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**BLOOD DONATION CAMP AT RCC KHALNA ON 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2021**



**Today's**  
 SPEAKER

*Shampoo your mind*



**Rtn Sunil Sobti**

Rtn Sunil Sobti, was born at Lahore in the cusp of independence of India. He is a Science graduate with specialisation in Electrical Engineering and a first generation entrepreneur involved in manufacturing of electrical equipments for marine, explosion proof, power generation and heavy industries.

An UC Train the Trainer, Rtn Sunil has conducted numerous programmes in Leadership Training, Chairmanship and Parliamentary procedures, Effective Public Speaking, Decision making, Art of Creative Selling, Professional Excellence and many more.

Rtn Sunil Sobti, has served as National Vice President, Indian Junior Chamber and was a member of Jaycee Institute of Individual Development and Support Faculty for Value Enhancement Development Academy 2000 held at Sri Lanka. Besides, he has conducted many a training sessions on various aspects both in Nepal and Bangladesh.

Widely travelled to many countries around the world, Rtn Sunil has a rich experience of being associated with Jaycees for over 40 years.

## “Under Project Positive Health”

Minutes of Project meeting being merged with RCM is as follows:

On the auspicious occasion of Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda a blood donation camp had been organised in the presence of President Alope Kumar Kanodia , Member of Parliament Uluberia Constituency Miss Sajda Ahmad, Club Secretary Amar Kumar Malhotra, Director Youth Service Amitabh Mohan, Executive Secretary Manju Banthia, Senior Member Vishnu Dhandhanias spouses Anita Kanodia, Swati Malhotra, Nivedita Amitabh.

Total 50 nos of person from different community donated blood on this auspicious occasion. The club has distributed excellent quality bag to each blood donor and health worker as a token of appreciation.

# Tarkeshwar School Project



# Inspection at Talpur Laxmimoni Balika Vidyamandir under Rotary Global Grant Wash in Schools Project ID : 18-69981

On 9<sup>th</sup> Jan.2021, President Rtn. Alope Kumar Kanodia with spouse and Director Rtn. Pramod Sharma with spouse visited and inspected the project site and discussed with the Head Mistress, other school faculty as to how to maintain the toilets and sanitary pad vending machine. They also advised a team of student of the school, in respect to appointing a person locally to clean the garbage. Besides, they were also requested to create awareness and promote the use of sanitary pad among the family members of the school students. The visiting Rotarians during their interaction assured the school administration that in case they maintain and keep the pad vending machine and washroom clean, the club will extend more support to their further requirements.



OUR CLUB AND DISTRICT 3291 POET LAUREATE PP NIRMAL SAHA WAS INVITED TO INAUGURATE THE ROTARY BOOK FAIR.

**Rotary Club of Kasba** with

1. R C Calcutta Charnock City	2. R C Calcutta Dhakuria
3. R C Calcutta Majestic	4. R C Calcutta Nabadiganta
5. R C Calcutta Park Point	6. R C Calcutta Universe
7. R C Calcutta South Suburban	8. R C Dum Dum
9. R C Geetanjali Kolkata	

of District 3291  
Arranges

## BOOK FAIR

ON THE SUBJECT PEACE AND CONFLICT WHICH WILL BE A UNIQUE PROGRAM OF DISTRICT 3291  
On Saturday, 06<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021 from 11 am to 2 pm  
at Kamala Park near Kasba Club Venue at  
117A/45 Sarat Ghosh Garden Road, Kolkata 700031

Kasba Club will unveil a picture of Sri Sri RamkrishnaThakur, Maa Sarada & Swami Vivekananda At the Book Fair by Swamiji of Ramkrishna Math at 11 am

Kasba Club Members will distribute books to some underprivileged students of the nearby bustee of Barabagan.

## CLUB EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS!

30<sup>th</sup> January, 2021  
RCM - to be announced

# The ways & restricting of Gifts around the World

**What should you do when someone refuses a gift in Japan? And what colors should you use when wrapping a gift in Italy? We've got the answers.**



If you think the art of giving gifts is tricky at home, try making it work abroad. While you must carefully choose the item itself, the gift's wrapping is surprisingly important, too, as is the timing. In fact, in many cultures, gift-giving is like a traditional dance—you have to do

the steps in order, in time to the music, and without stepping on anyone's toes for it to be a good experience for everyone involved.

So whether you're at a business meeting in Seoul or visiting a friend's home in a small village in Provence, there are destination-specific guidelines you can (and probably should) follow to offer and receive gifts without causing offense. Here are some traditions to be aware of on your travels.

## Insist a Little

### China, Singapore, Taiwan, South Korea, and Japan

In many countries in East Asia, when offering a gift, you should expect to be refused once, twice, or even three times. This is done to avoid seeming greedy or impatient. If you're being offered a gift in one of these places and want to be polite, you're well advised to do the same. Also, when the person finally accepts, you're expected to thank them.

## Hand it Over With Care

### India, Africa, the Middle East, and East Asia

In Asia and the Middle East, how you handle gifts is very important. In India and the Middle East, the left hand is considered unclean so use your right hand to give and receive gifts (unless they're so heavy two hands are required). In East Asia (China, Thailand, Vietnam), always offer or accept a gift with both hands, palms up.

## Give Gifts as a Thank-You

### Asia, Russia

Throughout Asia, gifts are given to show gratitude after receiving a gift and as a thank-you for hospitality. In Russia, thank-you cards are thought of as impractical; send a small gift to your hosts after a dinner or overnight stay instead.

## Leave Sharp Objects at Home

### East Asia, Brazil, Italy, Peru, and Switzerland

In more countries than you might imagine, scissors, knives, and basically anything pointy or sharp represents the severing of ties and relationships—a gesture you'd probably prefer to avoid if you've gone to the trouble of buying and wrapping a present.

## Avoid Taboo Objects

### China, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan

In China, don't give someone an umbrella—it means you want the relationship to end. Also avoid giving a green hat; in China and Hong Kong, they communicate the decidedly

unfriendly message that your wife is cheating or your sister is a prostitute. Straw sandals, handkerchiefs, and clocks are also taboo in these two cultures because of their association with mortality. Skip brooches and handkerchiefs in Italy for the same reason, and in Japan, forget about handing over a potted plant as a hostess gift—it's thought to encourage illness.

## Pick a Lucky Number

### Asia, Europe

When you're gifting multiples of flowers, money, or chocolates, always be sure to steer clear of unlucky numbers. In East Asia, even numbers are lucky. Number four, which has the unfortunate luck of sounding like the word for death in many Asian languages, is an exception. On the other hand, odd numbers, with the unsurprising exception of 13, are locals' choice in Europe and India.

## Wrap it Up

### Everywhere

Etiquette experts from around the world agree that gifts should always be wrapped. That said, the symbolism of colors varies from country to country. Avoid white, black, and blue gift wrap throughout Asia, as they're associated with mourning. And while yellow paper is cheerful and appropriate for celebratory gifts in India, in China it's covered in black writing and used exclusively for gifts to the dead. In South America, black and purple are eschewed because of their association with death and religious ceremonies, and in Italy purple is simply considered unlucky. To avoid any of these faux pas, have gifts wrapped by a pro in your destination. Color, folds, and ribbons aren't just an important element of presentation—in many cultures they're symbolic and the wrong wrapping could send the wrong message.

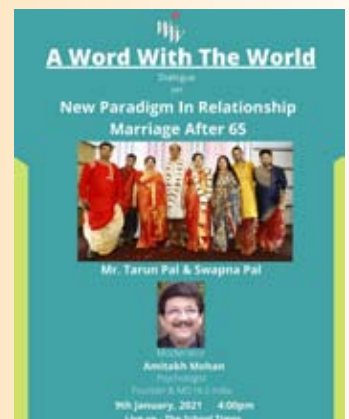
## No Gifts, Please

### Yemen, Saudi Arabia

In these countries, receiving a gift from anyone but the closest of friends is considered embarrassing. If you do happen to have a best buddy from this part of the world, expect to have any gift you give thoroughly examined—it's a sign of appreciation and respect for the gift and giver, who's expected to carefully select the best quality available. For men, don't give anything made of silk or gold.

*Contributed by PP Rakesh Bhatia*

A talk show was conducted by Rtn Amitabh Mohan on 9th January 2021 on an interesting subject "New Paradigm in Relationship Marriage after 65". The protagonist of the event were our club member Rtn Tarun Pal and spouse Swapna Pal.



## PROJECT SWASTI

Our club participated in the District 3291 "Swasti" a project for the distribution of blanket to the needy persons of the society.

The club sponsored 50 nos. of blanket with the help of club members:

Rtn. Pramod Kumar Sharma sponsored 15 blankets

PDG Ravindra Prakash Sehgal sponsored 10 blankets

Rtn. Rakesh Bhatia sponsored 15 blankets

Spouse Ruby Agarwal sponsored 10 blankets.



# HOME MAKER - A PROFESSION

If I am asked to define the term 'Homemaker' or a 'Housewife', the picture that comes to my mind is that of a responsible young woman- usually married-whose main occupation is to contribute towards the building of a healthy nation by providing and nurturing responsible citizens. Her working unit comprises of her family, the boundaries of which need not be very rigid.

A homemaker is NOT merely a married woman whose main occupation is caring for her family, providing for their daily needs of food and clothing, managing household affairs, and doing housework. In her various avatars- often a cook, maybe a nurse, also a teacher, sometimes a driver; at times a cleaner; a wonderful friend, a delightful hostess, an affectionate sister, an adorable daughter, an understanding mother, a loyal wife...but above all... A Nation builder; multitasking with all these demands to her life, a Housewife happily juggles through all her chores carefully and with the utmost dedication which is not visible in any position of any profession. This dedication comes from her desire to do the best for her family for which she devotes herself completely and lets her own other interests take the backseat. This I would say is her Professionalism.

Society has hurt her self esteem in so many ways, that a housewife finds herself lost in the desire to prove her own identity. So, though born with a natural home making instinct, a woman tries to find a place for herself in the accepted professional positions of the outside world. Born with good managerial instincts, these woman climb up the professional ladders very easily and love the recognition that is now showered on them by Society. These women, in their turn, now start looking down upon their lesser recognized counterparts - the Housewives.

We all need to understand the importance and requirement of the profession of a Homemaker. We need to give this profession its due credit. A Homemaker works as an Assistant Manager, a Manager, then a Director and finally a Partner in her own rights. She is the CEO of her own company. She works with her own independent identity using her creativity and thinking skills as her tool. Her job requires her to be accessible and vigilant at all times.

## A HOMEMAKER – NOT FORCED LABOUR

Homemaking as a profession cannot and should not be imposed on anybody. One cannot lay down the rules of being a homemaker. The traditional diktats of ruling over a housewife – making sure she is doing all household errands

properly, dictating the type of clothes one has to wear, etc – these wither away the creativity of a housewife and brings to the fore a rebel who is not willing to accept the diktats of society, or a slave who sacrifices her own identity and meekly accepts her fate. Both the situations are not favorable towards the building of a healthy society. Being a homemaker is a form of art. You can give in your best only if you rule your own canvas, you decide the colours, the shades, the strokes, the depth, and finally emerge with your own masterpiece.

## EMERGING TRENDS

With an ever-increasing cost of living, it is becoming increasingly difficult for a single persons income to be able to comfortably support a full family. It is therefore becoming increasingly important to supplement this income so as to maintain the living standards of a family.

Higher education has become the mantle of most progressive urban households. Women are excelling in various fields of education. Having received such education, they are now in a position to obtain high salaried jobs or run their own separate businesses. Such women would definitely want to compete at par with their menfolk. With a desire to secure their independence, these women go all out to make a name for themselves in the professional outside world. These women often find it very difficult to strike a balance between the ever demanding job of a home-maker and the stress associated with their outside profession. Their stress levels become very high and they are not able to give proper justice to either one or both their professions. Such women should definitely be given full support from their family and the job of a home maker may be divided between both the spouses.

## CONCLUSION

Home-making as a profession has not been recognized by our Society. Prospective home-makers, therefore, find themselves looking for alternate work options which can give them independence as well as job satisfaction. Our Society needs to understand and respect the efforts of our Home-makers. Home-Managers can be appointed to look into the day to day functioning of a household in return for an appropriate reimbursement. But Home-Makers can only be a member of your household. Services of a Home-Manager can be purchased from institutions catering to such requirements but the emotions responsible for the healthy functioning of any household can only be given by their Own Happy Home-Makers.

*Contributed by Ms. Ritu Jain daughter of Vishnu Dhandhanian*

## Birthdays

Sanjay Rampuria  
on 11<sup>th</sup> January

- Shregopal Daga on 12<sup>th</sup> January
- Bhagwan Das Agarwal on 15<sup>th</sup> January
- Anil Kumar Jhawar on 15<sup>th</sup> January
- Manoj Agarwal on 21<sup>st</sup> January
- Rakesh Bhatia on 26<sup>th</sup> January

## Anniversaries

- Shankar and Sujatha Ramalingam  
on 18<sup>th</sup> January
- Amarnath and Bimla Choudhary  
on 19<sup>th</sup> January
- Ramesh and Usha Tiwari  
on 23<sup>th</sup> January
- Ashok Kumar and Manju Kedia  
on 25<sup>th</sup> January

Minutes of 2428<sup>th</sup> E- RCM of  
Rotary Club of Belur held on  
2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2020 at 5pm

The 2428<sup>th</sup> e Regular club meeting meeting was called to order by President Alope Kanodia. He requested the members to rise for the national anthem which was followed by invocation to God. President Alope updated the members with current working of the club and Secretary Amar announced the Birthdays Anniversaries and other club business.

More than 32 members and spouses attended the Virtual RCM. the speaker for the day was Dr Bivas Chaudhuri, a senior officer from Indian Stastical Institute.

All of the house was given a front side view of statistics and real story behind it. In retrospect it left us wondering about the truth that statistics show and the reality. Statistics distort the perception many a times and our guest speaker amply justified his point successfully on his theme "Lies Damned Lies and Statistics"

According Dr. Bivas success and happiness were different and as such GDP is not the test of peace happiness and a satisfying life. After vote of thanks, President Alope terminated the meeting as there was no other business pending .

**Rtn Alope Kanodia, President Rtn Amar Malhotra, Secretary**

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