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Deepawali Celebration Report

Date: 23rd November 2023

Venue: The Backyard, Kolkata

The Deepawali celebration was successfully held on the 23rd of November 2023 at The Backyard Kolkata. The event commenced at 6:30 PM. The strength was of 115, the club members with family

The event started with Anne Gita Bhatia performing the traditional Welcome to apply Tika on forehead, marking the auspicious beginning of the celebration. Assembly meeting was conducted by President Amar and secretary Suresh and



TODAY'S SPEAKER

Topic:

“Mind and Meditation”



Ritika Periwal is a Director in Lily India Pvt Ltd, a manufacturing concern for hair care. She is a senior level instructor for the Art of Living, conducting workshops in India & abroad. She also teaches the higher level programs with an emphasis on Dynamism & Leadership across many states in the country. She has conducted Art of Living corporate

workshops for employees and managers at esteemed companies like Tata Steel, Bajaj Allianz, selvel and more. These programs effectively integrate stress management and meditation into one's lifestyle while inspiring excellence.

She has done her B.Sc (Economic Hons) graduation From St. Xavier's College, Kolkata and she is a Chartered Accountant with distinction. She worked with a CA firm, Birla Associates in Bangalore, before starting her own business. An interest in spirituality got Ritika involved with Art of Living at a very early age. She has been associated with the organization for over 22 years and has been conducting seminars and teaching their flagship programs for over 15 years, in India and abroad.

Ritika started with teaching The Art of Living Youth Empowerment and Skills Program for students and young professionals and The Faculty Development Programs for the teaching and administrative staff.

Ritika pioneered The Art of Living Social Entrepreneurship Program in 2016 with the objective of engaging students and young professionals in community service activities through education and health initiatives in slums and underprivileged areas. There are on an average over 250 students in this program every year from premier institutes across the state of Bengal.



DECEMBER is DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH



after club business, two new members, Kirti Harlalka and Sanjay Bajaj were inducted by membership director Sankar Ramalingam. The new members with the spouses and children were welcomed into the Belur family with warmth .

The proceedings were handed over to Past President Rakesh bhatia and First Lady Swati Malhotra to anchor and conduct the evening programmes.

Fashion Show for Couples, Stag, and Kids:

A vibrant and entertaining fashion show was organized, featuring couples, individuals, and children, showcasing their style and grace. Participants displayed their fashionable attire and mesmerized the audience with their confidence on the ramp.

The fashion show was judged by renowned personalities. RJ Jimmy Tangree from 91.9 Friends FM and Shagun Choraria, a fashion designer from Milan, served as esteemed judges for the event. Their expertise and knowledge contributed to the fairness and integrity of the competition.

Lighting of Diyas for Deepdaan:

A special moment of the celebration was the lighting of Diyas for Deepdaan. Attendees gathered together and lit beautiful earthen lamps, filling the atmosphere with a warm and spiritual glow.

Diya Decor Competition:

A competition was held for Diya decoration, encouraging participants to showcase their creativity by embellishing Diyas with various artistic and innovative designs. Participants put their skills to the test, resulting in a display of beautiful and unique Diyas.

Lucky Draw:

Participants had the opportunity to win exciting prizes through a lucky draw. Lucky winners were selected randomly, adding an element of anticipation and excitement to the event.

Screening of World Cup Final 2023:

As a special highlight for sports enthusiasts, the event featured the screening of the World Cup Final 2023. Attendees enjoyed watching the thrilling match and experiencing the collective spirit of the game.

The celebration concluded with a sumptuous dinner, offering a delectable spread of various cuisines. Attendees relished the mouthwatering dishes while engaging in conversations, fostering a sense of togetherness and camaraderie.

The Deepawali celebration brought joy, cultural richness, and harmony to all attendees. It provided a platform for participants to showcase their talent, foster community spirit, and make lasting memories.

~Secretary Suresh Chandra Khunteta





Blanket Distribution

On Sunday, 19th December, Rotary club of Belur did a 200 Blanket and Cloths, Food distribution for old age and children needy at tribal area in Madhavpur Village, Sunderbans.

Members wholeheartedly supported the project in cash and kind.

Several areas of medical and educational were identified to work in in future.

~Project Chair Rtn Swati Malhotra



Wheel chair project :(phase 2)

For a handicapped person, a wheelchair is not a means of mobility it is a whole world in itself. Under the leadership of President Amar Malhotra accompanied by PE Anand, Rrn Sharad, Rtn Swati, Ann Anu dugar, a beginning to distribute 7 wheelchairs was done on 14th December at Nehru Museum.

Mr Sarat Chandra Chowdhary who pledged to donate a sum of Rs2 lakhs for this project was accompanied by his wife Anita and son Devang. The project is of the magnitude of distribution of 111 wheel chairs, one of its kind and first time in Belur. I wish the president and his team a grand success for the project.

~ Project Chair PP Ajay Agarwal



ANNUAL FUNCTION OF ROTARY CLUB OF BELUR BAL VIKAS KENDRA MCKV HOWRAH

The Annual Function of Rotary Club of Belur Bal Vikas Kendra, MCKV Howrah was held on the 26th of November at 3 PM onwards. Belur Bal Vikas Kendra is a special school catering to children with special needs. The event witnessed a gathering of students, parents, teachers, and 15 members and spouses of the club making it a memorable and inclusive celebration.

The ceremony was inaugurated with the lighting of the lamp by chair of the project Rtn Shiv Kumar Lohia, Senior Rotarian R K Bubna, and president Amar Malhotra. This symbolic act represented the spread of knowledge and enlightenment.

The event commenced with a soulful rendition of the Ganesh Vandana, invoking the blessings of Lord Ganesha and setting a spiritual tone for the celebration.

The children with special needs showcased their immense talent through singing and dance performances. Their enthusiasm and dedication were evident, filling the atmosphere with joy and admiration.

The parents of the children with special needs also contributed to the event by performing motivational songs. Their performances conveyed messages of love, support, and inspiration, uplifting the spirits of the audience.

The Rotary club of Belur members extended their gratitude and appreciation to the dedicated teachers and all the students of Belur Bal Vikas Kendra. This felicitation recognized their hard work, determination, and achievements.

Display of Creativity:

The children demonstrated their artistic abilities through a display of paintings, eco-friendly bags, and file folders created by using sustainable materials. This exhibition showcased the creativity and talent of the students, inspiring everyone present.

The Annual Function of Rotary Club of Belur Bal Vikas Kendra, MCKV Howrah served as a platform to celebrate the abilities and achievements of the special children. It was a testament to their resilience, talent, and the unwavering support of their parents, teachers, and the club members.

The program was concluded with Tea and snacks~ Secretary Suresh Chandra Khunteta.





AG ZS District Training Program at Digha-
Our PP CRFC Ajay Agarwal was there as District
Secretary Finance and IPP Amitabh Mohan as Zonal
Secretary(ZS)for Roatry Year 2024-25.



IPP Amitabh Mohan
,Zonal Secretary
2024-25
attended Training
program at Digha.

EVENTS

- 17th December Blanket and woollen clothes distribution at Madhabpur, Sunderbans
- 19th December- Inauguration of Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Facilities at Asha bhawan
- 24th December AGM of the club
- 5th to 7th January 2024 - District Conference

THALASSEMIA AWARENESS PROJECT :

Thalassaemia awareness envelopes were distributed to several medical shops led by Secretary Suresh Khunteta. The shop are using them to give medicines to general public , also enhancing the public image of Rotary.



- 16th December : Dr. Rajrani Agarwal
- 16th December : Rtn Indra Goenka
- 16th December : Rtn Kirty Harlalka
- 18th December : Ann Nivedita Agarwal
- 20th December : Ann Anindita Roy
- 22nd December : Rtn Vishnu Dhandhanian
- 22nd December : Ann Bandana Saroff
- 25th December : Rtn Amar Malhotra



27th December : Jimmy and Yasin J. Tangree

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