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On 20th July 2024 ♦ Phoenix - The Saturday Club



Stephanie A. Urchick
Rotary International President
2024-2025



AKS Dr. Krishnendu Gupta
Rotary District Governor
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From the Editor Desk

Dear Friends

As we step into the 2024-2025 Rotary year, we find ourselves inspired by the theme "The Magic of Rotary," introduced by our President-elect Stephanie A. Urchick. This theme encapsulates the transformative power of our collective efforts to bring positive change to the communities we serve. President Urchick has articulated a vision urging us to recognize the magic that arises when dedicated individuals come together in pursuit of a common goal. While words alone will not achieve our objectives, it is our actions—however small—that create the real magic of Rotary.

We must also take a moment to acknowledge the leadership of District Governor AKS Dr. Krishnendu Gupta. Under his stewardship, our district has witnessed remarkable initiatives that embody Rotary's spirit of service. Dr. Gupta's unwavering commitment to our mission has not only energized our clubs but also fostered an environment where every member is encouraged to contribute to our collective goals. His focus on collaboration and innovative problem-solving aligns perfectly with President Urchick's vision, reinforcing the idea that magic is only possible when we come together as a united force.

The essential work performed by Rotarians worldwide is filled with moments of wonder that profoundly impact lives and communities. During her mission in the Dominican Republic, President Urchick experienced firsthand the joy generated by providing access to clean water. Witnessing the enthusiastic reactions of young boys as they watched water flow from a new filter serves as a poignant reminder that our efforts make a tangible difference. Each project, whether it involves health, education, or economic development, reinforces our commitment to improving the human condition, underscoring that the heart of Rotary lies in service above self.

In addition to service and impact, President Urchick emphasizes the fundamental principles of peace and inclusivity that should guide our actions. Looking ahead, her vision incorporates the organization of a major peace conference in 2025. This initiative is aimed at fostering dialogue and healing in a world often marked by division and conflict. It is a call to action for all Rotarians to cultivate environments of trust and belonging as we work collectively to resolve issues that threaten our global community.

Furthermore, embracing diversity, equity, and inclusion within our clubs is paramount to realizing this vision. By welcoming new members from all backgrounds and ensuring that every voice is heard, we make Rotary not only more vibrant but also more impactful. Each member brings unique perspectives and skills that enrich our endeavors, making our organization irresistible to potential newcomers while strengthening our existing bonds.

As we face the challenges of the coming year, let us remember the essence of Rotary: service, fellowship, and integrity. Every project undertaken, every dollar contributed, and every new friendship forged contributes to the magic that defines who we are as Rotarians. Together, we hold the potential to forge paths toward resolutions—transforming our Rotary clubs into havens of action, innovation, and compassion.

Let us seize the magic of this moment and strive to make the coming year truly remarkable. As we embrace the teachings of President Urchick and the dynamic leadership of DG AKS Dr. Krishnendu Gupta, may we inspire one another to shine brightly in our service to our communities and the world. The magic of Rotary is not an abstract concept; it lives in each of us and in the remarkable work that we are capable of achieving together.

Soumya Roy

Bulletin Editor



Stephanie A. Urchick
RI President

A Portrait of Leadership: Stephanie A. Urchick

Stephanie A. Urchick's journey with Rotary is a tapestry of dedication and impact. As an RI director and Rotary Foundation trustee, she has held pivotal roles such as training leader, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, and RI president's representative. Her influence extends to three sessions of the Council on Legislation as a representative and member-at-large.

Urchick has chaired the Strategic Planning Committee and The Rotary Foundation's Centennial Celebration Committee. Her contributions span numerous Rotary committees, including the Election Review Committee and Operational Review Committee.

Since joining Rotary in 1991, Urchick has immersed herself in international service. She participated in National Immunization Days in India and Nigeria and collaborated with clubs in Vietnam to build a primary school. Her efforts in the Dominican Republic involved installing water filters. Proficient in several Slavic languages, Urchick has mentored new Rotary members in Ukraine and secured a Rotary Foundation grant for mammography equipment and a biopsy unit for a hospital in Poland. Recognized by the Rotary Club of Krakow for her role in revitalizing Rotary in post-Communist Poland, she has also facilitated partnerships between U.S. clubs and those in Albania, Kosovo, and Ukraine.

Professionally, Urchick's background spans higher education, consulting, and entertainment. She holds a doctorate in Leadership Studies from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and has been lauded by The Rotary Foundation and various community and international organizations.

Urchick calls on members to champion Rotary's Action Plan to strengthen clubs, balance continuity and change, and promote peace. She highlights the critical mission of eradicating polio, encouraging members to join or start PolioPlus Societies and contribute to ending the disease. Urchick is set to lead the 2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference in Istanbul, Turkey, with the theme "Healing in a Divided World" from February 20-22, 2025.

Rotary is dedicated to weaving diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) into the fabric of everything we do.

Our commitment is not just a statement but a living principle upheld by our Board of Directors and DEI Advisory Council. Recently, we fortified our DEI statement, originally embraced in 2019:

At Rotary, we firmly believe that nurturing a diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment is fundamental to achieving our vision of a world where individuals unite to drive lasting change.

We honor diversity and cherish the contributions of people from all walks of life—regardless of age, ethnicity, race, color, disability, learning style, religion, faith, socioeconomic status, culture, marital status, languages spoken, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, as well as differences in ideas, thoughts, values, and beliefs.

Acknowledging historical barriers faced by certain groups in membership, participation, and leadership, we pledge to promote equity across all facets of Rotary. This commitment extends to our community partnerships, ensuring equitable access to resources, opportunities, networks, and support for every individual to thrive.

We recognize that each person possesses visible and invisible qualities that make them uniquely valuable. Therefore, we strive to foster an inclusive culture where every individual feels valued and embraced.

In alignment with our core value of integrity, we remain transparent about our DEI journey as an organization. We are dedicated to continuous learning and improvement.

Rotary members can access DEI resources, including the DEI Code of Conduct, on My Rotary. This framework guides our members in cultivating and sustaining a collaborative, positive, and nurturing environment for all.



From DG AKS DR Krishnendu Gupta

01 July 2024

Rtn Dr Lalita Chatterjee Gangopadhyay

President 2024–2025

Rotary Club of Calcutta Empathy, RID 3291

Dear President Dr Lalita Chatterjee Gangopadhyay

Greetings and best wishes from Dr Simran and my family.

It will be yet another historic day on 01 July 2024 when the second-ever lady Rotarian RIPE Stephanie A Urchick from RC McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA, will take over the reins of Rotary International with the wonderful theme **“THE MAGIC OF ROTARY”**.

On the very same date, we too will be extremely fortunate to have been given the opportunity to officially take care of the health and welfare, of all our fellow Rotarians of District 3291 for one full Rotary year.

On that very day, you too shall be taking up the mantle of your club and work towards the benefit of both your club members and the society at large. I am very happy to note that you are already planning service projects and we expect that those shall be sustainable projects creating new development of marginalized people.

The service projects that we do for the benefit of the lesser privileged in our community, is truly magical. It brings about positive change towards betterment and sometimes, a total change in the lives of our beneficiaries. And while doing these meaningful projects, we also get together, bond and enjoy ourselves. This is **“THE MAGIC OF ROTARY”**.

I am positive that your vibrant club shall do this magic, as they have done in the past, and continue to serve to change lives.

Simran and I wish you and your esteemed club members the best and eagerly look forward to working together for a wonderful and fruitful Rotary Year 2024–2025.

Thanking you.

Kind regards.

Yours-in-Rotary

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Dr. K. Gupta', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dr Krishnendu Gupta

District Governor, 2024–2025

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From the desk of Surojit Roy: Charter President 2022-24

Dear Rotarians

At the outset ,I would like to convey my utmost gratitude to each member of my club, the Empathy family , for being with me , from the date way back in 2022 , even before when the club was formed till date. Most of our members are charter members and it is a privilege to be able to serve the members, the district and Rotary as a Servant Leader from Nov 2022 when the club was formed as a Charter member till 30 June 2024. Now the time has come, when I handover the baton to Dr Lalita Chatterjee , our Club President 24-25, whom we are sure, will take the club to greater height in the ongoing year under the leadership of District Governor 24-25 AKS Rtn Krishnendu Gupta. I met District Governor 24-25 AKS Rtn Krishnendu Gupta 1st during the COTS as incoming President of my previous club way back in 2022 , and now I am the Charter President & Immediate Past President of Rotary Club of Calcutta Empathy when we meet again at the installation ceremony of 24-25. It has been a really a enjoyable journey all through under the able to guidance and leadership of District leaders, and friendship and support of the Empathy family

Yours in Rotary

Surojit Roy

Charter President,
Rotary Club of Calcutta Empathy, 2022- 2024



From the desk of Rtn Dr Lalita Chatterjee Gangopadhyay: President 2024-25

Dear Rotarians

This change over ceremony is a milestone of our club, ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA EMPATHY's journey. We have started our journey recently. Some of us were related to Rotary family, some were very fresh to get the flavor of Rotary. I was a spouse member and worked in some medical, educational and other projects, keeping a wish to join Rotary actively.

In this short period we, members of our club, came to know each other's intentions to do good to society of which we are a part too.

We have already in the path of taking care of environment, Ideas of spreading literacy, Awareness and Prevention of non-communicable diseases like Diabetes Mellitus , Oral cancer, Cervical cancer Awareness and prevention(project--Durga), HPV vaccinations in small scale, Breast cancer Awareness and screening, End Polio now campaigning, Thalassemia Awareness and screening ,Regular Eye camp, in rural and urban areas. An effort is taken to walk few steps with specially-abled children and their parents in a wish to make their life easier.....They were a part of our Sharod Swikriti project "Amar Durga Sabar Durga" along with senior citizens.

These are small steps, but we are stepping them.

There are so many unmet needs to assess and work for them. We always try to make projects sustainable.

Literacy has become a basic issue at present. We cannot say boldly that education and health are basic rights, as both of them are becoming costly day by day. Along with BASIC LITERACY & ADULT LITERACY,I specifically want to focus to Libraries. We cannot forget the contributions of library in our student days. Higher studies still needs library helps. Many students cannot afford whole sets of books or information. An equipped library can help generations of students. But it is a dying culture nowadays specially in our state . Along with other educational projects ,can we adopt one library by each club as Rotary Community Corp and serve them accordingly?

Our members are from medical fields, IT Industries, business, Teaching, Government Officials, Film making, and others too.

We all hope to ignite the magic of ROTARY to create positive waves to the farthest and widest.

Yours in Rotary

Dr Lalita Chatterjee Gangopadhyay

President,
Rotary Club of Calcutta Empathy, 2024- 2025



From the desk of Soumya Roy: Secretary 2024-25

My journey with Rotary International has been nothing short of transformative. It's more than just an organization; it's a community-driven force that resonates deeply with my values and aspirations. Through Rotary, I've discovered a profound sense of purpose in serving others, of making a tangible difference in our world.

Every project, whether it's supporting local education initiatives or spearheading healthcare campaigns, is a testament to Rotary's commitment to humanitarian service. The camaraderie among fellow Rotarians is infectious, united by a shared belief in 'Service Above Self'. Together, we brainstorm innovative solutions, harnessing collective expertise to address pressing societal challenges.

One of the most rewarding aspects is witnessing firsthand the impact of our efforts. From constructing clean water systems in underserved communities to organizing vocational training workshops, each endeavor leaves an indelible mark on lives. It's in these moments of transformation, where a child receives an education or a family gains access to healthcare, that reaffirm my dedication to Rotary's mission.

Beyond the projects, Rotary has enriched my life personally. It's provided a platform to forge lifelong friendships and cultivate leadership skills. The global reach of Rotary ensures that our actions resonate globally, fostering goodwill and understanding across borders.

In essence, Rotary International isn't just an organization; it's a conduit for compassion and change. It empowers me to contribute meaningfully to society, to advocate for those in need, and to envision a world where service and kindness prevail.

Yours in Rotary

Soumya Roy

Secretary & Bulletin Editor,
Rotary Club of Calcutta Empathy, 2024- 2025

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