

Rotary BULLETIN OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA SOUTH CITY TOWERS
South City Rotary Network

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Rtn. Holger Knaack

R I President 2020-21



Rtn. Holger Knaack President 2020-21 : Presidential message September - 2020

Rotary youth exchange — one of the many programs for youths and young adults that we celebrate this month — was my path into true engagement in Rotary. My wife, Susanne, and I began hosting exchange students soon after I joined, and the experience helped me go from simply being a member of my Rotary club to being a true Rotarian. Now Rotary Youth Exchange is a family tradition, and a strong one: Over the past 24 years, we have hosted 43 students!

From the start, we loved it so much that, in addition to hosting students in our home, we became involved with the program by helping to organize student summer camps. During one such camp, I met Christine Lichtin, who was a German high school student at the time and whose father is a past president of my Rotary club. To try something new during this year of embracing change, I am turning this space, normally reserved for the president of Rotary, over to Christine so she can share her story.

My first contact with Rotaract was about 13 years ago, when I was with Susanne and Holger at a barbecue for the summer youth camp. Holger turned to me and said: "Why don't you visit a Rotaract club? You'll meet a lot of great young people who come together to have fun and to make a difference."

A few years later, when I was at Trier University, his words came back to me and I decided to give it a try. That was more than eight years ago, and I'm still at it. Once you are in Rotaract, you just don't want to get out. Rotaract has accompanied me everywhere, starting with the Trier club and then on to a club in Bologna, Italy, during the year I studied there. When I was in Kiel for my master's degree, I got involved with Rotaract there before landing at the Rotaract Club of Hamburg-Alstertal as I began my career. Each of those clubs has its own identity and focus, but all have the same intrinsic motivation.

I am now taking on a senior advisory role in my Rotaract club, which I really enjoy. I carry Rotaract in my heart, and it shapes my values, even as my interests evolve. One day, as if she had sensed this evolution, Susanne knocked on my door, wanting to introduce me to a young, modern Rotary club located between Hamburg and Mölln, my hometown. The E-Club of Hamburg-Connect, which Susanne helped charter, holds e-meetings, all of them very relaxed and personal. With members of different ages, everything just seemed to fit, so I thought, why not try it out? After all, time is precious and should be filled with fun whenever possible; the rest happens by itself.

Now I am in both worlds — a proud member of Rotaract and a Rotarian. And my small personal goal is to build a bridge between these two parallel worlds. All of us have very similar reasons for being part of the Rotary family.

It took some persistence to persuade Christine to become a member of Rotary, but it was well worth the effort. It is our duty to put in this kind of effort with youth program participants and Rotaractors so we can keep them in the family of Rotary. I hope you were inspired by her story. It's up to each of us to ensure that more young people like Christine can experience the many ways Rotary Opens Opportunities for us and for the people we serve.

Rtn. K. R. Ravindran - Trustee Chair 2020-21 : Trustee chair's message - September 2020



In late 1914, Europe was divided by hundreds of miles of trenches. British and French forces on one side were within shouting distance of German troops on the other. The pope made a plea for a Christmas truce, but the shooting continued.

Then, on Christmas Eve, soldiers from behind British lines heard an unexpected sound — not gunfire, but singing. Next, they heard a single voice shout out, "English soldier, merry Christmas!" followed by "English soldier, come out to join us!"

Both sides cautiously emerged over the parapet into the no man's land between the trenches. Before long, the soldiers realized that it was a real truce. They fraternized, singing Christmas carols, exchanging souvenirs and whiskey, and even taking up a friendly soccer match.

The cease-fire continued only two days before the troops returned to their trenches, resuming bloodshed for nearly four long years. But the story of the Christmas truce reminds us that peace is possible, if we choose to accept it. If peace can last a few days, could it not also last months or years? And how do we prevent conflict in the first place?

In his Nobel Peace Prize lecture in 1964, American civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. said, "We must concentrate not merely on the

negative expulsion of war, but on the positive affirmation of peace."

With Positive Peace, our society's structures, policies, and everyday attitudes and actions promote justice at all levels, sustaining a peaceful coexistence. It's an answer to the calls for justice and peace we have heard on the streets in protests from Minneapolis to Paris this year.

Positive Peace, studied at our Rotary Peace Centers around the world, is not just an academic idea for the Rotary Peace Fellows. Through Rotary's partnership with the Institute for Economics and Peace, the Rotary Positive Peace Academy offers free training to every Rotary member on how to wage Positive Peace in every project we do at the grassroots level, including Foundation grants.

Positive Peace resonates at all levels of The Rotary Foundation. Our literacy projects help children gain equal access to literacy, so opposing sides on an issue can understand each other better. Through our Foundation grants that provide clean water, communities gain stability, as more children stay in school rather than fetching water for hours on end. Our role as civil society leaders who wage Positive Peace will continue to expand, not only through partnerships and more grants, but also through our hearts, minds, and hands as we offer our gifts to make the world a better place.

Club Activities Community Service - Medical

"Sangathan" – A Webinar on handling of waste in residential apartments and homes during Covid

A seminar was organised on waste management at homes during Covid. Prominent speakers were Dr. Rajesh Kuar IPS, Member Secretary West Bengal Pollution Control Board, Dr. Tapas Kumar Gupta, Chief Engineer, West Bengal Pollution Control Board and Dr. Paromita Trivedi, a Senior Consultant, Fortis Hospital. The speakers explained to the house what steps are being taken by the West Bengal Government to handle and dispose off the Covid waste. Speakers also explained how one should manage the same in the household and in the community. Mr. Suryadipta Datta, Vice President of South City Apartment Owners Association gave his report on what measures and precautions are being taken by the Board to ensure safety within the South City complex.



Rotary Club of Calcutta South City Towers
in association with
South City Apartments Owners Association

"SANGATHAN"
An Informative Webinar for all on
Handling of Waste in Residential Apartments and Homes during COVID

OUR CHIEF GUEST
Dr. Rajesh Kuar IPS
Member Secretary,
Pollution Control Board,
Government of West Bengal

OUR SPEAKERS
Dr. Tapas Kumar Gupta
Chief Engineer,
West Bengal Pollution
Control Board
Dr. Paromita Trivedi
Senior Consultant,
Advanced Care &
Anesthetics, ICMH Hospital
Mr. Suryadipta Datta
Vice President
South City Apartments
Owners Association

Zoom Meeting ID: 810 7168 8884
Password: 12343
Date: 3rd August, 2020 (Sunday)
Time: 12:00 am

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Dr. Ajay Agarwal
President
Rotary Club of Calcutta South City Towers

Please mail your questions/queries to rcctsk@zoom.us

Webinar "WE WILL OVERCOME..... WITH LESSONS LEARNT" 9th August 2020

A Webinar was organised by our club on the lessons learnt during Covid 19 which was taken up as a District 3291 event. The speaker was Dr. Kunal Sarkar. The seminar was attended by District officials along with residents of South City and other clubs. President Rtn. Ajay Agarwal welcomed everyone. DG Rtn. Sudip Mukherjee addressed the august gathering. Rtn. Ritesh Agarwal introduced our speaker for the day Dr. Kunal Sarkar. Dr. Kunal Sarkar was mesmerising in this talk. The Zoom Webinar was attended by International, National and District Officials alongwith many Rotarians, Anns, Rotaractors, Interactors and guest from across the globe. We had nearly 300 participants on Zoom participating in the webinar and more than 3700 people have watched either live or the recordings on Facebook. The Questions Answer session was excellently handled by Rtn. Ritesh Agarwal and Rtn. Nikhil Chokhani. Secretary Rtn. Alok Bery felicitated Dr. Kunal Sarkar.



LIVE WEBINAR

Rotary
DISTRICT 3291 INITIATIVE

GUEST SPEAKER
Dr. Kunal Sarkar
Member Secretary,
MEDICA Hospital Pvt. Ltd.,
Kolkata
Chairman,
Rajendra Health Foundation
(2017)

DISTRICT GOVERNOR
Rtn. Sudip Mukherjee
in District 3291

"WE WILL OVERCOME... WITH LESSONS LEARNT"

SUNDAY 09 August 2020 • 11:00 AM
ZOOM Meeting ID - 821 7801 8221 • Passcode - 12345

Organised By:
ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA SOUTH CITY TOWERS
Rtn. Ajay Agarwal (President)

T Srinithi as a speaker in Webinar – 13th August 2020

Rotary
Rotary club of Udumalpet Tejas, Rotary Udumalpet
And Pollachi, Pollachi Royals, Dharmapuram RD - 3202

Speaker Meeting

Topic
Rotary Opens Opportunities

Rtn. MPH F. T. Srinithi
Assistant Governor RI(3291) (2020-2021)

Date: 13-08-2020, Time: 7:30pm
Zoom Meeting ID: 804 521 4633
Pass code: 507656

on 13th August, 2020, our Charter President of Rotary Club of Calcutta South City Towers and Assistant Governor (2020-21) of District 3291, MPH F. T. Srinithi was the speaker in a webinar at Udumalpet, Tamilnadu. It was a joint event of eleven clubs of District 3202 along with his home club. The webinar was attended by members of District 3202 and of District 3291. The topic of the webinar was "Rotary Opens Opportunities". Srinithi excellently covered all aspects of Rotary and was highly appreciated by the audience.

Rotary
District 3202

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District 3291

RTN. MPH F. T. SRINITHI
CHARTER PRESIDENT
R.C. CALCUTTA SOUTH CITY TOWERS
ASSISTANT GOVERNOR 2020-21
RI District 3291

ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES

Club Service: Rotaract E-Club Installation – 15th August 2020



E-Rotaract Club of Calcutta South City Towers celebrated their 5th Installation ceremony. The proceeding were conducted over Zoom platform in presence of DRCC Rtn. Sushanta Chakraborty, DRR Rtn. Madhumita Burman and many district officials, Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, Ann, Annets and Family members. The club inducted three Rotaractors as well.

Community Service: Non – Medical

Webinar on impact of covid on education & student achievement, “Opportunities in adversity” – 16th August 2020.



On August 16 the club organised a webinar on impact of covid on education & student achievement, “Opportunities in adversity”. The speakers were Mr. Sougata Poddar associate professor – economics from Chapman University, USA and Mr. Nirmal Agarwal, Founder of Cognix Knowledge Group, Kolkata. The webinar was attended by over 120 participants over Zoom and nearly 400 on Facebook.

Club Service – Speaker Meeting

“Satrangi” – Webinar on Photography – 23rd August 2020



Rotary Club of Calcutta South City Towers along with Rotaract and Interact Clubs of Calcutta South City Towers organised a webinar on photography using mobiles or DSLR cameras. The speaker was Anuja Jain, Actor, Cinematographer & Photography Mentor at Udaan Institute of Photography, Mumbai. Her simple method of explaining the features on use of various settings was fantastic. All participants were immensely benefited from the webinar.

Club Service – Induction of new members in the Rotary Family

Dr. Paramita Tribedi :

Dr. Paramita took her MBBS degree from Nilratan Sarkar Medical College and Hospitals, Calcutta University and did her Post-Graduate Diploma in Anesthesiology from Vivekananda Institute of Medical Sciences and currently working with Desun Hospital as Intensivist and Anaesthesiologist and as Senior Consultant In Fortis Hospital. Dr.Paramita is also a faculty member in IQCity Medical College as Assistant Professor. She is also attached to Woodlands Hospitals as Senior Consultant Anesthesiology and Incharge of Intensive Care. She is married to Mr. Milan and has a son, Siddhartha.



Ms. Chitrallekha Datta

Ms. Chitrallekha Datta is a graduate in Electronics and Tele-Communication Engg from Jadavpur University and have more than 25 years of experience in IT industry running large delivery programs and driving transformation for the clients. Currently working with IBM and managing global delivery for public sector (Government, healthcare and life sciences) clients across all geographies. Chitrallekha is a Partner at IBM India Pvt. Ltd. Chitrallekha is married to Suryadipto Datta. The couple are blessed with a daughter, Suranjana and a son, Supratik.



Dr. Sanjoy Bhattacharyya

Dr. Sanjoy Bhattacharyya graduated with MBBS from Calcutta Medical College in 1984, worked for 3 years in Surgery, Emergency, Plastic surgery and then moved to UK. He also holds degree in FRCS(Eng.), FRCEM (UK). He started training as a surgeon before he changed his career to Emergency Medicine in 1993, got trained again before becoming a Consultant. His clinical interests are Trauma management, critical illness management and minor injury management. He is also keen in Medical teaching, being the Education/Training lead for his Dept. He is a Consultant in Emergency Medicine of 23 years, working at Royal Blackburn Teaching Hospital in UK. Outside work he loves to play Table tennis, watch snooker, cricket and like singing. He consider Kishore Kumar as his musical guru and R D Burman as his favourite music director. Dr. Bhattacharyya is married to Rajashree to with 1 daughter Ritu who is studying Medicine in York Medical school in UK. Rajashree is from Bokaro and is an interior designer. Dr. Bhattacharyya is keen on charity work and he is associated with an NGO called Indian Institute for Mothers & Children (IIMC) in Sonarpur Kolkata who helps with food, education & health of poor & deprived people.

Mr. Kunal Bose

Mr. Kunal Bose is a seasoned Chartered Accountant with over 28 years of work experience in reputed Multinational based at Singapore and India. Kunal started his career with IFB Bosch and moved to Pharma Industry) and then to FMCG Companies (PepsiCo and The Hershey Company). His last job was with Hershey as Director and Controller – Asia, Europe, Middle East and Africa for the last 9 years. Kunal has vast in experience in Strategic Planning , project management , driving Business Transformation, system implementation and handled sustainable process improvement projects. Kunal has been associated in helping a home for the destitute near Digha by organizing funding and is currently working on funding to create self-earning opportunity for the organization. Kunal also provides strategic guidance to a group of young engineers who are working to build a school for the poor at Midnapore district. Kunal is married to Amalina and has two children, one college going daughter, Anusua and a school going boy, Kairav.



Capt. Pradipta Bhaskar Chatterjee



Capt. PB Chatterjee, graduated from TS Rajendra under Mumbai University, an elite Institute for training merchant ship cadets, served in various Indian & Foreign shipping companies & later worked ashore with various MNC's & leading ship owners/charterers. Capt. Pradipta took a leadership role in first ever loading/discharging operations through mobile harbour cranes in a private terminal of Kolkata port, the productivity became almost three times of what could be achieved through ships crane. He was instrumental in Ocean carriage & transportation of various power, cement and other projects of national importance while working as country representative with ship owners/charterers Also played a leading role in formalizing B.Sc (Nautical Science) education in Joint venture with FOSMA (Foreign ship owners representative & managers association) for the first time in eastern India. He is married to Rituparna and they are blessed with a son, Pramurta.

Mr. Anil Choudhury

Mr. Choudhury is a graduate and runs his own business. He is in the garment industry. He is married to Kalpana and their daughter, Shristi is a member of our Interact club in South City Towers.



Mr. Niranjana C. Thakkar



Niranjana Chhotalal Thakkar is a Chemical Engineer with a Bachelor's degree from Jadavpur University and a Master's from University of Wisconsin USA. He worked in his own Chemical Industry. He was a charter member of Rotary Club of Chittaranjan in the 1970s. He was President of Indian Chemical Merchants and Manufacturers Association Kolkata in 1975. He has been associated with various NGOs in medical and educational fields. He is currently retired from professional activities but continues to work with NGOs. He continues his investment activities in the field of stock derivatives. His wife Shobhana is a Paediatrician.



Dhrub Tara for the month July and August 2020

Rtn Ritesh Agarwal and Rtn. Biren Mallick were adjudged the Dhrub Taras for the month of July and August 20, respectively for their exemplary achievements as a Rotarian.



Rtn. Ritesh Agarwal – Dhrubtara for July 20



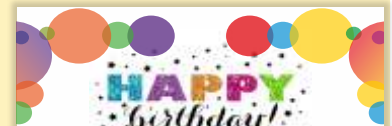
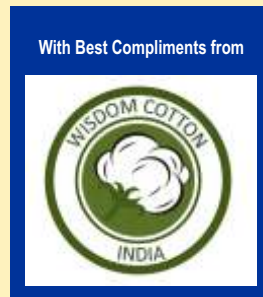
Rtn. Biren Mallick - Dhrubtara for August 20

Release of August Bulletin

Bulletin Editor, Rtn. Barun Kar presented the August issue of the bulletin for the year 2020-21 which was released during the RWM on 14th August, 2020.

Message from the bulletin editor Rtn. Barun Kar

Very warm greetings to my dear fellow Rotarians. This bulletin gives you a synopsis of the events held in August 2020. Last month was very eventful as we organized various webinars that had helped the community at large to get aware of the Covid related issues. In the month of August we inducted seven new members which is a great achievement. PHF. Rtn. Biren Mallick was instrumental in inducting the members in our club. The festive season sets in with the celebration of Mahalaya on 17th September followed by Durga Puja, Lakshmi Puja, Kali Puja and Deepavali. I pray Goddess Durga to shower blessings on all of us and keep everyone of us healthy and happy.



- Rtn. Nikhil Chokhani - 1st Sep.
- Rtn. Biren Kumar Mallick - 2nd Sep.
- Ann Abha Srivastava - 4th Sep.
- Annet Debasmita Kar, Daughter of Rtn. Barun & Ann Indrani Kar - 13th Sep.
- Ann Debashish Bhattacharjee - 18th Sep.
- Ann Shobhana Thakkar - 18th Sep.
- Ann Chitrita Sarkar - 21st Sep.
- Annet Rohit Gupta, Son of Rtn. Rajesh & Ann Anjana Gupta - 25th Sep.
- Annet Mrinal Tarway, Son of Rtn. Satish & Ann Manisha Tarway - 29th Sep.
- Ann Krishnier Parasuram - 29th Sep.
- Rtn. Alok Bery - 30th Sep.

Happy Anniversary
Rtn. Eakambaram S & Ann Annalakshmi
7th Sep. 2020