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**1714TH REGULAR MEETING**

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**CONGRATULATION TO OUR PAST PRESIDENT RTN DR NEERAJA RATERIA  
FOR THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR CONTRIBUTION  
TO FOUNDATION (THE ROTARY FOUNDATION).  
SHE HAS BEEN HANDED OVER THE MEMENTO  
BY PP RTN DR NARESH GOYAL ON 9.12.2025**



**WE WELCOME METROPOLITANS FOR 39TH ANNUAL MEETING**



## THE JOY OF GIVING

While introducing the topic of the day The Joy of Giving PP Jayanta Chatterji announced that November was the month dedicated by Rotary International to The Rotary Foundation in its Annual Calendar.

He congratulated the Club President for her efforts to have the occasion graced by none other than PDG, PARRFC & DRFC Rtn Utpal Majumdar as the keynote speaker. He also expressed his pleasure to see the presence of District luminaries PDG DRFC Ravi Sehgal and District Gen. Secretary PP Shayak Gupta in the audience.

He emphasised that TRF was the most important pillar of RI because the whole world of Rotary revolved around TRF's mission to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving environment and alleviating poverty. He outlined the magic TRF has established through its Annual Fund alone for more than a century. It is this magic that still allures over 1.2 billion Rotarians to be involved with the organisation through the Joy of Giving. He described The Joy of Giving as a concept in Rotary that emphasises the value of selfless service and giving back to the community. It's about spreading happiness and making a positive impact through acts of kindness, volunteerism, and philanthropy.

He mentioned In Rotary, the Joy of Giving is often celebrated through various initiatives, such as:

- Organizing donation drives (e.g., food, clothes, books)

- Supporting local charities or community projects
- Participating in fundraising campaigns
- Volunteering time and skills for a good cause

**The Joy of Giving is a way for Rotarians to:**

- Make a difference in their communities
- Foster a sense of gratitude and appreciation
- Inspire others to give back
- Strengthen bonds within the community

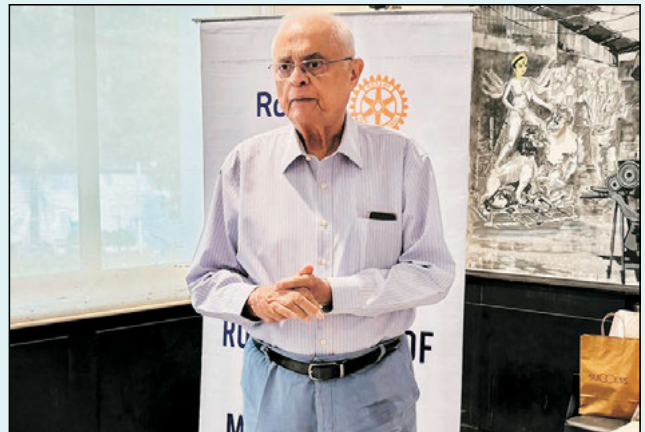
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He paid glowing tributes to Past Presidents Rtn Dr. Neeraja Rateria and late Rtn Sohanrajji Singhvi, the two pillars of RCCM who personified the Joy of Giving, for their guidance, inspiration and mentorship to him in his long journey in Rotary.

**By PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji**





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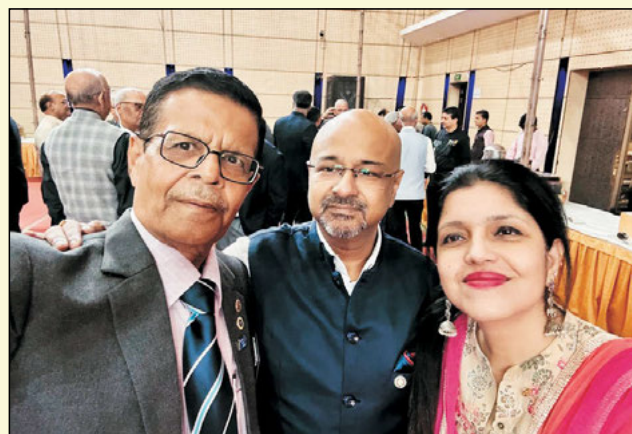
## ROTARY FOUNDATION SEMINAR-2025

Our Club was one of the Co-host of Rotary Foundation Seminar- 2025, which was held on 27.11.2025. The Chief Guest for the seminar was Rtn Ashok Mahajan, Past Rotary International Director & Trustee and Guest of Honour was Shri Leander Paes, Padma Bhushan & Olympian and Key Note Speaker. The seminar was organized by Rotary Club off Calcutta South City and District Rotary Foundation Committee and Clubs of RID-3291.

DG Rtn Dr Ramendu Homchaudhuri & PDG Rtn Utpal Majumdar- DRFC both appealed for contribution to The Rotary Foundation particularly due to some incentives being offered.

In his Key Note speech by Shri Leander Paes, who made powerful speech for giving to Foundation. He was pinned with PHF by District-3291.

IPP Rtn Sashi Dhacholia, PP Rtn Subir Dutta and PP Rtn Dr V K Nevatia attended the seminar although PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji registered but was not able to attend due to some urgent work.





## ROTARY FOUNDATION SEMINAR-2025





## STREET SMILE- BRINGING JOY TO CHILDREN

On 22nd November, 2025, Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar in association with Lions Club of Calcutta North hosted Smile Street for underprivileged children at Lions Safari Park. Many other clubs along with our club were participants to this event. The programme, organised at Safari Park, was inaugurated by DG Rtn Ramendu Homchaudhuri.

Each participant club has put up stall containing goodies items for the children. Our club has put up stall and goodies worth Rs 42000/- which consisted items like bags, diary, pen sets, water bottles etc.

Approximately 700 children came to the event and each one was given Rs 1000/- coupon to buy on their own. The colourful and variety of goodies added vibrant energy to the stall and in no time all the items of our stall were sold out.

The smiles on children's faces at time of shopping was unmatched.

Huge shout out to M/s Anmol Group for organising complimentary gift hamper of variety of biscuits for everyone. The part of goodies was sponsored by Rtn Shipra Mehta, Rtn Rajshree Jain and Rtn Namrata Bengani. In fact, our club was one of biggest contributor to the event.

In short, all visitors, especially children had experienced joy, engagement and a memorable day full of smiles and made the Smile Street event shine brighter.

The event was attended by President Rtn Rajshree Jain, Secretary Rtn Namrata Bengani, PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal, IPP Rtn Sashi Dhacholia, PP Rtn Roshni Beriwalla, PP Rtn Raj Kumar Poddar and Rtn Nabanita Sen.

**By Rtn Namrata Bengani**





## STREET SMILE- BRINGING JOY TO CHILDREN





# Rotary



## WHAT IS ROTARY

- #1 **SERVICE ORGANIZATION** the PLANET
- Instrumental in the CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS
- THIS CLOSE to eradicating POLIO FROM THE WORLD
- Is a community of **1.4 MILLION MEMBERS** in over 200 countries
- Brings people together from all backgrounds, religions & nationalities as a collective whole to **SERVE & TRANSFORM** the world
- Charity Navigator has ranked the "The Rotary Foundation" with a 4-star rank for over 13 years in a row

**Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.**

## WHAT WE DO

- Promoting peace
- Fighting disease
- Providing clean water & sanitation
- Saving mothers and children
- Supporting education
- Growing local economies
- Protecting the environment
- Share cultures

**Rotary**  
*PEOPLE OF ACTION*



Rotary is a **trusted partner and resource**. With members and projects in almost every part of the globe, **there's no limit to the good we can do**. Come join us!



## DISTRIBUTION OF SANITARY NAPKINS

The Sanitary Napkins were handed over to Shri Kartick Kalindi of Nabadiganta Leprosy Colony on 22.11.2025 at our Regular Meeting for distribution. On 25th November, 2025, distribution of Sanitary Napkins to the womenfolk of Nabadiganta Leprosy Colony, Durgapur.



## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the 39th Annual Meeting of Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan for 2024-2025 will be held on Saturday, the 13th December 2025 at The Conclave, 217 A J C Bose Road, Kolkata-700 017 at 2.00 PM, to transact the following business:

### Meeting Agenda

1. To adopt the minutes of Annual Meeting held on 28.12.2024 as attached.
2. To adopt the Club accounts for FY 2024-2025 as attached.
3. To adopt the Trust accounts for FY 2024-2024 (under audit and will be sent later on)
4. To appoint the Auditor for FY 2025-2026
5. To consider and elect the Board of Directors of RCCM for the Rotary Year 2026-2027.
6. To consider and select Sergeant-at-Arms and Editor.
7. To consider any other matter as may be brought in accordance with the club rules.

By Order of the Board  
Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan  
Namrata Bengani

Dated: 22nd November, 2025

Hony. Secretary

## NOTIFICATION

Members desirous of serving on the Board of Directors for the year 2026-2027 are requested to file their nominations in prescribed forms available with the undersigned by 5 p.m. of 7th December, 2025 at the Club's registered office at C/o. Radiant Advertising & Marketing (I) Pvt. Ltd., Ganga Jamuna Apartments, 28/1, Shakespeare Sarani, Kolkata-700017. The last day for withdrawal of nominations is 10th December, 2025 by 5 p.m.

By Order of the Board of RCCM, Kolkata.  
Namrata Bengani

Dated: 22nd November, 2025

Hony. Secretary

## CONGRATULATIONS TO BITHIKA SARDAR OF PACE LEARNING CENTRE



Our Congratulations to Bithika Sardar of PACE Learning Centre, who scored the highest marks in her HS exams and qualified in the Jt. Entrance test & Counselling session for General Nursing and Midwifery (GNM) course successfully, will be enrolled in R. N. Tagore Nursing Hospital upon payment of admission and course fees tomorrow. Ms Bithika Sardar is the second student of PLC to qualify for the GNM diploma course.

## FELLOWSHIP WITH LALIT BERIWALA ON 4.12.2025 AT CHENNAI





## WEBINAR ON MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

On the invitation of DGN Rtn Purnendu Roychowdhury as well as from Rotary Club of Calcutta joined webinar on Membership Growth on 23.11.2025. Rtn Tom Gump, Director Rotary International (2026-2028) and Chair Rotary International Membership Committee (2025-2026) and DGN Rtn Purnendu Roychowdhury joined the webinar.

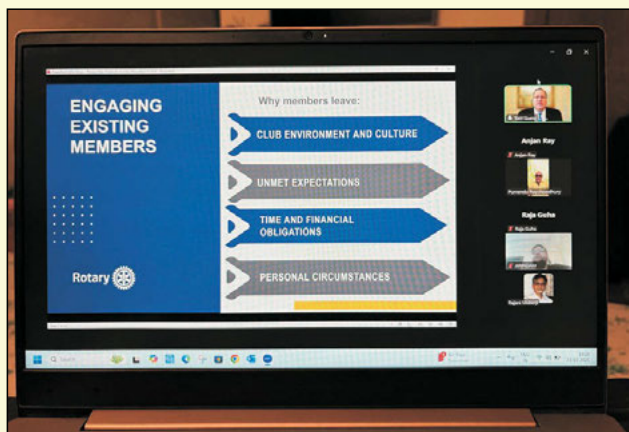
Focus was how to increase the quality of membership, retention is the big issue, how to involve the newly inducted members particularly to their interest as put by Rtn Tom Gump. He is hopeful that Satellite Club will take the membership growth forward due to flexibility. DGN Rtn Purnendu Roychowdhury gave various suggestions for the growth of membership particularly in RID-3291.

The writer of this article emphasizes that despite flexibility shown by Rotary International, the membership is stagnate. He was of firm view that those interested to serve the community will irrespective will get involved in various activities of the Club.

During the webinar, Rtn Tom Gump was inducted as

Honorary Member of Rotary Club of Calcutta. Congratulations to him.

The various seminar on Membership Growth and its retention despite various new innovative ideas did not take growth the forward until & unless any dramatic solution comes.



Rtn Tom Gump making Power Point presentation



Rtn Tom Gump addressing the audience



A view of audience

## ACHIEVMENT ON THE JOY OF GIVING BY SHARING THE RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE STUDENTS AT PACE LEARNING CENTRE



### JOB PLACEMENTS:

- 5 students Putul Srivastav, Priya Mondal, Dipti Majumdar, Sharmistha Sardar, Nirupama Raptan got employment at ISPAT HOSPITAL. They all got trained under vocational training (customer care) and got employed at Ispat Hospital, at front desk.
- Sonia Ghosh and Avha Sardar are currently employed at Forum, with on-job retail management training.

- Kakuli Naskar, Payel Naskar are interning at Logica infoway.
- Taniya Gayen is employed at Yummy Junction at Mysore as Data entry operator after completing the vocational training at PLC.
- Supriya Mondal is employed at Fortis Hospital as trainee Nurse, pursuing her further studies.
- Laboni Ghosh is employed at Heritage School as teacher for home science after getting trained as an intern.

### ADMISSION

Following students have secured admission in colleges on merit:

- Bithika Sardar, for GNM at RN Tagore hospital
- Rimi Naskar, Promita Naskar, Rupali Chatui in various reputed colleges.

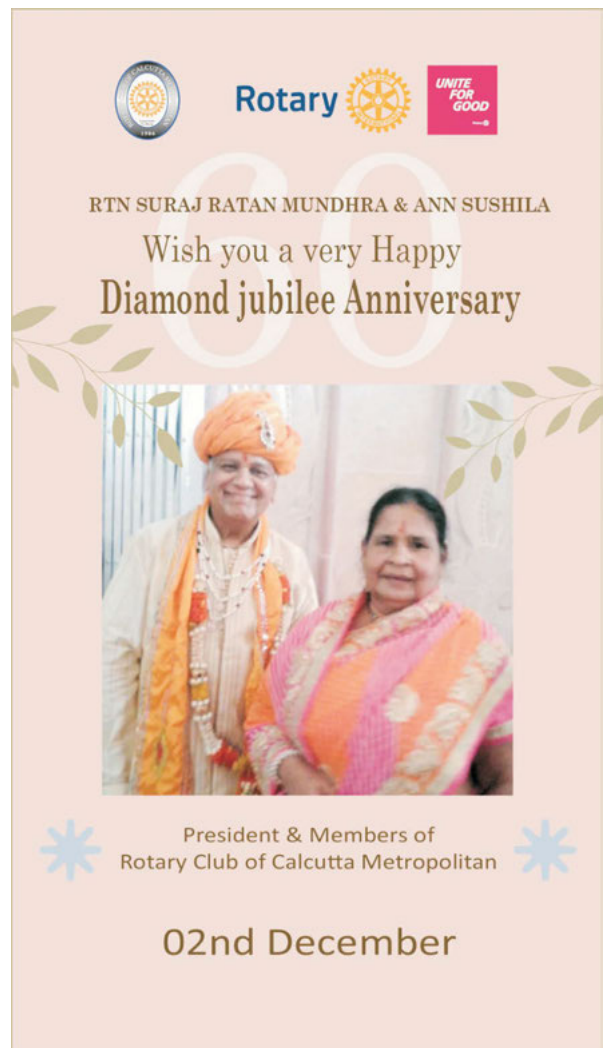
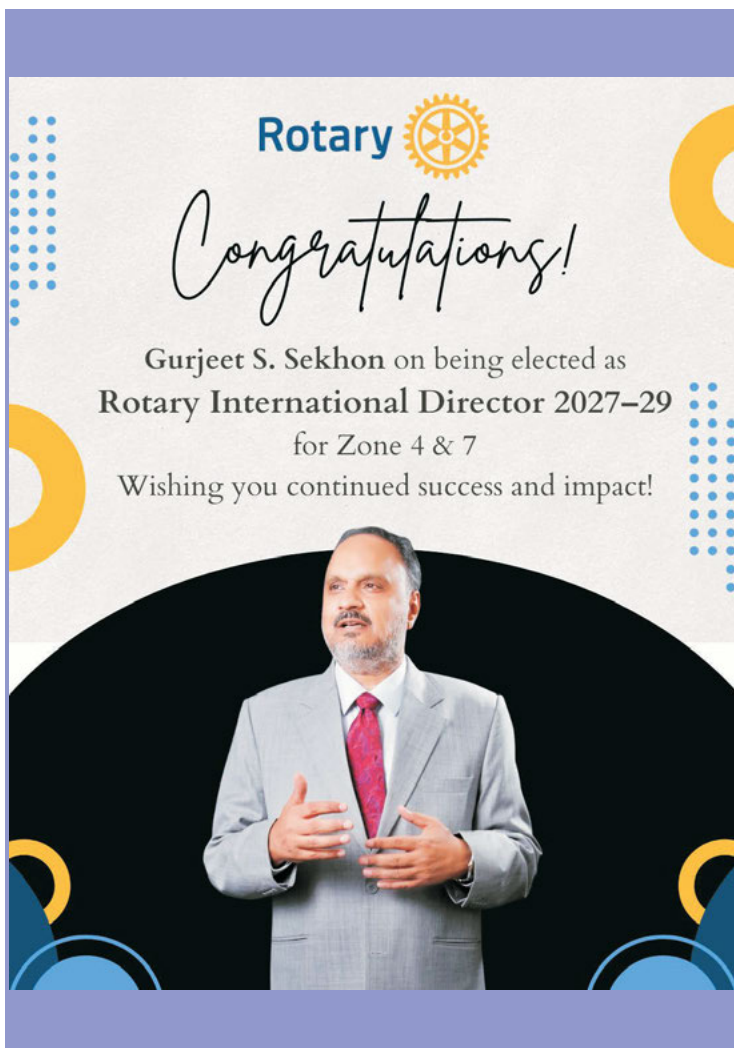
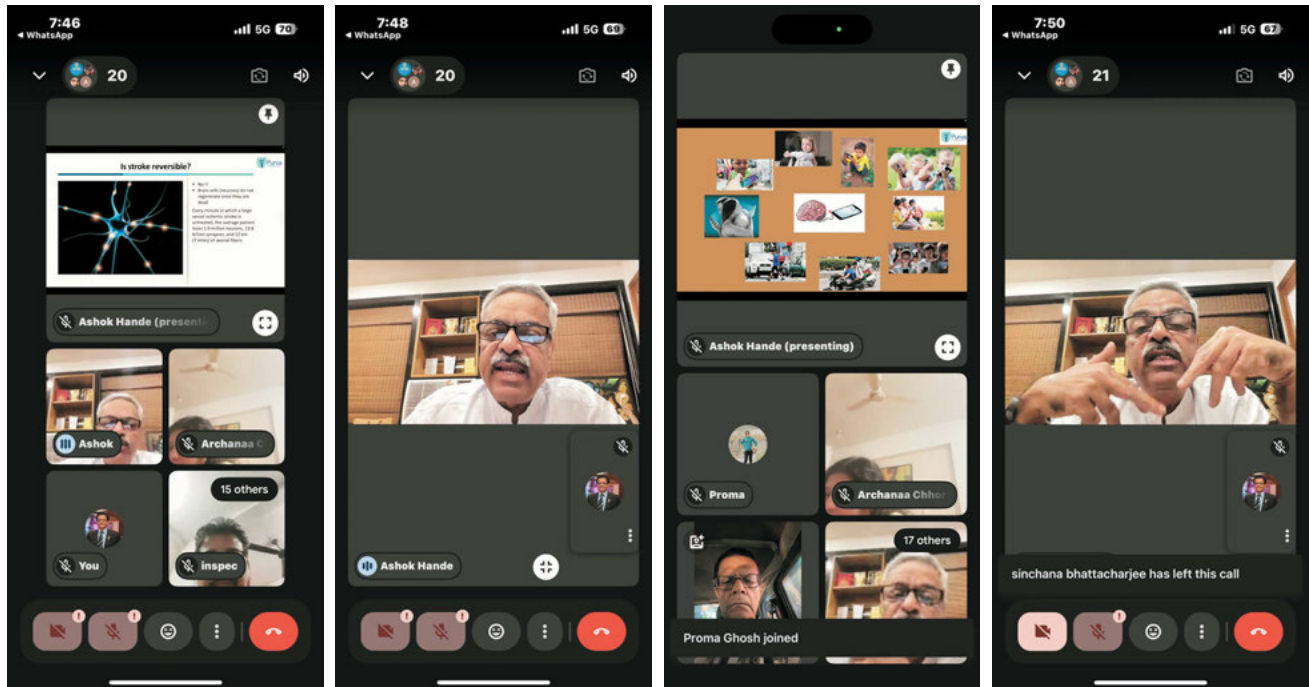
By PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji



## WEBINAR ON 3Ps OF BRAIN STROKE: PREDICTION, PRECAUTION AND PREVENTION ON 6.12.2025

Attended webinar on 3Ps of Brain Stroke by Dr Ashoke Hande, Director- Neurosurgery, Fortis Hiranandani Hospital, Navi Mumbai on 6.12.2025 organized by Rotary Club of Calcutta New Horizon and Rotary Club

of Millennium City, New Mumbai-RID-3142. It was well attended webinar and Dr Hande spoke on Prediction, Precaution and Prevention on Brain Stroke with elaborate details.





**MINUTES OF THE 38th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF  
CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN HELD AT 2.30 PM ON 28TH DECEMBER, 2024  
AT THE CONCLAVE, 216, A J C BOSE ROAD, KOLKATA-700 017**

1. President Rtn Sashi Dhacholia took the chair and welcomed the members present.
2. Adequate quorum being present, President called the 38th Annual Meeting to order.
3. The Minutes of the 37th Annual Meeting held on 30th December, 2023 were read and proposed by PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee and seconded by PP Rtn Dr V K Nevatia. The same was approved.
4. The President informed that the Club Accounts as on 31.03.2024 had been circulated. After discussion, the members adopted the circulated Club accounts and passed the following resolution duly proposed by PP Rtn Subir Dutta and seconded by PP Rtn V K Nevatia.  
"RESOLVED THAT, the members of RCCM, after discussion adopted the audited accounts for RCCM Club as on 31.03.2024."
5. The President informed that the Trust Accounts as on 31.03.2024 had been circulated. After discussion, the members ratified and adopted the circulated Trust accounts and passed the following resolution duly proposed by PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal and seconded by Rtn Dr V K Nevatia.  
"RESOLVED THAT, the members of RCCM, after discussion adopted the audited accounts for RCCM Trust as on 31.03.2024."
6. The President informed that the auditors M/s SBA Associates were available for reappointment as auditors for the year 2024-2025. After discussion, it was unanimously approved by the members to appoint, M/s SBA Associates and the following resolution was passed duly proposed by PP Rtn Gaurang Jalan and seconded by PP Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel.  
"RESOLVED THAT, the members of RCCM, after discussion approved that M/s SBA Associates be and are hereby appointed as Statutory Auditors for RCCM Club and RCCM Trust accounts for the FY 2024-2025 at a remuneration to be agreed and decided by the Board."
7. The President requested PE Rtn Rajshree Jain and Hony Secretary Elect Rtn Namrata Bengani to join the head table and to introduce the Board for RY 2025-2026.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2025-2026**

1 President	Rtn Rajshree Jain
2 IPP	Rtn Sashi Dhacholia
3 President Elect	Rtn Runjhun Gupta
4 Vice President	Rtn Rajiv Tibrewal
5 Hony Secretary	Rtn Namrata Bengani
6 Treasurer	Rtn Harsh V Rungta
7 Directors	PP Rtn Dr V K Nevatia
8	PP Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel
9	Rtn Narendra Berlia
10	Rtn Pradip Kumar Agarwal
11	PP Rtn Subir Dutta
12	PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee
13	Rtn Nabanita Sen
14	Rtn Poulomi Dutta
13 Sergeant-At-Arms	PP Rtn Raj Kumar Poddar
	PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal
14 Editor	PP Rtn Sashi Dhacholia
15 Club Trainer	PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji

The above RCCM Board for the RY-2024-2025 were proposed by PE Rtn Rajshree Jain and seconded Hony Secretary by Rtn Namrata Bengani and was duly approved. The necessary Portfolios of Directors will be allotted later by the President Elect Rtn Rajshree Jain.

8. With no further announcement, President adjourned the 37th Annual Meeting.





**Francesco Arezzo**  
**RI President 2025-26**

This month's special issue of Rotary magazine is all about happiness, that most elemental of human yearnings. More than a feeling, though, this state of positive well-being, and the conditions necessary to create and sustain it, should be considered a universal right.

December also marks Rotary's Disease Prevention and Treatment Month, when we highlight our members' work to promote health and wellness, including mental wellness. Globally, nearly 1 in 7 people have a mental health disorder, according to a recent World Health Organization report. Yet only 9 percent of people with depression receive adequate treatment.

We are fortunate in Rotary to have a powerful way to support emotional well-being and happiness: friendship. The connections we build in Rotary can be a powerful force for change. I know this from personal experience.

When my fellow members first proposed that I become club president, I demurred. I had a stutter. I was terrified of speaking. But having club members who supported me and surrounded me with affection enabled me to face my fear, and I found a way to stand confidently before a crowd.

Today, I regularly address audiences - some numbering in the thousands - in a language that is not native to me. The Rotary members in my life helped me create lasting change within myself.

That fellowship gives us the courage and means to create lasting change in the world as well, and mental health services are in desperate need of improvement. The WHO reports that governments on average devote only 2 percent of their health budgets to mental health, and only 11 percent of that funding reaches community-based services. In some countries, only one trained mental health professional is available for every 100,000 people. The WHO has called for strategic and urgent action to close the gap.

Rotary can answer that call by championing mental health awareness in our clubs, working with local health systems, funding training for community health workers, and supporting initiatives that bring care to places where none exists. Even small investments in mental health yield enormous returns in productivity, public health, and happiness.

While we are creating lasting change in the world, we cannot forget to take care of each other. Past RI President Gordon McNally wisely reminds us that we must go beyond asking, "How are you?" We owe it to each other to instead ask, "How are you really?"

As we transition to a new year filled with new possibilities, let us Unite for Good - for healing, friendship, and access to happiness.





**HOLGER KNAACK**  
**RI Trustee Chair 2025-26**

As 2020-21 Rotary president, I shared our hopes for a new initiative: Programs of Scale. The seeds we planted then are now bearing remarkable fruit.

After the success of Rotary's first Programs of Scale grant recipient, Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia, the Gates Foundation and World Vision approached us to do more and bigger projects. They know Rotary can make great things happen. From that partnership grew the Rotary Healthy Communities Challenge, now Rotary's most significant disease prevention initiative after polio eradication.

The Healthy Communities Challenge aims to combat pneumonia, malaria, and diarrheal diseases, the leading killers of children under 5 in many parts of Africa. Despite progress, these diseases still claim 1 million young lives annually.

This strategic partnership between The Rotary Foundation, the Gates Foundation, World Vision, and PATH, a global non-profit dedicated to health equity, is now saving lives in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mozambique, Nigeria, and Zambia.

Let us not forget that our partnerships are made up of people - volunteers, Rotary members, and professionals - striving to make a difference. One of them is Gisela Bettencourt Mirção, of the Rotary Club of Chimoio-Plan alto, Mozambique, Healthy Communities Challenge national coordinator and assistant governor for District 9210, who reports:

In Mozambique, preventable diseases remain leading causes of death of children.

With support from our partners, District 9210, and the Ministry of Health, the Healthy Communities Challenge mobilizes resources, technical expertise, and volunteers to strengthen community health systems in two provinces in the country's west.

Community health workers are trained to deliver lifesaving education, prevention tools, and early treatment to families in hard-to-reach areas. The program expands access to testing, diagnosis, and treatment, ensuring children receive timely care. Rotary coordinates advocacy, procures essential supplies, and ensures local ownership alongside government health structures. In its first year, the Healthy Communities Challenge reached thousands of households across four districts, supporting more than 4,400 community health workers to protect children.

I have been involved since the planning stages, but I hadn't grasped the true impact until seeing it first-hand.

Through the Healthy Communities Challenge, Programs of Scale, and polio eradication, Rotary proves that partnerships, community engagement, and vision can transform global health and save lives.

Your support of The Rotary Foundation makes you part of this life-changing work.



## Forthcoming Events

### CLUB

- 27.12.2025** Regular Meeting  
**26.01.2025** Joint Regular Meeting with Mahavir Seva Sadan at 11.00 AM at their venue. Guest Speaker is PDG Rtn -----

### DISTRICT

- 13.12.2025** Meet & Greet for District Officials for RY-2026-2027 at Saturday Club-Phoenix Hall at 6.00 PM  
**9.1.2026 to 11.01.2026** Rotary District Conference- 2025-2026 at East side Pavilion, Nicco Park, Kolkata. Registration Charges upto 15.12.2025: Rs.3000/- After 15.12.2025: Rs.4000/-. Food not included with Registration charges

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



**16.12.2025**

PP Rtn Dr Somen Ghosh

**24.12.2025**

Rtn Raju Bharat



## PLEDGE EMPATHY. EQUITY. ELEGANCE.

### *With Empathy.*

We will listen with compassion.  
 We will seek to understand before seeking to act.  
 We will honor every person's story—  
 their pain, their dreams, and their dignity.

### *With Equity.*

We will act with fairness.  
 We will recognize that justice is not sameness, but  
 responsiveness: We will lift those most in need—ensuring  
 that no one is left behind.

### *With Elegance.*

We will walk with grace.  
 We will serve with humility, respect for culture,  
 and deep reverence for human connection.

We affirm that:  
 True service is not measured by how much we do,  
 But by how deeply we understand—  
 And how beautifully we uplift.

Narrative By: Neeraj Bhatnagar

**STOP  
PRESS!**



**WE WILL MISS YOU**  
**PP RTN R K BUBNAJEE.**  
 EX-METROPOLITAN PP RTN R K BUBNA  
 LEFT FOR HIS HEAVENLY ABODE ON 10.12.2025

**Sponsored by : PP RTN HARSH V RUNGTA**

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