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Rotary International President's Message for the Month of January



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In a garage outside Salinas, California, young people who are learning to restore classic cars are doing more than developing a skill — they are reclaiming their futures. This

training program provides mentorship and, for some, a path away from gang involvement toward meaningful employment. Graduates leave with certifications, practical experience, and hope.

This is what Rotary's Vocational Service Month celebrates each January — the power of bringing together people with unique skills to do good in the world. It reminds us that integrity isn't just about our actions matching our words. Integrity is in everything we do.

The California automotive program has been such a success because it was built on integrity. Members of the Rotary Club of Carmel-by-the-Sea didn't assume they knew what the community needed. They listened. They learned there was a

shortage of skilled mechanics as well as a large number of young people lacking job training. They recognized that technical skills alone wouldn't be enough, so they partnered with Rancho Cielo, a non-profit offering counselling and support services alongside vocational training.

That is The Four-Way Test in action. Those four simple questions help us not judge others but guide us toward genuine, effective service.

Consider our commitment to ending polio. For nearly 40 years, we have promised the world's children we will eliminate this disease. Despite obstacles, we persist, and today we are closer to defeating the virus. Keeping this promise is the very definition of integrity.

The same integrity must drive our vocational service. With 1.2 billion young people in emerging economies reaching working age in the next decade and only 420 million jobs projected, we face a critical gap. Communities long excluded from economic opportunities need our support.

But support doesn't mean imposing our will. It means listening to local needs, building partnerships, and designing projects that communities can sustain themselves.

You have knowledge that can transform lives. Whatever your profession, your expertise combined with Rotary's values creates lasting change. The question isn't

whether you have something to offer, it's how you'll use your skills to serve.

This January, I encourage you to ask how your club can address vocational needs in your community. What skills do your members have that could change someone's life? How can your networks open doors for young people? What partnerships can create sustainable jobs?

Let integrity guide you. Let The Four-Way Test light your path. And let the young people in California and the multitudes worldwide who need job skills remind you why vocational service matters.

Let us celebrate putting our professional skills to work for humanity with integrity at the heart of everything we do.

Handover of two desktop computers at Institute of Social Work, Mominpur



January being the Rotary designated Month for Vocational Service, two desktop computers received from Rotary Club of Calcutta under the Rotary Club of Calcutta Welfare Trust Project "Siksha", were donated to the Institute of Social Work, Mominpur at their vocational centre for empowering the underprivileged youth.

Distribution of Blankets



50 blankets were distributed amongst the residents of "Shelter for Urban Homeless", Kalighat runs by an NGO "Asta". # Energise and motivate teams for maximum participation.





Club Exhibit of RC Calcutta Samaritans at District Conference “Ramdhanu”



President handing over sewing machine to support a vocation of a needy person

DISTRICT CONFERENCE “RAMDHANU”



District Conference “Ramdhanu” held on 10th & 11th January, 2026 at East Side Pavillion, Nicco Park, Kolkata, with grand success. PDG N. S Saravanan was formally welcomed with parade and after Flag hoisting and inauguration of the Club Exhibits Pavilion, PRIP was taken to the main hall for the inauguration session which started with lighting of lamp and dance performance by the group of Kohinoor Sen Barat. The inauguration session included address of the Conference Chair, District Governor, RIPR PDG N. S. Saravanan and concluded with the speech of Chief Guest Lions International president A.P Singh

which was followed by panel discussion on “Synergy in Service”. The panellists were Chief Guest Lions International President A.P Singh and Guest of Honour PRIP Rtn. Shekhar Mehta, moderated by PDG Rabindra Prakash Sehgal.

Two days of Conference was enjoyed by listening outstanding speakers who inspired the audience with their mesmerized orations in various business sessions. We had Ambassador Dr. Deepak Vohra spoke on “How India becomes Bharat”, PDG K. A Kurachan & Mr. Jaiprakash Kabra discussed on “Leadership & Engagement in a Non-profit Organization. Mr. Deepak Rao, who is known as India’s ESP Man addressed on the topic “Extra Sensory Perception”. Discussions held on Prevention is the key – Thalassemia by the key note speaker PDG Dr. Ulhas Kolhatkar and expression by Dr. Subendu Sen. The last plenary session of the first day of Conference was on “Rotary’s Public Image, Communication & Branding” by an excellent speaker Mr. Bharat Dabholkar. Rotary’s Life beyond Cancer team along with Chairman Rtn. Partha Sarkar were recognized on the dais. The renowned national award winning filmmaker and theatre personality Mr. Ashoke Viswanathan was also present and he talked about his upcoming documentary film with help of the Life beyond Cancer for wide awareness of paediatric cancer in the society. After whole day’s enriched sessions, the evening was full of entertainments with Antakksari by Rajat Baid and Musical evening by Manasi Ghosh, Indian Idol Winner.

On second day of the Conference we listened RIDN Gurjeet Singh Sakhon, who spoke on “Membership – Unite for Good”, RIPR PDG N S Saravanan, who discussed on the topic “Power of Giving – when generosity becomes legacy.” EPNC PDG Rtn. Uttam Ganguli and District Polio Chair PDG Rtn. Mukul Sinha discussed on “The Final Mile – Unite to End Polio”. Discussions held on “Redefining Cardiac Care in Era of Innovation” where the keynote speakers were Dr. Nirmal Joshi & Dr. Renu Joshi, Dr. Soma Mukhopadhyay. The most vibrant session was the “Technology – The Human edge in the age of AI” which was conducted by Raul John Aju, a child prodigy. He conducted the session so confidently and efficiently that the entire audience enjoyed the session with interest, inspiration and interaction. Prof. Amlan Chakraborty was also the keynote speaker on this topic. The Motivational Session – Unquit forever which was conducted by Mr. Dipanjan Chakraborty and Mr. Arjun Sen. The musical performances of the Interact Clubs were very enjoyable and the skit performed by the children for awareness of Thalassemia touched everyone’s heart. The last plenary session included panel discussions on “Sustainable Environment” by the panellists Dr. Meena Venkataraman and Mr. Yashwant Deval moderated by PRID Anirudha Roychowdhury.

Wedding Anniversary in January

15th January - Ruby Ray & Rajib

16th January - Shikha Purkayastha & Partha