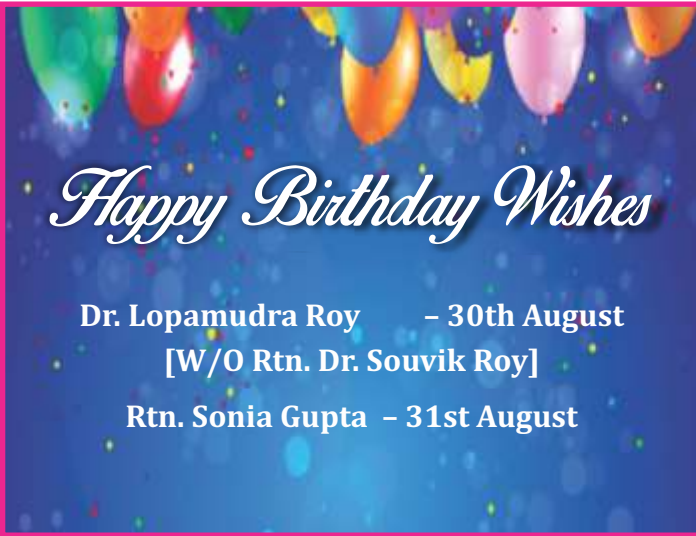
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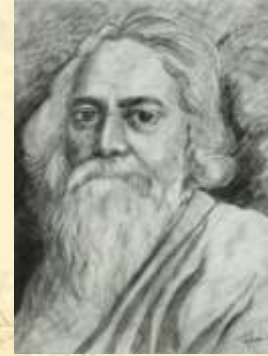
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Baishey Srabon, or the 22nd of the month of Shraavan, is the day an eminent bard of all times, Rabindranath Tagore, breathed his last, in the year 1941.



Pencil sketch by Agrag, S/o Rtn. Manas Kr. Ghosh

Paris street: the king of rain paintings

Yvette Mulder

I kick off with Paris Street – Rainy weather (1877) by Caillebotte, one of my personal favorites. It's the top image of this post. I fell in love with it during my first ever visit to the Art Institute of Chicago. The painting is vast: 212.2 x 276.2 cm. And as it is incredibly realistically painted, it's a piece that directly grabs all the attention. The shades of grey reflecting in the umbrella and cobblestones are spot on; this is the light so often seen in Paris. (see my article about the Orangerie in Paris). The picture seems like a photographic snapshot with the two person's legs cut off. Forever in my cerebral art directory: my favorite rainy painting!



Information Courtesy: Dr. Aditi Nag Chaudhuri

Source: <http://museologue.com/blow-away-rain-paintings/>

“ফিরে চল মাটির টানে”

Pathshala, Bolpur

06.08.2023

A Glimpse



Rtn. Paromita Das Dutta
President, RCCJ

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Science Club

Udbhash
06.08.2023

On 6th August Science Club programme at Udbhash was on identification of food adulterants in the kitchen by hands on experiments conducted by Subhalakshmi Nag (Rotary family). She had shown:

- 1) Starch as adulterant in diluted milk to maintain its density.
- 2) Metanil yellow which is carcinogenic, addition to laddu, jalebi, biriyani etc.
- 3) Rhodamine B which is also carcinogenic, used to polish red chilly, tomato, sweet potatoes etc.
- 4) Presence of Argimone seeds in mustard seeds
- 5) Presence of papaya seeds in black pepper.
- 6) Sugar mixed in honey
- 7) Vanaspati mixed with ghee
- 8) Test for iodised salt.

She also talked on contribution of Dr. Dilip Mahalanabish in treatment of Cholera and other types of dehydration using ORS. President Paromita, Rtn. Sikha Mukherji, Dr. Debnath Chaudhuri (Rotary family), & PP Rtn. Aditi Nag Chaudhuri were present. Club distributed snacks to the kids.



Upcoming RCCJ Project Blood Donation at Sihass on 28.08.23



Rtn. Mainak Dr. Sengupta
President Elect, RCCJ

Eye Check-up Netra Niramoy Niketan Vivekananda Mission Ashram 10.08.2023

As a part of the Glaucoma project, on 10th August, myself was at Netra Niramoy Niketan, Vivekananda Mission Ashram, near Amtola, DH Road, where 5 patients were checked for glaucoma. Three of them have already gone blind. One of them (age 13) has been detected with high Intra Ocular Pressure and needs surgical intervention urgently.

The doctors checking the patients are dedicated community ophthalmologists, Dr. Asim Sil and Dr. Subhra Sil, who day in and day out, treat needy patients coming to their clinic from far off places. The patients revere them like the almighty. They travel to places to do camps and surveys. I thought RCCJ may invite the doctor duo to a meeting and placed the idea to the President who gladly agreed.

Some Glimpse



Rtn. Paromita Das Dutta
President, RCCJ



Rtn. Madhumitra Mitra
Member, RCCJ

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15.08.2023

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DOWN THE MEMORY LANE !



Rtn. Sambhu Narayan Banerjee

Hony. Member, RCCJ
ROTARY IN MY LIFE

In 1966, I was working as an Executive Engineer in Durgapur Projects Ltd. (DPL) posted at Durgapur. Simultaneously, I was Secretary of Durgapur Club. In this club, we had regular games and social programs and activities. I recall a noted reciter Pradip Ghosh (now Deceased), was an officer of the then WB Govt. publicity dept. who was also posted in Durgapur. He helped me regularly by arranging very famous artists at free of cost for various social programs. During such a period, one day my Chief Engineer asked me to see him. I generally follow the principle "Never go in front of a boss and back of a horse". However, at times, to follow the principle is not possible. I met CE when he enquired whether a specific date was free in the club for his program when I confirmed availability. He being at that time President of Rotary Club of Durgapur, asked me to book the club for Rotary on the occasion of Governor's visit. He also asked me to be there for my induction as a member.

At that time, Durgapur Rotary Club was in District 325

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comprising Rotary Clubs of West Bengal, Assam, Nagaland, Nepal, Sikkim and portions of Bihar. Like most people, my concept at that time about Rotary was a club for rich people enjoying parties. So, I was a bit hesitant about the membership proposal but could not deny the boss. While awaiting Governor to come, I could see that one of my very known elderly respected gentleman was coming & smiling at me. He was Mr. Kedar Nath Mukherjee of Bakulia house, the then Chairman of Inchek tyre and not the then State Governor, as I thought. On enquiring I learnt, Governor means District Governor of Rotary.

I was appointed as Club Treasurer of Durgapur Rotary Club. There were very rigorous Rotary rules and disciplinary actions during that time. The club existed for four years only and that too with lots of fears and problems from Naxal activities prevailing at that time. Since Durgapur was then very thinly populated and spread over a large area mostly full of jungles, the problems were severe. Many of Rotary members were threatened, attacked and even killed by naxal activists. So ultimately, the club was defunct in 1970. I also left the job of DPL in 1970 and joined a private sector MNC in Calcutta.

In 1984, I ended my service career and took business as Builder turned to Promoter as my profession. Initially, I took construction business at all reputed educational institutions where work culture was different from other business houses which were to my liking. My relations to all VCs & Directors were very co-ordeal but professional. Dr. Satyesh Ch. Pakrashi (our Satyesh da), was then Director of IICB. He knew my previous career and urged me to join Rotary. In 1988, Satyesh da was President of Rotary Club of Jadavpur (then RCJ) he requested me to see him at his chamber when he would introduce me to a gentleman known for his social works. He was none other than our favorite Jyotish Ch. Dutta (Jyotish da). Jyotish da was known to me since 1956. He insisted that I join Rotary and I was inducted second time to Rotary by the then DG, RI Dist. 329 Shyamal Dutta in 1988.

After attaining the age of 80, as per provision of Rotary norms, I took retirement from all Rotary activities in 2020. But, my dear RCCJ members did not want to part with me and bonded me with a rope of love by recognizing me as an Honorary member. I am grateful to them. I shall conclude by saying – Rotary teaches all how to live for the cause of others happily and cheerfully in association with neighboring fellows.

Environment Facts!!

US WILD FIRES



Wildfires that burn near populated areas can have significant impact on the environment, property, livestock and human mortality and morbidity depending on the size, speed and proximity to the fire, and whether the population has advanced warning to evacuate.

Wildfire smoke is a mixture of air pollutants of which particulate matter (PM) is the principal public health threat.

PM2.5 from wildfire smoke is associated with premature deaths in the general population, and can cause and exacerbate diseases of the lungs, heart, brain/nervous system, skin, gut, kidney, eyes, nose and liver. It has also been shown to lead to cognitive impairment and memory loss. Firefighters and emergency response workers are also greatly impacted by injuries, burns and smoke inhalation, particularly at high concentrations.

More interdisciplinary research is warranted to understand the latent and long-term health effects of wildfire exposure on vulnerable populations (children, older people, pregnant people, chronically ill people), particularly for geographic areas enduring repeated and cyclical exposure to these wildfire events.

Information Courtesy: Dr. Aditi Nag Chaudhuri

Source: https://www.who.int/health-topics/wildfires#tab=tab_2

Rotary International News!!

A mission to help the world go green

Geoffrey Johnson

In 2005, midway through a two-year assignment with the Peace Corps, Kristin Wegner Guilfoyle returned home to Illinois to attend a friend's wedding. That's when fate came striding down the aisle.

At the reception, Wegner Guilfoyle was seated at a table with a judge who was a member of the Rotary Club of Joliet. Wegner Guilfoyle told the judge about her work with biosand water filters in the Dominican Republic. The next week, at the judge's invitation, she spoke to the Joliet club — and, after she returned to her Peace Corps posting, club members provided her with financial and practical support, as well as some invaluable guidance about the direction of her life.

"It was completely serendipitous," says Wegner Guilfoyle, looking back at the chance seating arrangements at the wedding. "To be honest, I didn't know where I fit in when I started with the Peace Corps. Rotary helped me see how to use some of my different skills in applicable ways to make a difference."

Eighteen years after that fortunate encounter at her friend's wedding, and with the knowledge gained from her Peace Corps experience, a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship, and her own Rotary service, Wegner Guilfoyle has a clearly defined mission: to help the world go green. That impulse was there from the beginning.

"Part of my childhood was learning about the environment," she says. "We always did stuff outdoors, and I would go to environmental education camp. And I remember writing a letter to the local newspaper about pollution." At Purdue University, she began pursuing a degree in civil engineering, but the classes she took, and the emotional impact of the 9/11 attacks, changed her course. "The more I studied and learned," she says, "the more I wanted to work on peace and sustainability and create a positive change in the world."

After graduation, Wegner Guilfoyle joined the Peace Corps for the two-year assignment in the Dominican Republic. She extended her stay for a third year after the Joliet club arranged for more than \$11,000 in funding for the biosand filters project. What's more, two members who were civil engineers — Harold Hamilton and Dan Malinowski, still members all these years later — visited Wegner Guilfoyle in the Dominican Republic,

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providing technical expertise about water filtration and sustainability.

As she worked alongside her mentors, Wegner Guilfoyle guided members of a youth group called Brigada Verde: the green brigade. She taught several high school students how to use the water filters, and they deployed across the country to train other students and adults. In addition to collaborating with rural and urban communities on water, sanitation, and education projects, that opportunity to offer lessons in "leadership development" remains one of her proudest Peace Corps achievements.

Having a better sense of her career path, Wegner Guilfoyle made her next stop Boulder, Colorado, where she earned a master's degree in environmental leadership at Naropa University. While interviewing Peace Corps volunteers for her thesis on the impact of storytelling, she connected with Steve Werner, a former Peace Corps volunteer and a member of the Rotary Club of Denver Southeast. She began speaking at Rotary clubs, which led to the Rotary Club of Boulder Flatirons sponsoring her for an Ambassadorial Scholarship.

In the Peace Corps, Wegner Guilfoyle had read Gaviotas, Alan Weisman's account of a village in a desolate region of Colombia that used modern technologies to establish itself as a thriving and sustainable community. Inspired by the book, Wegner Guilfoyle chose to continue her environmental studies in Colombia at Universidad de los Andes and the Sasana institute. Through a student at Sasana, Wegner Guilfoyle made another opportune acquaintance, a Microsoft employee who was leading a technology project with an Indigenous group in Colombia. From that connection grew an endeavor that would engage her for nearly a decade. Backed by funds from multiple Rotary clubs, District 5450 (northern Colorado), and The Rotary Foundation, Wegner Guilfoyle managed a project that provided solar panels and vaccines, rebuilt a school, and launched an organic coffee cooperative, Amas la Sierra, in Sogrome, a remote village in the Santa Marta Mountains of northern Colombia.

Wegner Guilfoyle accomplished all this while she held a full-time job with the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research, participated in community projects with the Boulder Flatirons club (which she joined in 2013), and began her pursuit of a PhD at the University of Colorado Denver. Her dissertation focused on efforts by four U.S. cities to mitigate climate change, a topic inspired by her work among the Arhuaco people in Sogrome, where men wear white hats to symbolize their reverence for the ice-capped mountains that surround them.

"Seeing the impacts of climate change on [the Arhuaco] — they're losing access to the water reserves in the ice — and knowing that I live in a country that's contributing to that, I focused my dissertation on the U.S., because we've got a lot of work to do," says Wegner Guilfoyle. "I wanted to look at what I can do in the place that I live."

Having joined the quest for clean energy at her new job — at the Joint Institute for Strategic Energy Analysis, which is based at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory — and with two young children, Wegner Guilfoyle has, for the time being, stepped away from the Boulder Flatirons club. But seemingly the impulse to mentor can be one of the traits of a good mother.

"Having kids reinforced my commitment to working in sustainability," she says. "I want to continue to model environmental leadership for them and show them ways to collaborate and innovate. People say, 'Kids are the future and they have to figure it out.' But I think we have to demonstrate leadership to them by finding ways to solve things so their future challenges aren't as overwhelming."

This story originally appeared in the August 2023 issue of [Rotary magazine](#).



Kristin Wegner Guilfoyle inspects the inadequate sanitation system in an area on the outskirts of Santiago in the Dominican Republic. Courtesy of Kristin Wegner Guilfoyle



Wegner Guilfoyle stands with two Arhuaco men near Colombia's ice-capped Santa Marta Mountains. Courtesy of Kristin Wegner Guilfoyle

Source: https://www.rotary.org/en/mission-help-world-go-green?source=rotaryorg_frontpage_features

Nomination of RI President 2025-26

Mário César Martins de Camargo of Brazil selected to be 2025-26 Rotary International President. Mário César Martins de Camargo, a member of the Rotary Club of Santo André, São Paulo, Brazil, is the selection of Nominating Committee for President to become Rotary International's president for 2025-26.



Mário César Martins de Camargo

Source: <https://www.rotary.org/en/mario-cesar-martins-de-camargo-of-brazil-selected-be-2025-26-rotary-international-president>