



ROTARY CLUB OF AAROHEE, CALCUTTA



Stephanie A. Urchick, of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2024-25, a decision that would make her only the second woman to hold that position.

With the world facing incredible challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic, disasters driven by climate change, and conflict in many regions, Urchick says Rotary's leaders can offer a vision and a plan for overcoming these challenges.

Rtn. STEPHANIE A. URCHICK
RI President 2024-2025

"Measures taken by Rotary leadership to survive and end critical challenges often make our organization stronger and more resilient for future events," Urchick says. "This kind of essential leadership also creates new levels of cooperation, even among rivals, when Rotarians pull together as people of action to serve and solve a crisis."

Making regionalization a priority is crucial, says Urchick.

"Because Rotary operates in more than 200 countries and regions, it is vital to recognize that the organization has the potential to become more efficient and effective by understanding and reacting to how regional differences affect the way Rotarians work together to address providing service, promoting integrity, and advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace," Urchick says.

Urchick is partner and chief operating officer of Doctors at Work LLC, a consulting and training company. She holds a doctorate in leadership studies from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She is active on numerous community boards and committees, and has been honored by organizations including Zonta International and the Sons of the American Revolution.

A Rotary member since 1991, Urchick has traveled to Vietnam to help build a primary school and to the Dominican Republic to install water filters. She studies several Slavic languages, has mentored new Rotarians in Ukraine, and coordinated a Rotary Foundation grant project in Poland.

Urchick has served Rotary in many roles, including as a director, Foundation trustee, and chair of the RI Strategic Planning Committee and the Foundation's Centennial Celebration Committee. She currently serves on the Election Review Committee and the Operations Review Committee. She is a Rotary Foundation Major Donor and a member of the Bequest Society.

The members of the Nominating Committee for the 2024-25 President of Rotary International are: Floyd A. Lancia (chair), Rotary Club of Anthony Wayne (Fort Wayne), Indiana, USA; Guiller E. Tumangan (secretary), Rotary Club of Makati West, Makati City, Philippines; Jeffrey Cadorette, Rotary Club of Media, Pennsylvania, USA; Bradford R. Howard, Rotary Club of Oakland Uptown, California, USA; Per Høyen, Rotary Club of Aarup, Denmark; Peter Iblher, Rotary Club of Nürnberg-Reichswald, Zirndorf, Germany; John M. Lawrence, Rotary Club of Paddington, Queensland, Australia; Jan Lucas Ket, Rotary Club of Purmerend, Netherlands; Seiji Kita, Rotary Club of Urawa East, Saitama, Japan; Sam Okudzeto, Rotary Club of Accra, Accra, Ghana; Bharat S. Pandya, Rotary Club of Borivli, Maharashtra, India; Kamal Sanghvi, Rotary Club of Dhanbad, Jharkhand, India; José Ubiracy Silva, Rotary Club of Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil; David D. Stovall, Rotary Club of Hall County, Georgia, USA; Bryn Styles, Rotary Club of Barrie-Huron, Ontario, Canada; Giuseppe Viale, Rotary Club of Genova, Italy; and Chang-Gon Yim, Rotary Club of Daegu West, Korea.

Dr Krishnendu Gupta

MBBS (Mangalore), DGO (Manipal), MD (Manipal)
FICMCH, FICOG, FRCPI (Ireland),
FRCOG (Ad Eundem UK), FACOG (Hon, USA)
DIESTRICT GOVERNOR 2024-2025, RI District 3291
Past President, RC Calcutta Victoria, 2017-2018,
RI District 3291 Member, Arch Klumph Society (AKS)
Trustees Circle The Rotary Foundation (TRF) since 2018



Krishnendu joined Rotary in 1992 and is presently a member of RC Calcutta Victoria. He became a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) in 1999, Benefactor and Major Donor (MD) Level 1 in 2012, MD Level 2 and MD Level 3 in 2017, MD Level 4 in 2018, and Member of the Arch Klumph Society (AKS) Trustees Circle in 2018. He is the first and only AKS member from District 3291 till date.

Born in Kolkata, he did his initial schooling from St Xavier's Collegiate School, Kolkata from 1969-1973, and thereafter from Mayo College, Ameer, Rajasthan from 1974-1981. Subsequently, he completed his MBBS (Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery) from Kasturba Medical College (KMC), Mangalore in 1986. DGO (Diploma in Gynaecology & Obstetrics) in 1989 and MD (Masters in Obstetrics & Gynaecology) from KMC, Manipal in 1990. He was awarded the University Gold Medal being the best outgoing student in MD examinations in 1990. Krishnendu also completed two Diplomas in Surgical Pelviscopy & Hysteroscopy, and in Reproductive Medicine from Kiel, Germany in 2000. He has been awarded prestigious Fellowships from the Indian College of Maternal & Child Health (FICMCH) in 1995, Indian College of Obstetrics & Gynaecologists (FICOG) in 2002, Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (FRCPI) from Ireland in 2018, Fellow Ad Eundem (FRCOG), Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists, United Kingdom in 2019, and ACOG Honorary Fellowship Award (FACOG), American College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists, USA in 2022. He is only the fourth Indian Obstetrician & Gynaecologist ever to receive the prestigious Hon FACOG award till date.

Krishnendu is currently Professor, Dept of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Vivekananda Institute of Medical Sciences (VIMS), Ramakrishna Mission Seva Pralishthan (RKMSIP), Kolkata, West Bengal since 2002, and Unit Head since 2017. He has over 33 years of experience in Obstetrics & Gynaecology and has been a Professor in VIMS for over 21 years. In addition, he is engaged as an Adjunct Professor, Dept of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, KMC, Manipal since 2017 and has been honoured by his peers with two named Orations in ICOG and KMC, Manipal since 2018. Owing back to society being his guiding mantra, Krishnendu has been providing voluntary services to the patients of VIMS & RKMSIP since 1997 till date.

Extremely active in the national and international academic circles, Krishnendu is currently the Deputy Secretary General of Asia & Oceania Federation of Obstetrics & Gynaecology (AFOG), International Least Fellow of Examinations of FRCPI, Ireland, in addition to being a member of various committees of FIGO, AFOG, SAFOS and FOGSI. He was Chair of IOCG in 2016, Vice President of FOGSI in 2011, President of The Bengal Obstetric & Gynaecological Society (BOGS) in 2013, amongst numerous other appointments. He is on Editorial Board and a peer reviewer of numerous international and national journals of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and an Examiner and Paper-Setter for MBBS, DGO, MD / MS, DNB examinations in Obstetrics & Gynaecology since 1993 till date.

An active Rotarian for 27+ years [RC Calcutta Jadavpur: 1 year (1992) and RC Calcutta Victoria (RCV): 26+ years (1997 till date)], Krishnendu served in various positions in RCCV being Secretary in 2004-2005 and President during its 65th Jubilee Year 2017-2018. He has since served Rotary District 3291 in different positions in TRF and as District Secretary Projects (Medical). He is a Faculty Member of Rotary Learning Institute (RLI) and a Member of the TRF Cadre of Technical Advisers, 2018-2024. He is also the Offending Member AKS Form of India since 2020.

Krishnendu has been the recipient of numerous honours and awards from Rotary International and District 3291, namely, Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service in 2020-2021 from TRF, Best Rotarian of the Year Award 2017-2018, District 3291 Rotary Vocational Service Excellence Award 2017-2018, District 3291, and Outstanding President Award in 2017-2018. He has been recognized for his giving to The Rotary Foundation from District 3291 receiving the Highest Contribution to TRF Award in 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2020-2021, and Second Highest Contribution to TRF Award in 2019-2020.

Krishnendu has been a passionate crusader for empowerment of women and in the advocacy of adolescent HPV vaccination to eliminate cervical cancer since 2009, wherein he has created endowment funds in TRF in 2018 and in the RCCV Trust in 2021 to ensure sustainability of services projects in perpetuity. He has also been directly involved in the completion of three large Global Grants in the field of preventable childhood illness. Krishnendu is actively associated with Sri Sanyasi Sai Bal Vihar's charitable school for the underprivileged and financially challenged children in a small village adjoining Kolkata, Saroj Gupta Cancer Centre & Research Institute, Thakurpukur, Kolkata, and Ramakrishna Mission & Math, Belur, West Bengal.

Krishnendu is an avid pianist and a Charter Life Member of the International Fellowship of Rotarian Musicians (IFRM), District 3291. He is a Permanent Member of Bengal Club, Calcutta Club, Calcutta Cricket & Football Club, Lakes Club, Tollygunge Club, Life Member of Cricket Association of Bengal, Mohun Bagan Athletic Club, Aryan Club, Annual Member of Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Agri-Horticultural Society of India, Calcutta Wine Club (Secretary: 2021-2023), Indo-Italics Wine Club. He is also the recipient of IWSET Level 1 Award in Wines for his keen interest in the knowledge of fine wines.

His Partner-in-Service for 31 years, Dr. Simran, a MBBS graduate from Mysore Medical College and MD (Anesthesiology) from Kasturba Medical College, Manipal is a Consultant Anesthesiologist and Intensivist, having extensive experience in cardiac anesthesiology since 1996. Their daughter Aparajita after completing BSc with Distinction in Economics from University of Essex, UK and double Masters degree with Distinction in Management and International Management from London School of Economics & Political Science, UK and CEMS respectively, is currently employed with Merck Sharp & Dohme (MSD) in Prague, Czech Republic. She is married to Dr. Jan Hospodka (PhD in Financial Management) and are blessed with a son, Kian, born in October 2021.

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