



Editorial

It was indeed a matter of great honour for Rotary Club of Calcutta Metro City to have received a letter from the RI President Holger Knaack on the occasion of the Club's 25th anniversary; it was the concerted effort of PDG Shyamashree Sen which facilitated this letter of encouragement. It is no mean an achievement for a club or a Rotarian to touch a milestone as this one, it is increasingly getting difficult for many in the movement, to sustain. RI perhaps realises this and so it has been trying every effort to up the numbers. Unfortunately, we have failed so far. The failure has been vexing because we have in a rough estimate, 4 times the number at present that have left the organization. So where is the problem? Some say it is the hierarchical structure, some talk of the expenses involved, some ascribe it to politics within clubs, district and even beyond. Some have also pointed out about monetary corruption. So there have been numerous reasons. To us, who are not part of the decision - making process, there is a growing feeling that a lot of contentious issues have been swept under the carpet and a cabal like grip by a collection of past leaders have been aiding and abetting in connivance. But as an optimist I am very hopeful that someday this will change. August is surely the month we need to seriously think of shoring up numbers, so let us practise the mantra, Each One Bring One.

Subhojit Roy

From RI President Holger Knaack



**Holger
Knaack**
President,
Rotary International

16 July 2020

Dear
Rotary Club of Calcutta Metro City members,

I am honored to congratulate the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metro City on its 25th anniversary. Since your club was chartered, you have made the commitment not only to represent Rotary in your community, but also to do significant, meaningful work from which your community will benefit. When we join Rotary, we make a commitment to Rotary values, to friendships and to a life of Service Above Self. As a Rotarian, everywhere you go in the world, you are among friends. Through our work, we open opportunities for the people and communities we serve, and opportunities for ourselves to live richer, more meaningful lives. All of the service that Rotary does, all of the lives we change, all of the children in the world who will never, ever get polio – all of this happens because

we, joining together through Rotary, are strong. You have risen to many challenge through the years and met your obligations as members of this wonderful organization.

Each Rotary club is unique in its own way. By reaching this milestone, you have shown your commitment to our organization and to all that Rotary does and hopes to do. Congratulations once again on your 25 years. I know that you will continue to serve your community and beyond for many more years to come as Rotary Opens Opportunities.

Sincerely,



Holger Knaack
President, Rotary International 2020-21

Club President's Message



Sunando Sen

President,
RC Calcutta Metro City

Dear Members,

It is good to be back amongst you all. I am really sorry that I could not be back when the new Rotary year started and to lead the Club from day One.

Let us all join hands and do some meaningful humatari-an work during the year. I am always open to sugges-tions, so please do come forward with suggestions.

We shall continue to have our RWM every Saturday at 7:00 PM on theZoom platform, which I understand is suitable and acceptable to you all.

I look forward to a year of great fellowship and humani-tarian work.

I wish you and your families good health and cheer.

Yours in Rotary Service & Fellowship,

President,
RC Calcutta Metro City

Tearful Farewell to Binota Kalyan Banerjee



Rotarians from all parts of India and the world, today bid a tearful farewell to the former first lady of Rotary Inter-national - Binota Baner-jee.

Binota served Rotary with fiery passion and commitment, not just as the partner of Kalyan Banerjee. She led from the forefront in the community development of Vapi. She was extremely knowledgeable and involved in Rotary, she was a role model to all Rotary partners. She was compassionate and loving. She touched the lives of one and all who crossed her path.

(Courtesy PDG Sunil Zachariah-e-flash)

Plasma Bank of Rotary Noida in India for COVID Patients



Rotary District 3012 has inaugurated the first Rotary Plasma Bank in India. The Idea of Plasma Bank struck DG Alok Gupta during morning walk. Within a week he was able to complete all the formalities and get the license for the same. Rtn Naveen Agarwal, President of Rotary Club of Noida, was equally instrumental in the execution of this project.

The Plasma bank was successfully inaugurated on 25th July 2020, by Hon'ble UP State Health Minister of Uttar Pradesh Mr AtulGarg. PRID Yashpal Das, along with galaxy of governors and Rotari-

ans from all over India witnessed this historic event through online platform.

Convalescent plasma could provide first-line defense for people with Covid-19 who are at higher risk for complications. Any patient 21 days after recovering from COVID-19 infection can donate plasma. The plasma bank has a storage capacity of 10,000 units of 200 ml. Rotary Noida Plasma Bank shall be providing Plasma free of cost to B.P.L. Card holders and pregnant women of Gautam Buddha Nagar. On this auspicious occasion Rtn. NirajKhemka, Member of Rotary Club of Noida, a recovered Covid 19 patient became the First Plasma Donor.

(Source: District Trainer PDG Mukesh Arneja –
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Polio Figures as on 4 August 2020



Country or territory ³	Wild virus type 1 confirmed cases							
	Full year total					01 Jan - 04 Aug ¹		Date of most recent case
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2019	2020	
Pakistan	54	20	8	12	147	48	63	13-Jul-20
Afghanistan	20	13	14	21	29	12	34	29-Jun-20
Nigeria ³	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	21-Aug-16
Iran	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA
Total (Type1)	74	37	22	33	176	60	97	
Tot. in endemic countries	74	37	22	33	176	60	97	
Tot. in non-end countries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
No. of countries (infected)	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	
No. of countries (endemic)	3	2 ³	2 ³	3	3	3	2	
Total Female	30	13	7	18	72	26	43	
Total Male	44	24	15	15	104	34	54	

Courtesy: RID Floyd Lancia

A First for Rotary International



Jennifer Jones has been nominated as president of the organization for the calendar year of 2022-2023.

She is the first female President-Nominee in the organization's 115-year history.

"My heart is bursting with joy today," says Jones. "It is an opportunity to motivate and inspire a very large population of people across the globe."

Jones is the founder of Media Street Productions and joined rotary in 1997.

She says she has held a number of positions within rotary including President of the Rotary Club of Roseland.

Jones says she's proud to be the first female President-Nominee for Rotary International.

"I think that there's something to celebrate about breaking ground," says Jones. "I think the most important part of that is that it signifies and signals change and positive change in our organization."

She says she received the good news on Thursday but her nomination can still be contested.

"The important part right now is that I'll go through a period of time until October 1 where the nomination can be contested and at that point in time and there's no one contests it and there's no reason to challenge it then I will move forward officially in this position," says Jones.

The 53-year-old was born and raised in Windsor.

Jones says Rotary International has 1.2-million members.



*Anniversary Greetings to
PP Bandana & Rtn Shanker Das
for 11th August!*