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From Editor's Desk:

"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may
remember, involve me and I learn."

- Benjamin Franklin

Benjamin Franklin's thoughts were imbibed by a young woman named Anjali, from Kolkata. A graphic designer with a comfortable life, felt a growing tug towards the less privileged community in her neighborhood. She often saw children scavenging for scraps, their faces etched with hardship, and decided to use her skills to make a difference.

Anjali started small, volunteering at a local community center, teaching basic art to a group of eager children. She noticed their raw talent, often hidden beneath layers of poverty and lack of opportunity.

Seeing their passion ignited a spark in Anjali, leading her to design colorful posters showcasing their artwork, which she then sold at local markets and online.

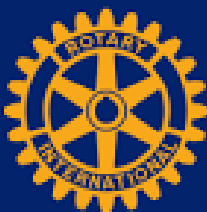
The proceeds from these sales were used to fund art materials, nutritious meals, and even small scholarships for the children to attend art classes. As the project gained momentum, Anjali realized that her design skills could be a powerful tool for empowerment. She started designing flyers to raise awareness about local issues like sanitation and education, collaborating with community leaders to spread the message effectively.

One day, Anjali stumbled upon a small group of young girls who were talented in embroidery but lacked the means to showcase their work. She designed elegant labels and packaging for their handcrafted products, allowing them to sell their creations at a local boutique. Seeing their faces light up with pride when their work was appreciated by customers from a different socioeconomic background was a deeply rewarding experience for Anjali.

As her initiative grew, Anjali began mentoring other designers in her community, encouraging them to use their skills to support local causes. She organized workshops to teach underprivileged women basic design principles, empowering them to create products that could generate income for their families.

Anjali's story is a testament to the transformative power of using one's skills to support the less privileged. By combining her artistic talent with genuine empathy, she not only provided immediate relief but also opened doors to a brighter future for many in her community, showing that even small acts of kindness can have a profound impact.

Rotary



The Four-Way Test

of what we think, say or do

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Minutes of the 14th Regular and 2160th Continuous Meeting for the year 2024-25 of Rotary Club of Calcutta Midtown held on Thursday, 13th February 2025 at Room No. 1 at 6.30 PM @ The Saturday Club.

Meeting called to order: President Preeti called the 14th Regular and 2160th Continuous Meeting to order. She welcomed all the members to the meeting.

National Anthem: National Anthem was sung by everyone.

Confirmation of previous meeting minutes: The minutes of the last meeting were floated over WhatsApp and proposed to be passed by Rtn. Dr. Kapoor and seconded by Rtn. Narinder Gulati.

Update on Blanket Distribution: President apprised that 200 Blankets were distributed at Purbapally Area on 2nd February 2025. The cost of each blanket was Rs. 145/-. The floor applauded the same.

Update on Cleft Lip Surgery: President apprised that 4 babies were admitted at Narayana Hospital for Cleft Lip Surgery on 5th February. The parents and doctor expressed gratitude to Rotary for this life saving initiative. President updated that since number of patients is increasing every day, the co-operative agency is really looking for more donations. She said that this can be a Global Grants Project next year.

Surprise Visit to Vivekananda Hospital: President apprised that our Inner Wheel Members paid a surprise visit to the Vivekananda Hospital where we had set-up the CCU for them. They gave a good, positive report on the usage of the devices.

Update on Eye Camp at RCC: President apprised that we had distributed 2000 pamphlets for creating awareness for the Eye Camp at our RCC. We had 180 registrations and 16 cases were shortlisted for the Cataract Surgery and 91 people will be provided power spectacles.

Cleft Lip Health Camp on 16/02 at Munshirhaat: President apprised that we have a health camp coming up on 16th February at Munshirhaat to identify babies with Cleft Lip and Palate.

Around 10000 pamphlets have been distributed in and around that area. A car with a loudspeaker on it is roaming with big shout-outs for the camp. The members who want to be a part of the camp, may please give their names to Subroto, the Rotary Assistant.

Cervical Cancer Vaccine: President apprised that the next date of the final vaccine of the 2nd batch is 21st February. This vaccine will take place at The Refuge.

Toilet Application: President apprised that the Toilet Application to construct toilets at The Refuge has been sent to the District EIRWT Team. The tiles worth Rs. 4 lacs have been arranged by Rtn. Nirmal Nahata. Now, once we get our Grant Money, we'll start with the construction

Valentine Meeting: President apprised that our next meeting will be a Valentine Meeting on 27th February.

Outbound fellowship at Digha: President again informed about the outbound fellowship at Digha in March. She asked members to give their names for the same.

Any Other Matter: It was decided to take up the pending Global Grant No. 1872799 project and proceed with its closure.

Secretary's Report: Rtn. Neeraj announced the birthdays and anniversaries and reported 33% attendance.

Meeting Closed: President Preeti closed the meeting.

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"The most effective way to do it, is to do it."

Minuted by:

Rtn. Rtn. Neeraj Agarwal

(In absence of secretary Rtn. Ruchira Bhuwalka)

Eye Camp at Park Circus Thakurpukur Balok Jubak Sangha on 9th February



Club Meeting on 13th February



Spoken English classes going on in full swing at The Refuge



Health camp at Munshirhaat on 15th February. 25 babies were successfully registered for Cleft Lip and Palate Surgery, bringing hope to their families



Cervical Cancer Vaccine in full swing at The Refuge on 21st February





Rtn. Shalini Agarwal (5th March)

Birthday's

"Cheers to another wonderful year"

Anniversary



Sonali & Yogesh Gupta
11th March



Sonal & Sahil Desai
12th March



**Your legacy is
every life
you've touched.**

Maya Angelou

FB.Love never fails