

**R.I Club No: 85847, Date of Charter: 26.05.2014, MeetingDay: Saturday, Time: 7 pm**  
**Meeting Venue: "Danica", 4th Floor,37, Ballygunge 1<sup>st</sup> Lane, Kolkata – 700 019,**  
**President: Rtn. Jaysree Chatterjee, Secretary: Rtn. Sutapa Dutta, Editor: Rtn. Srabonee Mitra**

November issue

## NOVEMBER IS THE ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

### **Rotary International President Gordon McInally's November 2023 Message**



Next year, Rotary takes a step toward supporting peacebuilding in the Middle East and North Africa region when recruitment begins for our newest peace centre in partnership with Bahçeşehir University (BAU) in Istanbul.

A series of events in the coming year will recognize the new centre 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 Centres 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 centres 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 centres 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 Centre 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.

### **Distribution of Mosquito Nets and Awareness of Dengue & Malaria**

On 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 on the auspicious occasion of Diwali, members of RC Calcutta Samaritans conducted a drawing competition under two categories for the children of RCC Ghatakpur Shreema Mohila o Sishu Bikash Kendra, at the village in Diamond Harbour. One age group was 6-12 and the other age group was from 13-16 years. The prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize winners under two categories were sponsored by RC Calcutta Samaritans. Biscuits and Sweets were also handed over to the RCC President Mr. Shakti Sadhan Ghosh for distribution to the children.

On the same day, an Awareness Campaign was conducted by Rtn. Srabonee Mitra and Rtn. Shikha Purkayastha regarding the measures to be strictly followed by the villagers for prevention of Mosquito prone diseases viz. Dengue, Malaria, Chikungunya etc. 100 (one hundred) Mosquito Nets were distributed to the beneficiaries of the village.



## Children's Day Celebration

Children's Day was celebrated with the children of an Orphanage Home at Kestopur, Chandiberia South, run by the Asian Sahyogi Sanstha India, Kolkata Chapter.

A Magic Show was organized by RC Calcutta Samaritans to entertain the children and the day was enjoyed by cake cutting, food and fun.



## Print Media Coverages of the Project enhance Rotary Public Image



दिवस के अवसर पर, अंकुर क्लब, चांदीबेरिया दक्षिण के केस्टोपुर में भारतीय याई सहयोग संगठन के बाल गृह में अनाथ बच्चों के लिए आरसी कलकत्ता वेटन्स द्वारा एक जादू शो का आयोजन किया गया था। जादू शो के बाद बच्चों को काटा भी कटा गया।  
इंफो इंडिया



ntly, on account of Children's Day, a Magic Show was organized by RC Calcutta ritans for the orphanage children at Children's Home of Asian Sahyog Sanstha at Kestopur, Chandiberia South, Near Ankur Club. After the magic show cake g was done with the children. (EOI Photo)

सम्प्रति शिशुदिवस उपलक्षे आरसि क्यालकटा सामारिटास 'एशियान सहयोग' संस्था'र चिलाड्रेस होमे एकटि म्याजिक शो-एर आयोजन करे। म्याजिक शो-एर पर शिशुदेर केक काटा पर्व सम्पन्न हस।



November is the Rotary Foundation Month – TRF Mission: The Rotary Foundation helps Rotarians to advance world understanding, good will and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment and alleviating poverty.

The foundation was created in 1917 by Rotary International's sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, as an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world." It has grown from an initial contribution of US\$26.50 to more than US\$1billion. It has one of the largest and most prestigious international fellowship programs in the world.

**DISTRICT EVENTS**



*Sutapa Datta – 7<sup>th</sup> November  
Shailja Bajaj – 26<sup>th</sup> November*

