



# Presidency



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## From the editors desk: GOOD NEWS!!!!!!

After 9 long months of fear, uncertainty & anxiety-it's here ; I am talking about the COVID VACCINE .

This month was indeed special as vaccination against Corona has started in London followed by America and the world..... of course the safety and efficacy of the upcoming vaccines still remains open till such time when a large section of the world population has been vaccinated without any untoward reactions to the vaccine. Another concern is the mutation of the virus which has come to light in UK and some other parts of the world; Let us be optimistic and hope it would be dealt with the existing vaccines as being informed by the WHO. Hoping 2021 brings good tidings for us , In India we hope to get the Vaccine by early 2021 .

Let us ring in the new year with a lots of hope,faith and fun and frolic, of course following SMS rules of Social Distancing , Mask and Sanitization till such time the vaccine reaches all .

We hope that 2021 will bring about transition from the new normal back to the normal we were used to before the virus lurked in 2020.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2021.

All the best and Good Luck for 2021.



## Rotary International President 20-21

### Rtn Knaack Holger



December 2020

As I look back on 2020, I reflect on how our lives have changed. The global COVID-19 pandemic brought pain and loss to many of us. And for almost all of us, our daily lives, family time, and work also changed this year. But we've made it to the end of

this difficult year, not on our own but by reaching out to one another, as we always do in Rotary.

With each passing year, I become prouder of our organization.

I will choose to remember 2020 as a year of great change and strength for us. Rotary didn't stop, despite the pandemic.

We removed obstacles,found new ways to connect, and embraced new approaches to service, such as online projects and virtual fundraising .Rotary grew stronger this year.

Stories of Rotary Clubs around the world, how they dealt with the situations arising out of the pandemic by using the digital medium to their utmost benefits should give us all reasons to be optimistic about Rotary in the year ahead.

We are not just surviving; we are gaining strength. We are discovering how resilient our organization truly is.

We are seeing for ourselves how Rotary Opens Opportunities; even during pandemics — to grow, connect, and engage our members and the communities we serve.

From our home in Ratzeburg to yours, Susanne and I would like to bid you and your family the warmest of season's greetings.

We can't wait to see the good things that 2021 will bring.





**\*PROJECT SUPPORT\* :**

**On 18.12.2020 a few of our members visited New Light an orphanage in Kalighat Kolkata.**  
 Thanks to generous donations from club members we donated following items as per requirement of the inmates of New Light;  
 A Television, A Steel Cupboard ,Bed sheets with pillow cases , Mosquito nets , Stationary and Coloring sets .  
 It was very satisfying project . Heartwarming to see the smiles on the faces of the children.



123 rd RWM on 20th  
 December 2020  
 Physical Meeting  
 after 9 months

**\*PROJECT ANNA PURNA\***

RC Calcutta Presidency in association with RCC Champahati organised this project on 20.12.2020 at 11 am .  
 Together we coordinated to arrange grain supply for 150 families for two months.  
 A special thanks to "KOLKATA GIVES FOUNDATION" ; they benevolently donated the grains .  
 Thermals Blankets and shawls were donated by members .  
 It was a pleasure to see smiles on the faces of the beneficiaries.  
 In view of the pandemic special arrangements were made to maintain social distancing .



## Rotary At A Glance-Fact Sheet

Rotary unites people from all continents and cultures who take action to deliver real, long-term solutions to our world's most persistent issues. Through volunteering, our 1.2 million members make lifelong friendships that transcend political and cultural boundaries and foster global understanding and respect.

In addition to our 35,000 clubs, Rotary also offers expanded service opportunities including:

**Interact clubs:** bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of Service Above Self. There are more than 20,300 Interact clubs in 159 countries.

**Rotaract clubs:** bring together young adults, starting at age 18, to exchange ideas with leaders in the community, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun through service.

**Rotary Community Corps (RCCs):** groups of non-Rotary members who work to improve their communities. There are more than 7,500 RCCs in 80 countries, all organized and sponsored by Rotary clubs.

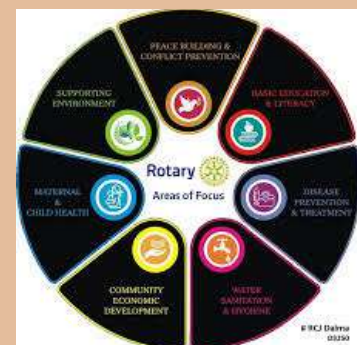
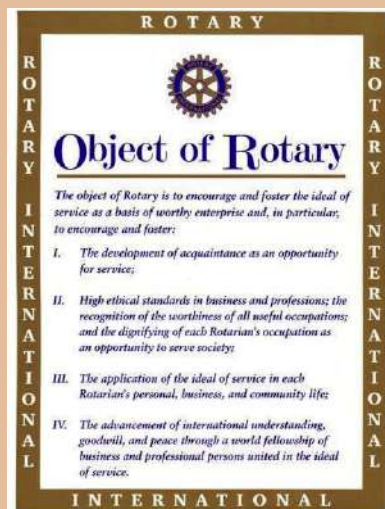
Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. Each year, Rotary members invest hundreds of millions of dollars and countless volunteer hours to promote health, peace and prosperity in communities across the globe. Rotary members take action by providing access to **clean water and sanitation**, supporting **education**, preventing and treating **disease**, saving mothers and children and growing **local economies** and protecting **environment**

### Ending polio

For more than 30 years, Rotary has been the driving force in the effort to end polio worldwide. Alongside our partners in the **Global Polio Eradication Initiative**, we have achieved a 99.9 percent reduction in polio cases, with less than 200 cases of wild polio reported in 2019 compared with 350,000 a year in the late 1980s. Our members have contributed \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect more than 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Today, just two countries continue to report cases of wild poliovirus, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Rotary remains committed to ending polio, and will raise \$50 million per year, with every dollar to be matched with two additional dollars through a matching agreement with the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**.

### History

For 115 years, Rotary members have been addressing challenges around the world. It started with the vision of one man — Paul Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on 23 February 1905, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas, form meaningful, lifelong friendships, and give back to their communities. Rotary's name came from the group's early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of its members.



# Minutes of 123 RWM of Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency on SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2020 AT ISCKON LAWNS: A PHYSICAL MEETING AFTER 9 MONTHS.

Members present 23.

In absence of President Rtn Vinod Bhandari meeting was Presided by IPP Rtn Pradip Jain..

The members highlighted and discussed progress of ongoing projects .

And also plans were discussed for the execution of the upcoming projects - Sulabh Sauchalaya Project.

A group for the Nominating Committee comprising of Rtn. Pradip Jain,Rtn.Vinod Bhandari and Rtn. Raj Kumar Nahata for the upcoming club Board 2021-22 was formed.

Members were requested to send in their name for any post or their Nominations for posts in Board 21-22 by 28th Dec.Nominating Committee after reviewing would announce the board 21-22 in the next AGM to be held on 30th December 2020 on zoom at 6pm.

President Elect Rtn. Asha Gupta announced that Rtn. Amit Gupta would be the Club Secretary in the coming year 2021-22 .It was decided Rtn. Rina Malpani would be President Elect for 2022-2023.

Birthday and Anniversary Greetings for month of Dec extended.



## Did You Know

**Did you know that Countries around the world have honored the work of Rotary with commemorative stamps since 1931; more than 150 nations have issued over 1,000 postage stamps honouring Rotary on various occasions. This is the highest tribute paid ever to any organisation by a nation. The first ever Rotary Postage Stamp was issued in Austria to commemorate the 1931 RI Convention at Vienna. A set of six postage stamps were printed and released on this occasion. The greatest interest in Rotary came in 1955 with the issuance of more than 80 stamps by 27 nations. Belgium was the first country to issue Rotary's 50th anniversary commemorative stamps.**

The Rotary commemorative stamps were all issued to salute our organization —what it stands for and what it is striving to do. They are things of beauty, rarity, and compelling interests, not only commemorating an international organization, but also depicting its commitment to service around the world.

In India too Rotary Stamps have been issued; a set of two stamps were issued in 1987 to commemorate the Asia Regional Conference held at New Delhi and Rotary's Polio Immunization in 1998. India again issued a stamp of ₹ 8 denominations commemorating the Rotary Council on Legislation held at New Delhi on January 12, 1998, and the centennial issue of Rotary services in 2005.

RI has 75 fellowship groups interested in different areas. 'Rotary on Stamps(RoS)' is one of the most active area of 'Recreational and Vocational Fellowships.' Rotary on Stamps is a group of stamp collectors with an interest in the philatelic material commemorating RI, its districts, local clubs and service projects around the world, and it operates in accordance with RI policy. In one of its publications, RI states: "Rotarians who share common interests in worthwhile recreational or a vocational activities are encouraged to associate themselves in groups for the purpose of furthering acquaintance and fellowship."

