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30TH INSTALLATION MEETING

Know Your DISTRICT GOVERNOR



Hiralal Yadav joined Rotary Club of Hooghly in the year 1995. He served as the President of the Rotary Club of Hooghly in the year 1998-1999 & 1999-2000. He is a past Rotaractor. He graduated from Calcutta University. He is a Ply Wood Manufacturer.

He revived the sick club which was recommended to be closed by the then District Governor. He established Rotary Hooghly Eye Hospital in the year 2000 with

Today's Programme

30th Installation Meeting
7pm onwards

President Arvind Agrawal

The Incoming President, Mr. Arvind Agrawal, born on 25th May 1963, is a Third Generation professional. His late grandfather, Bhuramal Agrawal, was a renowned Supreme Court and High Court Lawyer, and was decorated with Medals by the then Queen of England.

His late father, Gobind Prasad Agrawal was an eminent Chartered Accountant, who established the Firm, M/s. G.P. Agrawal & Company, Chartered Accountants, in the year 1954, which is in its 69th year of existence.

He did his schooling partly, from La Martiniere for boys and St Thomas school for boys, kidderpore.

He completed his B.Com in the year 1985, from Bhawanipore education society collage, and got enrolled with the Bar Council of India in the year 1990, after obtaining his Law Degree from the University of Calcutta in the year 1989. He has since been in practicing as a Tax Advocate, and has been regularly appearing before the Hon'ble Calcutta High Court, Income Tax Appellate Tribunal and the Revenue Authorities.



He has been the Past President of many Professional Associations, and is actively involved with many Chambers of Commerce in the Eastern Part

of the country. He is a hard core socialite, and is regular at many Social Clubs in Kolkata.

He has been the President of Rotary Club of Victoria in the year 2016-17.

He is happily married to Rumana, a Civil Engineer with a Degree of Masters in Business Administration from USA.

He is blessed with 3 children, (i) Rian, who has followed his mother's footstep, and is a Structural Engineer from UCSD, and at present he is working as Asset Manager with German Bank of Commerz Real, stationed at New York, (ii) His daughter, Upasna, is a MBA in Finance from Narsinh Monjee College, Mumbai, and had worked with Bains Consultancy, USA, and is at present working with PWC, Kolkata, (iii) Parmesh, youngest of them all, is pursuing in his grandfather's footstep and hopefully should qualify this November as a Chartered Accountant.



Gordon R. McNally
RI President



Hiralal Yadav
District Governor



Arvind Agrawal
President



Vinita Dutt
Secretary



KK Jha
Treasurer



Chhanda Banerji
Editor



District Governor...

only eight members in a rented building. The Rotary Hooghly Eye Hospital became so popular, that a more spacious building was required. He constructed a well-designed 3 storied building for Rotary Hooghly Eye Hospital in the year 2013. Now, Rotary Hooghly Eye Hospital is a complete Eye Care Centre and pride of Rotary District 3291. In the last two decades he has helped eighteen clubs in India and two clubs in Bangladesh to establish Eye Hospitals. He is the Chairman of Rotary Hooghly Eye Hospital, Rotary Gangadharpur Eye Hospital & Kuchaikot Rotary Eye Hospital-Bihar. He is also the Chief advisor/Technical Advisor of 17 Rotary Eye Hospitals.

Presently 55000-60000 surgeries are being done in these Eye Hospitals & 4 lakhs to 4.50 lakhs patients are being treated in the OPD & in Out Reach camps. His dream is to arrange Eye Check-up for 10 lac patients & eye surgeries for 1 lakh patients.

He has served Rotary District 3291 in different capacities and was invited as Guest Speaker in the Training Sessions and Conferences of Rotary District 3250 & 3291.

He is a great supporter of "The Rotary Foundation" & was instrumental in successfully completing 82 Global Grant Projects for different Rotary Clubs in India, Bangladesh, Singapore & UK. He had made arrangements to construct many tube-wells to provide safe drinking water in the remote villages of Hooghly. He also gave new life to 27 needy children by arranging Heart Surgeries in R.N. Tagore Heart Research - Kolkata & at Narayana Hrudyalaya - Bangalore. He was instrumental in setting up a Primary School at Hooghly Railway station for Underprivileged children in the year 2014. He also supports an orphanage - "Vivekananda Ashram" for the last 23 years. He has worked with District Administration of Hooghly in the implementation of Central Government Development Schemes as Nominated Member of the District Vigilance & Monitoring Committee 2012 to 2019.

He is a Major Donor and recipient of the highest Award of the Rotary International - "Service Above Self Award".

He is married to Deepali. She is an active member of Rotary Club of Hooghly. They are blessed with three daughters & one son.

Message from the President



I feel deeply honoured and extremely responsible to have been given another opportunity to serve humanity through this wonderful platform of Rotary movement, as President for the year 2023-24.

I express my thanks to all dear Victorians for reposing faith in me. I was privileged to be the president of this vibrant Rotary Club in the year 2016-17, after completing 22 years as a Victorian.

I joined this Club in the year 1994 on the request of legendary, Dr. Duru Lilaram, and by the persuasion of my dear elder sister, Rtn. Aandhi Shah.

In the words of His Holiness Dalai Lama, "If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. Compassion is a foundation for sharing our aliveness and building a more humane world". Saint Mother Teresa said, "Give until it hurts".

There are many unfortunates around us, and it is our duty to extend a helping hand and serve above self, which is the motto of Rotary.

Rotary International President Rtn Gordon R McInally has announced the theme for the Rotary Year 2023-24 - "Create Hope in the World". The theme calls on Rotarians to inspire and to restore hope through the projects they champion.

The goal is to restore hope - "to help the world heal from destructive conflicts and, in turn, to help us achieve lasting change for ourselves."

The Rotary movement since 1921 has created conditions for peace, opportunity, and future worth living.

This opportunity to serve above self should not be lost, and we as Rotarians in District 3291, should join hands, and give give back to the Society whatever we can.

Rotary Victoria has always believed in service to mankind, and since inception have been carrying out projects, helping the community at large.

Apart from the ongoing projects, myself and my team, with the support of all Victorians, would be undertaking projects for : Conflict prevention, Disease prevention and treatment. Water & sanitation, Maternal and Child health, Basic education and Literacy, Economic and Community development, Preservation & protection of environment and To build Public Image.

We also have plans to do joint projects with the District and other Clubs. Our 5 vibrant Interact Clubs and one Rotaract Club would be supported through sponsors. The plans and programmes envisaged are in line with the 7 areas of focus for the year 2023-24.

We are also working on certain Global Grant applications, under the dynamic guidance of District Governor-Elect, AKS Dr. Krishnedu Gupta.

I end my message, by quoting Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary, who said, "I have no hesitation in saying that world peace could be achieved and made permanent if reared on Rotary's firm foundation of friendliness, tolerance and usefulness"

Jai VICTORIANS

Jai Victoria

Jai Hind

Arvind Agrawal



RI PRESIDENT Gordon R. McNally



Gordon R. McNally was educated at the Royal High School in Edinburgh and at the University of Dundee, where he earned his graduate degree in dental surgery. He operated his own dental practice in Edinburgh until 2016. Gordon was chair of the East of Scotland branch of the British Paedodontic Society and has held various academic positions. He has also served as a presbytery elder, chair of the Queensferry parish congregational board, and commissioner to the general assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Gordon joined Rotary in 1984 at age 26. A member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, he has served as president and vice president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI). He has also served



RI as a director and on several committees, including as an adviser to the 2022 Houston Convention Committee and chair of the Operations Review Committee.

Gordon says he looks forward to working with members to build new Rotary clubs and groups. "My vision is that Rotary should exist everywhere in a style to suit everyone who has the desire to be part of us and to help us do good in the world," he says. Gordon is a patron of the UK-based nonprofit Hope and Homes for Children and led a partnership between that organization and RIBI to support children

in Rwanda who had been orphaned in the genocide there. He is a patron of Trade-Aid, an initiative of the Rotary Club of Grantham Kesteven, Lincolnshire, England, that provides sustainable humanitarian aid to individuals, families, and businesses in the developing world. He is also an ambassador for Bipolar UK, a national mental health organization.

In his free time, Gordon enjoys rugby, good food and wine, and stick dressing, the traditional Scottish craft of making walking sticks.

Gordon describes The Rotary Foundation as "the fuel that provides the energy to do Rotary service." He and his spouse, Heather, also a Rotarian, are Paul Harris Fellows, Major Donors, and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation. They are also members of the Bequest Society.

Gordon wishes to dedicate his presidency to making the world a better place for his granddaughters, Ivy and Florence, to live and thrive.



District Governor Message

Dear President Arvind,

I am joined by Deepali in congratulating you as you don the mantle of leadership of your Club. Taking up a new responsibility is always a challenge and I am sure that you will rise to such a challenge!

I take the opportunity to thank your outgoing President Rtn Sachiv Nijhawan, outgoing Secretary Rtn Roopa Seth Mitra and all your Club members for the dedicated service rendered by your Club during Rotary year 2022-23 as we Imagined Rotary!

Our world leader for 2023-24, Rtn. R. Gordon

McNally has given us a dynamic theme "CREATE HOPE IN THE WORLD". His vision is that Rotary should exist everywhere in a style to suit everyone who has the desire to be part of Rotary and to help us Rotarians do good in the world. His goal is to restore hope to help the world heal from destructive conflicts and to help achieve lasting change, emphasizing the need for peace and continuity, including working toward diversity, equity and inclusion, while not neglecting our mission to end polio!

I consider myself EXTREMELY fortunate to have the opportunity of working with him! Continuing with the major initiative introduced by my GURU, our own Rtn. Shekhar Mehta and followed by his predecessor Rtn. Jennifer Jones - "Empowering Girls" will remain as his focus area also, his other

two focus areas being Mental Health and Building Peace Through Virtual Exchanges.

Rotary, my friend is a unique journey! Rotary gives us colossal opportunities to make new friends, strengthen our bonding with existing friends and together - we get the opportunity to serve mankind to the best of our abilities!

The call to "Create Hope in the World" is there for you my friend! Let us capture the attention of the world and lead the way toward possibilities far beyond our current expectations to Create Hope in the lives of mankind!

Best regards,
Yours in Rotary Service

Hiralal Yadav

Message from DGE



Dear President Rtn Arvind Agrawal,

Hearty congratulations on assuming office as the President of Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria (RCCV) for 2023 – 2024 with Rotary International President Rtn R Gordon R McNally at the helm, taking over from the first-ever lady President of Rotary International Rtn Jennifer

Jones. A joyous moment indeed!!

Being “people of action”, we all are essentially in Rotary for hands-on service. I am sure that you will take up both meaningful and sustainable projects based on the seven “Areas of Focus”, in addition to stressing upon the three important verticals, namely, Public Image, Membership and The Rotary Foundation.

I am positive that you and your vibrant team will support our very able and hardworking District Governor Rtn Hira Lal Yadav throughout the Rotary Year, and “Create Hope in the World” and around our community, imagine Rotary the way you have never done before, and continue making a difference, being an inspiration to connect and open opportunities for others, and serve to change lives!!

It will be my unique pleasure to work with you dear Rtn Arvind and my fellow “Victorians” in the coming years with the common goal of serving humanity.

I am extremely grateful to all the esteemed members of RCCV, past and present, for their unstinting support, continued encouragement, love and affection for the past 26+ years.

Dr Simran joins me in wishing you and our “Victorian family” the very best for a super successful Rotary Year 2023 – 2024.

Kind regards.

Yours-in-Rotary

Dr Krishnendu Gupta

District Governor Elect, 2023-24

RI District 3291

Forth Coming Events

- **8th July** : Inauguration of Vocational Training Camp (under the guidance of Dr. Kanchan Gurtu) At Legal Aid Society - Golpark
- **15th July** : Distribution of 40 tarpaulin to Cycle Rickshaw Pullers
- **16th July** : Musical Meditation & Mental Healing” at Seminar Hall, Alipore Jail Museum Programme by Rotaract Club of Calcutta Victoria . Supported by RCC Victoria
- **22nd July** : First Regular Meeting of RY 2023-24 at HHI at 12.30pm Guest Speaker - Mr. Rajat Agarwala (son of PP Sunita Agarwala)
- **30th July** : Mega Hearing Aid Project at Ideal School for the Deaf in Salt Lake Project in charge - PP Dr. Jai Nath Gurtu

Outgoing President Speaks



Dear Victorians,

It has been an honor and privilege to lead this prestigious Club, Rotary Club Calcutta Victoria for the last 12 months. Thank you members for your support and hand holding which helped us achieve so much. Many

projects done and more on the anvil. The awards are just a reflection of the solid work you have done through the year !!! hearing aids, mother and child wellness, regular health check camps among so many projects.

As I hand over the baton of service to enthusiastic, full of energy PP Arvind Agrawal, I am sure the Club is in good hands and will achieve greater laurels during the year ahead. Here is wishing Arvind Bhaiya, Vinita di, KK and the Team Victoria all the very best in the Rotary Year 23-24

Warm Regards,

Sachiv Nijhawan

President, 2022-23

Outgoing Secretary's Message



My dear Victorians,

It has been a privilege to be part of Team Victoria for the last 12 months. I thank all members for their support and hand holding which helped the team under the Presidentship of Rtn Sachiv to achieve so much. The recent

awards bestowed upon the club says it all.

There are more projects coming up under the incoming PP Rtn Arvind Agrawal and I am sure he and his very competent team are going to do a fantastic job in the coming year and hoping that we surpass this years awards specially under Arvind, Vinita Dutt, KK Jha and Team Victoria.

All the very best in the coming Rotary Year 2023-24.

Warm Regards,

Roopa Mitra

Club Secretary, 2022-23

THE YEAR THAT WAS

Another Rotary Year is over. Like every year the President and his dedicated team have done some very good work in all avenues of service. The effort and dedication of team Victoria have been recognised at the District Awards function. Stated below in a nutshell are the Club Activities of **RY 2022-23**.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Chair: Sunita Agarwala

■ **No. of members:** 43. 3 new members added but club lost 4 members. All members registered with Rotary Central.

■ **Meetings:** Meetings held twice a month. 4 Board meetings and 1 Trust meeting as well as. COTS and Three club assemblies held.



All regular meetings had erudite speakers on varied subjects liked by the members and guests.

■ **Bulletin:** 18 published. Mostly 4 page ones containing all relevant information and articles of interest. Complete and readable.

■ **Fellowship:** 4

■ **Support to the District:** RC Victoria were the Chief Sponsors for Sharad Swikriti Puja Awards and co-hosts to Two events

SERVICE PROJECTS

Community Service (Non Medical)

Chair: Seema Danda

■ **Protecting Our Environment:** A run was organised with Interactors in the SKM IDBI run where participants ran with posters and placards for 'Saving the Environment' and 'Protecting the Sunderbans' by planting Mangrove Saplings.

■ **Disadvantaged Children:** Two events of the evening school run by St. Lawrence

High School were supported; (i) Annual awards programme and (ii) Annual Sports Day. Food packets were sponsored for all participants.

◆ A young lady from rural Bengal was gifted a cycle to enable her to go to school.

■ **Literacy:** Nine computers were installed at Sri Sathya Sai Bal Vihar School in Thakurpukur. DDF funds received from TRF were used for this.

◆ Money from sunshine collection given to Mangal Das for his educational needs.

◆ Educational support for One year was given to 21 children of Solah Bigha Basti at a school run by Anugrah Foundation in Kidderpore area.

◆ Scholarship given for purchase of school books to a son of a disadvantaged flower vendor, studying in class XII.

◆ Sponsored 35 Writers for visually challenged students of classes X,XI,XII, of Lighthouse of the Blind for writing their exams. All of them fared well.



Equipments were installed at the playground of 'Mentaid' for the support of mentally handicapped children.

■ RCC

◆ **At Brindakhali:** (i) Football tournament held over 2 days with 8 teams to celebrate Independence Day. (ii) Sports events organised for over 100 children and youth in January 2023 and prizes in various categories given out. (iii) Cooking utensils and gas range given to a local NGO there, for renting out to villagers for their various functions.

◆ **At Kanthalberia:** Thalassaemia Awareness camp was held, attended by over 100 people.



■ **Blanket Distribution:** 300 blankets distributed in Joynagar and Kalinagar on Christmas Day.

■ **Senior Citizens:** Co-hosted Puja parikrama for 54 senior citizens.

■ **Support to Differently Abled children:** Sponsored 35 writers to visually challenged children of Classes X,XI,XII for writing their board exams.

◆ Under a Global Grant Project ,



Community Service (Medical)

Chair: Dr. Jai Nath Gurtu

■ **Medical Camps:** * A mega Health check up camp held at Bhanu Ramkrishnapur, South 24 Parganas, on 2nd July 2022. Since then regular medical check up



camp were conducted here, mostly every week till December 2022 and twice a month after that. Total 30 camps held. Beneficiaries over 600.

♦ A mega Hearing Aid camp held at the Ideal School for the deaf in Salt Lake, where 52 digital hearing aids were given. This was possible due to generous contributions from World Wide Safety Company and G.L. Mehta Foundation.

♦ Thalassemia awareness camp held at Kanthalberia. Over 100 attended.

remained healthy and delivered healthy babies.

■ **Cancer Care:** Club member Lata Bhatia and President Sachiv Nijhawan ran in the TATA MARATHON in December to raise funds for paediatric cancer patients.



be able to earn and support their families.

YOUTH SERVICE

Chair: Varsha Ghatak

■ RCCV has Five Interact Clubs of Calcutta International School, Pratt Memorial School, P.B. Academy School, St. John's Diocesan School and St James School. Also have one



Rotaract club: Rotaract Club of Calcutta Victoria. All of them are doing excellent work and are pride of Victoria.

■ Organised a mega sports meet with children and youth at RCC Brindakhali where over 100 participants took part in various sports events.

■ A 5 km run for environment was organised in February 2023 along with Interactors. This was "For Saving the Environment" and "Protect the Sunderbans".



■ **Mother and Child Project:** 13 pregnant women from Bharu Ramkrishnapur area received antenatal and postnatal care throughout. Medicines and supplements were provided regularly. All women

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Chair: Vinita Dutt

■ Two certificate courses in tailoring of 6 months duration each 60 young Women have now been EMPOWERED and would

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

■ **Mentaid:** Global grant #1637079 with Mentaid, an NGO working for children and adults with intellectual disability was started in 2011. The final leg of the grant was done in March 2023 wherein equipment was installed in the playground.

■ **Computers:** 9 computers were given at Sathya Sri Bal Vihar School. DDF funds received from Rotary Foundation (DG # 2236691) were used for this. 276 students would be the beneficiaries.



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Chair: Dr. Krishnendu Gupta

■ Club has raised \$ 5600 for TRF in RY 2022-23.

Polio

Chair: Sarah Macwan

■ Participated in all SNIDs organised in

Ward 69. Food packets given to all health workers. Organised auto rickshaws draped in banners "To Keep India Polio Free" written on them to go around the lanes and by-lanes in ward 69.

PUBLIC IMAGE

Chair Col. Man Mohan Burman

■ At the Sharad Swikriti Puja Award

programme banners were put up on all major puja pandals. car stickers were put on cars of over 100 Rotarians and Rotaractors.

■ At the final of the football tournament held at Brindakhali the team members wore jerseys with the Rotary logo and RC Calcutta Victoria written on them.



Eye Checkup & Cataract Detection Camp in RCC Kanthalberia

The first project of Rotary year 2023-24, was held on 1st July 2023 at RCC Kanthalberia under Kanthalberia Suchetana Mahila Samity. A team of Victorians led by President Arvind Agrawal attended the project. The team reached Kanthalberia around 10am. They were greeted and welcomed by Samir Safui, Kabita Safui and others. Doctors and staff of Dakshin Barasat Eye Hospital were already checking patients. Our member Dr.O.P Agarwal checked a few patients too. Patients detected with cataract would be taken to Dakshin Barasat Eye Hospital after the camp, admitted for a day and returned the next day. The camp started at 10 am and went on till 2 pm. Free medicines and spectacles were also given out. Rtn. Sunita Agarwala sponsored biscuits for the villagers attending the camp. A special Sandesh

cake sponsored by RCC chair Gayatree Dhar in honour of the new president, Dr. Agarwal who's birthday is tomorrow (2nd July), and Rakesh Macwan who's birthday was on 30th June was cut by the three. An induction talk was given to proposed new member Usha Choudhuri by PP. Rakesh Macwan. Lunch was a huge spread consisting of vegetarian as well as non vegetarian items was then served.

Number of beneficiaries - 60.

Cataract detected - 13

Members attended - President Arvind Agrawal, Secy Vinita Dutt, Rtn. Dr.O.P. Agarwal, PP. Sunita Agarwala, P.P. Rakesh Macwan, P.P Sarah Macwan, PP. Gayatree Dhar, IPP Sachiv Nijhawan and proposed member Usha Choudhuri.



Awards Function



Prizes received:

- **FIRST Prize:** (i) Women Empowerment, (ii) Welfare of Senior Citizens
- **SECOND Prize:** Computer Literacy
- **THIRD Prize:** (i) Community Support, (ii) Thalassemia Awareness
- ◆ **APPRECIATION CERTIFICATE:** (i) Polio, (ii) Mother Teresa Literacy Award, (iii) Vocational Training
- ◆ **RCC KANTHALBERIA:** SECOND Prize in Vocational Service;
- ◆ **RCC BRINDAKHALI:** Certificate of Appreciation

The much awaited District Awards ceremony took place on 24th June 2023 at G.D. Birla Sabhaghar. Clubs were recognised for the good work done throughout the year.

Rotary Calcutta Victoria received EIGHT prizes under the leadership of President Sachiv Nijhawan. Also our **Two RCCs** received an award each.



Rotary International President's Citation received

Congratulations

In the Annual Interact Meet TWO of the Interact clubs received a prize each.

■ IC of Calcutta International School received **SECOND** prize in Care for Animals

■ IC of P.B. Academy School received **THIRD** prize in Community Service (Non Medical).

Great Job! We are mighty proud of you Interactors. Keep it up.





Team Victoria 2023- 24



Arvind Agrawal
President



Sachiv Nijhawan
Immediate Past President
Club Administration



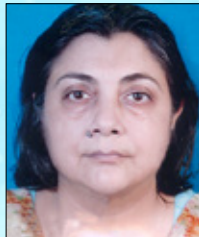
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President Elect



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Secretary



Kashmiri Marwah
Jt Secretary



Kaushlendra Kumar Jha
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Sergeant-at-Arms



Chhanda Banerji
Editor



Sachiv Nijhawan
Editor



Rakesh Macwan
Club Trainer | Falicitator

Standing Committee Chair 2023-24



Sunita Agarwala
Club Administration



Vibha Mehta
Membership



Col. Man Mohan Burman
Public Relation



Dr. Jai Nath Gurtu
Service Projects



Dr. Krishnendu Gupta
Rotary Foundation

Sub Committee Chair 2023-24



Dr. Jai Nath Gurtu
Community Service –
Medical



Dr. O.P. Agarwal
Community Service –
Eye Care



Sutapa Das
Community Economic
Development (Non-Medical)



Chandrakala Agrawal
Vocational Service



**Col. Man Mohan
Burman**
International Service



Bal Krishna Agarwal
Youth Service

Nihar Dugar
Youth Service



Sarah Macwan
Polio & NID



Gayatree Dhar
Rotary Community
Corps (RCC)



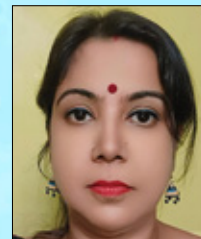
Nitish Jain
Disaster Management



Seema Danda
Mother & Child Health



Rakesh Macwan
Water, Sanitation &
Hygiene




Bipasha Banerjee
Basic Education &
Literacy

“Religion, to help mankind, must be ready and able to help him in whatever condition he is, in servitude or in freedom, in the depths of degradation or on the heights of purity; everywhere, equally, it should be able to come to his aid.”

– Swami Vivekananda

Homage



Sister Cyril Mooney, an Irish nun and ex principal of Loreto School, Sealdah passed away on 24th June 2023 in Kolkata, in her 86th year.

She was Honorary member of RC Victoria some years ago. RC Victoria had worked with Sister Cyril on various projects and have fond memories of the association, like the Rainbow School, Sharad Parikrama, Housekeeper’s Training programme (a matching grant project), Night Shelter for destitute young girls and women. PP Mukul Mittra had designed the night shelter and supervised the construction. Much work was done during the Presidentship of Lila Bhoopal. Quite a few Victorians had personal relationship with the revered Sister. A fine lady totally devoted to her work, she was a great champion of girls education and women’s empowerment.

May her soul rest in eternal peace.



Rotary & You

Some members keep their
Rotary Club strong
While others join and just belong
Some dig right in, some
serve with pride.
But some go along just for the ride.
Some volunteer to do their share.
While some sit back and just don't care.
On meeting days some always show
But then there are those who seldom go.
Some always pay their dues ahead,
Some get behind for months instead.
Some do their best,
some build, some make,
Some never give, but always take.
Some proclaim "the club is mine",
and try to make the others whine.
Some boast "I am the best",
making members' patience a test.
Some lag behind, some let things go
Some never help the Rotary Club grow
Some drag, some pull,
some don't some do.
Now please decide,
which one of these is you?

Courtesy:
Cross Roads, (RC Singapore)

PROPOSED PROJECTS DURING THE YEAR 2023- 2024

1. Peace and conflict Prevention/Resolution

- ◆ Awareness Programme at RCCs/Schools/ Vipassana/Pranic Healing
- ◆ International Night (23rd Feb.)(World Peace & Understanding)

2. Disease Prevention and Treatment (MEDICAL)

- ◆ Monthly Health Check up Camp at Bhauri Ramkrishnapur
- ◆ Monthly Health Check up Camp Brindakhali
- ◆ Cervical Cancer Project
- ◆ Polio Eradication
- ◆ Hearing Aid Project
- ◆ Child Heart operation
- ◆ Joint Projects with other Clubs

3. Water and Sanitation

- ◆ Toilets and Sanitation at Village/School level
- ◆ Water Filters at Village/School level

4. Maternal and Child Health

- ◆ Adoption and monitoring of 15 pregnant women of villages through out their Pregnancy
- ◆ Awareness campaign for female health hygiene at RCCs/School

5. Basic Education and Literacy

- ◆ Basic Education and Literacy of Children at RCC'S
- ◆ Writers for blind

6. Economic and Community Development (NON MEDICAL)

- ◆ Employment for unemployed Yoga Training
- ◆ Training for stitching and Sewing at RCC's (Suchikala & Sewing Machine)

- ◆ Blankets, Mosquito Net & other Utility items for distribution

- ◆ Old Age Home (Kasba Divine Society/ Navnear)

7. Environment

- ◆ Training for Composting and Organic Farming at RCCs
- ◆ Medicinal and Fruit bearing Tree Plantation at Multiple locations

8. Other Projects

- ◆ District/Other Club Joint Projects
- ◆ Support to interactors/Rotaractors (through Sponsors)
- ◆ Public Image Projects/Tarpaulin for Rickshaw
- ◆ Sharad Parikrama
- ◆ Independence day celebration/Sports

Minutes of the 1326th Regular Meeting along with the Club Assembly and COTS of Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria held on Saturday, 24th June, 2023 at the Hotel Hindustan International at 12.30 pm

■ President Sachiv Nijhawan called the 1326th Meeting to order.

■ President welcomed all members and guests. Mr Vikram Tantia the ZS was welcomed and invited to join the President on the head table

■ National Anthem was sung by all present led by PP Gayatri Dhar

■ The minutes of the 1324th and 1325th meeting were confirmed-both proposed by Mrs Gayatri Dhar and seconded by Mr Rajneesh Mehta.

■ The Rotary Club of Calcutta Flag and Bulletin Chaka, which the President received during the Goodwill visit, were circulated among the members.

■ The President welcomed Mrs Usha Chowdhury guest of Sunita Agarwala.

■ President's Announcements

- ◆ Rishi Jindal our Rotaracter has been appointed as the District Rotaract Representative (DRR).
- ◆ Charter Nite celebrations of the club held on

16th June was a great success.

- ◆ The yearly dues of all members have been cleared.

◆ Thanked his team and all the club members for their participation in the club projects and having the made the year 2022-2023 a success, the club having been awarded with 9 prizes.

■ President requested senior member Rtn Shashi Rohatgi, to continue her good work of leading goodwill visits. Rtn Shashi Rohatgi spoke a few words and appreciated the President being a humble person and the good work which he and his team had done during the year.

■ Mr Rakesh Macwan was invited to the head table to conduct the COTS. He spoke elaborately touching all aspects of the duties of the incoming team and answered queries. This was taken over by PP Vikram Tantia the Zonal Secretary, who spoke elaborately on the subject and thereafter the incoming President Mr Arvind Agrawal spoke on his plans and contemplated

projects for the year.

- ◆ Dr Krishnendu Gupta was invited to give the Vote of Thanks to PP Vikram Vikram Tantia and PP Mukul Mitra gave a token of appreciation to PP Vikram Tantia.

■ Secretary's Announcements

◆ Birthday greetings went out to Varsha Ghatak for 23rd June, Dr Krishnendu Gupta for 25th June, Rakesh Macwan for 30th June, Dr O P Agarwal for 2nd July, Dr Joyshree Dhar for 3rd July and Dr Madhuchanda Kar for 4th July.

◆ Anniversary greetings were extended to Past President KK Jha and his spouse Sabita for the 28th June

◆ The next regular meeting would be the Installation meeting of the incoming team spearheaded by Rtn Arvind Agrawal and fellowship to be held on the 6th July 2023 at the Calcutta Swimming Club at 7 pm.

◆ As there was no other business, the meeting was terminated at 3 pm