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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Leap year 2024!! Let's celebrate this special extra day of the leap year by taking a leap of faith to create Hope in the world and spread the fragrance of service to make this world a better place. As Feb fades away, let's welcome March, the start of warmer weather and brighter Sun with a pledge to do our best to serve the needy ones in the last quarter of Rotary year 23-24. We have four months more to fulfil our goals.

Very soon we are going to inaugurate our flagship project Physiotherapy Unit at subsidised rates. A vocational centre, water kiosk and homeopathy clinic are in pipeline. Mahanagar is eagerly waiting for its AG visit on 22nd March. March will be merrier with a Holi meet on 25th. Our enthusiastic members are preparing for a Theatre performance which is going to be staged on 11th April at Gyan Manch. All Mahanagar members are invited with their friends and family for this event by the members for the members.

Mahanagar team extends heartiest congratulations to LBC (Life Beyond Cancer) TEAM for the successful fundraising event held on 23rd Feb at Rabindra Sadan. It was a super entertaining evening for a great cause.

Today we are excited to embark on a journey of knowledge with curiosity- Utsukta with our melodious SAPTSUR team -SA,RE, GA, MA, PA, DHA and NI. Quiz master Arijit Sen is going to make it an interesting evening where brilliance collides with knowledge. So friends "AAO QUIZ KARE..and make this special day more memorable!!

- Rtn. Jyoti Mahipal

Utsukta
(Ao Quiz Kare...)
On 29th February
at 7pm
Venue: HHI
Club President: Jyoti Mahipal
Club Secretary: Ritu Choudhury

NEXT RWM
6th March, 2024

RWM
Rotary Weekly Meeting
6th March
WEDNESDAY | 7 PM
HHI
Topic:
Club Assembly
WATER & SANITATION MONTH
MARCH
President: Jyoti Mahipal
Club Secretary: Ritu Choudhury

Today's Quiz Master



Quiz Master RTN Aritjit Sen

Rtn. Arijit, a techie by profession and a quizmaster by passion, has conducted pan India quizzes for schools, colleges, events and corporate houses like ITC, Cadburys, SBI, Eureka Forbes, IBM, etc.

Professionally, after stints in Wipro, Consul tree, Webel and Apple, he is now a Brand Storyteller and Creative Strategy Lead at Capgemini. He is an alumnus of DBPC - Kolkata, PESIT - Bangalore, and Monash University - Australia, and is currently serving as the Immediate Past President of Rotary Club of Calcutta Cosmopolitan. He is a past Rotaractor, and has served the District on various occasions and conducted quizzes in various Rotary platforms including RYLA, SEARIC and Conferences. He conducts quizzes under the outfit, XQUIZIT, which organizes the Kolkata International Quiz Festival annually.

HIGHLIGHTS

President's Message | Today's Quiz Master | Last RWM | Projects | Life Beyond Cancer Board Meeting | Spotlight-Project Udaan | Minutes | Puzzle 15 | Birthdays/Anniversaries

Last RWM – Valentine's Day

Fellowship under the umbrella of President Jyoti Mahipal and Secretary Ritu Chaudhary is above all the events we see around. This time theme of our Valentine Day celebration dated 16th February 2024 was ENGLISH BABU DESI MAM at Kolkata Mixtape. From venue to menu, from live performance to cultural programs all were meticulously done with essence of warmth in welcoming Members personally, clicking pictures with each and every member/ spouse, taking care of Evening snacks and most importantly attending each and every one personally especially new member to feel them part of extended family. President Jyoti Mahipal always has something new in her bag of ideas. This time Games were very differently played with exciting prizes of course and no repetition in any games. Housie was played in different manner by narrating a story which had numbers to cut on tickets. The names of winning lines were also very interesting like international love, Desi mam, English Babu, lovers, Live Band was arranged where nice soothing Romantic songs were played by vocalist with Guitar. Other 3 games - exchanging straws with spouse by sitting back-to-back position, passing ball to spouse again in back-to-back sitting position and description of wife by husband with eyes closed were played by Kavita Bhalotia and club Secretary Ritu Chaudhary.

Not only this after games were done Club Secretary Ritu Chaudhary made everyone Dance on the floor leaving none behind. With her so much love and affection for all in the club she was titled as MRS MOST WANTED by voting and Rtn Raj Somani for his endless efforts for smooth working was titled as MR MOST WANTED by voting.

Rtn Sandeep Shah and Ann Bhawna Shah with Rtn Jitendra Surana and his wife Anju won the best Dressed couple for the evening. Ambience of venue was very cosy with light music throughout and Each and every Food item was lip snacking. All members and their spouses were dressed in best attire matching the theme. We all had a great time and we missed those who could not attend. Looking forward for more such eventful fellowship to enjoy at the most as always with new ideas of our President Jyoti and Secretary Ritu Chaudhary. To sum up the report all I can say to club President - "You have the capacity to leave a lasting impact and indelible impression upon this world."

-By Bhawna Shah.



PROJECTS



Annadaan Mahadaan

- On 12th February, under Project AnnadaanMahadaan, we distributed cooked food at Chetla Hanuman Mandir and was sponsored by Rtn Vinod-Jyoti Mahipal, it benefitted nearly 200 people. Project was attended by Veera Jain, Sushma Singhania, Pushpa Bansal, Neelam Singhvi and Jyoti Sureka
- On 19th February, under Project AnnadaanMahadaan, we distributed cooked food at Bidhannagar Bustee and was sponsored by A Well Wisher, it benefitted nearly 300 people. Project was attended by Saroj Shah, Neelam Singhvi and Sonal Tibrewal



Bloodline

During this period (15.02.2024 to 28.02.2024) our Club Carried out Blood Grouping Camp and registered 32 SOS donors for our Bloodlineat "Jay Hind Bahini 3No. Word T.M.C" Ramakanta Sen Lane(Bidhannagar) on 20th February, 2024.

We also met need for 13 Patients.



Vocational Center

Computer classes are going on at our vocational centre at Tangra.



Healing Little Hearts

Hamza Khan, 3 months old boy from GT Road, Howrah, has gone through the PDA+ Coarctation surgery (A Heart Surgery). His father works in a private company having monthly income is Rs 10,000/-. Patient was admitted on 17.2.2024. The surgery has been done on 19.02.2024 and released on 23.02.24.



FOOD BANK

- On 15th February, we distributed ration kits at our Vocational Center, Tangra to 314 beneficiaries under project Food Bank and it was attended by Rtn Raj Somani and Pushpa Bansal.
- On 16th Feb, Cadbury products were distributed by team Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar to 950 students of Arya Vidya Mandir.
- On 17th Feb, we again distributed ration kits each weighing 27 kgs. at Penguin Plastics to 120 beneficiaries. Kits were sponsored by Protoviti and coordinated by Indian Food Banking network. Around 10 volunteers from Protoviti were present during the distribution process.



PROJECTS

Life Beyond Cancer: Annual Fundraiser Concert in Aid of "Paediatric Cancer Awareness"

The annual fundraiser concert held on February 23rd at Rabindra Sadan was a resounding success, raising both funds and awareness for Paediatric Cancer. Life Beyond Cancer, an initiative of Rotary District 3291 under the leadership of Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar and Rotary Club of Jadavpur, orchestrated the event.

The evening featured a captivating musical performance by Padma Bhushan Usha Uthup and a mesmerizing dance presentation by renowned Bengali actress Rituparna Sengupta. Adding a poignant touch, cancer survivor children also graced the stage, showcasing resilience through their performances.

The event marked the launch of the website lbcindia.org, providing a platform for continued support and information dissemination. Eminent dignitaries, including Chief Guest Ramon Magsasay Award winner Dr. Ravi Kannan, MICC Debasish Kumar, PRIP Shekhar Mehta, DG Hiralal Yadav, Partha Sikar Chairman LBC and distinguished medical professionals, added prestige to the occasion.

With a full house comprising over 600 attendees, the concert generated significant funds earmarked to aid early cancer diagnosis in children and support their fight against the disease. The motto of Life Beyond Cancer, "No child should die of Cancer," resonated throughout the evening.

We extend hearty congratulations to PP Ashok Agarwal, Chairman of this project, and commend all members of Life Beyond Cancer for the grand success of this impactful program. Together, they've taken a substantial step towards ensuring a brighter, healthier future for children facing the challenges of cancer.

-By Rtn Manish Biyani



CHEERS TO 119TH ROTARY YEAR



Rotary started with the vision of one man — Paul Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on 23 February 1905, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships.

Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey gathered at Loehr's office in Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago. This was the first Rotary club meeting. They decided to call the new club "Rotary" after the practice of rotating meeting locations.

Over time, Rotary's reach and vision gradually extended to humanitarian service. Rotarians now span the globe, working to solve some of our world's most challenging problems.

"Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves."

-Paul Harris

Netralaya

Happy to announce that we have just received another Rs 43 lacs for our eye hospital through global grant. This will help us do eye surgeries for nearly 2,000 persons. Special thanks to Dr Raju from USA for giving \$7,000 for this grant.

Board Meeting

3rd Board meeting was held on 24th February for the Rotary year 2023-24 at Club Treasurer's office.



SPOTLIGHT ON PROJECT UDAAN

Empowering Dreams, Transforming Lives.

It is with immense pride and gratitude we appraise you about the incredible journey of our flagship project - Udaan.

For the past decade, Udaan has been a beacon of hope and opportunity for countless girls from underprivileged backgrounds, providing them with the wings to soar towards a brighter future. Team Udaan has been visiting various schools and needy children are selected based on the academic and extra-curricular activities and are given scholarships under the programme. Some of these children have now completed their education and are able to earn livelihood for the family. Till date we have given scholarship to more than 1800 students. Udaan has been instrumental in granting scholarships to those young minds who dare to dream of quality education, yet face formidable barriers.

One of the highlights of our endeavor is the annual cultural event, where our beneficiary children showcase their talents, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of all attendees - Rotary members, partners, donors, and the proud parents of these gifted individuals. Through Udaan, we've witnessed remarkable success stories - children supported by our initiative have gone on to become Chartered Accountants, pursued careers in hotel management, and even joined the noble ranks of our armed forces.

This year, we've set an ambitious target - to support at least 150 children. Each child's education comes at an average annual cost of Rs. 10,000/-, amounting to a total project cost of Rs. 15 lakhs. I'm delighted to share that we've already made significant strides, with Rs. 6 lakhs contributed by dedicated members. Additionally, we've received commitments of another Rs. 6 lakhs from some other generous members.

Now, I invite each and every one of you, both new and longstanding members, to join hands in supporting this wonderful cause. Together, we can make a profound impact on the lives of these young individuals, providing them with a chance to not only dream but to thrive.

Every contribution count, and every act of kindness reverberates far beyond the immediate moment. Let's continue to be the change we wish to see in the world. Should you have any queries or wish to pledge your support, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or the Udaan team. Your generosity and dedication are the cornerstone of our success.

Thank you for being the guiding light that illuminates the path for these deserving young souls.

-Team Udaan



MINUTES OF THE 1362ND WEEKLY MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA MAHANAGAR HELD ON 16TH FEBRUARY 2024 AT MIXTAPE LOUNGE, KOLKATA

1. President Jyoti Mahipal called the weekly meeting to order.
2. President briefed about the LBC fundraising event in which Mahanagar is one of the lead hosts which will be held on 23rd February at Rabindra Sadan. She requested members to participate in large numbers.
3. President Jyoti Mahipal also briefed about the next RWM which will be on 29th February, a special date, once in 4 years, which will be a Quiz time in which the Quiz master will be Arijit Sen, an immediate past president of Rotary Club of Calcutta Cosmopolitan.
4. Next birthdays anniversaries announcement by Club Secretary Ritu Choudhury.
5. This time the shero of the week was none other than our own Club president Jyoti Mahipal who was elected as the Association Vice president of Inner wheel. Both PRIP Shekhar Mehta and partner Rashi had several words of praise for the achievement of President Jyoti and the entire members were also appreciative.
6. The formal RWM was followed by Valentine's Day celebration in the form of music, dance and various games.
7. There being no other business meeting was terminated.

Puzzle 15

The solution often turns out more beautiful than the puzzle.

1. Where does Friday come before Thursday?
2. What can you serve but not eat or drink?
3. If Theresa's daughter is my daughter's mother, what am I to Theresa?

No Googling

Answers of Puzzel 14

- 1) Bed
- 2) Age
- 3) Queue
- 4) An egg
- 5) Piano

Members who participated are: Nikhita Shah, Sanghamitra Ghosh, Jyoti Sureka, Pradeep Agarwal, Kamlesh Agarwal, Kavita Bhalotia, Urvi Agarwal, Anuradha Agarwal, Sunita Singhal, Aparna Biyani, Aditi Ray, Nisha Padia, Savita Kothari and Shashi Agarwal

And the Winners are...

1. Nikhita Shah
2. Sanghamitra Ghosh



District 3291 is doing awareness on polio through Car Rally and walkathon on 3rd March where we are the host club. For car rally we will start from Rotary Sadan. I request members to please join for this car rally.

Happy Birthdays

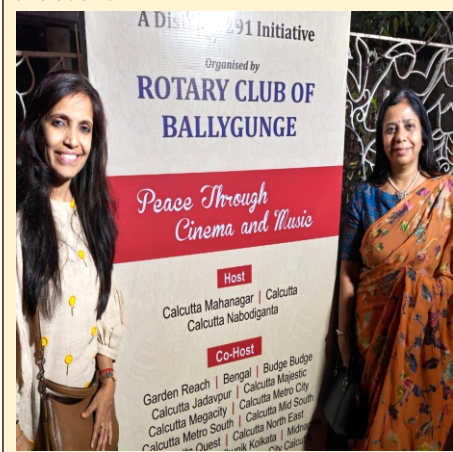
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| 3rd March | Rtn Vikram Doogar |
| 5th March | Rtn Rooplekha Singh |
| 6th March | Rtn Sanjay Bhandari |

Happy Anniversaries

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| 2nd March | Rtn Pradeep & Kavita Biyani |
| 7th March | Rtn Bijay & Sanju Dokania |
| 7th March | Rtn Ritu & Anshuman Kajaria |

Shantihi

Mahanagar was the Host Club of an event Peace Through Cinema & Music – SHANTIHI at Rotary Sadan on 24th February 2024. President Jyoti Mahipal and Secretary Ritu Choudhury attended the event.



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