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Unique Fellowship - AOS Club - Krishnachura Shantiniketan - 15 Feb. 2025

Dear President Rtn. Subrata De and First Lady Rotary Ann Ivy De - We extend our heartfelt thanks for the wonderful cocktail and dinner, that followed a magical musical evening, hosted for fellow Rotarians and friends at your beautiful Bagan Bari in Santiniketan.

The evening was truly special, with live Rabindra Sangeet performed by students from Kala Bhavan, Visva-Bharati University, and a mesmerizing recitation (Abritti) by Srota De of Radhachura and Ami. The impromptu dance performances by R-Ann Meena Basu, Rtn Sriranjani Joshi, and Indrani Di enhanced the charm.

A special mention to Rajeshwari Roychowdhury for her wonderful songs and to Dr. Sujoy Mukherjee, Anusua Das, and Sukalyan Purkayastha, whose soulful renditions had everyone on the dance floor till late (A special mention to Abhiroop De for igniting the floor). The superbly curated beverages perfectly complemented the flavors of the starters and delicious meal that followed. We also extend our gratitude to Rtn. Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee, our Club's Programs Committee Chair, for her hard work in making this event a grand success. A big thank you to the President and his family, who dedicated an entire month, making multiple visits to Santiniketan, to turn this vision into reality. We missed those who couldn't join us due to unforeseen circumstances and look forward to meeting them at future events. Thank you once again for an unforgettable evening and for your dedication to promoting friendship of fellow Rotarians.

Keyboarded by Treasurer Indrajit Banerjee, who assisted the hosts at all times, and deserves a round of applause. Truly a most memorable event, and "Krishnachura" hosted the evening as a harbinger of spring as much as her sisters, Simul, Palash, Rudrapalash and Radhachura! Doubtlessly, "Agun legechhe bone bone", one of many timeless renditions in the evening. More photos will be printed in the next edition.



We Meet Every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at ROTARY SADAN
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Goodwill Visit – RC Tagoreland, Shantiniketan 16 Feb. 2025 – AOS Club



The Rotary Club of Tagoreland, District 3240, established in 2006, actively serves Bolpur, Santiniketan, and nearby areas. During our goodwill visit, we received a warm welcome from President Rtn. Aloke Singha Roy, Hon. Secretary Rtn. Sandip Chattopadhaya, and members. The meeting featured a national anthem, flag exchange, and project discussions. Speakers highlighted initiatives like prosthetic limb donations and the Rotary Four-Way Test. PDG Rtn. Ashoke Kumar Agarwal spoke on the joy of giving. Rtn. Arindam Roychowdhury and Rtn. Abhijit Kolay shared our club's key projects and the 100th edition of Children's Treat. The visit strengthened our Rotary bonds.



Reported by Indrajit Banerjee, Treasurer

Interact Silver Point School - Eye and Blood Donation Camps – AOF Community and New Generations – 8 Feb. 2025



On February 8, 2025, the Rotary Club of Calcutta, in collaboration with the Interact Club of Silver Point School and Ward No. 91, organized a free eye camp at Kasba Rathtala Bus Stand under the motto "Vision For All." The camp provided essential eye care services and distributed spectacles to those in need. Under the guidance of Principal Mrs. Sucharita Roychowdhury, 25 dedicated Interactors and their teacher coordinators ensured smooth operations. A total of 208 beneficiaries received eye check-ups, 148 spectacles were distributed, and 18 surgery cases were identified. On the same day, 18 Interactors participated in a Blood Donation Camp organized by the Rotary Club of Calcutta. 48 donors volunteered after thorough health screenings, receiving refreshments and appreciation certificates. This initiative helped collect vital blood supplies and raised awareness about voluntary blood donation. Distinguished guests included Sri Baiswanor Chattopadhay (Councillor, Ward No. 91), along with Rtns. Ravindra Khandelwal, Atindra Nath Sen, Yogesh Dassani, Abhijit Kolay, AB4, Ruchika Majumdar, DGND Purnendu Roychowdhury, Arindam Roychowdhury, and R-Ann Meena Basu. The event was a resounding success, reinforcing the Rotary's commitment to community service.

Reported by Saswati, Youth Chair

CYP



Irresistible creams with Nolen Gur Rosogolla – as our own CYP now DGND “celebrity endorses”. Story goes Chatni with Papad preceded by East Bengal Haansher Deem, Kochu Bata are his all-time favs! Toasting the man with a vision and loved by everyone.

ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH – 2025

Fellowship Committee is organizing “Annual Cricket Match - 2025”, Rotary Club of Calcutta Vs. Calcutta Club Ltd. on Sunday, 9th March, 2025 at 9.30 a.m. onwards followed by Fellowship and Lunch to be hosted by Rtn. Ashish Kumar Bagla & Rtn. Deepa Bagla. You are requested to block the above date and attend with your spouse. Interested members please Mr. Sambhu Dey in the Club Office for further details and to register.

REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS



ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes Rotary Club of Tagoreland, India, R.I. District 3240.

Happy Birthday

Rtn. Nilima Joshi 23rd February
 Rtn Dr. Niranjan Bhattacharya 24th February
 Rtn. Priti Patel Mehrotra 28th February
 Rtn. Ashok Manaktala 01st March

Wish you many happy returns of the day

Wedding Anniversaries

Rtn. Brijendra Kumar Poddar & R-Ann Kavita 23rd February
 Rtn. Indrajit Ganguly & R-Ann Roshni Ganguly 24th February
 Rtn. Dr. Pronab Dasgupta & R-Ann Iti 25th February
 Rtn. Dina Dutta Sarkar & Mr. Soumen 25th February
 Rtn. Bablu Kolay & R-Ann Sukla 26th February

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RCC Ranihati Netaji Samaj Sathi, Howrah organised Blood donation Camp on Sunday, 9th February, 2025. A total of 64 donors including 10 women donated blood on that day.

HOLI MILAN - 2025

“Holi Milan” will be organised on Sunday, 2nd March, 2025 at the residence of PP Rtn. Raj Kumar Agrawal, “Agarwal House”, 16, Ballygunge Park Road, Kolkata 700 019 at 7 p.m. onwards followed by Fellowship and Chaats to be hosted by PP Rtn. Raj Kumar Agrawal & R-Ann Asha Agrawal. You are requested to block the above date and attend with your spouse.

TODAY

Rotary Oration - 2025
 Speaker : Ambassador Krishnan

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 4th March, 2025 at at 1.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan / Lunch 12.30 p.m. Speaker : Rtn. Ajay Kumar Doshi

NO MEETINGS

There will be no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday 25th February, 2025 as the said meeting is held on Sunday, 23rd February, 2025

THIRD CLUB ASSEMBLY ON SUNDAY, 6TH APRIL, 2025

The Third Club Assembly of the Club will be held on Sunday, 6th April, 2025 at 10.30 a.m. at Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) followed by Breakfast. Registration 10.00 a.m. All members, especially PDGs, Past Presidents, Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, Club Officials and New Members are requested to kindly block the date and join the important meeting. Committee Chairs are also requested to send their Committee activities reports during the third quarter of the Rotary year 2024-25 to Hony. Secretary for the third Club Assembly.

A clarion call to Members

Rotary Club of Calcutta

ATTENTION - IMPORTANT

Inviting Members for Satellite Club

Please contact : Rtn. Ravindra Khondelwal
 Tel : 98364 65275
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MELODIOUS AFTERNOON

“Melodious Afternoon” will be organised followed by Lunch to be hosted by Rtn. Bani Roychowdhury, PP Rtn. Purnendu Roychowdhury & R-Ann Sucharita Roychowdhury on Sunday, 16th March, 2025, 12 noon onwards at the Lila Bati Devi Resorts Hotels, 206B, B. B. Chatterjee Road, Kasba, Kolkata 700 042. You are requested to attend the program along with your spouse.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF MARCH 2025

Day & Date	Programmes	Timing and Venue
Sunday 2nd March, 2025	Holi Milan - Followed by Fellowship and Chaats to be hosted by PP Rtn. Raj Kumar Agrawal & R-Ann Asha Agrawal	At the residence of PP Rtn. Raj Kumar Agrawal, “Agarwal House” 16, Ballygunge Park Road, Kolkata 700 019, at 7 p.m onwards
Tuesday, 4th March, 2025	Regular Weekly Meeting. Speaker : Rtn Ajay Kumar Doshi	Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) at 1.30 p.m. / Lunch 12.30 p.m.
Sunday 9th March, 2025	Annual Cricket Match -2025 Members : Rotary Club of Calcutta vs. Calcutta Club Ltd.	9.30 a.m onwards at the Calcutta Club Lawn followed by Fellowship and Lunch to be hosted by Rtn. Ashish Kumar Bagla & Rtn. Deepa Bagla
Tuesday, 11th March, 2025	Regular Weekly Meeting	Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) at 1.30 p.m. / Lunch 12.30 p.m.

Sunday, 16th March, 2025	Melodious Afternoon Followed by Lunch to be hosted by Rtn. Bani Roychowdhury, PP Rtn. Purnendu Roychowdhury & R- Ann Sucharita Roychowdhury	Lila Bati Devi Resorts and Hotels, 206B, B. B. Chatterjee Road, Kasba, Kolkata 700 042 at 12 noon onwards
Monday, 17th March, 2025	Ninth Meeting of the Board of Directors (2024-25)	6.30 p.m.
Tuesday, 18th March, 2025	Regular Weekly Meeting	Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) at 1.30 p.m. / Lunch 12.30 p.m.
Sunday, 23rd March, 2025	Vocational Awards ceremony along with Regular Weekly Meeting	6.30 p.m onwards at the Rotary Sadan followed by Fellowship and Dinner

MINUTES OF THE 4972nd REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 11TH FEBRUARY, 2025 AT 1.30 P.M. AT THE ROTARY SADAN

1. President Rtn. Subrata De welcomed Members and Guests and called the 4972nd Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club.
2. National Anthem was led by Rtn. Dr. Shankar Ghosh.
3. Minutes of the 4971st Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club held on 4th February, 2025 were confirmed.
4. President welcomed Mr. Joydeep Kundu, Wildlife Conservation Campaigner, Photographer and Co-Founder of SHER as the Chief Guest on that day.
5. President then welcomed visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting on that day and convey our Greetings to their Clubs.
6. **President Reported the following :**
 - a) Last Tuesday, 4th February, 2025 – Regular Weekly Meeting held at the residence of Rtn. Indrajit Ganguly and Rtn. Roshni Ganguly followed by fellowship and dinner hosted by them.
 - b) A team from our Club - Rtns. Sanjib Basu, Kirit Patel, Anand Sharma, Dr. Atindra Nath Sen, Yogesh Dassani, Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee and Ruchika Majumdar made a Goodwill visit to Rotary Club of Calcutta Chowringhee on Saturday, 8th February, 2025.
7. **President Announced the following :**
To Commemorate “World Understanding and Peace Day”, the Club would be organising “Rotary Oration - 2025” along with Regular Weekly Meeting on Sunday, 23rd February, 2025 at Rotary Sadan at 6.30 p.m. onwards. The meeting would be followed by fellowship and dinner and requested members to make a note of it and attend with their spouse.
8. **At the request of the President, Hony. Secretary Rtn. Suman Chakraborty thereafter conducted the Club Business :**
 - a) He welcomed Members, Visiting Rotarians and Guests.
 - b) He then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries for the week ending 22nd February, 2025.
 - c) Next Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club on Tuesday, 23rd February, 2025 at 6.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan along with Rotary Oration - 2025 followed by Fellowship and Dinner and requested members to attend the said meeting with their spouse.
 - d) There would be no Regular Weekly Meetings on Tuesdays 18th and 25th February, 2025.
 - e) A Trip to Shantiniketan is being organised by fellowship Committee on Saturday and Sunday, 15th & 16th February, 2025. Interested members were requested to kindly contact Rtn. Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee, Chairperson, Programme and Fellowship Committee for further details and to register their names to Club Office Mr. Sambhu Dey.
9. At the request of the President, Rtn. Arindam Roychowdhury introduced Mr. Joydeep Kundu, Chief Guest on that day.
10. At the request of the President, Mr. Joydeep Kundu addressed the audience.
11. Questions were raised by the members which were answered by the Chief Guest.
12. At the request of the President, Rtn. Sarvani Gooptu gave a vote of thanks.
13. On behalf of the Club, President handed over a memento to Mr. Joydeep Kundu.
14. Sunshine Box Collection Rs 2,000/- with special contribution from Rtns Subrata De, Hirak Ray and Ravindra Khandelwal on that day.
15. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Bolpur Santiniketan, India, R.I. District 3240.
16. Meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Subrata De
President

Suman Chakraborty
Hony. Secretary