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From Editor's Desk:

Narrating a tale of compassion that inspired a Doctor for a noble journey.

In a city in Gujarat, there lived two individuals named Vasu and Veena. Both were medical professionals, and they always made time for short trips whenever they had a few days off from their busy schedules.

Despite their demanding careers, they cherished these brief getaways. On this particular day, they were planning a journey from Indore to Ujjain, a city about 200 kilometers away, with clouds swirling in the sky and rain beginning to fall.

After crossing a small town just 40 kilometers before the Madhya Pradesh border, they encountered challenging conditions due to heavy traffic and muddy roads. Nevertheless, they persevered.

Their initial plan was to have lunch in Madhya Pradesh, but they realized it was time for tea as they drove through a small town about 4-5 kilometers ahead. Spotting a small house with wafer packets hanging outside, Vasu decided to stop. However, upon entering the shop, they found it empty.

Eventually, a woman emerged and asked what they needed. Vasu ordered two packets of wafers and requested, "Sister, please make two cups of tea, and make it quickly. We're in a hurry."

With the packets in hand, they returned to their car and had their wafer snack while waiting for the tea. Soon, the woman brought out steaming cups of tea.

Vasu tried to hand over a 20-rupee note to the woman, which she politely refused to accept. Curious, Vasu asked, "Why didn't you charge us for the tea?"

The woman replied, "We don't sell tea here. This is not a hotel."

Puzzled, Vasu inquired, "Then why did you make tea for us?"

The woman explained, "You were guests. You asked for tea, and we didn't have milk. But we had milk kept aside for the child. So, I made tea with that milk."

"Where will you get milk for the child now?" Vasu asked.

"If he doesn't have milk for a day, he won't die," she replied calmly. "His father is ill. He went to the city to buy milk yesterday, but he has a fever. If he gets better today, he'll bring the milk tomorrow."

This revelation left Vasu deeply moved. He realized the selflessness of this woman, who had made tea for them using milk reserved for her child, all because they were guests.

Vasu and Veena continued on their journey and enjoyed their three-day trip to Indore and Ujjain. When they returned, they couldn't forget the woman's kindness.

Back in their city, Vasu made a decision. He instructed the reception at his hospital to only write down the names of patients and not charge them. He decided to bear the financial burden himself. Only those who could afford it would be charged.



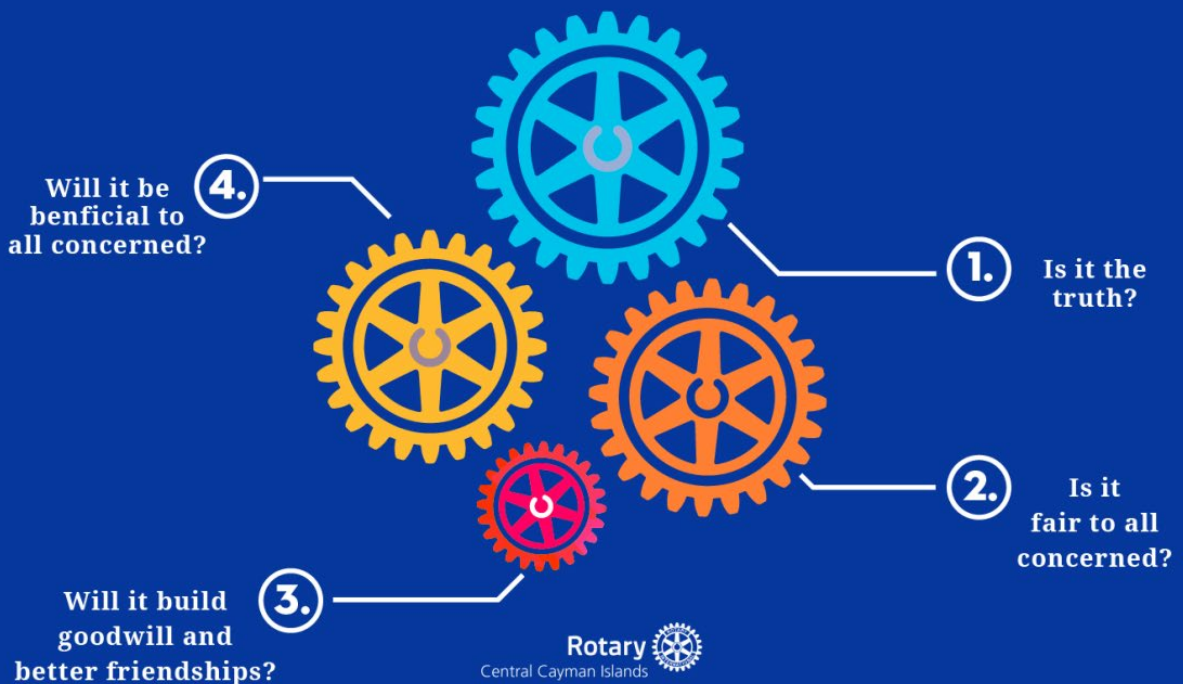
Word spread about Vasu's compassionate approach to healthcare, and other doctors started to follow suit, realizing that their profession was not just about making money.

Vasu's message was clear: "Our business is not just about earning money. God has given us an opportunity for humanitarian service."

The Chairman of the Association praised Vasu for his noble initiative and pledged to practice medicine with a similar sense of compassion.

This heartwarming story illustrates the power of empathy and the importance of serving humanity, even in the field of medicine.

THE ROTARY 4-WAY TEST



Minutes of the 13th Regular and 2159th Continuous Meeting of Rotary Club of Calcutta Midtown held on Thursday, 30th January, 2025 at 6.30 PM at Room No. 1, The Saturday Club Ltd.

Meeting called to order: President Preeti called the 13th Regular and 2159th Continuous meeting to order.

National Anthem: National Anthem was sung by all.

Confirmation of previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting were circulated over WhatsApp and proposed to be passed by Rtn. Radhika Sahni and seconded by Rtn. S. Ravi.

Appointment of Sergeant at Arms: Rtn. Bhupesh Kapoor was appointed as the sergeant for the evening.

Report on the First Sports Meet: President Preeti, with great delight and pleasure, updated the floor on the first Sports Meet. She expressed that we had 400 children from the age group of 8-18 from 5 different schools participating in various categories. For the sports co-ordination, the Councilor Mr. Biswarup Dey had provided us a team of 15-16 retired professionals with national and international sports fame. They coordinated the sports activities, including the races. For the venue preparation, the Refuge staff, along with volunteers from the councilor's team, had prepared the venue to ensure everything was ready for the event. There were track events like various races and field events like shot-put and long jump. The children, their teachers, volunteers were treated with breakfast, lunch and evening snacks. All the participants were given water bottles as gifts. The 78 winners were given medals bearing Rotary's sticker and buckets, mugs, soap-cases as prizes. The councilor of that area also came and requested us to do something for his area too. The happiness the children experienced is beyond words and imagination. The floor applauded the initiative.

Report on Spoken English Classes: President apprised that Rtn. Yugal Sikri, accompanied by Ann. Ruby, had visited The Refuge to distribute Maggi to the children. During their visit, Ruby interacted with the children and shared a highly positive impression of the English teacher.

She was delighted to observe the progress the children have made in their English-speaking skills and commended their ability to communicate effectively in English.

Update on the Cleft Lip Surgery on 5th February: President updated that our next Cleft Lip Surgery is scheduled for Wednesday, 5th February at Narayana Hospital. The time will be informed soon.

Eye Camp on 9th February at our RCC: President apprised that we will be having our annual eye camp on Sunday, 9th February at our RCC. The team of doctors from GRSM hospital will come at 10 Am to do the eye check-up which includes power testing and cataract surgeries if needed. 2000 pamphlets have been distributed for the awareness of the camp. She requested members to attend the project.

Valentine Fellowship and Meeting: President apprised that our next meeting will be a Meeting with Valentine Fellowship on 13th February. Our fellowship director will get in touch with the members closer to the date.

Outbound fellowship at Abhyagam Resort, Digha: President announced the outbound fellowship at Digha on 21-22nd March. President asked members to give their names for a better coordination.

Any other matter: The floor applauded for the accolades won by our esteemed member Rtn. Dr. Biman Chakraborty. Rtn. Ankush Khanna apprised that we should do something on environment. PP and senior Rotarian Sudhir Chand praised the President for a commendable job being done.

Secretary's Report: Rtn. Neeraj Agarwal announced the birthdays and anniversaries. With 2 LOA's and 19 members, the attendance was recorded at 43%.

Sergeant at Arms: Rtn. Bhupesh Kapoor did a hilarious act and an amount of Rs. 3600/- was collected as sunshine.

Meeting Closed: President Preeti closed the meeting.

Minuted by:

Rtn. Ruchira Bhuwalka

Secretary 2024-25 RCCM

"No matter your age, you'll always wish you started younger. But today is the youngest you'll ever be."

Minutes of the 50th Annual General Meeting of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Midtown for the year 2024-25 held on Thursday, 30th January 2025 at 6 PM at Room No. 1, The Saturday Club.

Meeting called to order: President Preeti called the 50th Annual General Meeting to order and welcomed the Members to the momentous Golden AGM. The attendance was noted and the quorum was established.

Passing of Club Accounts for the Year 2023-24: It was resolved that the Audited accounts of the Club for the year ended 30th June 2024 are hereby approved and adopted. It was proposed by Rtn. Dr. S.K Kapoor and seconded by Rtn. Bhupesh Kapoor.

Passing of Trust Accounts for the Year 2023-24: It was resolved that the report of the Trust and Auditors along with the Audited accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2024 is hereby approved and adopted. It was proposed to be passed by Rtn. Hitesh Dani and seconded by Rtn. Sahil Desai.

Appointment of the Bankers for Club and Trust Accounts for the Year 2025-26: It was resolved that the Trust and Club accounts be continued at Punjab National Bank, Shakespeare Sarani Branch. It was proposed to be passed by Rtn. Shalini Agarwal and seconded by Rtn. Bhupesh Kapoor.

Appointment of the Auditors for the Year 2025-26: It was resolved that M/s K.L Chatrath & Co. are hereby appointed as the Auditors for Rotary Club of Calcutta Midtown for its Trust and Club Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025 and 30th June 2025 respectively and to hold office up to the next Annual General Meeting of the Club. It was proposed to be passed by Rtn. S. Ravi and seconded by Rtn. Hitesh Dani.

Announcement of the Executive Board for the Year 2025-26: President Elect Rtn. Hitesh Dani announced the Executive Board for the year 2025-26 which was passed at the meeting by Rtn. Sudhir Chand and seconded by Rtn. Ankush Khanna.

- President: Rtn. Hitesh Dani.
- IPP: Rtn. Preeti Agarwal.
- President Elect: Rtn. Radhika Sahni.
- Vice President: Rtn. Shalini Agarwal.
- Secretary: Rtn. Mayuri Mody Doshi.
- Treasurer: Rtn. Sahil Desai.

Other Resolutions, if any: None.

Meeting Closed: President Preeti thanked the members and closed the meeting.

Minuted By:

Rtn. Neeraj Agarwal

(In absence of secretary Rtn. Ruchira Bhuwalka)

“Keep pushing forward, even when life gets tough. You have
what it takes to overcome any obstacle.”

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Rotary Midtown Meeting on 30th January



Successful Cleft Lip and Palate surgery done on 5th Feb for four babies at Narayana Hospital Howrah



Birthday's

"Cheers to another wonderful year"



Rtn. Sonal Desai (2nd February)



Rtn. Radhika Sahni (18th February)



Rtn. Vikram Poddar (20th February)

Anniversary



Bilan & Hardeep Singh
9th February



Shalini & Nirmal Agarwal
15th February



Rajni & Sunil Agarwal
19th February



Lipika & Kalyan Sarkar
26th February

**The heaviest burdens
that we carry
are the thoughts
in our head.**

