

DIWALI FELLOWSHIP



This year the first fellowship was held on Sunday 5th November 2023 at a beautiful venue Erwin Bart immediately after the conclusion of the Regular Meeting.

Members attending with their spouses were approximately 40. The evening was celebrated as a precursor for Diwali festivities and started with Tambola which was very well organised by Rtn Vibha Mehta and the calling of the numbers was done by PP Col Burman. All the members played the game with keen interest and won attractive prizes which were very nicely organised by Rtn. Sunita Agarwala.

This was followed by a lucky draw of two gift hampers which were very nicely packed and decorated by her. The cost of the tickets for the hampers was priced at Rs. 100/- and was purchased by all members present. The beautiful hampers were won by DGE Dr



Krishnendu Gupta and PE Rajnish Mehta. Finally the members bonded over drinks and an excellent spread and the festivities carried on till late in the evening.

It was indeed an excellent fellowship thoroughly enjoyed by the members and everyone thanked President Arvind for organising such a wonderful event.

– Rajnish Mehta

UPCOMING PROJECT

Thalassemia Detection camp will be held at Uttar Padojala on 3rd December, 2023 at 10 am.



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INTERACTORS IN ACTION



The Principal of St. James School, Dr. T.H. Ireland, and the Teacher Incharge of Interact Club of St. James School, extended a cordial invitation to our Club for the, "Festival of Light 2023", being organized at their School campus on Thursday, 9th November 2023. The Interactors organize such events every year, to bring sparkle of joy on faces of 200 less-unfortunate children. To celebrate the Festival of Light, 'Diwali', event of music, song and dance was dedicated to these children.

Tollywood Actress, Anindita Roy also performed a classical dance, which was enjoyed by all. To entertain the young children, a juggler had been invited and he thoroughly entertained the young audience.

The President of Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria, Rtn. Arvind Agrawal and the incoming President Rtn. Rajnish Mehta and his gracious wife Rtn. Vibha Mehta attended the programme.

- Vibha Mehta



At the event, a young girl performed aerial acrobatics (Picture enclosed). The Chief Guest of the event was ex-student of the School Mr. Sagar Daryani, the Co-Founder of WOW MOMO. He announced that on the occasion of Festival of Light, he would treat the entire B-School students with MOMOs. At the last, a Musical Band by the name, "ARO project", performed to which the students danced to the tune. There were more than 100 students of the B-School and approx. 300 from St. James School and about 100 guests attended the programme, and thoroughly enjoyed the event, which lasted for more than 2½ hours.



The inauguration of the event was done by the Principal of St. James School, in the presence of District Governor 3291, Rtn. Hira Lal Yadav, and Past District Governor Rtn. Rajni Mukherjee, along with small children of the B-School (Picture enclosed). The senior students of the B-School performed Ganesh Bandhana dance sequence. The past student and the current student School Band performed at the event. The students also performed dance sequences.

Sharing Happiness

An initiative taken by the Interact club CIS to express gratitude to the support staff by distributing diyas painted by the middle school students and sweet boxes.



Goodwill Visit



We were a considerably stronger contingent of 5 representing our club in the RCC Inner City meeting in Calcutta club on 10th Nov 2023. President Arvind, Dr Shashi Prabha, Dr Joyshree Dhar, PE Rajnish Mehta and Rtan Nitish Jain were present. President Arvind exchanged flags with the Inner City President Ronit Roy. Mementoes were given by us to their President and Secretary. We were truly inspired by their club projects. Their membership strength was just like ours and as members were as vibrant as Victorians. The guest speaker Bibi Russel is an

internationally acclaimed fashion designer who works for women and weavers empowerment on a large scale. She had promoted the Gamcha on a international level and currently works with weavers in Dhaniakhali in West Bengal. An interactive session was conducted by the M.C with her and the audience and the wit and humor of the members was outstanding. Our old member Dr duru Lila ram was remembered by their President and mentioned that Victoria and Inner City ties go back a long way.

– Nitish Jain

Happy Wedding

Anniversary

*Roopa & Sidharth Mitra
20th November*

*Varsha & Sabuj Ghatak
24th November*

*Chandra Surana &
Poonam 24th November*

*Sutapa & Pradosh Das
25th November*

*Anurag & Suhanjana Daga
25th November*

*Dr. Krishnendu & Simran
Gupta 26th November*

*Chandrakala & Suresh
Agarwal 1st December*

Toilet Project in progress and nearing completion in Joynagar area!





Minutes of the 1334th Regular Meeting of Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria held on Saturday, 5th November 2023, at the Grounds of Edwin Bart at 6.00 PM

- President Rtn. Arvind Agrawal called the 1334th Regular Meeting to order.
- National Anthem was sung by all present.
- Minutes of the last 1333rd Meeting were approved by Rtn. Col. Burman and seconded by Rtn. Rajnish Mehta.

■ President's Announcements:

- ◆ Rtn. Dr. J.N. Gurtu informed that, writers would be required for 33 students of Blind School. The total cost would be Rs.700/- per student for 33 students . total Rs.23,100/-.

He made a generous offer to sponsor the entire cost. The President appreciated his generosity, but requested him that the Club would bear half the cost, as it has already been budgeted, and the rest half he can sponsor, to which he agreed. The President also informed that the food packet to the students and teachers would be sponsored by the Club. Dr. Gurtu mentioned that he would like to sponsor any future project

- ◆ Rtn. Sashi Prabha Rohatgi communicated that the next goodwill visit will be on Friday the 10th November 2023 to visit Rotary Club of Innerscity at Calcutta Club at 6.00 PM. She informed that at least 5 to 6 Victorians should attend.

- ◆ Dr. Gurtu submitted his updated report on the Hearing Aids provided to the students for Ideal School of Deaf. As per report, all the Hearing Aids are regularly maintained and all the children's and their family are benefitting. Check-up of the Hearing Aids are done regularly. The President informed that, this is an on-going project, and should continue the subsequent years by getting CSR funds.

- ◆ President informed that the District Diwali Meet will be held on 18th November 2023 at NICCO PARK. Registration charges Rs.1,600/-. The e-Invite Cards were circulated on the WhatsApp Group.

- ◆ Rtn. Gayatree Dhar asked the house, if a project on Children Day could be arranged for about 43 children and the Teaching Staff at IPER school at Lake Gardens, Kolkata. The students would be provided with Drawing Books, Colored Pencils etc. for a Drawing Competition, and food packet would be provided. The President took the consent of the house and a sum of Rs.5,000/- was sanctioned for the project.

- ◆ Rtn. Gayatree Dhar informed that, she is getting regular requests from RCC, Parul Daha Samaj Siksha Kendra, to hold Medical Camp for which 2 MBBS Doctors are willing to conduct such Camp

twice a month, but would be charging Rs.4,000/- per month. The President pointed out that, by holding the Camp would not be sufficient. Medicines would also be required, to fulfill such purpose.

Rtn. Dr. Kishnendu Gupta and Rtn. Dr. J.N. Gurtu suggested that the attending doctors should inform what general medicines they would require for such Camp, and after getting feedback from them, then to decide holding such Medical Camp.

- ◆ Rtn. Gayatree Dhar also informed that the RCC at Kanthalberia was requesting to hold Thalassemia Testing Camp to detect positive cases.

Rtn. Rakesh Macwan was requested to arrange for such testing to be conducted at a concessional rate from known Laboratory and accordingly such Camp would be held. The total cost for this project would be Rs.25,000/-.

- ◆ The President informed that, the Polio Awareness Programme was conducted in a befitting manner on 24th October. President Arvind Agrawal, PP Rakesh and PP Sarah Macwan and IPP Sachiv Nijhawan attended the program. He requested all the members to contribute towards Polio TRF Fund. He announced that, he would be contributing US \$100. The other members who consented to give their contribution are, namely, Rtn. Lata Bhatia, Rtn. K.K. Jha, Rtn. Nitish Jain, Rtn. Dr. Krishnendu Gupta, Rtn. Vinita Dutt. The President thanked them. He would once again request all the members for such contribution.

- ◆ Rtn. Dr. Krishnendu Gupta was asked to inform the members for obtaining Cervical Cancer Vaccines for the young girls so vaccination camps could be held. Rtn. B.K. Agarwal informed that he could obtain Vaccines at a concessional rate. Rtn. Rakesh Macwan & Rtn. Dr. Krishnendu Gupta were requested to make a project report with budget for administration of Cervical Cancer Vaccination and the project would be taken up thereafter

- ◆ The President informed that, as the Pratt Memorial School Interact Club are finding it difficult to hold their Installation due to on-going exam. and other engagements. He suggested that the Teacher Incharge and students be called at the next Weekly Meeting. He mentioned that, Rs.5,000/- would be given from the Club for the future projects to be taken up by the Interactors of the School. He informed that, he would co-ordinate

and invite them at the next Regular Meeting on Saturday the 18th November 2023.

- ◆ The President asked the house to suggest a date for Club Assembly. The matter was discussed and the house suggested that, the 2nd Club Assembly can be held in the month of December 2023.

- ◆ The President informed that he has been reminded by Rt. Dr. Kanchan Gupta to pay next 2 months salary to the Vocational Teachers who are conducting regular classes at Legal Aid Society. He informed that, the payment would be made in the coming week.

- ◆ IPP Sachiv Nijhawan informed that the Toilet Project work at Joynagar was being done at full speed and will be completed very soon. He submitted ongoing bills to the President towards the material cost and labour cost.

- ◆ The CSR funds received by the Club Trust are being used for this project. Accordingly, the amount deposited with HDFC Bank of Rs.2,17,000/- be transferred to the Union Bank of India, and the contractors bill to be cleared at the earliest.

- ◆ Rtn. Gayatri Dhar informed that the contribution for on-going Tailoring Project "SUCHIKALA" at Kanthalberia is due and requested to pay it at the earliest. She also requested to pay the sanctioned amount for Second-hand Sewing Machine.

- ◆ The President informed that the payment would be made at the earliest.

Secretary's Announcements

- ◆ Birthday greetings were extended to Aandhi Shah for the 6th of November, Gayatri Dhar for the 12th of November.

- ◆ The President suggested that, as tomorrow 6th November 2023 is birthday of Rtn. Aandhi Shah, few members should visit her place with flowers and fruits. Rtn. Gayatri Dhar and Rtn. Vinita Dutt volunteered for the same

- ◆ There being no business to discuss the meeting was terminated at 7 p.m. and the members, spouses and guests were invited to enjoy the fellowship.

CONDOLENCE

Deepest Condolences to **PP BK Agarwal** for the sad demise of his youngest brother May God give him and his family strength to bear this loss.