



ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA INSTALLS ITS 101ST PRESIDENT

Chief Guest



Patti Hoffman
Consul General of USA

Ms. Patti Hoffman assumed the post of Consul General of the United States of America for the Kolkata Consular District on August 3, 2018. The Kolkata Consular District includes West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Sikkim, and the seven northeastern states.

Immediately prior to coming to Kolkata, Consul General Hoffman was a student at the National War College at the National Defense University (NDU) in Washington, DC. Previously, she served as Chief of Staff to the Director General of the U.S. Foreign Service and Director of Human Resources. Ms. Hoffman has served overseas at the U.S. Embassy Mexico City, U.S. Embassy London, U.S. Embassy Quito, and U.S. Consulate General Rio de Janeiro. Ms. Hoffman has also served in several positions at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, DC.

Consul General Hoffman is originally from the Philadelphia area.

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Guest of Honour



Shekhar Mehta
RI President, 2021-2022

Shekhar Mehta is only the 4th Indian in 115 years to be nominated as the President of Rotary International for the year 2021-22.

Shekhar Mehta was born in 1959 in Kolkata India. A keen academician, he graduated from St. Xavier's College, and has the unique combination of Masters in Commerce, a qualified Chartered Accountant, Cost Accountant and Company Secretary.

He heads the Skyline Group engaged in Real Estate Development in different parts of India, including the largest group housing in the state of Rajasthan.

He served as District Governor in 1999-2000 and was elevated to the Board of Directors of Rotary International for 2011-2013. While serving as Rotary International Director, he helped Rotary add 2 countries to its fold – Bhutan & Maldives. Keenly dedicated to service, Mr. Mehta has led many major service initiatives in India.

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Special Guest



Sudip Mukherjee
District Governor- 2020-2021

Sudip Mukherjee belongs to second generation of Rotarians. He was a charter member of Rotaract Ballygunge. As a past president of Rotary Club of Calcutta Lansdowne he has served the district in many capacities over the years. He is MPH and was adjudged 'Outstanding President' and 'Outstanding Assistant Governor' thrice and also received 'Avenues of Service Citation' from Rotary International.

He had his schooling & college at St. Xavier's, Kolkata. He did his post-graduation in Operational Research and MBA in Marketing.

He is engaged in manufacturing specialised chemical & food processing equipment including a pioneering one for 'engineered health rice' in collaboration with a premier educational institute in India, receiving award at 9th International Achievers Summit at Bangkok.

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**KNOW YOUR
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENT-2020-2021**



Holger Knaack, a member of the Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln, Germany, has been selected to serve as president of Rotary International in 2020-21.

To build a stronger membership, Knaack says Rotary must focus on increasing the number of female members and transitioning Rotaractors into Rotarians.

Knaack believes that the People of Action campaign offers new public awareness possibilities for Rotary. "This campaign conveys our global image while still respecting differences in regions and cultures," he says.

A Rotary member since 1992, Knaack has served Rotary as treasurer, director, moderator, member and chair of several committees, representative for the Council on Legislation, zone coordinator, training leader, and district governor.

He is an endowment/major gifts adviser and co-chair of the Host Organization Committee for the 2019 Rotary International Convention in Hamburg.

Knaack is the CEO of Knaack KG, a real estate company. He was previously a partner and general manager of Knaack Enterprises, a 125-year-old family business.

He is a founding member of the Civic Foundation of the City of Ratzeburg and served as president of the Golf-Club Gut Grambek. Knaack is also the founder and chair of the Karl Adam Foundation.

Knaack and his wife, Susanne, are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation and members of the Bequest

THE CLUB PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

It will be my privilege and honour to lead the longest running Rotary Club on mainland of Asia in the Rotary Year 2020-2021.

Rotary Club of Calcutta has a rich heritage and legacy of selfless service. It will be the endeavor of my team of dedicated Rotarians to live up to the expectations of the members of a Club which is celebrating its Centenary. Serving humanity with compassion and care will be our top priority.

The theme for the Rotary Year 2020-21 is "**Rotary Opens Opportunities**". Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic we live in trying times. But this is also an opportunity to serve the needy to the best of our ability.

My sincere gratitude to the PDGs, Past Presidents and members of the Club for resposing faith in me.

Team 2020-21 looks forward to your continued support and guidance.

Yours in Rotary

Rtn. Debashis Mitra
President (2020-21)



GUESTS' PROFILES

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Patti Hoffman

She holds a B.A. in Biology from Columbia University, a Master's in International Relations from the University of Bristol, U.K., where she studied as an International Rotary Scholar, and a Master's degree in National Security Strategy from the National War College. She can speak Portuguese and Spanish. Ms. Hoffman is accompanied to Kolkata by her husband.

Shekhar Mehta

His motivation skills are par excellence which has helped raise millions of dollars for The Rotary Foundation. Mr. Mehta is recipient of the highest awards of Rotary International & The Rotary Foundation: "Service Above Self Award"; "The Meritorious Service Award"; "The Distinguished Service Award".

Shekhar Mehta is married to Rashi. She is a social worker and is a stage artist having performed in socially relevant plays across India.

Sudip Mukherjee

He is a Member of Eastern Chamber of Commerce and Calcutta Club; a Life Member of Cricket Association of Bengal and member of Mohun Bagan Athletic Club. As a film buff he is Life Member of Cine Central, Calcutta.

His better half Sumita, Montessorian and B.Ed, teaches in a reputed school in Kolkata. Their only son Senajit, a Rotaractor, is employed as junior resident Doctor in a Government Hospital.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENDANCE REPORT (30.06.2020)

Total Members	:	241
Members Present	:	57
Exempted Members	:	82

NEXT WEEKLY MEETING

The next RWM (Virtual) will be on **14th July, 2020 at 12 noon.**

Speaker : CA. T.N. Manoharan

Topic : "Sustainability of Happiness in life"

Happy Birthdays

Rtn. Jayanta Kumar Mitra	7th July
Rtn. Tara John	7th July
Rtn. R. K. Bachhawat	8th July
Rtn. Dr. Ramaditya Ray	12th July
Rtn. Sriranjani Joshi	12th July


Happy Wedding Anniversary

Rtn Dr. Harsh Vardan Agrawal & R- Ann Neha	7 th July
Rtn Dr. Ranabir Mukherjee & R- Ann Jyotsna	7 th July
Rtn Abhyuday Anup Kaushal & R- Ann Tashu	7 th July
Rtn Laxmi Niwas Bangur & R- Ann Alka	9 th July
Rtn M.L.Pachisia & R- Ann Manorama	11 th July
Rtn Vijay Kumar Patodia & R- Ann Shraddha	12 th July

MEMBERS BOX

THIS SPACE IS RESERVED FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE CLUB. EVERY ISSUE OF THE CHAKA WILL CARRY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE MEMBERS ON RELEVANT TOPICS. THE CONTRIBUTION MAY BE IN THE FORM OF PROSE, POEM, WRITE-UP, SKETCH & DRAWING, PHOTOGRAPH, REPORTING OR ANYTHING INTERESTING. CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS ON CLUB ACTIVITIES ARE ALSO WELCOME.

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RI DISTRICT 3291

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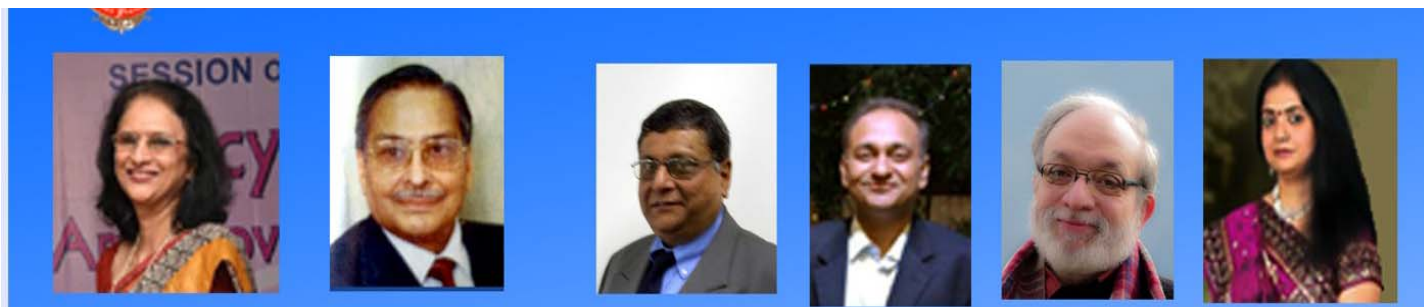
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ROTARY CHILDREN'S CALCUTTA WELFARE TRUST 2020-21

				
PP Heena Gorsia Chairperson	Purnendu Roychowdhury	Debasish Mitra	Sujata Pyne	Raj Kumar Agarwal

ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA WELFARE TRUST 2020-2

			
Purnendu Roychowdhury, Chairperson	Debasish Mitra	Sujata Pyne	Raj Kumar Agarwal

DOCTOR'S DAY – 1ST JULY

“SANKALPA” – BLOOD DONATION DRIVE

Rotary Club of Calcutta co-hosted District 3291's Blood Donation Drive – “Sankalpa” on 1st July 2020, in commemoration of Doctor's Day. The Blood Donation Drive was organized simultaneously at three locations, viz Rotary Prakash Bhawan, Saroj Gupta Cancer Hospital and Rotary Sadan. Dr. Krishnendu Gupta oversaw the Rotary Sadan Camp, inaugurating it at 9.00 AM. The District visualising that a big majority of Rotary Club members would be restricted from donating blood, either on account of age bar (60+ years) and/or on account of health ground (BP/Diabetes/Hypertension), had arranged collaboration with Rotaract Clubs, and Rotaractors came in large numbers for blood donation. All necessary medical regulations were compiled with before the donor could donate blood, and all COVID precautions were strictly adhered to while donating blood (sanitizing, touch, mask, distance).



President Debashis Mitra escorted DG Sudip Mukherjee and PDG Anshuman Bandopadhyay to the Camp and addressed the gathering. DG emphasised the need for blood for critical patients like thalassemia, and PDG Anshuman congratulated all donors for their humanitarian service. The camp recorded about 75 donors for blood. Camp finished at 1.00 pm.

PANEL DISCUSSION: LIFE IN THE TIME OF COVID 19

A virtual panel discussion was organised by the Club on the occasion of Doctors' Day on the very topical subject of Covid 19 with particular reference to the progression of the pandemic in India and the impact of the virus on the school children and their incarcerated life. The panelists were:

ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA
RID 3291

1st July
Doctors
DAY

Rotary

WEBINAR

Topic : Life in the time of Covid 19

Meeting ID : 827 4296 8728

WEDNESDAY
JULY
1st
5PM

Moderator :
Rtn. Dr. Sandip Chatterjee

Panelist :
Dr. Pallab Chatterjee
Dr. Arun Kr Manglik
Dr. Rivu Basu
Rtn. Dr. Ashoke Basu
Rtn. Dr. Debasish Mitra

Dr. Rivu Basu, Community Medicine Specialist; Dr Arun Kr Manglik, Pediatrician; Dr Pallab Chatterjee, Pediatric Surgeon; PP Dr Ashok Kr Basu and Rtn Dr Debasish Mitra (see poster).

Dr Basu enlightened the participants about the spread of the virus in India and the effect it had by the stringent lockdown. His explanation that the lockdown was meant to delay the peaking of cases and not to flatten the curve was most revealing. Dr Manglik and Dr Mitra expressed their views about how and when to restart the schools, the message being: the safety of the children as well as the elderly at home should be at the centre of such a decision. Dr Pallab Chatterjee spoke the precautions (PPE) that are essential while dealing children undergoing surgery. PP Dr Asoke Basu highlighted the upside of the lockdown quipping on

how his health and family bonding had improved during lockdown.

The discussion was most engagingly moderated by our own Rtn. Dr Sandip Chatterjee in his own inimitable manner. The virtual meeting was ably hosted by Rtn. Arindam Roychoudhury.

FESTIVAL OF RECOGNITION YEAR 2020

DISTRICT AWARDS FOR THE YEAR 2019-20

**WE HAVE
DONE IT
AGAIN!!!**

District award nite is something that every Rotary Club waits patiently for as well as anxiously to know the result of their year-long effort on service beyond self. The Festival of Recognition uncovers surprises, rising talents and the best of Rotarians who helped the brand Rotary to take a step ahead on Philanthropic front. The format of the program usually attracts huge turnouts from all the clubs of District 3291, but due to the Pandemic and social distancing norms, the clubs were classified into different categories and all the categories were allotted different time-slots to avoid congestion and to ensure social distancing.

Our Club was the Centenary Club, and so the barometer of expectation has been soaring sky-high and we joined the Festival of Recognition on 27th June, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at Haldiram Banquets and clinched some of the best awards for our Clubs.

We won on DG citation, combined category: Best Club, Individual category: Outstanding President, Secretary, and Project awards and PP Nilima Joshi for her contribution as Assistant Governor. PP Dr. S K Sharma and PP Saumen Ray were recognized for their valuable contribution at the district level.

Following are the list of accolades that we won on Festival of Recognition, 2020:

- Outstanding Project Award - Primary Education
- Outstanding President
- Outstanding Secretary
- DG Citation

Combined Category:

1. 3rd in Public Image of Rotary
2. 2nd in Eye care & Avoidable Blindness
3. 1st in Disease Prevention & Treatment
4. 1st in Mother & Child Care
5. 1st in Basic Education & Literacy
6. 1st in Covid Aftermath Relief Efforts
7. 1st in Child Heart Surgery

Individual Category :

1. 3rd in Significant Support for District Events
2. Centennial Cup
3. Significant Achievement Award Shield for a sustainable project having significant impact on the Community - Jointly
4. OVERALL BEST CLUB (4 lions trophy) – Jointly

[As reported by Centenary Secretary Rtn.Anusua Das]



MINUTES OF THE MEETING FOR THE 4770TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ONLINE AT 6:00 P.M.

1. President Rotarian Purnendu Roychowdhury called the 4770th Regular Weekly Meeting, the last meeting of the Rotary Centenary year 2019-2020, to order.
 2. President requested PP Rtn. Nilima Joshi to lead the National Anthem.
 3. Minutes of the 4769th Meeting of the Club held on 23rd June, 2020 on Zoom were confirmed.
 4. There was no guest speaker as it was a closed meeting.
 5. President welcomed all the members.
 6. President's Reporting-
 - a) On 28th June, 2020, a team from our Club visited RCC Bishnupur Uchhal Probaho. The Centenary wing of the school was inaugurated by DG Ajay Agarwal. This year our Club was successful in collecting Rs.12Lakhs for this project.
 - b) President thanked PP Rtn. Heena Gorsia for donating 50kg. of powder milk which would approximately make 550 litres of milk. Four more bags are waiting to be delivered.
 - c) He also thanked PP Rtn. Sushil Bagla for donating tarpauline sheets and Rtn. Rajeev Gupta for donating 500 mosquito nets and more plastic sheets. He appreciated the efforts of all of them who extended their helping hands when it was needed most.
 - d) RWM "Day-change" survey statistics have been posted and circulated to all members where majority wanted a shift to Saturday
 - e) Unaudited balance sheets had already been circulated among all the members. Auditing would soon be done once the auditors were available. They were not able to audit due to the present lockdown situation.
 7. President's Announcement-
 - a) 1st July, 2020- The Club would co-host and participate in Blood Donation camp to be organised by R.I Dist.3291 at Rotary Sadan.
 - b) On 1st July, 5P.M , the Club would observe 'Doctor's day'. A panel discussion on "Life in the time of COVID-19" would be organised on Zoom. All members were requested to join the session.
 - c) President-elect Rtn. Debashis Mitra would hand over a cheque of Rs.14.5lacs to the Baramangwa school project and 24 filters imported from the U.K. to RCC Bishnupur on the very first day of his Presidentship (1st July, 2020).
 - d) 101st Installation meeting of the Club would be held on 7th July, 2020 at 6 P.M. online. All members were requested to join this important meeting.
 8. Thereafter Hony. Secy. Anusua Das conducted the club business.
 - e) Name of the Rotarians having their birthdays and anniversaries for the week ending 6th July, 2020 were announced and good wishes were conveyed to them.
 - f) 101st Installation meeting would be held on 7th of July, 2020 at 6:00P.M on Zoom. Members were requested to make a note of it and join.
 - g) Thereafter she handed back the proceedings to the President.
 9. President took the gathering down memory lane of the beautiful Centenary Year, shared his experience and all the unforgettable moments. Thanked each and every member for extending their support, the board members, Club officials, Committee Chairs , Co-Chairs, advisors and all those helping hands who contributed to make the Centenary a memorable one.
 10. President then took questions from all.
 11. Everyone expressed their gratitude to the President, Hony. Secretary and the team and appreciated them for their extraordinary efforts throughout the year.
 12. To mark the end of the last meeting on a joyful note, Rtn. Debasish Biswas played up his solo song and also our First Lady along with Hony. Secretary ,PP Nilima Joshi, Rtn. Suksham Singh and Rtn. Samiran Sen, each of whom sang a few lines.
 13. The Club toasted Rotary Club of Mumbai Borivalli East, RID 3141.
- The meeting ended with smiling faces of the attending members at 8:30 p.m.

Rtn. Purnendu Roychowdhury
President

Rtn. Anusua Das
Hony. Secy.

ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes
Rotary Club of Herzogtum, Lauenburg -
Molln , Germany, R I Dist 1940 Home
Club of RI President , 2020-21