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August is Membership and New Club Development Month

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This week, we celebrate recognising Rotarians of having 100% Attendance for Year 2022-23.

This practice has been followed to inspire Rotarians in attending RWM. It is difficult to identify when it actually started. However, from the History of Rotary, it is learnt that Rotary Club of Marshall Texas was one of the pioneers in achieving high attendance with an average of 97.22% in 1920.

In 1976, Rotary International and Marshall Rotary placed major emphasis on regular attendance at weekly meetings of the club. Recognition was given to Rotarians who maintained 100% Attendance. Thereafter, there has been many new ways introduced to achieve "Make-Up Attendance" by attending meetings of other clubs.

At later part of 20th Century, with the internet and email facilities, "Make-up" became easier. Now E-Club one has very good programme for the same. I salute the Rotarians, who even being exempted, still achieve 100% Attendance. I also look forward to the enthusiasm of Green Badgers, and other Rotarians, who are trying to follow suit eagerly. I

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hope and wish that we shall be getting better and better attendance for RWM in coming years.

WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO RTN RAJARSHI DEY FOR PROVIDING THE GIFT ITEMS FREE OF COST THROUGH HIS COMPANY EDCONS EXPORTS (P) LTD.

[Prepared by Rtn HIRAK RAY, Chairman - Attendance Classification and Family of Rotary Committee]

Mahadevi Birla Interact Club Installation – year 23-24

Date: 5th Aug, 2023

Mahadevi Birla World Academy held their Interact Installation ceremony on 5th August, 2023, in the school auditorium. PDG and District Learning Facilitator Rtn Rajani Mukerji and District Interact Chair Rtn Apala Datta were Chief guests and Hony. Secretary Rtn Sarvani Gooptu and Youth Service Chair Rtn Saswati Mukherjee were special guests. The programme was simple yet meaningful with lighting of the lamp and recitation of slokas. The outgoing President made a moving presentation followed by a resolute speech by the incoming president. The incoming team were handed over badges by the guests followed by their oath taking. A song on water conservation by pupils from all classes was followed by a vote of thanks by the Principal. In the end a beautiful dance recital based on Tagore poem with a message on the environment was performed by the students.

[Reported by Secy. Sarvani Gooptu]



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Siksha Labh 3 – Vers 4 – Labanhrad Vidyapith AOS – Community; AOF – Supporting Education

Date: 5th Aug, 2023

Community Services Committee of RC Calcutta conducted the 4th Installation of the project SIKSHA Labh-3 for the Rotarian year 2023-24, under Literacy & Education, at Labanhrad Vidyapith for Girls, Salt Lake, Kolkata, on 5.08.2023. Secretary Rtn Sarvani Gooptu performed the inauguration of the event, in the presence of our club members. Almost 4 Rotarian members were present in the ceremony.



Presently the school has a strength of 1250+ in the secondary school, students coming from the nearby areas of Salt Lake EC and other nearby blocks. In this project a Computer Lab has been created with an installation of 10 nos. of new Computer Sets along with 10 nos. of UPS. The computers are installed with Windows 11 and MS office. The computer lab will benefit around 1250+ students with basic computer education and projects for students of class 11 & 12 every month.

Reported by Yogesh Dasani, Chairperson, Community Services



Health Clinic at Gothals Memorial Health Centre AOS : Community; AOF : Fighting Disease

Date: 6th Aug, 2023



Health Committee of RC Calcutta organised a Health Clinic at Gothals Memorial Health Centre on 6th Aug, 2023, where Priests / nuns / students from convents / local population were the beneficiaries, aggregating to approx. 150. Registration began dot at 8.30 am, and camp started sharp at 10 am after a prayer session - conducted by Father Peppin. 5 doctors attended the camp:

1. Dr Malini Cherian - Gynae
 2. Dr Pratibha Pradhan - Skin
 3. Dr Daniel Hsue - Dental
 4. Dr Arkaprovo Roy - Surgery
 5. Dr Ayusmati Thakur - Medicine / Gastro
- Separate rooms were provided by the centre to all the doctors,

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considering the fact that it's difficult for gynaecologists and dermatologists to have camps in the open area.

Free Hb and FBS / RBS tests were done. Medicines were distributed to the patients as per prescriptions provided, (There was no shortage of medicines) Lunch packets were provided to all doctors and helper staff at the end of the camp (sponsored by Zydus pharma)

Medicines were provided by - Alkem, Lupin, Sun, Abbott, Aristo, Alembic. (There was literally a small medicine shop at the centre)

The President, along with Secretary, Rtn. Hirak Ray and Anand Sharma attended the camp. Rtn Debjani continuously handled the medicine distribution

and Rtn Sharmistha too attended and helped out.

[Reported by Rtn Ayusmati Thakur, Chairperson, Health Committee]

District 3291 Interactive Session – Creating Hope

Date : 5th Aug, 2023

Hony. Secretary attended an interactive session Creating Hope to serve the community better organised at Kalakunj by the District Governor 3291 Rtn Hiralal Yadav on 5th August. The keynote speakers were the DG Hiralal Yadav and Rtn Sekhar Mehta, Rotary International President 2021-22. It was a well-attended session with many club presidents and secretaries from all over the district participated.

[Reported by Secretary Rtn. Sarvani Gooptu]



Appeals for Support

General Appeal from President Kanak Dutt

My earnest appeal to all fellow members – Please donate at least Rs. 20000 for noble causes of our different club projects. It will be a great gesture for the underprivileged. I hope all my Rotarian friends will accept my earnest appeal. Please donate to Rotary Club of Calcutta Welfare Trust. Benefit of deduction is available under Sec 80G of The Income Tax Act. Donors will be acknowledged in the Chaka. I sincerely solicit Members' assistance.

Donors : Rajeev Paralikar, Kamala Devi Dalmia Charitable Trust, K.K.Kothari, B K Poddar

Siksha Labh

Siksha Labh is a project where direct impact goes on to beneficiaries. It is not only creating an impact in the society, but directly to the students, creating a future. Requesting all our members to help our Community Service Chairman to reach a goal of 12000 beneficiaries.

Donors: President Kanak Dutt, Kirit Patel, AB4, Dr Sukumar Mukherjee, Dr Saswati Mukherjee

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Blood Bank

Please donate generously. While we would expect each member to donate at least US \$100 for this Presidential Global Grant Project, members are free to exhibit generosity and commit higher amounts.

Donors : Arindam Roy Chowdhury, Dr. Sourabh Khemani, Sonal Worah, PP Nilima Joshi, Hirak Sen, B.K. Dalmia, Kirit Patel, PP Abhijit Kolay, AB4, PP Saumen Ray, Shipra Roy Chowdhury (Spouse of RID Anirudha Roychowdhury), Roshni Ganguly, Hony. Secretary Sarvani Gooptu, PP Heena Gorsia, Hirak Ray, Udit Mitra, Shaswati Roy Chowdhury, PP Debasish Mitra, Atindra Nath Sen, Shailendra Gupta, Anand V Bhuwalka, Anita Jain, Dr Sanjay Kumar, Dr Jayanta Roy, Krishna Kolay, Pranab Sarkar, Ranjita Mazumder, Sonia Dutt, CYP Purnendu RC, Dr Abhrajit Ray, Dr Nandini Ray, PE Subrata De, Pritpal Chauhan, Dr. Sukalyan Purkasthya, Dina Dutta Sarkar.

Maitree

MAITREE an inter school cultural competition is scheduled on Aug. 10, at Rotary Sadan. It is our humble request to all the Members for their generous contribution to make the said event viable and rewarding. Look forward to your affirmative response at the earliest.

Donors : Sarvani Gooptu, Saswati Mukherjee, Chandreyee Das, Ruchika Majumdar, Debjani Ghosh, Arindam Roy Chowdhury, President Kanak Dutt.

Family of Rotary



Congratulations to Shreyashee (daughter of Sujoy & Satarupa Mukherjee) for bagging 3 Silver Medals and 1 Bronze in the CISCE Swimming Meet 2023 for ICSE Schools in West Bengal & North-East. Wishing her the best for the National Meet.

REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENDANCE REPORT (05.08.2023)

| | | |
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| Total Members | : | 240 |
| Members Present | : | 42 |
| Exempted Members | : | 67 |
| Visiting Rotarians & Guest | : | 11 |



ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes
Rotary Club North Suburban, India
R. I. Dist.3291

Wedding Anniversaries

Sutanu Ghosh & R-Ann Shakuntala
12th Aug.

Rtn. Sarvani Gooptu & Pradeep Gooptu
14th Aug.

Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee & R-Ann Bijoya
16th Aug.

Sumangala Murarka & Mr. Sanjay
16th Aug.

Wish you many more years of marital bliss

Birthdays

Shankar Sehanobish 12th Aug.

Sakti Kumar Banerjee 12th Aug.

D. K. Dalmia 18th Aug.

Wish you many happy returns of the day

TODAY

Felicitation of "100%ers" for the Rotary year 2022-23

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 22nd August, 2023 at 1 pm at Rotary Sadan after lunch.

Speaker : Sreemoyee Piu Kundu

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"MAITREE" - a Youth Service Committee program of an Inter School Bengali Cultural Competition, held at Rotary Sadan on 10th Aug, 2023

Forthcoming Meetings / Events

| Day & Date | Programmes | Project & Timing |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Tuesday 15th August, 2023 | Independence Day celebration | Flag hoisting at 10 a.m. followed by Art Exhibition and Cultural programme by the Students of the Cultural Section. |
| Wednesday 16th August, 2023 | Holistic Education in Schools | Balia Nafar Chandra Balika Vidyalaya, Garia, at 10.30 am |
| Saturday 19th August, 2023 | Prandhara project | Donation of Clean Drinking Water Machine to 21 Schools inaugurated at 11 p.m. at Rotary Sadan . It would be Project of Special Projects Committee |
| Sunday 20th August, 2023 | Non Invasive Liver test | Fibro scan for Rotarians. First of 3 sessions would be conducted by the Health Committee. For further details, please contact Rtn. Dr. Ayushmati Thakur, Chairperson Health Care Committee. |
| Tuesday 22nd August, 2023 | Regular Weekly Meeting | 1.30 pm after lunch at 1 pm Speaker : Sreemoyee Piu Kundu |
| Tuesday 29th August, 2023 | Regular Weekly Meeting | 1.30 pm after lunch at 1 pm Speaker : Saira Shah Halim |

NO MEETING

There will be No Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 15th Aug, 2023 on account of Public Holiday (Independence Day)

Independence Day Celebration on 15th August, 2023

Independence Day will be celebrated on Tuesday, 15th August, 2023 at Rotary Sadan from 10 am onwards. Flag hoisting will follow the Art Exhibition and Cultural program by the students of the Cultural Section. You are requested to attend the program with your family.



RESIGNATION

The Board at the meeting held on 31st July, 2023 accepted the resignations of the following Rotarians with effect from 1st Aug, 2023

- a) Dr. Asha Padgaonkar
- b) Dr. Suresh Kumar Agarwal
- c) Pavan Poddar
- d) Pawan Kumar Kanoria
- e) Dr. Sujoy Roychowdhury

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PRANADHARA
15th AUGUST

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PRANADHARA-1

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Time : 11am -1pm
Venue : Rotary Sadan

Community Service Project Initiative

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PROMOTES

"Holistic Education in Schools"

INAGURATION OF
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY LAB

Balia Nafar Chandra Balika Vidyalaya
68, Chhoto Bot Tala, Central Balia, Garia
Kolkata, West Bengal 700084

Date: 16th August
Venue: Balia, Garia
Time: 11:30 AM

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PRANADHARA
15th AUGUST

MINUTES OF THE 4908TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 5th AUGUST, 2023 AT 6.30 P.M. AT THE ROTARY SADAN

1. President, Rtn. Kanak Dutt welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 4908th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
2. National Anthem was led by Rtn Dr. Sukalyan Purakayastha.
3. Minutes of the 4907th regular weekly meeting of the Club held on 25th July, 2023 were confirmed.
4. President welcomed Dr Sabyasachi Mitra, Consultant Neuro Psychiatrist as the Chief Guest on that day.
5. President then welcomed visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting.
6. **President reported the following :**
 - a) President informed members that Rtn Roshni Ganguly's mother Mrs Usri Ghatak passed away on 23rd July. On behalf of the Club, he extended condolences to her family.
 - b) Community Service, RCC and Vocational Service Committee organized Sikha Labh Project, donation of Computers on Friday, 28th July, 2023 at Lake School for Girls and on 5th August, 2023 at Labandhrad Vidyapith for Girls at Salt Lake City, Kolkata. At the request of the President, Rtn. Yogesh Dassani gave a report of the two projects.
 - c) Health Care Committee in association with Deep Ranjani Foundation organized Disease Prevention and Treatment for Children on Friday, 28th July, 2023 at 25, Dr. Asutosh Sastri Road, Subash Sarobar, Kolkata. At the request of the President, Rtn. Dr. Ayushmati Thakur gave a report on it and also informed members that on Sunday, 6th August, 2023 the Health Committee would organize a free Health Clinic at Goethals Memorial Health Centre at Sacred Heart Church premises between 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and requested members to attend the Health Camp.
7. **President announced the following :**
 - i) Youth Service Committee would organize an Inter Schools Bengali Cultural Competition "MAITREE" on Thursday, 10th August, 2023 at Rotary Sadan between 10 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. At the request of the President, Rtn. Saswati Mukherjee, Chairperson, Youth Service Committee briefed the audience about the programme.
 - ii) Holistic Education in Schools' phase – 1, would be organized by Literacy Committee on 16th August, 2023 at 10.30 a.m. onwards.
 - iii) A visit by 40 students of the Interact Clubs of RC Calcutta have been arranged by the Youth Services Chair to the Netaji Museum at Elgin Road, Kolkata on Saturday, 12th August, 2023 between 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. An discussion on "Are Netaji's ideals still relevant today?" will be held there with Professor Sugata Bose and Professor Sumantra Bose.
 - iv) Independence Day would be celebrated by flag hoisting, an art exhibition and cultural programme by the Students of Cultural Section on 15th August, 2023 at 10 a.m. at Rotary Sadan.
 - v) "Prandhara project" for donation of Clean Drinking Water Machine to 21 schools would be inaugurated on Saturday, 19th August, 2023 at 11 a.m. at Rotary Sadan. It would be the project of Special Projects and Community Service Committees.
 - vi) Non Invasive Liver test-Fibro scan for Rotarians - first of 3 sessions would be conducted by the Health Committee chair on Sunday, 20th August, 2023.

President informed the club members about the above forthcoming projects of the Club and requested them to make a note of it and attend.
8. **At the request of the President, Hony. Secretary Rtn. Sarvani Gooptu thereafter conducted the Club Business :**
 - a) She welcomed all members and guests and wished them a good evening.
 - b) She then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries for the week ending 11th August, 2023.
 - c) She announced that the next Regular Weekly Meeting on Saturday, 12th August, 2023 at 6.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan followed by fellowship and dinner - the programme being Felicitation of 100%ers for the Rotary year 2023-24.
 - d) There would be no Regular Weekly Meeting on next Tuesday, 15th August, 2022 on account of Public Holiday (Independence Day).
9. At the request of the President, Rtn. Dr. Ajay Agarwal introduced Dr Sabyasachi Mitra, Chief Guest of that day.
10. At the request of the President, Dr Sabyasachi Mitra, addressed the audience on "Common Mental Health Issues"
11. Questions were raised by the members which were answered by the Chief Guest.
12. On behalf of the Club, Rtn. Dr. Pratibha Pradhan offered the vote of thanks.
13. On behalf of the Club, President handed over a memento to Dr Sabyasachi Mitra.
14. Sunshine Box collection was Rs. 1,000/- with special contribution from Rtns Dr. Hirak Kumar Sen, and Udit Chand Mitra.
15. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Brahmanbaria Titas, Bangladesh, R. I. Dist. 3282.
16. On behalf of the Club, President thanked Rtns Hirak Sen, Dr. Abhijit Chattopadhyay, Pradyot Banerjee and Dr. Pratibha Pradhan for Co-hosting fellowship and dinner on that day.
17. Meeting was adjourned at 8.42 p.m.

Kanak Dutt
President

Sarvani Gooptu
Hony. Secretary