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Today's club program

Installation of club officers and Induction of new members

President Kusum Chamaria and members of Rotary club of Salt Lake Metropolitan Kolkata welcome Rtn Hiralal Yadav, Governor, 2023-24, Governor Elect Dr Krishnendu Gupta, past Governor Rajkumar Rajgharia, Governor Nominee Dr Ranendu Homchaudhury, Assistant Governor Subrata Roy, Zonal Secretary Anup Kumar Sur, District Officials, Presidents and Secretaries of nearby clubs, well-wishers and volunteers of Service Projects and family of new members at the 16th Installation of the club. Let the new Rotary year begin with your blessings and choicest wishes

Message from past Governor Ajay Agarwal

Dear President Kusum,

I am delighted to see you once more as leader of your wonderful club!

There are numerous happy memories of the association I have had with the members, and of the projects which I was witness to along the way.

Especially dear to me is MATRI RAKSHA which was a pioneering effort, and conceived with determination by PP Dr Aruna Tantia with help from Rotary Foundation.

I would like to compliment members for the service being rendered by them, and also extend my best wishes to you for CREATING HOPE and doing good to the community!

With regards

PDG Ajay Agarwal.

History of Women in Rotary

Women are active participants in Rotary, serving their communities in increasing numbers and serving in leadership positions in Rotary. The 1989 Council on Legislation vote to admit women into Rotary clubs worldwide remains a watershed moment in the history of Rotary.

"My fellow delegates, I would like to remind you that the world of 1989 is very different to the world of 1905. I sincerely believe that Rotary has to adapt itself to a changing world," said Frank J. Devlyn, who would go on to become RI president in 2000-01.

The vote followed the decades-long efforts of men and women from all over the Rotary world to allow the admission of women into Rotary clubs, and several close votes at previous Council meetings.

The response to the decision was overwhelming: By June 1990, the number of female Rotarians had skyrocketed to over 20,000. The number of women members worldwide reached 195,000 in July 2010 (about 16% of Rotarians) and surpassed 277,000 in July 2020 (about 23%).

A top priority for Rotary is growing and diversifying our membership to make sure we reflect the communities we serve. We know that our capacity to increase our impact and expand our reach is larger when more people unite with us, which is why we value *diversity, equity and inclusion*. Rotary celebrates and welcomes the contributions of people of all backgrounds, regardless of their age, ethnicity, race, color, abilities, religion, socioeconomic status, culture, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

Our timeline highlights historic milestones and senior leadership firsts that have helped build greater diversity in Rotary. These leaders and all our female members are making positive change in communities around the world.

Timeline of women in Rotary

1950

An enactment to delete the word "male" from the Standard Rotary Club Constitution is proposed by a Rotary club in India for the Council on Legislation meeting at the 1950 Rotary Convention.

1964

The Council on Legislation agenda contains an enactment proposed by a Rotary club in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) to permit the admission of women into Rotary clubs. Delegates vote that it be withdrawn. Two other proposals to allow women to be eligible for honorary membership are also withdrawn.

1972

As more women begin reaching higher positions in their professions, more clubs begin lobbying for female members. A U.S. Rotary club proposes admitting women into Rotary at the 1972 Council on Legislation.

1977

Three separate proposals to admit women into membership are submitted to the Council on Legislation for consideration at the 1977 Rotary Convention. A Brazilian club makes a different proposal to admit women as honorary members.

We meet calendar months' 2nd & 4th Saturdays at GPT Group, JC 25, Salt Lake, Kolkata 700098 at 6.00 PM

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The Rotary Club of Duarte, California, USA, admits women as members in violation of the RI Constitution and Standard Rotary Club Constitution. Because of this violation, the club's membership in Rotary International is terminated in March 1978. (The club was reinstated in September 1986.)

1980

The RI Board of Directors and Rotary clubs in India, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United States propose an enactment to remove from the RI and club constitutions and bylaws all references to members as "male persons."

1983-86

In a lawsuit filed by the Duarte club, the California Superior Court in 1983 rules in favor of Rotary International, upholding gender-based qualification for membership in California Rotary clubs. In 1986, the California Court of Appeals reverses the lower court's decision, preventing the enforcement of the provision in California. The California Supreme Court refuses to hear the case, and it is appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

1987

On 4 May, the U.S. Supreme Court rules that Rotary clubs may not exclude women from membership on the basis of gender. Rotary issues a policy statement that any Rotary club in the United States can admit qualified women into membership.

The Rotary Club of Marin Sunrise, California (formerly Larkspur Landing), is chartered on 28 May. It becomes the first club after the U.S. Supreme Court ruling to have women as charter members.

Sylvia Whitlock, of the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, becomes the first female Rotary club president.

1988

In November, the RI Board of Directors issues a policy statement recognizing the right of Rotary clubs in Canada to admit female members based on a Canadian law similar to that upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

1989

At its first meeting after the 1987 U.S. Supreme Court decision, the Council on Legislation votes to eliminate the requirement in the RI Constitution that membership in Rotary clubs be limited to men. Women are welcomed into Rotary clubs around the world.

1990

As of June, there are about 20,200 female Rotarians worldwide. The Rotarian runs a feature on women in Rotary.

1995

In July, eight women become district governors, the first elected to this role: Mimi Altman, Gilda Chirafisi, Janet W. Holland, Reba F. Lovrien, Virginia B. Nordby, Donna J. Rapp, Anne Robertson, and Olive P. Scott.

2005

Carolyn E. Jones begins her term as the first woman appointed as trustee of The Rotary Foundation.

2008

Catherine Noyer-Riveau begins her term as the first woman elected to the RI Board of Directors.

2012

Elizabeth S. Demaray begins her term as RI treasurer, the first woman to serve in this position.

2013

Anne L. Matthews begins her term as the first woman to serve as RI vice president.

2019

Brenda Marie Cressey begins her term as the first woman to serve as vice-chair of The Rotary Foundation. In April-June 2019 she serves as chair of the Foundation, the first woman appointed to this role.

2022

Jennifer Jones begins her term as the first female president of Rotary International.

Spectrum welcomes new members

Spectrum welcomes the following young women Rotary Salt Lake Metropolitan Kolkata's new members, who are expected to lead Rotary fraternity in future:

1. **Amrita Chatterjee:** Amrita is pursuing PhD in Mass Communication and employed with South Asian Forum for Environment (SAFE) grossly, though not wholly, engaged in improving livelihood and environment of East Calcutta Wetland.

Years back she had represented this Rotary District as a member of Group Study Exchange (GSE) team and thereafter was a member of Rotary Salt Lake Metropolitan Kolkata. She stepped down from Rotary membership to meet pressing family and professional commitments.

Amrita is happily married to Dr Dipayan Dey, an eminent environment specialist and is proud mother of Harshiv, an eleven-year old smiling boy.

'**Environmental Service**' is Amrita's classification. Her birth and wedding anniversary days are March 25 and January 16 respectively.

2. **Meenal Chaudhary:** Meenal did her PG diploma in Textile Designs (PGDPD) from National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad.

She had rare hands on experience and international exposure of working with globally renowned personalities in the field of Textile designs, namely Ritu Kumar, Sabyasachi Mukherjee, Rajesh Pratap Singh, and overseas experts, among others.

Meenal has acquired hands on working skills in the fields of Jamdani, Kantha stitch, batik and tie & die techniques, among many others.

Over last 12 plus years, Meenal runs her own Textile Design firm, titled '**Meenakari**', where she provides end-to-end solutions for all fabric and garment related needs.

Meenal is married to Rahul and is proud mother of 12 years old Isha and 9 years old Sana.

'**Textile Designer**' is the apt classification of Meenal. Her birth and wedding anniversary days are November 1 and January 29 respectively.

3. **Priyanka Agarwal:** Self-employed Priyanka, a qualified Chartered Accountant, is grossly engaged in her business of trading of disposable products.

Priyanka is married to Vaivhav and is proud mother of 4 years old Nishant.

'**Distributor, disposables**' is the classification of Priyanka. Her birth and wedding anniversary days are August 21 and April 28 respectively.

President Kusum and member of Rotary Salt Lake Metropolitan Kolkata strongly believe that induction of Amrita, Meenal and Priyanka to Rotary enhance the strength of club in respect of serving community. President Kusum further expects that the new members would soon assume and discharge leadership roles in the club and beyond.

RCSLMK's recent past programs



PP Dr Aruna Tantia participated on behalf of RCSLMK as Community partner in DOCATHON 2023 held on July 2, 2023

Rtn Rajesh Chirimar organizes Blood Donation Camp

Club member and Mayor-in-Council, Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation Rajesh Chirimar lead Blood Donation Camp in Salt Lake on Saturday, July 1, 2023, where 350 young persons donated blood. Successful achievers of local school students were recognized at the same venue at the same venue.

COTS & first club Assembly of 2023-24

A banner for the Club Officers Training Seminar (COTS) for Rotary Club of Salt Lake Metropolitan Kolkata. The banner includes the Rotary logo, the text 'CLUB OFFICERS TRAINING SEMINAR (COTS)', the date '30th JUNE, 2023 (FRIDAY)', and the slogan 'CREATE HOPE in the WORLD'. It features five circular portraits of the participants: Gordon R. McNally (RI President 2023-24), Hiralal Yadav (District Governor 2023-24), Subrata Roy (Asst. Governor 2023-24), Kusum Chamaria (President 2023-24), and Dr. Chitra Ray (Secretary 2023-24).

Rotarian Subrata Roy, zonal Assistant Governor (AG), 2023-24 conducted Club Officers' Training Seminar (COTS) and first club Assembly of year 2023-24 in the afternoon of Friday, June 30, 2023 at the club venue.



PP Dr Aruna shared clubs' Strategic Plan, narrated identifiable strengths and weaknesses of the club, presented completed, ongoing and upcoming service projects in line with strategic plan, proposed team of leadership.



AG Subrata summed up with his commends and visible observations, which club leadership is expected to follow.

Rotary Salt Lake Metropolitan July 1, programs

RCSLMK's first day of year 2023-24 begun with felicitation of club's own Doctors and Chartered Accountants on the occasion of *Doctor's Day and Chartered Accountants Day*. President Kusum Chamaria felicitated them.

Later, the 21st Health screening and treatment Camp, "*Matri Raksha*", for fighting Anemia in Women was held



President Kusum Chamaria felicitates PP Dr Aruna Tantia and PP Uma Shankar Agarwal on July 1, 2023 on the occasion of celebration of Doctors' Day and CAs' day respectively. Dr GS Goyal and Dr Rekha were also felicitated



Doctors examine and prescribe ailing women at the 21st Matri Raksha Screening and Treatment Camp held at SBI, Sakher Bazar, Behala on July 1, 2023.



President Kusum, at the center, leads the 21st Matri Raksha Screening and Treatment Camp held at SBI, Sakher Bazar, Behala on July 1, 2023. Detailed report shall follow.

Rotary International President Gordon McNally's July 2023 Message

Posted by Gordon McNally, Rotary International President 2023-24



In President Gordon McNally's July 2023 Message, he says that 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 he is asking everyone in Rotary to Create Hope in the World as we prioritize projects to support mental health, continue our journey in diversity, equity, and inclusion and as we build peace within, we become more capable of bringing peace to the world.....

MY CALL TO ACTION

To Everyone in our Rotary Family,

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.

Gordon McNally

President, Rotary International

MATRI-RAKSHA

Brief outline of the Global Grant 1991152

Purpose:

'Fight against Anemia in Women'

Objectives:

Treat women of Anemia by screening and treatment and prevent by educating them

Title: 'Matri-Raksha' - protection of mothers

Scope of work: Provide screening camps, minor and major surgeries, medicines, awareness training, healthcare professional training and providing diagnostic equipment at community health centers

Sponsors: Rotary club of Salt Lake Metropolitan Kolkata of District 3291, India and Rotary clubs of Nidau-Biel, Biel-Bienne, Biel-Buttenberg of District 1990, Switzerland:

Grant Partners: Rotary Foundation India, the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International,

Since inauguration in virtual presence RI President Shekar, there have been 21 screening and treatment camps held till date



Dr Om Tantia, Editor, Spectrum on July 10, 2023



Lakshmi & PP Siddhartha Tantia on July 3, 2023

QUOTE

"Gut feeling is all about the experiences that you have had in your life. It is about being in difficult scenarios, knowing what worked, what did not work, and then taking a decision." MS Dhoni

UNWIND

Husband: Do you know the meaning of WIFE?

It means, Without Information, Fighting Every-time!

Wife: No darling, it means - With Idiot For Ever

TAILPIECE

It cost 7 million dollars to build the Titanic and 200 million to make a film about it