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AT THE LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND



For 22 years RCC Victoria has been supporting visually challenged students of lighthouse for the Blind H.S. School that was established in 1941. Sponsored by Government of W.Bengal, the Institution provides general education with provision for pre-vocational training. It also provides Vocational Training and Rehabilitation. Total no. of students here is now 110 with 45 staff members. RCC Victoria has been providing 'Writers' for the students who appear for the Board Examinations. This year too our club sponsored 33 Writers for students of classes X (7), XI, (14) & XII(12). The event was held on Tuesday, 5th December 2023 afternoon at their school premises. PP Dr. Jai Nath Gurtu who started this noble project and is instrumental

in carrying on actively with this project every year started the programme with a welcome speech. This was followed by two songs sung beautifully by a couple of students of the school. Principal Shri Amiya Satpati spoke about the Institution and its various activities. He thanked Rotary Calcutta Victoria especially Dr. Jai Nath Gurtu for supporting the students. He hoped that from next year some extra amount can be given for the writers as cost has escalated. A cheque of Rs. 23800/- (the cost of 33 writers and food packets) was handed over to The Principal of the School. 50% of this was sponsored by Dr. Jai Nath and Dr. Kanchan Gurtu. As President Arvind Agrawal could not attend the programme

Assistant Governor Rakesh Macwan addressed the audience and promised that our club would always be there for the students. He wished the examinees Best of Luck for the Board exams. Rtn. Sohini Banerjee warmly spoke to the students in Bengali. Vote of thanks was given by PP Chhanda Banerji. Victorians who attended were Dr. Jai Nath Gurtu, spouse Dr. Kanchan Gurtu, AG Rakesh Macwan, Sarah Macwan, Chhanda Banerji, Col. Man Mohan Burman, Sachiv Nijhawan, Sunita Agarwala and Sohini Banerjee.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME
Club Assembly



Gordon R. McNally
RI President



Hiralal Yadav
District Governor



Arvind Agrawal
President



Vinita Dutt
Secretary



KK Jha
Treasurer



Chhanda Banerji
Editor

REPORT ON SNID – POLIO PROJECT



SNID was on Sunday, 10th December 2023 and RCCV participated in administering polio drops to children. We assembled at Ward No 8 corporation office which is the central polio vaccination distribution centre. We put up banners making the general public aware to KEEP INDIA POLIO FREE. Though India has been free from polio our neighbours Afghanistan and Pakistan have still not been declared Polio Free. As such the onus is on us to ensure that the vaccination continues and that there is

no cross infestation from our neighbours. The battle is not over as yet and we continue to fight this dreaded disease. The members who attended were Past Presidents Rakesh Macwan Sarah Alka Macwan and Sachiv Nijhawan. Ex member and Past President Arnab Sen was also present Past District Governor Mukul Sinha and his wife Rakhee also came to the project. Polio drops were given by the PDG and members who attended. Food packets were distributed

to the children who came to the booth. On the same day we arranged for miking on loud speakers in North Calcutta to make people aware of Polio and urge them to bring their kids for polio vaccination. A tempo was hired and our banner put up on it and it went around North Kolkata announcing that vaccination should be given to the children to Keep India Polio free. We also administered oral vaccines to the children in North Kolkata.

Reported by Rakesh Macwan

Report on Detection of Carriers of Thalassemia by Blood Test At Uttar Padmajala Ramnagar on 3rd December 2023



Jodhpur Park were picked up and they accompanied PP Rakesh Macwan and PP Sarah Alka Macwan to the site where the project was being held at the Radha Krishna Mandir Uttar Padmajala. Earlier RCCV had conducted a Thalassemia awareness camp at the same place where DGN Dr R Homchoudhry was the main speaker at the Awareness camp

This detection camp was a follow up to detect carriers of Thalassemia. The camp started at 10 AM with Registration where copies of Aadhar Card, one Photograph, and their telephone numbers were recorded. A steady flow of young boys and girls got their blood samples drawn by the technicians. At the end of the camp a total of 67 blood samples were drawn. The blood test reports will be delivered to us in six days time. If any of the samples are found to be carriers the respective person and their parents will be properly counselled. A total number of people who got tested were 67 in numbers. Number of Rotarians who attended were 2 The number of RCC members who attended were 3. All goals set out for 65 people for blood test were achieved.

Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria along with its RCC Kanthalberia Suchetna Mohilla Samity and Pratik Mohilla Samity organised a free blood testing camp for the detection of Carriers of Thalassemia on 3rd December 2023. Two technicians from Ashok Laboratories



Reported by Rakesh Macwan

Eye Camp Held & Cataract Surgery at Kanthalberia



An eye camp was held on 23rd November 2023 with the help of our RCC Kanthalberia Sucheta Mohilla Samity from 10 AM. The object of this eye camp was to screen villagers for cataract surgery. The Rotary club of Dakhin Barasat Eye Hospital helped us by sending their team of doctors and optometrists to screen out patients who had cataracts. By the end of the day 86 patients were screened and a total of 31 patients

were found with cataract. Out of these patients only 26 reported for surgery. These 26 patients were taken by bus to the eye hospital at Dakshineswar Barasat Eye hospital for cataract surgery. They spent the night at the hospital where preliminary tests will be carried out and the surgery performed in the morning. The RCC representative present at the hospital brought back all the patients to Kanthalberia after their surgery and send them back to their respective

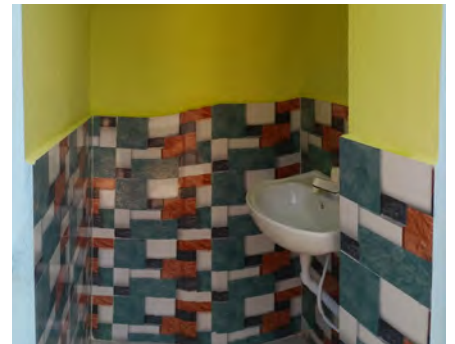
homes. These surgeries were done free of cost and there was no cost for their stay and food.

After one week all the patients were given a follow up check to ensure that their surgery was a success. They will also be provided spectacles free of cost. The total cost of the project was Rs7000.00 and the immediate number of beneficiaries 26 for cataract surgery and 86 beneficiaries for the screening camp.

Reported by Rakesh Macwan

TOILET PROJECT At VILLAGE PADUA, JOYNAGAR AREA

2 ladies toilet, bathroom for ladies, 2 gents toilet and a pump house constructed in the market area of the village



Activities of Interact Club of Pratt Memorial School

Teacher Coordinator Ms. Kar thanked the President for RC Calcutta Victorias support through the years at regular meeting. After introducing the new Board, she elaborated on the various projects being done by the Interactors during last year. She mentioned that the students teach poor children and they were given Rs.6000/- yearly as a token for their time and efforts.

Children of Leprosy Ashram are being taught by them and school bags were given to them. During Covid Days they were also given gifts. One Wheelchair was given to a needy person. 6 persons were given Rs. 600/- worth of free ration.



Office Bearers of IC Pratt Memorial
 President: Samia Kalim
 Treasurer: Khushi Sharma
 Secretary: Sara Sahab

Congratulations



Dr. Madhuchanda Kar receiving FRCP, Edinburgh from the President of Royal College of Physicians in November 2023. Congratulations! We are all so proud of you Dr. Madhuchanda.

FAMILY NEWS

Diptayan Banerjee, son of Rtn. Bipasha Banerjee & Debashis Banerjee passed his ISC from Don Bosco, Liluah with 90% marks. He is now in first year college studying English literature as his major. He recently represented his college in an



exchange programme with St. Joseph College, Darjeeling.

Diptayan is an ardent lover of music and his passion is creative writing. We wish him all the best.

Happy Birthday!



Bipasha Banerjee • 5th December
Siddharth Jhajharia • 18th December
Anurag Daga • 25th December
Kashmiri Marwah • 28th December

Happy Wedding Anniversary



Chandrakala Agrawal & Suresh
 1st December
BK Agarwal & Neelu
 5th December
Sandeep Mukherjee & Sumedha
 14th December

Minutes of the 1335th Regular Meeting of Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria held on Saturday, 18th November 2023, at Hotel Hindusthan International at 12:30 pm

- ◆ President Arvind Agrawal called the meeting No. 1335th meeting to order at 12.30. pm.
- ◆ National Anthem was led by the President of Interact Club of Pratt Memorial School and sung by all
- ◆ Soft Copy of the Bulletin was sent to all on Whatsapp
- ◆ Minutes of the last meeting were approved by Rtn. Lata Bhatia and confirmed by Rtn. Rakesh Macwan.
- ◆ IPP Sachiv Nijhawan informed that the Toilet project was progressing well. The Plaque of RC Calcutta Victoria made in Marble was put up. The toilets will be ready soon.
- **President's Announcements**
- ◆ President Arvind Agrawal invited all to attend the wedding reception of his daughter on 16th December at Edwin Bart, Gurusuday Road.
- ◆ Childrens program would be held on 22nd Nov, 2023 at IPER. This project was being organized by PP Gayatri Dhar. Members were asked to attend.
- ◆ On 3rd December, 2023 Thalassaemia detection will be held in Uttar Padjala. Ashok Laboratories will do the testing and the cost of the project will be Rs. 25000/-.
- ◆ On 23rd Nov, 2023 Eye Checkup Camp would be done In Kanthalberia and patients detected with cataract will be taken to the Rotary Eye hospital in Dakshin Barasat for surgery. They would stay overnight and would be brought back the next day. Patients would not incur any costs.
- ◆ Vaccination for prevention of cervical cancer would be done once Dr. Krishnendu Gupta is back in town.
- ◆ President invited Ms. Priscilla Kar, teacher coordinator of Interact Club of Pratt Memorial School who introduced the office bearers of the Interact Club for the Rotary Year 23-24 and gave a report for last years activities. Gifts were given to all students by President, KK Jha and Lata Bhatia.
- ◆ President mentioned that Interschool Debate should take place in December.
- ◆ Rs 5000/- was given to the Interact Club of Pratt Memorial for their projects and Rs. 5000/- for the Christmas Hospice project.
- ◆ President announced that Club Assembly would be on 2nd December, 2023 before the Regular Meeting.
- **Secretary's Announcements**
- ◆ There were no birthdays in the next 2 weeks. Wedding Anniversary greetings were extended to Roopa and Siddharth Mitra for 20th November, Varsha and Shobuj Ghatak for 24th November, Chandra and Poonam Surana for 24th November, Sutapa and Pradosh Das for 25th November, Anurag and Suhanjana Daga for 25th November, Dr. Krishnendu and Simran Gupta for 26th November and Chandrakala and Suresh Agarwal for 1st December.
- ◆ Next Regular Meeting would be held on 2nd December along with the Club Assembly
- ◆ There being no other business to discuss the meeting was terminated at 2.30 pm.