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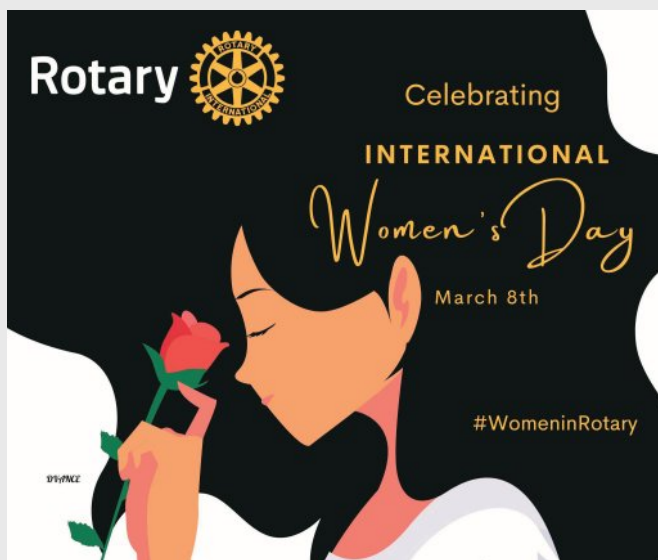
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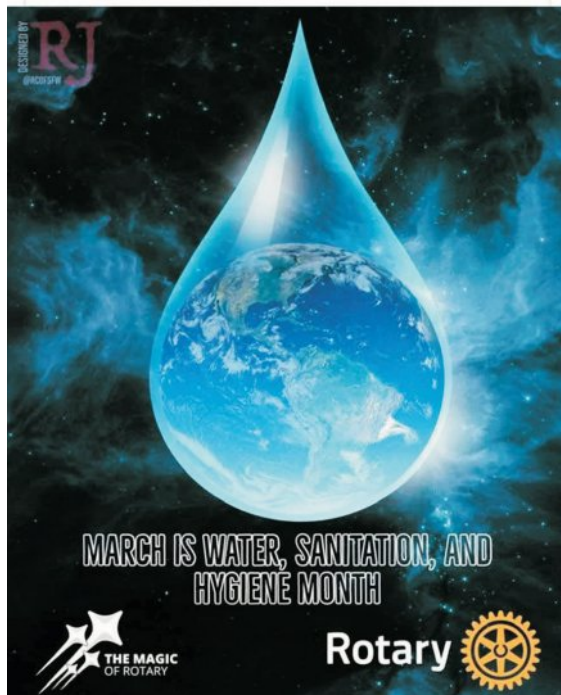
1695TH REGULAR MEETING

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March is recognized as WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) Month. Sadly, one in three people worldwide lack access to clean water. Rotary has invested over \$148 million in water projects globally.



KNOW YOUR SPEAKER DR SWATI NANDI



Dr Swati Nandi Chakraborty is an environment enthusiast and researcher with adept proficiency on the implementation of sustainable development, e-waste management, health risk assessment, and carbon footprint, waste management, Life Cycle assessment area. Swati, who is also a regular columnist in multiple English and regional daily newspapers, has been working closely with various governmental and non-governmental agencies lending research and consulting support to address multiple issues concerning her prime line of work.

She received lots of award from different organization to recognise her zeal, commitment and proficiency towards her professional research that essentially tries to merge the theoretical concepts along with its practical counterparts. She is actively involved in the different Environment awareness programme, conservation of biodiversity.

Swati did her PhD in Environment Biotechnology with her area of research being health impact assessment owing to heavy metal stress and pollution. She has gathered knowledge and experience from Indian institute of Chemical Biology, Bose Institute, IIT Kharagpur, JNU during her research work. In the fields of environmental impact analysis, the author as a Principal investigator has successfully completed several extramurally funded projects.

She Supervised a number of Masters and Ph.D. students and published several high impact publications in national & international journal. Her research area of interest is Abiotic stress, bacterial taxonomy, biopolymer and bioplastic.

Received UNESCO Fellowship visit Sao Paulo University, Brazil & Swinburne university of Technology, Malaysia as Visiting scientist. She is a West Bengal State Chair, India Circular Economy Wing of G100, All Ladies League, WICCI & President of Future for Nature Foundation.

Topic: **Climate Refugees: Uncertainty and Insecurity**

GLIMPSE OF REGULAR MEETING ON 22.2.2025 AND SPEAKER WAS PP RTN SUBIR DUTTA WHO SPOKE ON "SALIENT FEATURES OF BUDGET-2025"



REPORT ON CELEBRATION OF GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF PP RTN MAITRAYEE RAY AND SPOUSE SHRI ASHISH RAY, ON 25TH FEB 2025

Love means not giving up on each other, no matter what the circumstances lead to or how the situations become. It was one such day of witnessing love in its complete glory, as we met to celebrate the golden anniversary of PP Rtn Maitrayee Ray and spouse Ashish da.

The laughter in Maitrayee di's voice was like a giggle of an excited little girl, as she shared how they were having fun counting down the days to this date of celebration, poking at each other, and they did a high five in the morning saying, 'We made it'.

It was my first time of meeting Ashish da, but he shined with charm, and it was so heart-warming to see both light up looking at each other, their smiles said it all, as we got them to cut the cake along with their son. Ashish da, made our day by saying, "Cake is excellent!"

Soon it became a house filled with laughter, chatter remembering old fond memories, which became enriched with brew of fresh Darjeeling tea and yummy cookies, munchies, jaggery rasgollas (local delicacy). We had a tough time deciding what to leave, as someone would share speciality of every item that was a part of the lavish spread.

The eyes were filled with tears of joy, the hugs lasting longer as it was time to leave. We gave the gift to this beautiful couple, and the return gift they gave us was

the faith that if you believe, love can heal and fill your world with beautiful memories to cherish.

Thank you, President Rtn Sashi Dhacholia, for initiating this and PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji, PP Rtn Dr V K Nevatia, PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal, PP Rtn Raj Kumar Poddar, PP Rtn Gaurang Jalan, PP Rtn Harsh V Rungta, IPP Rtn Rakesh kumar Goel, Rtn Renu Todi, for being there.

Thank you, Maitrayee, di for making us a part of your special day. Heartfelt gratitude from your Metropolitan family. We love you.

By Rtn Runjhun Gupta



WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE AT PLC DANCE WORKSHOP

On February 18th & 19th, 2025, Pickle Factory organized a captivating dance workshop at our school, Pace Learning Centre. The event was led by Solene Weinachter from Scotland, a guest member of the Pickle Factory Dance Foundation. Alongside 22 students, I had the privilege of participating in this enriching experience.

The workshop was a perfect blend of dance, games, and fun activities. Solene Ma'am taught us how to imagine, feel, and support one another. We learned how to manage space and trust our peers through interactive exercises. One memorable activity involved pairing up, where one person would close their eyes, and the other would guide them through movement.

On the first day, we explored various movements like scrolling, rolling, hopping, and running. After the workout, Solene Ma'am, Dana Ma'am and her team members provided us with colourful paper to express our feelings about the workshop. This creative outlet allowed us to reflect on our experiences and emotions. On the 2nd day Mr. Vikram Iyengar, founder director of Pickle Factory also joined us.

The workshop was an incredible experience, filled with laughter and learning. I'm grateful to our management,

Ma'am and teachers for allowing me to participate. Solene ma'am's kindness and encouragement made the experience even more special - she even offered all of us chocolate at the end! Thank you, Solene Ma'am, for an unforgettable experience. We all wish to join more such excellent workshops.

**By Rupsa Das, PLC Interact Club president.
Edited by Mahashweta Maity, Vice Principal,
PACE Learning Centre**



2024-25 Annual Fund Challenge

Brought to you by Trustee Dr. Bharat Pandya and Zones 4, 5, 6 & 7 RRFCs

District Level Awards

	Champion	Platinum	Gold	Silver
Criteria	District achieving minimum \$200 Annual Fund Per Capita	100% members contributing minimum \$25 each towards Annual Fund OR District Achieving minimum of \$175 Annual Fund Per Capita	Minimum 75% members contributing minimum \$25 each towards Annual Fund OR District Achieving minimum of \$150 Annual Fund Per Capita	Minimum 50% members contributing minimum \$25 each towards Annual Fund OR District Achieving minimum of \$100 Annual Fund Per Capita

Note: To be eligible for any of the above awards, district needs to achieve 100% Clubs Giving with minimum \$100 by each club

Paul Harris Society Award

From each Zone, District with highest new PHS members (minimum benchmark: 20 new PHS members) with an overall eligibility of 80% (percentage of PHS members fulfilling their commitment) will be eligible for this award

Club Level Awards

	PLATINUM	GOLD	SILVER
Criteria	Minimum \$100 contribution by each member and Annual Fund Per Capita of \$100	Minimum \$50 contribution by each member and Annual Fund Per Capita of \$100	Minimum \$25 contribution by each member and Annual Fund Per Capita of \$100



Stephanie A. Urchick
RI President 2024-25

March is here, and for Rotary International, that means celebrating Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month - a time to shine a spotlight on one of the most transformative areas of our work.

This month is an opportunity to reflect on The Magic of Rotary and the profound impact we create when we come together with determination and purpose.

Years ago, I experienced this magic firsthand in the Dominican Republic. When a group of members helped people install water filters, three children watched with amazement as dirty water entered one end of a filter and clean water emerged from the other. When we paused the demonstration, one child tugged at my sleeve and pleaded, "Show me the magic again."

To them, it felt magical. It was also the result of countless hours of effort - planning, transporting, and installing the filters - alongside local partners who were dedicated to making clean water accessible. In that moment, I realized that what seemed like a small act could change residents' lives. That is The Magic of Rotary.

This story is a testament to the incredible potential of our global family to create change. Water projects exemplify our reach, our partnerships, and our unwavering commitment to improving lives. Consider Rotary's work with USAID. That partnership has enabled us to work with communities and governments to improve access to sustainable water and sanitation services for thousands of people in the Dominican Republic, Ghana, the Philippines, and Uganda.

Partnerships remind us that Rotary's impact is amplified when we work together. Through our strategic alliance with the United Nations Environment Programme, we're advancing the Community Action for Fresh Water initiative. This program equips Rotary members with the tools and resources to protect, restore, and sustain freshwater ecosystems.

When we make use of Rotary grants and advocate for clean water in our communities, we create a ripple effect that extends far beyond individual projects.

As we embrace the spirit of the month, I encourage every Rotary member to seek out new partnerships. Collaboration multiplies our efforts and helps us reach more people in need.

Whether it's joining forces with local organizations, forming alliances with international agencies, or mobilizing your community, every step we take together brings us closer to a world where everyone has access to clean water and safe sanitation.

The Magic of Rotary shines brightest when we work in harmony with others to create lasting good. Together, we can turn dreams into realities that transform lives and communities. The result may feel like magic at times, but we know it's from the power of our collective commitment and compassion. Let's harness this magic to make a difference this month and beyond.



Mark Daniel Maloney
Trustee Chair 2024-25

After joining Rotary, you never look at a glass of water the same way again. Holding it, you are humbled by the privilege of access to drinkable water. Then, you recall how Rotary brings communities and water experts together to deliver safe drinking water to places in need of it, transforming lives.

According to the United Nations, 2 billion people lack access to safely managed drinking water, and 3.6 billion lack safely managed sanitation. During March, we focus on our commitment to addressing water, sanitation, and hygiene challenges through our clubs and The Rotary Foundation.

District and global grants, made possible by the Foundation, provide a direct way for members to engage in water and sanitation projects. My wife, Gay, and I have seen the transformative power of these grants. Our clubs, the Rotary Clubs of Decatur and Decatur Daybreak, Alabama, partnered with the Rotary Club of Ecatepec, Mexico, to sanitize cisterns and tanks for about 300 schools.

We are also launching a new global grant to provide rainwater collection systems for 50 Indigenous families in the Sierra Madre Mountains of Chihuahua, in partnership with five organizations.

Globally, Rotary employs comprehensive approaches to these initiatives. In Mexico, the global grant-funded program Niñas Sabias, or Wise Girls, empowers girls by providing education on menstruation, building self-esteem, and purchasing reusable menstrual products.

Our partnership with USAID in Uganda has shown how small-scale piped water systems can deliver cost-effective, sustainable solutions. By investing in local governance and technical capacity, this initiative ensures long-term access to clean water for entire regions.

Rotary's Programs of Scale also demonstrate the power of interdisciplinary strategies. In India's water-scarce regions, Rotary promotes solutions such as rainwater harvesting and groundwater recharge, integrating water management with agricultural productivity to enhance sustainability and resilience.

Moving forward, we will continue improving how we deliver water and boost sanitation, focusing on regional planning, strengthening delivery systems, and fostering partnerships.

Be proud to be part of this meaningful work - and please consider supporting it.

When you give to The Rotary Foundation, you not only help us reach our 2024-25 fundraising goal of \$500 million, you also play a role in ensuring Rotary can make clean water, effective sanitation, and hygiene accessible for generations.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



22.03.2024 PP Rtn Raj Kumar Poddar

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS



11.03.2025 PP Rtn Lalit Beriwal and Ann Rtn Roshni Beriwal

11.03.2025 PP Rtn Roshni Beriwal and spouse PP Rtn Lalit Beriwal

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That's where **our vocation** lies

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Forthcoming Events

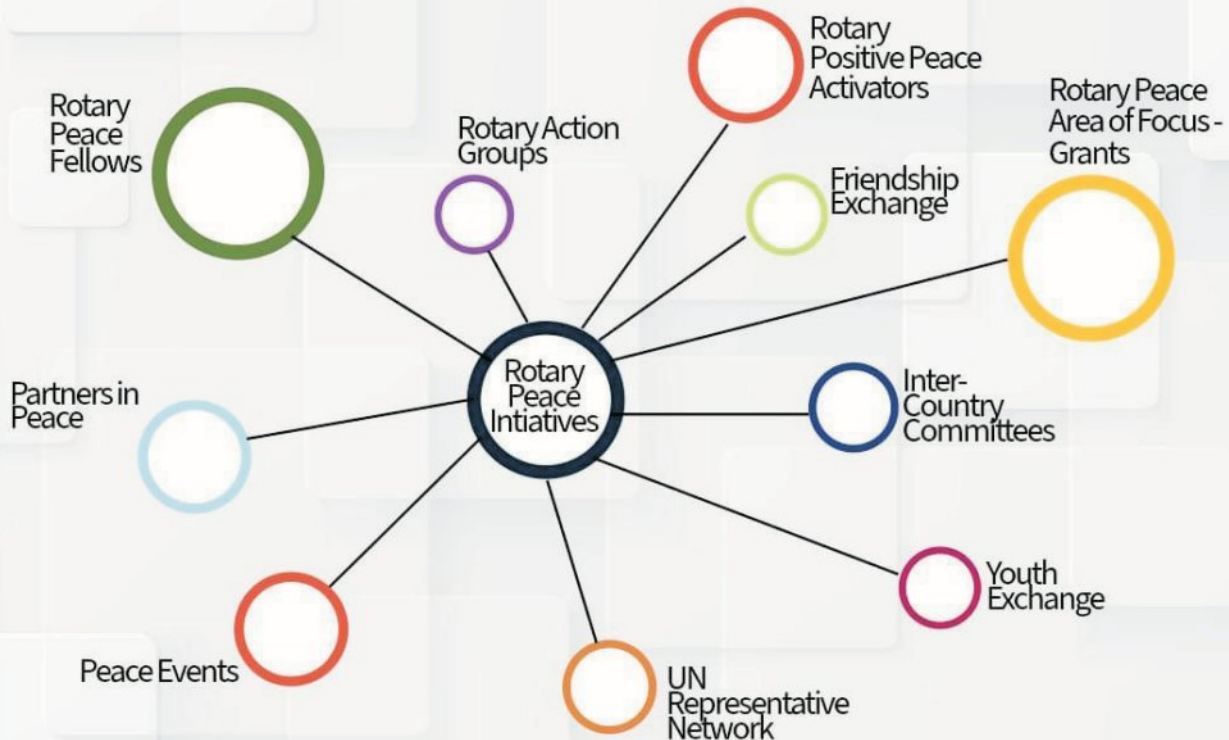
CLUB

- 22.03.2025 Inauguration of MSS Rehabilitation & Research Centre at Joka at 10.00 AM. All Metropolitans are invited by MSS
- 22.03.2025 Fellowship at the residence of PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji situated at Sunny Toweres,
- 29.03.2025 Regular Meeting at The Conclave and 3rd Club Assembly and visit by AG and ZS prior to the Official visit by the DG to the Club.
- 29.03.2024 9th Board Meeting and 3rd Club Assembly for RY-2024-2025
- 05.04.2025 DG Official visit to the Club and Regular Meeting at 7.00 PM
- 12.04.2025 Regular Meeting
- 26.04.2024 Regular Meeting

DISTRICT

- 17.03.2025 District Holi Meet "Rangoli" at Eastern Metropolitan Club from 6.30 PM. Registration Rs.1500/- per rotarian

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