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Club of Calcutta Empathy



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# Empathy

## Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo



President Arezzo, of the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy is an orthodontist in private practice. He is active internationally as a member of the Italian, European, and American orthodontics associations. He is vice president of the National Association of Italian Dentists for the province of Ragusa and was the founder and head for seven years of the delegation for

Ragusa of the National Trust for Italy. He is a Knight of Honor and Devotion in Obedience within the Sovereign Order of Malta. A Rotary member for more than 30 years, Arezzo has served as vice chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee and as RI director, learning facilitator, and as district conference presidential representative. Arezzo is a Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation. He is married to Anna Maria Criscone, an entrepreneur in the tourism field. They have two children.

## Message of RI President



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Carissimi,  
Two weeks ago, I was in my living room playing with my grandchildren. A few days later, I rose on a plane to Calgary, suddenly carrying the responsibility of leading this incredible organization. Life comes fast, but so often, it brings us exactly where we're meant to be.  
We begin this year with a clear message: **Unite for Good**. It is a simple phrase, but a powerful one. Because behind every successful Rotary effort, every act of service, every new member welcomed, every global challenge met — there are two things that matter most: **friendship and trust**.  
This is how we build strong clubs. It's how we create meaningful partnerships and transform global problems into local solutions. It's also how we lead — not through titles or applause, but with humility, humanity, and heart. But let me be honest with you — this kind of leadership is not always easy. We're human and yes, we make mistakes. We sometimes disagree, but in Rotary, we are called to something greater. Let us reflect on the full vision of Rotary: **Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.**  
That last part is essential, because transformation doesn't start with strategy. It starts with character and the way we treat one another. It starts with how we listen, how we support, and how we serve.  
This year, I ask you to lead with that spirit. To grow Rotary through relationships. To make your clubs more welcoming, more flexible, more open to new ideas. To think big — but also to think beyond one year. Our term is short, but our impact can be lasting. If we plan and act with continuity and vision.  
Let us remember our key priorities: **membership, polio, and peace**. We are closer than ever to eradicating polio. We cannot stop now. We must keep the promise we made to the children of the world. And as for peace — Rotary has been building it for over a century. Every clean water system, every youth exchange, every maternal health project is a step toward peace.  
I joined Rotary as a young professional eager to help but terrified of public speaking. My fellow Rotarians believed in me and encouraged me to take on new roles, and in doing so, Rotary changed my life. It gave me courage and purpose, but above all, it gave me you, my friends, my team, my family — **the world**.  
So now, my friends, take out your dreams tucked away in a drawer, especially those you thought were too big or bold to achieve. Start bringing them into the light. Let's **Unite for Good** — for our clubs, our communities, and our world. And let's make this a year not only of service, but of joy, of connection, and of love.  
With gratitude and affection,  
Francesco Arezzo  
President, Rotary International, 2025-26  
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## Chief Guest Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri - DG Dist. 3291



It is with great pride and heartfelt warmth that I extend my congratulations to the incoming President, Secretary, and the newly installed team of [Club Name].

A club installation is not merely a ceremonial transition; it is a reaffirmation of our commitment to Service Above Self. As each new team takes charge, it carries forward the legacy of leadership, fellowship, and impactful service. I urge you to dream boldly, act compassionately, and lead inclusively—ensuring that your club becomes a lighthouse of hope and change in your community.

Let us embrace innovation while cherishing Rotary's timeless values. Work hand-in-hand with your members, reach out to the youth, collaborate with partners, and most importantly—listen to your community. The world needs Rotary now more than ever.

Wishing you a successful and meaningful Rotary year ahead.

Yours in Rotary,  
Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri  
District Governor, RID 3291  
Rotary Year 2025–26

## Message from the President

It is with deep gratitude and a true sense of purpose that I accept the privilege of serving as the President of the Rotary Club of Cal Empathy for this Rotary year.

First, I want to sincerely thank our outgoing President, Dr Lalita Chatterjee, for leading with integrity, heart, and unwavering commitment. Your service has strengthened our club and set an example we are proud to follow.

I also want to acknowledge and express my appreciation to our Rotary District Leadership — especially our District Governor and the entire district team — for their constant guidance, encouragement, and vision. Your leadership empowers clubs like ours to dream bigger, serve better, and connect deeper with the Rotary family worldwide. We look forward to working in close partnership with the district as we advance Rotary's mission this year.

As we begin this chapter, our focus will be clear and purposeful:

- Thalassemia Prevention — raising awareness, promoting screening, and advocating for a healthier future. Focus will also be on Polio, cervical cancer, eye/ear, elderly care, CPR training.
- Literacy Promotion — because education is the strongest foundation for personal and societal growth. I believe empowering minds and opening doors through education is key.
- And a broad range of philanthropic efforts — aimed at improving health, uplifting lives, environment and making a real difference in our community
- Collaboration — Meetings, funds, knowledge will be top priority.

This year, we rally under a powerful theme: Unite for Good. This year we will unite but not within the club but with community, partners and fellow organizations.

Together — as a club, as a district, and as part of the global Rotary movement — we will channel our collective energy to serve with impact and compassion.

To our incoming board members and committee leaders — thank you for stepping forward. Your leadership is backbone to turning our vision into reality. I invite each one of you to walk this journey with me to dream, to serve and make this year one where our impact echoes beyond meetings and events touching lives in ways that truly matter.

And to every member of this club — you are the heart of Rotary. Your dedication, ideas, and service will drive us forward.

Let us make this year defined by unity, action, and meaningful service. Let us Unite for Good. Thank You.

## Updates from Club Initiatives and Projects

This year we executed the following year-to-date:

1. Actively supported the district in hosting District Assembly'25 for RCC
2. Anneysan'25 – with Paschattya Badik Sangha
3. Thalassemia and Cervical Cancer awareness session
4. CPR sessions for students and teachers with Manipal Hospitals, in multiple schools
5. Participating in End Polio Now initiative by contributing \$100
6. Co-hosting blood donation camp organized by district
7. Contribution to Zero Thalassemia Foundation

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## Members' Corner

### Solitude

Surojit Roy

Amidst all the clutter and hustle of life, people thronging in lanes and mind,  
Amidst all that are verbose, relations or acquaintances, all around,  
Still, I feel alone, so cruelly alone, even after this daily grind.  
Brightness of daylight, or any other light, din of the market, or any sound,  
None can break the solitude within, the loneliness, so unkind.

Amidst all the words of kindness and compassion, from near and dear,  
Amidst all the acts of aid and gratitude, from passersby and kindred,  
The angst remains, for these are transient and shallow, that is all I fear,  
Not arisen from deep within, not selfless, maybe with a pinch of hatred.  
Even in a crowd, the seclusion, the isolation is hard to bear.

Amidst all calmness, the restless mind unmoved by the uncanny stillness,  
Quivers to shell out of its deep slumber,

## Announcements

### *Birthdays*

**Dr Sujoy Kr Datta** 15th Aug  
**Dr Lalita Chatterjee** 20th July  
*Happy Birthday...*

### Next Meeting

Wednesday, 13th August 2025 at 7.30 p.m.

## IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the sad demise of our Senior Member Nairanjana Bhattacharya's husband Ajay Bhattacharya.  
Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. May his soul rest in peace.



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