



Rotary BULLETIN OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA SOUTH CITY TOWERS

South City Rotary Network



Rotary Opens Opportunities



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Rtn. Holger Knaack

R I President 2020-21



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

We all know Rotary's tremendous power to transform our communities and ourselves. However, in every community, people have been left out, and we have not made a strong enough effort to reach them. The RI Board of Directors is taking action to make Rotary more welcoming and diverse. We formed a task force to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion to help clubs attract new members regardless of gender, race, religion, age, or other factors. This will help us speed up the change we all want and need. The selection of Jennifer E. Jones as Rotary president for 2022-23 — the first woman to lead our organization — is another step in this direction. At the grassroots level, clubs drive inclusion and diversity. Alia Ali — who serves on the board of directors at the Big West Rotaract Multidistrict Information Organization and is a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards alumna and past president of the Rotaract Club of Surrey-Newton, British Columbia — offers her perspective. I still remember the relief I felt as a RYLA participant four years ago. I had finally found my people: people who cared as much as I did. All over the world, Rotary has the same heart. We serve our communities and take action where others feel paralyzed by the size and scope of a problem. Let's continue that spirit, especially when the conversation is difficult. Racism, prejudice, and discrimination take on different forms but exist in every country, in every city, and in every person. How do we root it out? As a diversity, equity, and inclusion consultant, I help organizations create a culture that empowers and attracts everyone using the power of empathy. When we feel with others as if they were ourselves, we cannot hold prejudice in our hearts. When every child reminds you of your own child, when every woman or man reminds you of your mother or brother, you start seeing the world differently. We can apply The Four-Way Test through the lens of empathy. Are we building goodwill and friendship with everyone in our area, including women? Are things fair and beneficial to people of all ages? Who has to make choices that you don't have to make? I made a heart-breaking choice between Rotary and my religion when a Rotary convention was held during Ramadan. I wondered: When we ask if this is fair and beneficial to all concerned, did that not include me as a Muslim? Would the convention ever be held over Easter? Only by asking difficult questions can we begin the work of creating a more inclusive and diverse Rotary. We already connect so many people across the world. Imagine the possibilities when we bring even more people along for the ride. That's the future of Rotary I want to see: one where we are unstoppable in our service, relentless in our kindness, and intentional in the change we want to see. Rotary has a big enough heart. If we open our door wider, we might find a lot of interesting people with new voices and new perspectives. We already have a variety of clubs offering different styles, cultures, and opportunities — and those who do not feel welcome in any particular club might be great candidates for new clubs created on different models. It's important that we make sure every new Rotary member is a good fit for their club. Rotary Opens Opportunities through diversity.

Holger Knaack
President 2020-21

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



In the early 1870s, a genius toiled in his laboratory, driven by a vision to improve life through technology. After many failed attempts, by 1880 Thomas Edison had perfected a new light bulb that could be produced on a mass scale. When someone pointed out to him that he had tried and failed 10,000 times before succeeding, he responded that he had merely found 10,000 ways it wouldn't work! Just like Edison, The Rotary Foundation is driven by a vision for a better world. And we, too, remain determined and creative in the face of setbacks. Earlier this year, our vital polio immunization activities had to be temporarily paused to ensure that the polio eradication program did not contribute to the COVID-19 pandemic. And so we adapted: The polio-fighting infrastructure that Rotary helped build was enlisted to assist in the response to COVID-19 in many vulnerable countries, as we had done before during outbreaks of Ebola, yellow fever, and avian flu. Thankfully, we resumed polio immunization activities in July, having first taken all precautions to protect frontline workers and communities.

During these challenging days, our business — reaching out to people in distress — is not business as usual. The way we prepare and deliver projects and the methodology we use need to change. And the way we communicate what we do also must change.

The success of our global grants model is unmistakable. At its introduction in 2013-14, the Foundation awarded 868 grants worth over \$47 million. By 2019-20, the number of approved grants had risen to 1,350, worth over \$100 million. While the number of grants shot up by more than 50 percent, and funding by 123 percent, corresponding Annual Fund contributions showed only a 5 percent increase, and that's troubling.

To reach those who need us, to spread the love that our Foundation brings, we will need to rise to this challenge and work together to meet our funding needs.

Mother Teresa once said that if we want a message of love to be heard, it has to be sent out. To keep a lamp burning, we have to keep putting oil in it.

The Rotary Foundation offers the best opportunity I know for us to invest in a better future for communities around the world. Your generosity today and throughout this year is the oil that keeps our grants burning bright, reaching the ones who need us most.

K.R. Ravindran
Trustee Chair 2020-21



At the 1917 convention, outgoing RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed to set up an endowment “for the purpose of doing good in the world.” In 1928, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International.

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) transforms your gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. As the charitable arm of Rotary International, TRF tap into a global network of Rotarians who invest their time, money, and expertise into TRFs priorities, such as eradicating polio and promoting peace. Foundation grants empower Rotarians to approach challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact.

Strong financial oversight, a stellar charity rating, and a unique funding model mean that TRF makes the very most of your contribution. Give and become a part of Rotary's life-changing work!

The collective leadership and expertise of TRF's 1.2 million members helps to tackle some of the world's biggest challenges, locally and globally. TRF is united by common values

and vision for the future with sharpen focus for targeted specific causes that will reach communities most in need.

For more than 100 years, TRF's guiding principles have been the foundation upon which values and tradition stand. The Four-Way Test, Object of Rotary, and the Avenues of Service express TRF's commitment to service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership.

AREAS OF FOCUS

TRF direct our efforts in six areas to enhance our local and global impact. TRF's most successful and sustainable projects and activities tend to fall within the following areas:

- Promoting peace
- Fighting disease
- Providing clean water
- Saving mothers and children
- Supporting education
- Growing local economies

Club Activities

Mosquito Net Distribution

On 11th October, members of Rotary Club of Calcutta South City Towers visited the newly sponsored RCC Madhabpur Vivekananda Sarvik Seva Kendra to present them the Charter Certificate. On the occasion and as the first project of our club with the new RCC, we distributed 200 Mosquito Nets to the people in the village. The cost of the project was Rs. 24,000/-.

Community Service – Non Medical



Sponsorship for new RCC

Our club has sponsored a new RCC in Madhabpur area of West Bengal on 1st October 20. The name of the RCC is Madhavpur Vivekananda Sarvik Seva Kendra.



Distribution of Goodies at IPER

Date : 19 Oct 2020

Cost : 12000

Direct Beneficiaries : 60

Our club distributed snacks, biscuits and many other goodies to the children at Institute of Psychological & Education Research (IPER).



Community Service –Medical

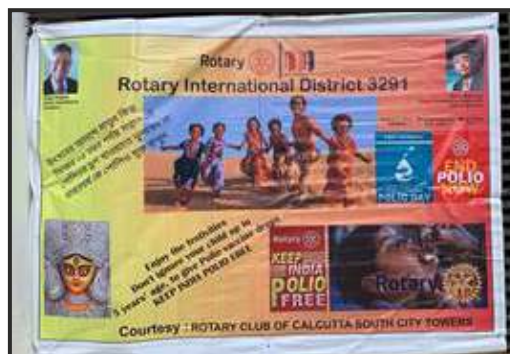
World Polio Day

Date : 24 Oct 2020

Cost : 6000

Direct Beneficiaries : 450

During the Durga Puja days, Rotary Club of Calcutta South City Towers put up banners within the complex to create awareness of Eradicating Polio in the world by Rotary.



Community Service – Non Medical

New Club Sponsored

Date : 31 Oct 2020

Rotary Club of Calcutta South City Towers was working towards Membership Growth and sponsoring new clubs. Recently, we have been able to sponsor a new club – Rotary Club of Kolkata Urbana within the Urbana Residential Complex. The new club formation and induction programme happened in Urbana Complex on 31st October 20. Our Club President, Secretary and other members were present during the occasion. The new club has inducted 23 charter members. This is a great success for our club the same is appreciated by the District officials. The event was covered by Siti News and Zee 24 Ghanta.



Dhrub Tara for the month October 2020

Rtn. Satish Tarway was adjudged the Dhrub Tara of the month for his exemplary work.



Release of October Bulletin

The October issue of the bulletin for the year 2020-21 was released during the inauguration of the new club RC of Kolkata Urbana on 31st October, 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 October 2020. In the last month we had done some community service projects including distribution mosquito nets and goodies to the under privileged people of the society. Now it is the time to put our hands together and gear up for some good projects for the well-being of humanity. This is more relevant since November is Rotary Foundation month. Let's us join together, contribute generously and spend our time in doing some good projects to make a difference in the lives of underprivileged.

Annet Daanya Siddiqui Daughter of Rtn. Faisal & Ann Nousheen 01-Nov
Annet Meenal Chaudhary Daughter of Rtn. Suman & Ann Banwari Lal Khowla 01-Nov
Rahul Chaudhary Son-in-Law of Rtn. Suman & Ann Banwari Lal Khowla 01-Nov
Ann Rituparna Chatterjee 02-Nov
Rtn. Niranjan Thakkar 02-Nov
Annet Preetham Srinithi Son of Rtn. T. Srinithi & Ann Umamani 03-Nov
Rtn. Faisal Arif 08-Nov
Annet Shalini Jhunjhunwala Daughter of Rtn. Sunil & Ann Mina Jhunjhunwala 15-Nov
Rtn. Sanjoy Bhattacharyya 17-Nov
Ann Annalakshmi 21-Nov
Aradhana Khowla Daughter-in-Law of Rtn. Suman & Ann Banwari Lal Khowla 21-Nov
Rtn. Suman Khowla 22-Nov
Annet Oindrila Bhattacharya Daughter of Rtn. Syamal & Susmita Bhattacharya 22-Nov
Annet Suranjana Daughter of Rtn. Chitralakha & Ann Suryadipta Datta 24-Nov
Rtn. Rajesh Gupta 29-Nov
Ann Nousheen Iram 30-Nov

Happy Anniversary

- Mrs. & Mr. Ipsitha Tripathi Daughter & Son-in-Law of Rtn. Satyanarayan & Ann Sanghamitra Chakrabarti 22-Nov
Rtn. T. Srinithi & Ann Umamani Srinithi 22-Nov
Mr. & Mrs. Aditya Khowla Son & Daughter-in-Law of Rtn. Suman & Ann Banwari Lal Khowla 26-Nov
Rtn. C. L. Dhariwal & Ann Sharda Dhariwal 28-Nov
Rtn. Rajesh & Ann Anjana Gupta 30-Nov