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TODAY'S GUEST SPEAKER



PDG David Palmer – District 1130

David was born in the heart of East London, within the sound of Bow Bells. He is, therefore, one of the first Cockney District Guvnors ! David's parents were from the Bedfordshire countryside but moved to London in 1936. His first experience of school was during the last year of the war when he was evacuated. A year in a very small village school there hardly prepared him for early education in post war London. After senior education at a Technical College, David had his first flirtation with the motor industry. Leaving school on Friday and starting work on Monday - yes, you could do that in those days - he worked for several years with a Ford Main Dealer. Sometime later, and with several other marquees under his belt, he opened his own motor dealership. This was to be his lot until Financial Services as a



Mortgage Broker grabbed his interest for the last 8 years of his working life. Joining the Rotary Club of Barkingside in 1982, David took on most of the roles in the club and became President in 1990. Rotary friendship and fellowship has always been a most important part of his life and this continued through to the present time. The various positions he held are: District Training Committee Member 2005 – 2007, Assistant Governor 2009 -2012, District Governor 2014 – 2015, District Membership Chairman 2015 – 2016, Paul Harris Fellow and Founder Member of District 1130 Paul Harris Society.

He also graced the positions: 1993 – 1998 - School Governor at School for children with learning difficulties and special needs; 2000 – 2015 - Member of Anglo Ecuadorian Society in London; 2008 - Appointed a Freeman of City of London; 2014 - Speaker and Rotary Ambassador for The Silverline Charity.



Tony Sharma, Rotary International – Polio Ambassador

Born in Slough, England to parents from Aujla, Punjab, India, Tony Sharma studied textile engineering in Cardiff University (UWIST) and worked in the Textile business before establishing his own property business in 1988 and nanotechnology business in 2012, which involves extensive international travelling.

Sharma joined Rotary in 1992, and served in many posts in Rotary, both at club and district level. Starting as a member of The Rotary Club of Tower Hamlets, District 1130, London, he became District Governor 2019-2020 (First Asian to be DG in RI Dist. 1130, London). He is a Paul Harris Fellow, Sustaining member and a Major Donor. Importantly, Sharma is Polio Ambassador for the World's Greatest Meal. He has participated in projects and programmes in UK and internationally, most recently in Mexico, Brazil, Albania, India, Ethiopia and South Africa. Recent Club projects – Albania – set up a bakery for Home of Hope Orphanage, Ethiopia, set up a fire station in Asela and donated a fire engine, See the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YOpGUiGZs84>.

In India, Sharma donated a mini bus to an orphanage, Vatsalyam in Delhi and sponsored the eye clinic in Kartarpur. He participated in National immunization drives in India, Ethiopia and Pakistan. In London, was a lead for volunteer teams for marshal duties in the London marathon and other running and cycling events for over 12 years. Founder of Rotary Dragonboat Festival (1997), Rotary in The Lord Mayors Show (1999) and London New Years Day Parade (2001). In 2015 became the co-founder of The Indus Peace Park project, which is the most ambitious project in Rotary, to create the 8th wonder of the world, in Punjab. Latest project is to establish the first Specialist Diabetes Clinic in Delta State, Nigeria.

We Meet Every Tuesday At 1 p.m. At ROTARY SADAN
www.rotacal.org
E-mail: rota2573@dataone.in

Donation of Vaporizers and Geysers to Navanir Home

Venue: Navanir Home

Date: 3rd & 5th Dec, 2020

Time: 11.30 AM



Assessing a felt need for Vaporizers for residents at old age home – Navanir Home, Rtn Arindam Roychoudhury of RC Calcutta, and having tied up with Meena Basu, IPP, Inner Wheel Club, Calcutta, obtained President, Debashis Mitra's approval (& blessings) for donation of 60 nos. individual Vaporizers to all the residents, as a considerate welfare measure.

RC Calcutta had over the years built a relationship with Navanir, an old age home situated at 1/2 Shyam Bose Road, Chetla, with frequent goodwill visits and care giving with gifts of personal health & hygiene of residents. The vaporizers gifted gives tremendous relief to elderly persons, and assists in overcoming common cold & flu, bronchitis, asthma, hay fever, throat & nose congestion and consequential headaches. In addition, in these covid pandemic times, regular steam inhalation supposedly prevents virus from settling & incubating in the thorax. RC Calcutta represented by Rtn Arindam, R. Ann Meena Basu (representing Inner Wheel Club) and accompanied by Hony. Treasurer Ashok Basu (AB4), handed over the vaporizer packs to each resident of Navanir, gifts which were gracefully acknowledged and appreciated.

While donating these vaporizers the team learnt of the scarcity of hot water for daily bath by the residents, and the urgent need for a few geysers. True to the spirit of "First Responders", Rtn Ayesha Mazumdar of RC Calcutta and R. Ann Meena Basu funded for immediate procurement of 2 nos Geysers, which Rtn Arindam delivered on 5th Dec, to Navanir. Rtn Arindam is arranging a third through Inner Wheel Megacity, for delivery soon. The elderly residents are assured of their daily 'Hot Water' bath, in these cold winter months.



[Reported by Rtn Amit Ghosh]

NEXT WEEKLY MEETING (Virtual)**TUESDAY, 22nd DECEMBER at 6.00 p.m****Speaker** : Rajiv Mehrotra, Author, filmmaker and close associate of His Holiness Dalai lama**Topic** : What We Learn from the Dalai Lama**CENTENARY YEAR BOOK**

Member are requested to collect your copy of Centenary Year Book (2019 - 2020) from Club Office (Rotary Sadan)

SECOND CLUB ASSEMBLY

The Second Club Assembly of the Club will be held on Sunday, 27th December, 2020 at 10 a.m. on Zoom all members, especially PDGs, Past Presidents, Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, Club Officials and New Members are requested to joint this important meeting. Committee Chairs are requested to send their Committee activities reports during the Rotary year 2020-21 to the Hony. Secretary by 24th December, 2020.

101ST CHARTER DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Club will celebrate its 101st Charter Day along with Regular Weekly Meeting on Friday, 1st January, 2021 at 6 p.m. PHYSICALLY at Rotary Sadan You are requested to kindly attend with your spouse.

SEVEN DAYS' NOTICE

Subject to no objection received within seven days from the date of publication of this notice, the following candidate will be inducted as a member of the Club:

Dr. Koel Roychowdhury

Assistant Professor, Presidency University

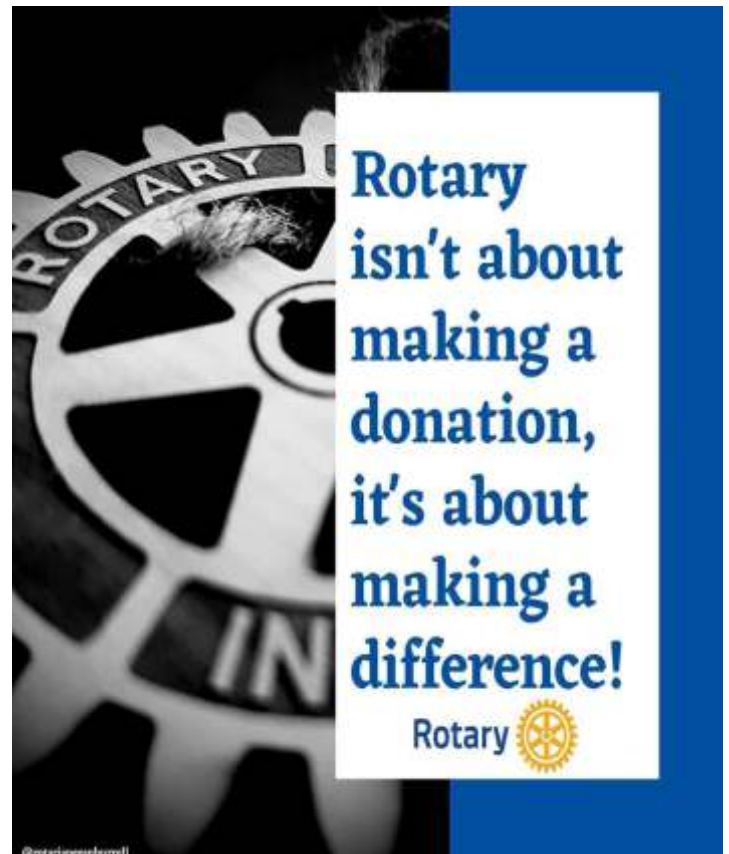
86 / 1, College Street, Kolkata – 700 073

Residence : 27A / 7, Brojomon Debya Road, Barisha Sakher Bazar, Kolkata – 700 008**Age** : 40 years**Classification** : Education – University Teaching**Proposer** : PP Dr. Dipak Roychowdhury (Father of the candidate)**ATTENDANCE REPORT (10 /12/2020)**

Total Members	236
Members Present	45
Exempted Members	74
Visiting Rotarians & Guests	7

Birthdays

<i>Ayesha Mazumder</i>	15 Dec
<i>Sashi Bhargava</i>	18 Dec
<i>Dr. Tandra Sarkar</i>	19 Dec
<i>Indrajit Ganguly</i>	21 Dec
<i>Dr. Asok Kumar Ghoshal</i>	21 Dec

*Wish you many happy returns of the day***Wedding Anniversaries***Malika Mukerji Sarkar & Mr. Sauvik 15 Dec**Wish you many more years of marital bliss*

PEACE AND SAVING PARADISE

Outline Scoping and Vision

Location: Kashmir, India, December 2020

By: Rotary Club of Calcutta India, Rotary Club of Srinagar India, Rotary Club of Dhaka Mahanagar Bangladesh

The project "Indus valley Peace Park" presented at the 2019 London District Conference triggered, as reported by PP Saumen Ray after him returning from Bournemouth London, triggered our thinking;

IPP Purnendu Roychowdhury and President Debasish Mitra of Rotary Club of Calcutta started collaborating with Rotary Club of Kashmir, Rotary Club of Srinagar and Rotary Club of Dhaka Mahanagar to start a project. It was launched in November 2020, as the first phase of 1000 saplings with target of 10,000 saplings around the lake Manasbal, 30 kilometers away from Srinagar.

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More about Manasbal Lake



SAVING PARADISE

TREE PLANTATION IN KASHMIR VALLEY

CONIFERS

1000 Saplings
1st Phase

Joint Project by :

Rotary Club of Kashmir, Rotary Club of Dhaka Mahanagar
Rotary Club of Calcutta

The Lake Manasbal needs immediate Eco-restoration and Afforestation. Hence we started the "Peace and Saving Paradise", appreciated by Mr Ovais Mir Divisional Forest Officer, Ganderbal, J&K Forest Department, Mr Nadeem Qadri Executive Director Wildlife Conservation Fund, YPKJ Jammu and Kashmir.



We are near completion of planting 1000 saplings around the Lake Manasbal and another 9,000 saplings are our target. Our aim is to plant saplings around the other lakes namely Wular Lake, Anchar Lake and Gangabal Lake.

For the local villagers we wish to undertake Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Literacy including Scholarships, and Children Immunization projects in the following stages.

Phase 1 - 1,000 Saplings

Phase 2 - 9,000 Saplings

Phase 3- Water and Sanitation (WASH and WinS)

Phase 4- Immunization

Phase 5- Scholarships, Schools, Adult Literacy

A donor from California USA has proposed to donate some funds and our plan is to do a Global Grant project in due course with international partner clubs

This is a micro and minute project compared to the Indus Valley Peace Park project. However, we need support of London District and namely IPDG Tony Sharma who is in-charge of the Indus Valley Peace Park Project, and PDG David Palmer of London District. Tony and David will be addressing at the Regular Weekly Meeting (RWM) of Rotary Club of Calcutta to be held on 15th December 2020 at 12 noon GMT for all Clubs to join this initiative. The Chairman of Indus Park project PDG Kees van der Pol, and Myumi vab der Pol and PDG Norm Mcarvell will grace the occasion.

RIVERS NEVER GO REVERSE – SO WE MOVE FORWARD- SUPPORT US.



Compiled by PP Saumen Ray from London

MINUTES OF THE 4791st REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 10TH DECEMBER, 2020 at 5.00 p.m. on ZOOM

- 1 President, Rtn. Debashis Mitra welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 4791st regular weekly meeting of the Club to order.
- 2 National Anthem was led by Rtn. Subha Pal.
- 3 Minutes of the 4790th Weekly Meeting of the Club held on 1st December, 2020 were confirmed.
- 4 The President welcomed the day's Chief Guests Dr. R.S. Pareek, Dr. Alok Pareek and Dr. Aditya Pareek from the Pareek Homeopathic Centre, Agra and the speakers in the usual Rotary manner.
- 5 The President then welcomed all visiting Rotarians and Guests who were present in the meeting and conveyed greetings to their clubs.
- 6 *President Reported :*
 - a. President informed members that the Club has donated 60 pcs. Vaporization Machines to an Old Age Home Navanir, Tollygunge on 3rd December, 2020.
 - b. President also informed Members that the Club also has donated Blankets to our RCCs on 4th December, 2020 at Rotary Sadan and thanked to Rtn. Atindra Nath Sen, Chair, Community Service and RCC Committee for organised that project.
- 7 *President Announced :*
 - a. The Second Club Assembly of the Club would be held on Sunday, 27th December at 10 a.m. on Zoom and requested all members to join the Assembly.
 - b. The President informed members that the Club will celebrate it's 101st Charter Day along with Regular Weekly Meeting on Friday, 1st January, 2021 at 6 p.m. at Rotary Sadan. It will be a physical meeting and, hence, requested all members to kindly note and attend with their spouses.
- 8 At the request of the President, Hony. Secretary, Bodhi Brata Das thereafter conducted the Club business thus :
 - a. Honorary Secretary welcomed all Members and Guests.
 - b. He announced the names of Rotarians, celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding anniversaries during the week ending 14th December and conveyed best wishes to them.
 - c. Hony Secretary also informed members that the next Weekly Meeting of the Club would be held on Tuesday, 15th December at 5.30 p.m. virtually. It would be a Joint RWM with Rotary Club of Kashmir and Rotary Club of Srinagar.
Speakers: PDG David Palmer, UK, RI Dist. 1130 and IPDG Tony Sharma, UK, RI Dist. 1130
Topic: "Peace and Saving Paradise"
- 9 At the request of the President, Dr. R.S. Pareek, Dr. Alok Pareek and Dr. Aditya Pareek addressed the audience on "Homeopathy –Why? When? and How?" Questions were raised by many members which were answered by the speakers.
- 10 The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Ottapalam, India, RI Dist. 3301
- 11 Meeting was adjourned at 6.10 p.m.

Rtn. Debashis Mitra
President

Rtn. Bodhi Brata Das
Hony. Secretary

ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes to Rotary Club of Aizawl, Mizoram, India, RI Dist. 3240