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PP SUJATA PYNE

Sujata, born and brought up in Calcutta, a Loreto student having a strong educational background with an English Hons. degree and a First Class Degree in Child Psychology & Education focused on "Children with Special Needs." Coming from a respected Bengali business family, her philanthropic nature is influenced by the legacy of the proverbial Gouri Sen. Actively involved in the Rotary Club Of Calcutta since 2002, she held various roles, showcasing her commitment to the club and the community. Additionally, she's a jeweller and skilled jewellery designer and a Govt. Appointed Valuer under the Central Board of Direct Taxes. Sujata is a believer in humanitarian values over materialistic displays. Besides

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being a state level table tennis champion, she cherishes family, art, food, and music, embodying a deep sense of generosity and kindness, recognized by her status as a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

Priyamvada Birla Eye Hospital – Diabetic Retinopathy Unit – AOS Community; AOF Fighting Disease – 1 November 2023



A Diabetic Retinopathy unit at Priyamvada Birla Aurobindo Eye Hospital was

inaugurated on 1 Nov 2023. It is a Global Grant Project of the Club. The total Cost of the project is approx Rs 70 Lakhs. This was a culmination of yearlong work last year to arrange the funds including DDF allocation from the District and to get the Global grant approved. It was to be completed in June 2023, but due to formalities at the foreign club, it got delayed. But it is worth the efforts as we now have an equipment which will be hugely beneficial to the community.



(Collated from WA posts – chiefly PP Raj Agrawal's post)

Various Ongoing Initiatives



PP Saumen Ray led a team from RC Calcutta comprising Dr Debnath, U d i t , Partha, and Amit, along with 4

members of British Rotary Clubs, to Rotary Eye Hospital at Hooghly. DG Hiralal Yadav personally received the team, felicitated each member, and briefed in detail the hospital viz. 3 storeyed RCC building, 9000 patients/year, subsidized (but no free

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service), catering to marginalised rural poor, OT but no Wards since Day Care primarily, treatment for Glaucoma, Cataract, Retina in addition to vision testing. DG expressed the need for Global Grant for “diagnostic vehicle” with equipment to deliver “Doorstep Eye Care” in rural areas. This got a favourable response from the members of the visiting clubs from Britain. Saumen Ray assured to take matter forward. After a walk-through of

the hospital premises, an elaborate lunch was offered with DG personally serving. Before departing, the British team members-Brian, David & Mary, Dr Swapan-expressed thanks & deep gratitude to DG for the opportunity to witness how “Service to Community” is delivered in Rotary District 3291.

Chair Special Projects Arindam has sent out a teaser - “ As Samarth 1 is coming again this year in December, venue will be updated soon, our President today sponsored the full 375 wheelchairs. This year it will be a gathering of more than 1000 nos. Two Mega Shows. Children's Treat then Samarth 1 Mela. Please volunteer for the Mela..”

PP Saumen Ray reports - On 30 Oct, Mayor Firhad Hakim , Santanu Sen MP , 4 British Rotary Clubs , 2 RCCs , some 15 members of Rotary Clubs , another 15 Rotarians from from District 3291 , RID Anirudhha Roychowdhury , Interactors totalling nearly 50 participated in the Ganga Abhiyan boat trip from Outram Ghat to Dakshineswar and Bally visiting 12 Ghats, our District 3291 pilot project, led by our club. The Mayor said the government projects haven't had many successes because of poor implementation. He supports and looks forward to Rotary's initiative for Pilot implementation at 12 ghats. In answering the media, the mayor said “we support and assist Rotary in this initiative, and we like Rotary's approach to implementation”. He asked us to submit our detailed plan which RID supported . RID wishes to extend the project to other Districts.

On 3 Nov, Brian Johnson , David Johnson, Mary Johnson, Gill de Warren, Dr Debnath, Yogesh, Amit , and Saumen Ray visited Sundarbans. They visited Sarberia School, David distributed chocolates. An eye camp was organised by Priyamvada at Sarberia Hospital. They also visited Rangabelia Hospital and identified need for solar lights to save Rs 40,000 a month electricity charge. A need was felt for a simple school global grant next year at Rangabelia hospital.

The team is now headed for Ayodhya to showcase our Ayodhya Pahar School.

Collated from WA posts..

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Interact Activity



On October 19th, 2023, the Interact Club of Asian International School organized the 'Natun Bastra Upohaar' pre-Durga Puja event at Baksara Esha Social Welfare Society. Interactors of Mahadevi Birla World Academy conducted Joy of Giving and Puja Parikrama.



Reported by Youth Services Chair Saswati Mukherjee

Beneficiary Satarupa Santra – AOS Community; AOF Fighting Disease



Satarupa Santra, a 30-year-old patient on dialysis for the past 10 months at R N Tagore Hospital has been assisted by our Club, thanks to recent contributions of CYP and AB4. She belongs to a farming family from Purba Medinipur with subsistence level incomes. Assistance from other members is most welcome.

Appeal For Donation To The Rotary Foundation (annual Fund Share)

ROTARY YEAR 2023-24

Date : 15 October, 2023

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) transforms your 'Donations' into service projects that change lives close to home and around the world. By giving to the **Annual Fund**, you make these life-changing projects possible so that Rotary can keep 'Doing Good in the World'.

Donations to **“ANNUAL FUND-SHARE”** are invested for 3 Years; accrued growth supports TRF operations. After the lock-in period, the Donations received are shared equally between 'The World Fund' and 'District Designated Fund

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(DDF). The 'World Fund' is spent, as per discretion of Trustees of TRF by way of 'Global Grants and Programs' for operations in areas of focus of Rotary International.

The DDF is distributed by the District Governor as 'District Grants' and 'Global Grants' to support activities of Rotary Clubs in areas of operations like 'Water Sanitation and Hygiene', 'Basic Education and Literacy', 'Disease Prevention and Treatment', 'Maternal Health and Treatment', 'Peace Building and Conflict Resolution', 'Community Economic Development'.

'Rotary International' recognises Donors as; **Sustaining Members** for donations up to \$ 100 or more; **Paul Harris Fellow** for donation up to \$1,000 or more; **Paul Harris Society Member** for a commitment to donate \$1,000 or more annually.

Members of Rotary Club Calcutta are requested to donate generously to the '**The Rotary Foundation (Annual Fund SHARE)**' by Cheque drawn in favour of '**Rotary Foundation India**'.

It will indeed be a splendid and auspicious beginning of the Rotary Year (2023-24) if every Member of our 'Old Number One' comes forward to donate generously to The Rotary Foundation.

With kind Regards,

Yours- in- Rotary

Kanak Dutt

President RY (2023-24)

Our Ambassador Overseas - Rtn Rajeev Paralikar



On Monday, 30 Oct 23, I paid a 'Goodwill Visit' to the Joint RWM of RC Horst aan de Maas (Netherlands) and RC Viersen-Schwalm-Nette(Germany), held at Horst-Sevenum near The Netherlands-Germany border. I gave a PPT-Presentation on 'Evolving India and Its Challenges'. I also spoke about the Baramanguwa School Project near Darjeeling as "A Shining Example of International Rotary Club Co-operation" where 'Individual Rotarians and Five Rotary Clubs from Germany' have donated for the Project.

Rtn Frederique Vogel of RC Horst aan de Maas handed over a packet of "Asparagus Seeds" for RC Calcutta to undertake a Pilot Project for 'Asparagus Cultivation in Darjeeling Area'.

It was suggested to the Presidents of the Netherlands and German Clubs that the 'Asparagus Cultivation Pilot Project' has all the potential to evolve into a bigger and shining example of yet another 'International Rotary Club Cooperation Project' in

association with RC Calcutta.

REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENDANCE REPORT (31.10.2023)

Total Members	:	240
Members Present	:	55
Exempted Members	:	69
Visiting Rotarians & Guest	:	19



ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes
Rotary Club of Haarlemmermeer
Schiphol, Netherlands, R. I. Dist 1852

Birthdays

Sudhir Jalan	7th Nov
Sumangala Murarka	7th Nov
Brij Gopal Roy	9th Nov
Debjani Ghosh	13th Nov
Dr. Koel Roychowdhury	16th Nov
Vikram Aditya Mody	17th Nov
Haladhar Dey	18th Nov

Wish you many happy returns of the day

Wedding Anniversaries

Dr Asish Kumar Ghosh & R-Ann Nabali
5th Nov

Abhineet Gupta & R- Ann Saswati
10th Nov

Surendra Kumar Birla & R-Ann Chandrakala
19th Nov

Amal Chandra Chakrabortti & R- Ann Tripti
20th Nov

Dr. Dipak Roychowdhury & R-Ann Arundhati
20th Nov

Wish you many more years of marital bliss

TODAY

Past President, Rtn. Sujata Pyne

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 21st November, 2023 at 1.30p.m.

Speaker: Rtn Ashok Kumar Basu (AB4) – “Tales from the Financial Woods”

MEMBERS' ROSTER -2023-24

Members' Roster for the Rotary year 2023-24 is available.

You are requested to collect your copies from Club Office.

NO WEEKLY MEETING

There will be no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 14th November, 2023 on account of Diwali Holiday .

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS

Day & Date	Programmes	Timing and Venue
Tuesday, 14th November, 2023	No Regular Weekly Meeting on account of Diwali Holiday .	-----
Tuesday, 21st November, 2023	Regular Weekly Meeting Speaker: Rtn Ashok Kumar Basu (Ab4)	Lunch : 1 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. Meeting : 1.30 p.m.
Tuesday, 28th November, 2023	Regular Weekly Meeting and “ Antakshari” by Pênam Roy followed by Fellowship and Dinner	6.30 p.m onwards Rotary Sadan (Ground Floor) (Fellowship and Dinner after the meeting)

REPORTS

On behalf of the Club, President felicitated Members from Rotary Club London, Rotary Club of Battersea Park, Rotary Club of Kirkcaldy and Rotary Club of Glenrothes, Scotland who made a goodwill visit to the Club.

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S TREAT - 2023

The 98th Annual Children's Treat of the Club will be held on Sunday, 10th December, 2023 at 10 a.m. onwards at Nicco Park, Salt Lake, Kolkata. We will invite about 1,500 underprivileged Children to this Flagship programme of the Club this year.

Members are requested to generously donate or sponsor Breakfast, Lunch, Ice Cream, Caps, Carry Bags, Sports Items, or any kind of Gift Items to make this a “Day Sunshine” for these Children.

Donations in Cash or Cheque payable in favour of “Rotary Children's Welfare Trust” will be eligible for Income

Tax Exemption u/s 80G of the Income Tax Act .

MINUTES OF THE 4919th REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 31st OCTOBER 2023 AT 6.30 P.M. AT THE ROTARY SADAN

1. President, Rtn. Kanak Dutt welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 4919th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order. President warmly extended "SUBHA BIJOYA" greetings to all members.
2. President then informed members that in absence of Hony. Secretary, Rtn. Sarvani Gooptu, Hony. Joint Secretary, Rtn. Suman Chakraborty would conduct the Club Business on her behalf.
3. National Anthem was led by Rtn Dr. Sankar Ghosh.
4. Minutes of the 4918th regular weekly meeting of the Club held on 17th October, 2023 were confirmed.
5. President welcomed Mrs. Somini Sen Dua, Publicist turned Entrepreneur, Founder and Director of Mrityka Earthy Talks Foundation, Travel Writer, and Photographer as the Chief Guest on that day and she would speak on "Climate Conscious Living."
6. President also welcomed all Visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting.
On behalf of the Club President especially welcomed members from R.C. of Glenrothes, R C of Kirkcaldy, R C of London, R C of Battersea park who had come on a Goodwill visit to our Club.
7. **President reported the following :**
 - i) Rotary Club of Calcutta Nabodiganto and Rotary Club of Calcutta Labanhrad in association with Rotary Club of Calcutta organized Pre Puja celebration "Agomoni" on 17th October, 2023 at Rotary Sadan. The programme was Co-hosted by Rotary Club of Calcutta.
 - ii) Before Durga Puja, Community Service, RCC and Vocational Service Committee led by Chairperson, Rtn. Yogesh Dassani, Co-Chair, Rtn. Ravindra Khandelwal donated 800 pcs New Garments for underprivileged Children of our RCCs and other organisations on 18th October, 2023 at Rotary Sadan. Rotarians Amit Ghosh and Udit Chand Mitra were also present on that day. The Garments were stitched by our Sewing Schools at RCC Ranihati and RCC Joygram. The total Cost of the project was Rs 2 Lakhs (approx.)
 - iii) Under the leadership of Past President, Rtn. Purnendu Roychowdhury a team from our Club organised a project, 'Teaching the Teachers' at our adopted School, Chintan Academy in the remote Baramanguwa District of Darjeeling between 28th to 30th October, 2023. Rtn. Roychowdhury checked their Accounts and three Teachers from Silver Point School held a three- day workshop with their Teaching Staff for improvement of teaching.
 - iv) Under the leadership of Past President, Rtn. Saumen Ray along with our Club members organized a Boat Trip – "Ganga Abhiyan" on 31st October, 2023 between 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. with the visiting Rotarians from London and Scotland.
8. **President Announced the following :**
 - a) On 1st November, 2023 there would be the Inauguration of a unit on Diabetic Retinopathy at Priyamvada Birla Aurobindo Eye Hospital. It would be Global Grant Project of the Club and requested members to join the Project inauguration programme at 3p.m. The total Cost of the project was Rs 70 Lakhs (approx).
 - b) The Visiting Rotarians team from UK and Scotland would visit Sundarbans and Ayodhya Pahar of our Rotary Club of Calcutta projects and wished the team all success.
9. **At the request of the President, Hony. Joint Secretary Rtn. Suman Chakraborty thereafter conducted the Club Business :**
 - a) He welcomed all members and guests and wished all "SUBHA BIJOYA"
 - b) He then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries for the week ending 6th November, 2023 .
 - c) Next Meeting of the Club would be held on Tuesday, 7th November, 2023 at 1.30 p.m. Speaker : Past President Rtn Sujata Pyne
 - d) There would be no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 14th November, 2023 on account of Diwali Holiday .
10. At the request of the President, Rtn. Ravindra Khandelwal introduced Mrs. Somini Sen Dua as the Chief Guest of that day.
11. At the request of the President, Mrs. Somini Sen Dua delivered a lecture on "Climate Conscious Living."
12. Questions raised by the members were answered by the Chief Guest.
13. On behalf of the Club, President handed over a memento to Mrs. Somini Sen Dua.
14. At the request of the President, PP Rtn. Saumen Ray introduced the Visiting Rotarians from London and Scotland. Thereafter they addressed the audience. After that President, on behalf of the Club President felicitated Members from Rotary Club London, Rotary Club of Battersea Park , Rotary Club of Kirkcaldy , Scotland, and Rotary Club of Glenrothes.
15. Sunshine Box collection Rs. 500/- with special Contribution from PP Rtn. Haladhar Dey on that day .
16. On behalf of the Club, Rtn. Santanu Deb Mookerjea offered the vote of thanks.
17. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Battersea Park, R.C. of Glenrothes, R.C. of Kirkcaldy and R C of London.
18. Before adjourning the meeting, President requested all to join the Fellowship and Dinner. On behalf of the Club, he thanked Rtns Dr. Abhrajit Ray, Dr. Nandini Ray, Kasturi Raha , Anindita Shoma Basu and Dr. Sarbani Ghosh for hosting fellowship and dinner .
19. Meeting was adjourned at 8.15 p.m.

Kanak Dutt
President

Suman Chakraborty
Hony. Joint Secretary