



SHAMBHAVI



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

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R.I President 2023-24

Even as we face new and serious challenges, Rotary takes care of its members and those we serve, works to build lasting peace, and embeds belonging and inclusion in everything we do. That is why I am asking everyone in Rotary to *Create Hope in the World*.

This year, we're prioritizing projects to support mental health. This effort is deeply personal to me. I know what it's like to see someone suffer in silence. I have also witnessed the power of personal connections, the value of discussing emotional and mental well-being, and the lifesaving impact of preventive care and treatment.

Research shows that performing acts of kindness is an effective step any of us can take to protect our well-being. And by building peace within, we become more capable of bringing peace to the world.

Building peace is the essence of Rotary. Many of our service projects foster the conditions for Positive Peace. We work tirelessly to overcome barriers and create new connections. This year, we'll promote virtual international exchanges for members to strengthen those vital connections.

Peace isn't a dream, and it's not passive. It's the result of working hard, earning trust, and having open conversations that may be difficult. Peace must be waged persistently — and bravely. Everything we do across our areas of focus has the potential to foster the hope that can make peace possible.

The spirit of connection and purpose should inspire every Rotary member. When club leaders focus on offering an excellent club experience, we retain more members and attract more prospective members. We must make our clubs as welcoming and as engaging as we can.

Our goal is to create a sense of belonging, from our club meetings to our service activities. We need to continue creating inclusive, welcoming environments where everyone can be their authentic selves. All people of action need to be able to imagine a place for themselves in Rotary — it's up to us to ensure they can do so.

Over the next year, I will be putting a focus on continuing our journey in diversity, equity, and inclusion — ensuring that Rotary reflects the communities we serve and continues to take significant steps toward accessing the full range of human talents and experiences, so that we can better serve humanity. And we will continue to empower women and girls by helping them unlock the potential already within them.

As we begin this journey together, I take inspiration from Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns, who in the 18th century spoke of all the world becoming kin, promoting "sense and worth, over all the earth." This has long been my call to action, and I share it now with you.

Let us build peace within and spread it freely. Let us create belonging and imagine the future of Rotary afresh. Let us work together joyously and *Create Hope in the World*.

CLUB OFFICERS' TRAINING SEMINAR



8th July, 2023 RC Calcutta Samaritans conducted its first regular meeting for RY 2023-2024 followed by COTS. In absence of IPP Rtn. Gita Sarkar, Charter Member PP Rtn. Vaijayanti Bose and Club Trainer Rtn. Srabonee Mitra along with Assistant Governor Rtn. Chirabrata Majumder (Zone 31) officially handed over the Club Charter, Collar, Gong and Gavel to the new President. After the regular meeting, AG conducted COTS and first Club Assembly. A detailed discussions were held regarding various projects to be taken up during RY 23-24 in continuation to our sustaining projects and few preferred projects as stipulated by District Governor Rtn. Hira Lal Yadav during the year 2023-2024. Members also requested AG to help in finding out some companies to approach for CSR funds for opening a school for tribal children at remote rural village of West Midnapore (known as Jangla Mahal) and procurement of a medical van. An orientation of a new member Smt. Tanni Chaudhuri, a renowned Odisi dancer was also done by Rtn. Vaijayanti Bose, the Members Chair of the Club.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF RC CALACUTTA SAMARITANS DURING RY 2022-2023



