



Presidency Times

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Next year, Rotary takes a step toward supporting peacebuilding in the Middle East and North Africa region when recruitment begins for our newest peace center in partnership with Bahçesehir University (BAU) in Istanbul. A series of events in the coming year will recognize the new center at BAU and Rotary's work to promote peace. The 2024 Rotary International Convention in May will mark 25 years since the first Rotary Peace Centers were announced — coincidentally at the Rotary Convention in Singapore in 1999. Recruitment for the first cohort of Rotary Peace Fellows at BAU also starts in 2024, and selected candidates will begin their program in early 2025. Since its beginning, the peace centers program has prepared more than 1,700 peace fellows working in more than 140 countries to create a more peaceful world. That is certainly worth celebrating, but Rotary Peace Fellows are more than statistics

on a page. Their actions have helped Create Hope in the World and will continue to do so. For example, Jennifer Montgomery and Goret Komurembe — peace fellows from the program at Makerere University in Uganda — are co-founders of Magenta Girls Initiative. The international nongovernmental organization equips Ugandan girls and young women with the support and tools to overcome harmful gender norms, generational poverty, gender-based violence, trafficking, and trauma. Ndzi Divine Njamsi, another peace fellow who studied at Makerere, has taken lessons learned about Positive Peace and is sharing them with students of his own in Cameroon. He became interested in the Rotary Positive Peace Activator training program after witnessing extremism, online hate speech, and violence in Cameroon. Since completing the program, he has brought his lessons on peace to students at the Yaoundé International Business School and other organizations in the Central Africa country. The world needs more people like the graduates of the program at Makerere and our other peace

fellows. To that end, we can all advance peace by encouraging our local peacebuilders to learn more about Rotary and apply for this impactful fellowship. Rotary members can also mentor candidates for the fellowship. Or you can work with peace fellows who have already graduated. They probably have an initiative or two that would benefit from your help. Our peace centers in North America, Europe, Africa, Australia, and Asia depend on financial support as well. The program at BAU was made possible thanks to a generous gift of \$15.5 million to The Rotary Foundation from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation. This new Rotary Peace Center will offer a one-year professional development certificate in peace and development studies for fellows focusing on peacebuilding within the Middle East and North Africa region. Peace must be waged persistently; it is the soil where hope takes root. But as with any journey, we take one step at a time. Let's take those steps together.

Matter of pride for RCCP that our member Rtn Shubham Bagaria gets an opportunity to meet the President of India.

RCCP member Rtn Shubham Bagaria meets President Droupadi Murmu along with his father DG (district 3250) Shiv Prakash Bagaria and PDG (district 3250) Rtn Vivek Kumar, they met the President to invite her for a district 3250 conference to be held in Delhi on 23-25 Dec 2023.



PDG Rtn Vivek Kumar (dist 3250), DG Shiv Prakash Bagaria (dist 3250), President Droupadi Murmu, Rtn Shubham Bagaria (dist 3291)

WHAT IS ROTARY?

Fundraisers Helping the community

What you see before joining

What you see once you join

- Teamwork and communication skills
- New friendships and connections
- Speaking and professional development opportunities
- Opportunities for collaboration and networking
- International aid, travel and worldwide friendships



RCCP Celebrated 14th Nov – Childrens Day with a number of different projects.

At Piyali with children and parent at RRA

Parents of young children of Piyali were called to introduce to them the upcoming school Rotary Ramakrishna Academy. Their Questions and doubts were answered by Club Members and Local RCC Partner Barun Mondal. An E-a-s-y school in the making. - it being Childrens day - gifts and goodies were distributed.



A Childrens Day Celebration - organised for children suffering from Thalassaemia and Cancer at SSKM Hospital jointly with 4 other clubs.



Donation for medical treatment of 3 cancer children.

Childrens Day celebrations for Diksha Children at Young Horizon.



They had a unique story telling in the form of a play **Dul Pakhir Ichhepuran** by a troupe who call themselves "Not A Story Teller". And School teachers dance got the maximum cheering. Goody packets, baked with love by a member, were given to all children.



PUJOR MOJA

On 20th Oct our club celebrated Durga Puja with Cancer Fighters especially children in association with Premashraya unit of Tata Medical Centre. It was our pleasure to organise Pandal Hopping for these kids and give them little bit of happiness in their grim experience. Nearly 150 beneficiaries were taken for new own and salt lake puja pandals . Kolkata police was there to escort them.

The smiles on the faces of the children is very heart warming and gratifying.



कैंसर पीड़ित बच्चों के लिए दिवाली मनाई



कोलकाता, 9 नवम्बर (मि.प्र.)। ऐटी रोड और कलकत्ता प्रेमश्री में टाटा मेमोरियल अस्पताल की एक इकाई प्रेमश्रय कैंसर से लड़ने वाले बच्चों के लिए एक घर में दिवाली मनाई। हमने प्रेमश्रय में दिवाली मनाने के लिए विशेष रूप से आवाजित एक सुंदर उत्सव में भाग लिया। पूरा अस्पताल मह घर हमारे कुछ दिन पहले मजो रव रोडों से बागमता हुआ सजाया गया था। सोनत कार्यक्रम प्रस्तुत किया गया और एक आसो 3291 चैर द्वाय जैसे हो रेटोरियम ने गाना गाया, कई बच्चे आगे आए और गाने पर हंस किया और हम भी उनके साथ थे। यह देखकर बहुत अच्छा लगा कि वे अपने दर्द और पीड़ा को भूल गए, भले ही वह थोड़े समय के लिए ही क्यों न हो। फिर हमने सभी बच्चों को कोलमेर टर्पेस्ट, गोपेड नंबर 1 साबुन और जैन्सन बेबी ऑयन वाले उपहार दिए। लुवर पैकेटों में दिए गए ऐसे गुणवत्तापूर्ण उत्पाद शक बच्चे बहुत खुश हुए। यह एक इदरमशीशी परिवारना थी हमने बहुत से लोगों के चेहरे पर मुस्कान ला दी जो अन्यथा अपनी बीमारी से पीड़ित थे।



On 8th November some of our club members took time out of their festival schedule Celebrating Diwali with children of Premashraya -

A Unit Of Tata Memorial Hospital. We sponsored lights for decorating the Premashraya Building and goodies for the children.

Giving them few hours of joy, hoping they forget their pain and suffering during this time. As always a soul stirring project.





On 7th Nov 2023 we had a RWM followed by Grand Diwali Meet at the ambient surroundings of The Reserve. Great Fellowship in true festive spirit –fun games, cards and sumptuous food. **An enjoyable start to Diwali Celebrations**



Thalassemia Awareness Camp

On 4th Oct -We organised a Thalassemia Awareness camp at St Teresa High School. Dr Hom Choudhury was the speaker, he stated that only awareness about Thalassemia could eradicate the disease. The talk was an eye opener. - It is easy to prevent thalassemia affected children to be born by spreading awareness. One blood test proves weather or not you are a carrier, and if you are - choice of partner can be selected, to avoid children being born of thalassemia. He cited that Amitabh Bachan, Pete Sampras , Sonakshi Sinha were some of the carriers, carriers are absolutely healthy Only 2 carriers will bear a thalassemia child. If such a situation arises where both male female partners are positive- best scenario id to adopt a child- or a test is done during pregnancy- if it's positive - the child should be aborted - bearing a thalassemia positive child is putting the child and parents through enormous torture all its short life.



CPR TRAINING AT PUJA PANDAL

Dil ki Suno (a CPR training workshop) in Mudiali Club Durga Puja PANDAL on 16 th October at 5.30 pm. It was done to train volunteers of the puja committee so that they can handle any type of emergency in time of need. Thanks to BM Birla Hospital team for being associated with us in this noble project. As 70 percent of attacks occur at home, all should learn CPR. CPR COULD save many lives.



Saksham at Swaminarayan Temple Joka

On 2nd Oct we had organised Saksham – A LN4 Prosthetic Hand Camp at Swami Narayan Temple Joka. 10 beneficiaries had registered. Camp started with Swamiji's Ashirwad. One beneficiary using his prosthetic hand to sketch after 12 years, was the highlight of this satisfying project. - and all our efforts became even more meaningful.



DIL KI SUNO -A CPR - TRAINING PROGRAMME

On 29thSept 2023 - We had a CPR demo, in partnership with BM Birla Hospitals, for all South City Mall employees. It took 3 rounds of demonstration to cover about 300 employees. Event was attended by our DG Hiralalji and many other dignitaries of the Rotary fraternity. It was a much appreciated project as the awareness of CPR is a must In today's stressful times. In public places like a mall if the employees are aware of CPR many a lives could be saved when the need arises.

Got good media coverage on Tazza Tv, Vishwamitra and Sanmarg.



Minutes of the 180th RWM of Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency held on Saturday 18th Nov 2023 at 9 Am at To Die For Resturant, Ballygunge.



MEMBERS PRESENT - 15, Guests present 2, TEACH FOR INDIA Fellows Sayani and Tanya.

After the National Anthem President welcomed members and guest to the meeting. The minutes of the 179th Meeting was read and confirmed by Rtn Sangita Jain and Rtn Ranjan Ji. President announced that Nominations were open for DG Nominee Post for 2026-2027 and suggested that RTN Sangita and RTN Ranjanji were right candidates to apply for the post.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

President Sangita updated the Past Projects-

- 1) 8 Nov- Premashray, Lights were sent to be decorated. RTN Neena has prepared 75 packets with toiletries to be distributed to all children. Neena, Sangita & Seema attended the event. Neena sponsored Rs.5000/-2) Sangeeta Bajoria and Jaysree sponsored 3 patients by giving cheques for Life Beyond Cancer
- 3) On 14th Nov President with Sangita Bajoria, Pawanji, Abha, Ranjanji had attended a project with SSKM Authorities and LIFE BEYOND CANCER TEAM. packets of Mixed Nuts, Protien breakfast cookie, one Orange Tropicana juice, 2 pkts of Tata Souffull Raagi Chocos was distributed for 70 children. Sangita Bajoria sponsored Rs. 8500/-Separate packets were prepared for 25 volunteers and 10 Dignatories.
- 4) She thanked Seema for cookies, Archana for décor for Diwali meet and Jalshree for children day project at Piyali. on 14TH Nov, Parents were made aware about the facilities that will be provided in the school. Gifts were distributed to the children, tea and snacks to parents along with a sweet box. Sangita Jain updated everyone about the school.
- 5) At Young Horizon, on 16th, for Children's day a play was shown to all, snack packets were given for 334 children, of the evening class. Seema was in charge to organise it all. Guest Kiran donated 5000 towards this project.

Upcoming Events

- 1) Saksham camp to be held at Guwahati and Bhubaneshwar If possible.
- 2) District Diwali meet on 18th Nov at Pirate Bay, Nicco Parks and Resorts. President and Pradeepji has registered.
- 3) At our upcoming CSR Project in Niyahati also, it was considered to do a project for the locality around.
- 4) fix date for picnic as Fellowship. in January 2024.
- 5) EIRWT for Toilets. Pradeepji would be taking care of that project.
- 6) To finally decide PE as name has to be submitted to Rotary by Nov end. Shayani and Tanya were invited to introduce about Teach for India Organization saying how the Calcutta Chapter was operating and its goals for future and criteria for them to get involved in our school. Monday was fixed to take them to visit our school for them to see if possibilities could be there for our partnership

SECRETARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Secretary announced Birthdays and anniversaries of the Rotarian Members. She announced that the next meeting will be held on 2nd Dec. 2023

Birthday Greetings

Rtn. Sangeeta Mukerji - 19 Oct.
 Rtn. Dr. Ramesh Agarwalla - 25 Oct
 Rtn. Amit Gupta - 29 Oct.
 Rtn. Rajesh Bothra - 10 Nov.
 Rtn. Alok Agarwal - 11 Nov.
 Rtn. Abha Lunia - 23 Nov.
 Rtn. Priyanka Gupta- 24 Nov.
 Rtn. Arun Sancheti - 24 Nov.
 Rtn. Shubham Bagaria - 28 Nov.
 Rtn. Rina Malpani - 30 Nov.

Happy Anniversary

TO YOU



Rtn. Ranjan Mussadi & Sunita Ji - 23 Nov.
 Rtn. Dr. U. K. Das & Alka Ji - 28 Nov.
 Rtn. Anu Kothari & Keshav Ji - 28 Nov.
 Rtn. Sunil Lohia & Mamta Ji - 29 Nov.

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 Boss: "Do you believe that there is life after death?" 

Employee: "No, that can't be proved."

Boss: "Well, there is now! Yesterday after you left work saying that you had to go to your grandma's funeral, she called the office looking for you!" 

We Meet Every Month on 1st and 3rd Saturday of the Month at Cosmopolitan Club over Breakfast.

