



# THE MIDTOWNER

#### BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA MIDTOWN

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#### **RCC MIDTOWN CLASSES**

Our goal in RCC is to increase Rotary's impact and expand its reach by bringing the knowledge and talents of local people to strengthen their community through sustainable projects.

Proud to present 16 girls who are enrolled in our sewing classes. They are getting training by a professional teacher who is enabling them to be professional tailors. This opportunity provided by us Rotarians is creating women empowerment. Housewives and college girls are being trained to be self sufficient and help their families lead a better life.



## Blind Boys Academy Project RKMBBA on 30<sup>th</sup> July

The program started with some wise words shared by Swamiji and the Principal of the academy.

Our esteemed fellow Rotarians continued the tradition of donating scholarship for the Ramakrishna mission blind boys academy.

A fantastic musical show was put up by the blind boys where they sang songs along with our ann Bindu Dani and other Rotarians. The boys played the sarod which was so heart touching.

We had the privilege to interact with the inner wheel president MRS. Pratibha Jain and other inner wheel members who also donated scholarship to the boys. Tree plantation took place where our seniors and other members planted trees along with Inner wheel members.

Delicious lunch organized in the academy which all my Rotarian friends enjoyed. Special thanks to Rtn. Yugal Sikri for taking leadership in this project.



#### MIYAWAKI FOREST PROJECT

An update to our Rotarians regarding the work being done about our prestigious project MIYAWAKI FORESTS.

On 24th July 2023 the cleaning of the land began along with deweeding of the grass.

On 27th July 2023 pit digging began followed by ordering of raw materials.

On 29th July 2023 raw materials arrived as ordered.

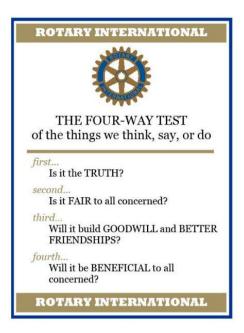
Finally soil preparations have started.



#### MATRISHAKTI PROJECT 5th AUGUST 2023

Rtn. Radhika Sahni and Rtn. Preeti Agarwal went for the project and distributed nourishment to 60 pregnant mothers. 8 new mothers were enrolled with us. The smiles of new born babies took our breath away and made us realize how rewarding this project has been for us.







#### **Recipe: Hung Curd Dip**

#### Ingredients:

2½ Cup Curd.
Muslin Cloth.
¼ Teaspoon Garlic Minced.
Salt.
½ Teaspoon Oregano.
Chili Flakes.
¼ Teaspoon Basil.

#### Method:

-Transfer Curd in Muslin Cloth,
Tighten Cloth from four ends.
-Hang and tie the cloth,
to drain away excess water from the curd.
-Transfer curd in a bowl.
-Add Oregano / Chili Flakes / Basil / Salt and Garlic.
-Your dip is Ready.



Birthday



Chandan Chakraborty 11<sup>th</sup> August





Rakesh and Neena Khanna 12<sup>th</sup> August

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#### Minutes of the 2nd meeting for the year 2023-2024 and 2124th Continuous Meeting of The Rotary Club of Calcutta Midtown held on Sunday, the 30th of July 2023 at 10:30 am at Ramakrishna Blind Boys Academy Narendrapur.

**Meeting called to order:** Officiating PP Rtn. Dr. Surinder K. Kapoor called the 2124th continuous and 2nd meeting for 2023-2024 to order.

National Anthem: The National Anthem was sung by all.

Address by officiating President: PP. Rtn. Dr. Kapoor warmly welcomed all the esteemed attendees, including the Boys, Swami Ji, The Principal, Inner Wheel Members, Rt. Dr. Geeta Chatterji, and Rtn. Gomathy Venkateshwar from Rotary Club of Calcutta South East. In his address, he highlighted the remarkable journey of our annual project, spanning over 40 years of continuous dedication and service. The gathering's presence and support have been instrumental in making this initiative a resounding success this year. PP. Rtn. Dr. Kapoor announced that the customary tree plantation will take place after the meeting.

**Confirmation of previous meeting minutes:** The 2123rd continuous and 1st meeting minutes for the year 2023-2024 were proposed and seconded by Rtn. Dr. Biman Chakraborty and Rtn. Yugal Sikri respectively.

Address of Principal Swami Asimachaitanya: Swami ji began with a heartfelt prayer for everyone's well-being. He expressed gratitude to the guests and Rotarians, acknowledging the invaluable support from the Midtowners throughout the years. With enthusiasm, he spoke about the boys' eager anticipation for the end of July, creating an atmosphere of excitement and joy.

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**Presentation of Cheque:** First Lady Rtn. Chetna Khanna presented a cheque of Rs. 120000 to Swami Paritrachilanand ji as sponsorship funds for 40 students.

Address by Monk in charge: Swami ji began the annual Prize event at RKBBA with a prayer, thanking the Rotarians and guests. Through captivating storytelling, he encouraged the boys to lead virtuous lives and embrace a message of service. The event left a lasting impact, inspiring everyone to be compassionate and make a positive difference.

#### Address of President, Inner Wheel Club of Calcutta Midtown: President

Pratibha Jain expressed her gratitude to everyone on and off the dais for their presence. As the President, she proudly addressed the gathering for the second year and acknowledged the 18 members who generously contributed to the scholarships. The talented musician, Mr. Kartik Prasad, received a cheque of Rs. 3000/ from the Inner Wheel Club, presented by Dr. Lalita Seth, who graciously expressed her thanks to the audience and shared her heartfelt connection to the project, her continued presence since the inception of the project exemplified her dedication and commitment to its success.

#### Presentation of Awards to students' recognition of their efforts:

1st Position : Somnath Biswas Sponsored by Rtn. Rashmi Chaudhary Rs. 10000/-2nd Position : Bijoy Lakra Sponsored by Rtn. Yogesh Gupta Rs. 5000/-3rd Position : Souvik Debnath Sponsored by Rtn. Rakesh Sahni Rs. 3000/-3rd Position : Biki Harijan Sponsored by Rtn. Rakesh Sahni Rs. 3000/-3rd Position : Dipankar Mandi Sponsored by Rtn. Rakesh Sahni Rs. 3000/-Best Sportsman: Jahangir Molla Club Allocated fund Rs. 1100/-180 packets of biscuits, cookies, and chocolates were also distributed to the students along with the sponsorship amount.

**Finalization of Environment Project:** PP. Rtn. Dr. Kapoor informed the floor that the MIYAWAKI plantation project has reached an advanced stage, and an MOU has been signed. The plantation is set to kick off in the 2nd week of August. This eco-friendly and innovative initiative promises to create a thriving green environment, positively impacting the ecosystem and the community.

**RCCM Scholarships:** PP. Rtn. Dr. Kapoor announced that 2 more students received help for their education through the Rotary Club of Calcutta Midtown Scholarship fund.

**Upcoming Visit for Project Matrishakti:** PP. Rtn. Dr. Kapoor talked about the Mother and Child project and the positive outcome of it and announce that the monthly visit to Hingulgunj would be on the 5th of August and requested members to volunteer their time.

Secretaries Announcement:

Attendance: 15 members present 30% attendance.

Birthdays: Chandan Chakraborty on 11th Aug.

Anniversaries: Nina & Rakesh Khanna on 12th August.

Next Meeting: Saturday, 12th August at Saturday Club at 6.30 pm.

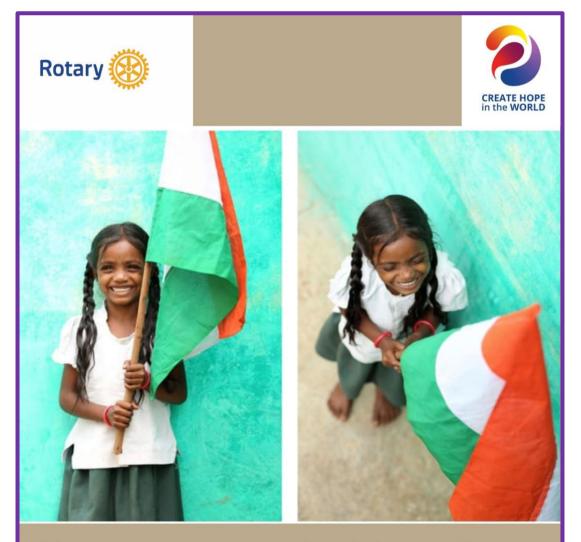
**Vote of Thanks:** Rtn. Samir Prasad expressed his gratitude to Swami ji, the Inner Wheel Club members, and the Boys for their presence and support. Their participation and involvement made the event even more special and meaningful.

Meeting Closed by PP. Rtn. Dr. Kapoor.

Minuted by: Rtn. Radhika Sahni Secretary 2023-24

### UPCOMING EVENT

## 15<sup>th</sup> August Independence Day Celebration at 11a.m. Sri Sri Vidya Mandir, Metropolitan. 140, Canal South Road, Parghata, Chingrighata. Kolkata- 105.



This INDEPENDENCE DAY let's bring a smile on the faces of some beautiful children. VENUE- SRI SRI VIDYA MANDIR ADDRESS-METROPOLITAN,140 CANAL SOUTH ROAD ,PARGHATA ,CHINGRIGHATA, KOLKATA 105 TIME- 11AM FOLLOWED BY BRUNCH

AN INITIATIVE BY ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA MIDTOWN