



Presidency Times



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A unique experience of belonging

With World Polio Day on 24 October, I'm proudly rooting for Rotary as we team up around the world to End Polio Now.

I was thrilled to see Team End Polio raise global awareness around the 2024 Paris Olympics. This world-class roster of athletes, global leaders, and polio eradication supporters came together to advocate for a world where no child has to live in fear of being paralyzed by polio. Some of the athletes on Team End Polio are polio survivors themselves, adding weight to their advocacy. These are just a few examples of the many ways Rotary has teamed up recently to End Polio Now. It

is vital that we continue to seek out and recruit teammates in polio eradication, especially after the challenges our eradication efforts have faced this year. But where there is hardship, there is also hope. I feel hopeful whenever I consider the countless ways Rotary supports the fight every day to eradicate polio. As people of action, we don't have the luxury of giving in to despair, even in the face of tragedy. We made a promise to the children of the world and their families. It is incumbent upon us, together with our global partners, to end this threat once and for all.

There are so many ways we can team up to eradicate polio. You can donate to the End Polio Now campaign, join or initiate a PolioPlus Society in your club or district, or take inspiration from the fundraisers I mentioned above.

I encourage Rotary members around the world to continue to seek out new teammates, so that together, we end polio. With World Polio Day on 24 October, I'm proudly rooting for Rotary as we team up around the world to End Polio Now.





Cricket Fellowship

The Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency recently held a fantastic cricket fellowship that brought together members, spouses, and friends for a day of fun and camaraderie. Everyone joined in, hitting sixes and sharing laughter on the field.

We ended our session with delicious snacks, and as a sweet touch, everyone walked home with a bar of chocolate in hand. It was a delightful way to wrap up our fellowship! We missed those who couldn't join us, but we look forward to many more moments together in the future!

Minutes of 202nd meeting Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency

Date: 28 September 2024

Venue: Saturday Club

The meeting commenced with the President's call to order, followed by the singing of the national anthem.

The minutes of the 201st meeting were read and unanimously accepted. Mr. Bisambharji Newar, a renowned media personality and Chief Editor of Chapte Chapte, was welcomed as the speaker and special guest of honour. Two interactors from Young Horizon, the President and Secretary, were also present and warmly welcomed by the members. We also had the presence of three prospective members.

The President briefed members on the club's upcoming activities:

- **2 October 2024:** Mini Cricket Fellowship at Sky Turf (Kaarnani Estate).
- **Cultural Program at Rotary Sadan:** Co-hosted by the club with participation of four members.
- **3 October 2024:** Project at Navanir Tollygunj (Home for the Aged) featuring donations of medicines and adult diapers worth approximately Rs 20,000. Rashmi will conduct a meditation and breathing session for the inmates.
- **8 October 2024:** Wheelchair Donation at Tata Medical Centre.
- **8 October 2024:** Pandal Hopping for Premashraychildren a home for cancer patients at Tata Medical Centre. Three buses arranged by Kamalji, with snacks and drinks for 160 people sponsored by Jayashree. The event will be flagged off by Dr. Kapoor.
- **Post Diwali Meet:** Scheduled for 9 November.

Mr. Bisambharji Newar then delivered an enlightening speech on the beginnings of Hindi newspapers and emphasized the importance of developing a daily reading habit. He shared insights into media operations and the associated risks. His engaging presentation was met with enthusiasm, with member Mr. Sunil Mall stating, "It was truly a pleasure to have Shri Newarji at our club meeting. His vast knowledge and ability to elaborate on the chosen subject with such clarity are immensely appreciable." This sentiment was echoed by all members.

The Secretary announced the birthdays and anniversaries for the month. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.



Editor's Note

Dear Rotary Members,

As we reflect on the importance of community economic development, it's clear that fostering local economies is vital for building resilient and thriving communities. By investing in local businesses, promoting sustainable practices, and empowering individuals with skills and resources, we can create an environment where everyone has the opportunity to succeed. Collaborative efforts among community members, organizations, and government can drive innovation and inclusivity, ensuring that economic growth benefits all.

In this spirit, we also take a moment to honor Ratan Tata, a philanthropist whose vision and commitment to community development have made a profound impact. His dedication to uplifting underprivileged communities through education, healthcare, and sustainable business practices exemplifies the true essence of giving back. By supporting initiatives that empower individuals and promote social equity, he has inspired countless others to invest in their communities.

As we approach the festival of Deepawali, may this season of light inspire us to illuminate our paths toward prosperity and unity. Let us celebrate the triumph of knowledge over ignorance and the spirit of community. Wishing everyone a joyful and prosperous Deepawali filled with hope, happiness, and new beginnings, reflecting the values that leaders like Ratan Tata embody in their tireless efforts to build a better tomorrow for all.

Rtn. Anju Bothra - Club Editor





Our visit to the Navanir Old Age Home was truly enriching.

Five of us-Sangita Jain, Ashaji, Rashmi, Sangeeta Bajoria, Rashi, and I-had the pleasure of spending time with the wonderful residents there. Rashmi led a class on proper breathing techniques, which was both informative and uplifting.

We also distributed essentials like Ensure, medicine, adult diapers, and bananas to the inmates. The smiles on the faces of the elderly women were incredibly heartwarming, reminding us of the impact of our small gestures.

Let's continue to spread joy and support within our community-every little effort makes a difference!

Msg received for Navanir old age home project done on 3rd Oct -from Binod ji Khaitan "God bless your efforts to help those who suffer due to age . . . the smiles brought tears of joy

PDG Mukul Sinha-Praise worthy. Good job



A Unique Way to Celebrate Durga Puja!

For many, Durga Puja is a time when Kolkata bursts into life, with streets filled with laughter, vibrant pandals, and an electrifying atmosphere. This year, a special initiative called "Pujor Anand" beautifully captures the essence of this celebration. Organized by Premashraya, a residential facility of Tata Medical Center, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency, this event offers a unique experience for those who need it most.

Premashraya serves as a home away from home for nearly 500 underprivileged cancer patients and their families. In a heartfelt effort to ensure that these patients and their caregivers don't miss out on the festive joy, the Rotary Club arranges a special pandal-hopping experience annually. On the morning of October 8th this year, they provided three buses to take 160 patients and their caregivers to explore the beautiful pandals in the Salt Lake area.

To enhance the experience, light refreshments were arranged on board, and for their safety and well-being, an ambulance and police escort accompanied them throughout the trip. The buses were ceremoniously flagged off by Dr. Sanjay Kapoor of Tata Medical Center, alongside dedicated members of the Rotary Club. This thoughtful initiative allows these brave individuals to partake in the joy and wonder of Durga Puja, offering them a moment of respite, happiness, and a true sense of belonging during this festive season. It's a reminder that the spirit of community and compassion can light up even the darkest times, making every celebration truly meaningful.



Minutes of the 203rd RWM on 19th October 2024 at Cosmopolitan club at 9.30 am

The meeting began with the singing of the National Anthem. In the absence of President Abha Lunia, past president Rtn. Sangita Jain led the proceedings. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by the members. This special meeting was honored by the presence of three honorary members. Mr. B.D. Sharma and Dr. Sanjay Kapoor graciously accepted their honorary membership again, while Mr. Bishambarji Newar was inducted as a new honorary member. The president warmly welcomed them all.

The president summarized completed projects, including the Cricket Fellowship, a visit to Navneer Old Age Home, the donation of wheelchairs, and Pandal Hopping for children of Premashraya. She also spoke about SAKSHAM, the club's signature project. Rtn. Ranjan Mussadi highlighted the contributions of the honorary members and conducted a pinning ceremony for all three.

The guest speaker, Dr. Sanjay Kapoor, an oncologist surgeon, shared valuable insights about cancer, discussing its causes, treatment options, and crucial preventive measures in an accessible manner. This was followed by an engaging interactive session with the members.

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Service Project: Donation of Wheelchairs

On October 3rd, we donated seven wheelchairs as a Puja gift for those in need. Two of the wheelchairs were given to Tata Medical Centre, where Dr. Sanjay Kapoor, the deputy director, graciously accepted them. We also donated two wheelchairs to Shramjibji Hospital in Belur, a charitable institution, and another two to Mitra Sangh Hospital in Howrah Maidan. One of the beneficiaries, an elderly lady named Patricia Grant, received a wheelchair that has brought hope and made her daily life a bit easier. The project was led by Dr. Rina Malpani.



HAPPY IN ROTARY

Happy in Rotary, comfortable in Rotary, how?

To feel comfortable and enjoy your time in Rotary, here are some tips that can help:

Participate Actively:

Attend Rotary meetings and events regularly. Active participation will make you more involved and feel like part of the community.

Get to Know Other Members:

Meet and build relationships with fellow Rotary members. The more friends you have, the more comfortable you will feel.

Take Part in Projects:

Participate in service projects organized by Rotary. Contributing to beneficial activities can give you a sense of satisfaction and pride.

Be a Volunteer:

Take the time to volunteer in various Rotary activities and programs. This not only helps the community but also strengthens your bonds with other members.

Learn and Grow:

Take advantage of opportunities to learn from self-development and leadership programs provided by Rotary.

Share Ideas and Initiatives:

Don't hesitate to voice your ideas and initiatives. Rotary greatly values contributions from each of its members.

Enjoy the Process:

Make every activity an enjoyable experience. Try to enjoy every moment and stay positive.

By following these ways, you can feel more comfortable and engaged in Rotary, making your experience more meaningful and enjoyable.



Literacy Project

Scholarship of 30K was given to Sayani Khanra, an engineering student studying in St. Thomas Engineering College, Khidderpore. Dr. Rina Malpani donated the scholarship through Tarachandra and Shanti Maheshwari Trust



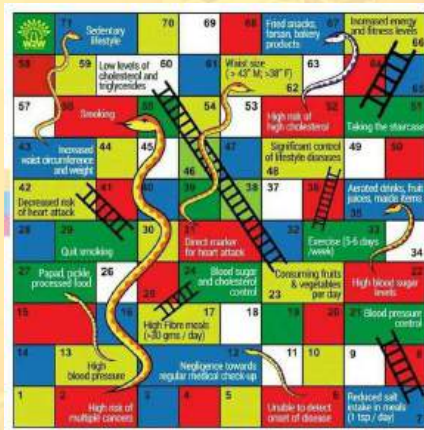
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Happy
Birthday

Sangeeta Mukherjee 19 Oct
Dr. Ramesh Agarwalla 25 Oct
Amit Gupta 29 Oct



This wallpaper is posted by a doctor in his OPD

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We have regular meetings twice a month at Cosmopolitan Club over Breakfast.

