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MESSAGE FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT - STEPHANIE URCHICK



Build peace across the world

As Rotary members, we can help create more peaceful communities around the globe. A first step toward becoming a peacebuilder is to enroll in the Rotary Positive Peace Academy or encourage your district to become a Global Peacebuilder District, if it isn't already.

In February, I'm hosting a presidential peace conference in Istanbul, Türkiye, to celebrate peace and mark the opening of the newest Rotary Peace Center at Bahçeşehir University. This conference will provide opportunities to learn together and explore how Rotary members can promote healing in a divided world. I hope to see you there!

The Magic of Rotary can have its greatest impact when Rotary members and community leaders come together to solve problems and transform lives. That magic starts with you, and now is the time to put it into action.

You have the power to bring about positive change, both in your club and in your community. When we move into the future united in a common purpose, there's no limit to what we can achieve.

Sincerely,
Stephanie A. Urchick
2024-25 President
Rotary International



Swaraj to Mahatma Gandhi means Self-rule or Self-restraint. It calls for freedom for the weakest person in the society and provides for basic necessities of life for all and not as the prerogative of few. It does not include majoritarian rule but

emphasizes justice for all. Gandhi viewed Swaraj for the country as not merely political freedom from the clutches of the British rule but is more substantive including freedom of each individual to regulate their own lives without harming others. Swaraj is government by many and not acquisition of power of a handful few.



RI President Stephanie A. Urchick promotes peace

Stephanie A. Urchick, 2024-25 Rotary International president, is asking district and club leaders to focus on peace this year and build on Rotary's long history of peacebuilding. Connect with others who are committed to this cause at the 2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference, Healing in a Divided World. Urchick will lead this special one-time event in Istanbul, Türkiye, 20-22 February. Topics will include peace in a polarized world; making peace last; technology, media, and peacebuilding; and environmental issues in peacebuilding. The conference will also recognize the launch of our newest Rotary Peace Center, in partnership with Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul.



We, the members of Rotary Club of Calcutta Harmony wish social harmony. We organise this programme every year to communicate that we are human beings, our civilization, our culture is our pride. Our responsibility is to keep it on the right track. Here we meet today to establish our communal unity once again. The situation of the neighbouring

country and disturbance around the world unhinged us. Only harmony can give us a fearless peaceful world. A true freedom towards mankind. Let us join hands to make our world a beautiful place to live with peace.

Rtn. Rachana Sen
Club Secretary, RC Calcutta Harmony



PP Rtn. Barnali Bannerjee was attend at above Peace Promotion of RI President Rtn. Stephanie A. Urchick

2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference

Register | Hotel booking | Host Organization Committee events

Healing in a Divided World
20-22 February 2025,
Istanbul, Türkiye Hilton
Istanbul Bomonti Hotel &
Conference Center

MESSAGES FROM OUR EMINENT SPEAKERS - 18.08.2024



Dear President Bansari,
I am very happy that your club is organising a Seminar on "Peace & Harmony" by involving eminent personalities. The current conflicting scenerio all over are not only disturbing for the peace loving people like us Rotarians but also need to be addressed

properly to have better harmony amongst all. I am sure that this Seminar will be able to highlight the issues and also will show a path for the future. I am eagerly waiting to be a part of this interesting event. Wish you all the best.

Yours in Rotary

Angsuman Bandyopadhyay

District Governor 2011-12



Francis Sunil Rosario

Rabindranath Tagore was not only a renowned poet, he was a mystic and a spiritual leader by the virtue of his personal experience of God in nature. In his poem, "Into the heaven of freedom, my Father", he presents his mind and philosophy.

Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high

Where knowledge is free

Where the world has not been broken up into fragments

By narrow domestic walls

Freedom from fear is the freedom I claim for you my motherland!, Tagore claims.

One must be able to live without fear of the repercussions of their thoughts, as well as living without fear of physical harm coming to them as they live their lives.

The world today is passing through many crises. There is darkness that is trying to engulf the spirit of freedom and sanity. Therefore, the poet's call to be free means, "freedom from the shackles of slumber wherewith you fasten yourself in night's stillness.... freedom from the anarchy of destiny whose sails are weakly yielded to the blind uncertain winds, and the helm to a hand ever rigid and cold as death."

His sense of nationalism is so deep that through his poem and reflection he wants India to be free not only politically but also spiritually. For India, to be free means "Where knowledge is free". All knowledge must be free. There cannot be barriers, keeping the middle and lower classes from seeking out new information and bettering their lives.

The people of India, and the country as a whole, it is the freedom that's going to allow them to escape from the oppression they suffered under, in various forms, for centuries. The freedom of the future is calling to them, with a bright light and a beckoning sound. India to be free from all forms of bondages and shackles.

His bold statement on the domestic walls that divide people with narrow mindedness: Where the world has not been broken up into fragments, "by narrow domestic walls".

Even in our time, such narrow domestic walls have become huge botheration. We are divided by communal mind sets, keeping our religious, cultural and ethnic differences above our goal to built true nationalism, where we are called to appreciate the beauty of 'Unity in diversity'.

The idea of walls includes different classes of people. Because of the way in which one class is separated from another in all the facts of life, from where and how they live, to where they work and who they work for, the world has become fragmented into small groups that do not interact or touch in any way, a problem faced by our people for decades.

In Tagore's world, absolute truth is a necessity. If one works hard, or strives tirelessly, one will eventually reach perfection. Perfection, or whatever goal one has in mind. Hard work would always pay off, another addition to Tagore's goal for India.

In recent Olympics 2024 in Paris, our Indian contingencies have shown their sportsmanship through their grit and courage to face all the odds to bring honour to the country. It does not matter how many medals they brought to India, in order to be a part of 'VasudhahiKutumbkam'. Their active participation in sports who represented the country should be the reason for all to rejoice and admire, who kept their goals in achieving perfection by their commitment and dedication.

We are today Global citizens. Therefore, the foresight and prophetic vision of Tagore gives us inspiration to live life fully for the cause of humanity, to build bridges of peace and harmony.



Dear President Banasri & Team Harmony,
The name of the Club is such,
'Calcutta Harmony'

I think the following thoughts come to all the club members naturally from within since the inception of the Club....

"BORISHO DHARA MAJHE SANTIRO BANI"

Ballari joins me in wishing all the best to the Team Harmony for a wonderful event and in spreading the 'Message of PEACE'.

With best regards,

Yours-in-Rotary Service,

Rajani

Rajani Mukerji

District Governor 2013-14

District Rotary Public Image Chair 2023-25, D-3291

Plan Lead Coordinator (Membership), RI Zone-6

The Idea of Freedom according to Tagore



We, the Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, a world wide spiritual organisation, are spreading over 140 countries throughout the world with the head quarter in Mount Abu. We are committed to provide a stress-free life to every individual through meditation.



We the Rotarians through our service projects and the support we extend for peace fellowships, actively address the root causes of social conflicts all over the world.

Our efforts target critical issues such as poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, hygiene, medical facilities and the unequal distribution of resources.

First of all a huge gratitude to the Rotary Club of Calcutta Harmony for their cordial invitation at this ceremony. It's been famous throughout the world because of its humanitarian activities. The behavior of each and every member of this esteemed organisation was so well and the environment over here was too perfect to spread the motto of Brahma Kumaris which is leading a stress free happy life with the help of meditation. We, on behalf of Brahma Kumaris, are appreciating the noble effort of Rotary Club of Calcutta Harmony and congratulating them for their future journey.

Come, join Rotary and strengthen our movement through your active engagement and make our world a happier and peaceful one.

Yours in Rotary,
Sanjib Chaudhuri
Deputy Governor & Rotary Peace Fellowship Chair
District 3291

GLIMPSES OF 11TH INSTALLATION CEREMONY



11th Installation ceremony of our Rotary Club of Calcutta Harmony was held on 27th July 2024. DG, Rtn. AKS. Dr. Krishnendu Gupta, First Lady Shimran Gupta, DGN Rtn. Tapas Bhattacharya and galaxy of PDGs, AG,ZS and many district officials and other guest Rotarians were present there to witness this grand installation. Ipp Rtn. Soma Mallick installed our New President Rtn. Banasri Poddar. The new President Banasri expressed her plan towards Magic of Rotary and Future projects of the club. 4 new members were inducted. Then DG delivered his valuable and inspiring speech to the club members.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



Rtn. Banasri Poddar
President
Rotary Club of Calcutta Harmony

Dear President Banasri,
As India gears up to celebrate its 78th Independence Day in 2024, the nation reflects on the journey that has shaped its identity and strengthened its resolve. This day, August 15th, is not just a public holiday; it's a day of pride, remembrance, and renewed commitment to the ideals of freedom, equality, and justice the country stands for.

In the spirit of Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self," we are always committed to nation-building, spreading Peace messages, Community Service, and making India fully literate by promoting adult literacy, child education, and e-learning. The theme or slogan for the 78th Indian Independence Day 2024 is 'Viksit Bharat,' which aligns with the Government's vision of transforming India into a Developed Nation by 2047, coinciding with the 100th year of Independence. Rotary International, with its vast network and commitment to community service, plays a significant role in contributing to this vision.

With best regards
Yours-in-Rotary,

Prabir Chatterjee
Prabir Chatterjee



Our Member, Rtn. Reba Ray was felicitated at our District Independence Day Program 'Swaraj' as a daughter of one of our freedom fighter, Late Kalidas Chatterjee, at Alipore Jail Museum on 15th August with the others descendants of our respected freedom fighters. Her father was also arrested in the 'Alipore Boma Mamla'. He took training in Anushilon Samity with respected Barin Ghosh and others. Kalidas Chatterjee was done under the leadership of Rishi Arabindo and Sir Motilal Neheru.



With Scientist of ISRO Sri Rajib Saha and few descendants of our Freedom Fighter at our District Program 'Swaraj' in Alipore Jail.



We observe the 78th Independence Day at Krishnapur Adarsha Vidyamandir, Dum Dum Park. After the flag hosting by our Chief Guest PDG Prabir Chatterjee, the little students of the school beautifully performed patriotic songs, dances and recitations. We arranged a drawing competition in three groups and also arranged a competition 'swadhinata sangrami beshe'. We awarded top 3 ranks in all 4 groups. We completed our program by felicitation of teachers, head master & chief guest and distribution of exercise books, pens, pencils, rubbers, sharpeners and food packets among the students.



Our Learning Facilitator Rtn. Barnali become a member of Rotary Polio Plus Society by committing



her contribution to Polio Plus Fund in every year. zonal workshop on membership.

Happy Marriage Anniversary to Rachana & Tapas Sen

