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PASSING THE BATON



the year gone by, which resulted in the club receiving numerous awards from the district. He thanked his whole team particularly KK Jha, Chhanda Banerji, Rakesh Macwan, Roopa Mitra and Sutapa Das. He thanked his family for their unstinted support, wife Archana, daughters Saivi, Ishani. PP Rakesh Macwan who introduced DGE Dr. Krishnendu Gupta, mentioned about his family, especially his spouse Dr. Simran, a well established doctor with many laurels. Dr. Krishnendu is not only the first AKS in RID 3291, but also the FIRST member of RCCV to become DG (2024-25). Dr. Krishnendu Gupta

The 30th Installation Meeting of Rotary Calcutta Victoria was held on Thursday 6th July 2023 at Calcutta Swimming Club, whence Arvind Agrawal was installed as the 31st President. The programme started exactly at 7.00 pm and finished within the stipulated time thanks to the expert execution by the Masters of ceremony, PP Col. M.M.Burman and PP Rakesh Macwan. Chief guest for the evening was District Governor Hiralal Yadav and Guest of Honour District Governor Elect AKS Dr. Krishnendu Gupta. Sachiv Nijhawan, President 2022 - 23 welcomed everyone present. Programme commenced with Ganesh Vandana rendered beautifully by PP Sunita Agarwala. After singing of the National Anthem and confirmation of the minutes, the felicitation programme



commenced. First Lady Deepali, DGE, his spouse, all the PDGs and the District core team who were all there, were felicitated. Sachiv Nijhawan in his message congratulated his team 2022-23 for an excellent year of service and fellowship and extended good wishes to Arvind Agrawal, President 2023-24 and his team. He spoke about the major activities of

was rather emotional and spoke about his journey in Rotary. His introduction by charter president late Dr. Duru Lilara in 1997, his

Today's Programme
Open House



Gordon R. McNally
RI President



Hiralal Yadav
District Governor



Arvind Agrawal
President



Vinita Dutt
Secretary



KK Jha
Treasurer



Chhanda Banerji
Editor



becoming a director in PP Lila Bhoopal's team in 2000-01, becoming Club Secretary during presidency of Col. M.M. Burman and then after some years President in 2017-18 whence the club celebrated its 25th year of service and fellowship. He also remembered PP Late Dr. Joydeep Banerjee, a fine Rotarian whom he had introduced to the club. He spoke about all those in Calcutta Victoria and in the District 3291 as well as members of his family and others who have all made an impact in his journey thus far.

This was followed by the most important event – the passing of the baton. Sachiv Nijhawan, President 2022-23 handed over the collar, charter, hammer and gavel to Arvind Agrawal the new President of RY 2023-24. President Arvind Agrawal in his acceptance speech stated that in his second innings as

President he would strive to 'create hope in the world'. He highlighted the programmes and projects he planned to do and try and increase membership strength as well as support Rotary Foundation.

Outgoing President and Secretary were presented with gifts by the incoming President and Secretary, for their service to Rotary and the Club.

Two new members were inducted on this special day – Smt. Usha Chowdhury and Somnath Dutta, in the traditional Rotary way. District Governor Hiralal Yadav was introduced by Col. M.M. Burman. He remembered our Past President Late Santosh Arora and her spouse PP Ratan Arora of RC South East and acknowledged Santosh Arora's contribution in procuring numerous 'matching grants' for RID 3291 and for helping him understand the procedure for it.

He also remembered Aandhi Shah a dedicated, exceptional Rotarian. He fondly acknowledged Past District Governor Prabhat Rohatgi, who was his DG. He complemented the Victorians, stressed upon membership growth & retention and support to the Foundation. The Foundation needed to be strengthened. Rotary was not for distributing blankets, mosquito nets etc. but for taking up long term big challenging projects. Eradication of Polio, making India 100% literate, skill development etc. were the thrust areas. Rotary tries to make the world a better place. His earnest appeal was 'Enjoy Rotary and make it enjoyable so that more people join.' He signed off by saying 'Create hope in the world, in one's community and in the world'.

District Governor was thanked and felicitated by President Arvind Agrawal. PE Rajnish Mehta gave the vote of thanks. At the conclusion of the meeting a lucky draw was conducted by PP Col. M.M. Burman. Seven attractive gift hampers were there to be won, coupons for which had already been given out. Some prizes were won by Victorians and some by District officials. Registration desk was ably managed by Kashmiri Marwah, PP Seema Danda, Sudipta Sen and PP Gayatree Dhar and gifts and hampers for the lucky draw by PP Sunita Agarwala and PP Sarah Macwan. After the programme everyone was invited for dinner and fellowship which all enjoyed.

COTS & FIRST CLUB ASSEMBLY

The COTS & First Club Assembly for RY 2023 - 24 was held on Saturday 24th June 2023 after the regular meeting at 1.30 pm. Arvind Agrawal, President 2023-24 welcomed Vikram Tantia, Zonal Secretary (ZS) 2023-24. Assistant Governor (2023-24), Dr. Kunal Roy was unable to attend as he was unwell. Club Trainer PP Rakesh Macwan conducted the COTS. He made the following observations:

Points to be noted:

1. The Club must have a CLP-Club Leadership Plan.
2. Book – Rotary Basics (teaches all about Rotary)
3. Presidents Role:
 - a. Must engage all members to do projects and attend meetings
 - b. Must communicate and work with the DG, ZS
 - c. All members to be registered in "My Rotary"

4. Secretary's Role:

- a. Responsible for keeping records of all meetings, Jt meetings etc
- b. Bye Laws and Constitution must be kept and maintained and all changes recorded.
- c. COL of last year has to be incorporated in Bye Laws
- d. Check on goals of the President and should be updated
- e. Club Membership classification to be updated
- f. In December and June ,membership list must be updated

5. Treasurer's Role:

- a. Half yearly invoices must be sent to all members and receipts to be given against payments
- b. Members to be divided into Club Committees for various projects.

Mr Vikram Tantia the ZS of our Club took the

Assembly and congratulated the President and Secretary

ZS and AG will forward all the details and information to the Rotary Clubs of the zone.

The President has to lead from the front and members must know about the goals.

Continuity of the Project should be there

The Club must try and do Jt Projects with other Clubs and Global Grant with other Clubs.

- ◆ Must try for CSR Funding
- ◆ Monthly schedule for Projects to be done
- ◆ Invite PDG'S and DG in some projects
- ◆ Design a project on designated months.
- ◆ Upload Rotary India regularly as well as on Central in My Rotary.
- ◆ The Polio project must be supported even now.
- ◆ The Bulletins must be uploaded
- ◆ One meeting should be for new members to apprise them of the rules of Rotary
- ◆ Missing You cards to be sent to absentees
- ◆ Vote of Thanks given by Krishnendu at 2.20 pm

ATMA NIRBHAR

A vocational training programme for 13 women was inaugurated on Saturday, 8th July 2023 at Legal Aid services of Bengal at Keyatala Lane, Kolkata, under the guidance of Dr. Kanchan Gurtu. The training programme would consist of stitching, hand embroidery, beautician course including finger nail art. The 13 students who were to receive training were explained the modality of the course by Dr. Kanchan Gurtu. It would initially be for for 6 months. Depending on the response and progress the course would continue for another 6 months. The 2 teachers Paramjeet Kaur and Manpreet Kaur were introduced to the students. The course would begin from 8th July itself. Classes would be held on Saturdays and Sundays

from 11am to 1 pm. The club would be sponsoring the course material and the salaries of the 2 teachers. Certificates would be given to the students on completion of the course. Programme ended with a vote of thanks by PP Vinita Dutt. Food packets and refreshments were distributed to all present. Victorians who were present were Vinita Dutt, Bipasha Banerjee, Sachiv Nijhawan, Gayatree Dhar, Sudipta Sen, Sunita Agarwala, Dr. Jai



Nath Gurtu and his spouse Dr. Kanchan Gurtu. Four lady advocates, associated with legal aid services who were present there showed keen interest in the project.

SAHAAYTA



FORTY Bicycle Rickshaw Pullers from Lake Garden area received one tarpaulin each, measuring 10ft by 4ft on Saturday, 15th July

2023. PP Gayatree Dhar organised this wonderful project and made all arrangements near her house. All the tarpaulins had the name of Rotary Victoria, the logo of Rotary wheel and the Rotary theme printed on them, thus enhancing Rotary's public image. The rickshaw pullers were very happy as the tarpaulins would protect them and the passenger from scorching sunlight and rains. A

very good community service project indeed. Biscuit packets were distributed to all of them, sponsored by PP Sunita Agarwala. This project was started by Arvind Agrawal when he had taken over the mantle of leading the club the first time. In between the project had stalled. This is the 4th year of the programme. Victorians who attended were President Arvind Agrawal, IPP Sachiv Nijhawan, Dr. O.P. Agrawal, Past Presidents B.K. Agarwal, Sunita Agarwala, Rakesh Macwan Sarah Macwan, Seema Danda, Vinita Dutt, K.K.Jha and Gayatree Dhar. After the event all were treated to a sumptuous lunch at Gayatree Dhar's home which ended with good fellowship.

AT THE JAIL MUSEUM

July 16, 2023: Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria, in association with IDFC First Bank and managed by Rota Talks Foundation and ISKCON, New Town, organized a Power Pack Musical Meditation and Mental Well Being Programme under the caption, "let's break the negative lifestyle handcuffs and step towards a positive lifestyle". The Meditation Programme was conducted by HG Shri Prema Svarupa Das, Spiritual and Life Coach. The event started with the felicitation of Chief

Guest, GOC-in-Command Major General H. Dhanmarajan. He was accompanied by his gracious wife and daughter. Rtn. Arvind Agrawal, President, felicitated the Commanding Officer, and the Past President Rtn. Sunita Agarwala felicitated the lady guest. HG Shri Prema Svarupa Das started with the discourse of Bhagavad Gita. He narrated and explained the importance of 2 Chapters of Bhagavad Gita, specifying the teaching of Lord

75 were in a state of trance. At the end of the first session of the musical meditation, His Grace Shri Prema Svarupa Das had an interaction with the participants and the programme concluded with the second round of meditation. The following Victorians attended the programme:- Rtn. Col. Man Mohan Burman, Rtn. Sunita Agarwala, Rtn. Usha Chowdhury, Rtn. Lata Bhatia, Rtn. Rajnish Mehta, Rtn. Arvind Agrawal with his spouse Rumana.



Krishna to Arjun at the Mahabharata battle field. The musical meditation was spell bounding and the entire audience and participants numbering approx.

The programme was held at Alipore Jail Museum, which is a historical monument, well maintained by the Government of West Bengal. The organizers expressed their thanks to the Curator of the Alipore Jail Museum, and special thanks to the Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria. More than 85 registrations were made on-line. The cost for the project was approx. Rs.17,500/-.



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

To Create Hope in the World

RI President Gordon R McNally has asked all Rotarians to Create Hope in the World. His priorities are:

■ **Pushing Polio eradication to the finish line**, for this is Rotary's top humanitarian priority until Rotarians deliver on their promise to protect children everywhere from Polio. Rotarians had the audacity to take on this mission and they have the tenacity to finish the job.

■ **Prioritising Mental Health:** This year projects are being prioritised that aim to support mental health. This effort is deeply personal to him for he has seen someone close to him suffer in silence. He has also seen the power of personal connections, the value of discussion and the life saving impact of preventive care and treatment. Performing acts of kindness is one of the most effective steps to protect one's well being. By building peace within, one becomes more capable of bringing peace to the world.

■ **Fostering Peace:** Building peace is the essence of Rotary. Many of Rotary's

service projects foster the conditions for Positive Peace. This year virtual international exchanges would be introduced for members to build virtual connections. Peace is not just a dream, neither is it passive. Peace MUST be waged persistently – and bravely.

■ **Creating a welcoming club experience** – When Club leaders focus on offering an excellent club experience, members are retained and attract more prospective members. One must make one's club as welcoming and engaging as one can. Goal should be to create a sense of belonging – from club meetings to every service activity that is offered and create a welcoming environment.

Quote from an 18th century Scottish poet Robert Burns, who spoke of all the world becoming kin, promoting "Sense and Worth over all the Earth".

Our RIP's call to action: Let Us Work Together Joyously, Build Peace Within and Spread it Freely as we *CREATE HOPE in THE WORLD.*

Happy Birthday!



Sudipta Sen – 24th July

Rajnish Mehta – 25th July

Sunita Agarwala – 30th July

Nitish Jain – 31st July

Lila Bhoopal – 31st July

Nihar Duggar – 31st July

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

AKS Dr. Krishnendu Gupta have donated US Dollars \$2500 (equivalent to INR 2,07,500/-) to the existing "Endowment Fund" instituted in the memory of his parents in The Rotary Foundation in June 2023. This is his contribution in RY 2022-23. Thank you Krishnendu for your generosity.

Know thy City

The famous 110 feet high Tala Tank which has just been restored has been the lifeline of city's water supply system for 112 years. It is the world's largest mild steel overhead tank and has survived the vagaries of nature. A heritage structure, it has withstood 3 earthquakes and 3 major cyclones. It can store 3.6 crore liters of water.



Rotary
ROTARY CALCUTTA VICTORIA
3RD MEGA DIGITAL HEARING AIDS PROJECT

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 DG HIRA LAL YADAV
GUEST OF HONOUR :
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Special programme for outreach school on their Foundation Day on 25th July, 2023 at 11.00 am. All are cordially invited.