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## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Welcome to a special Concert for a special Cause



23 FEB 2024 LIVE ACT FOR THE CAUSE OF KIDS WITH CANCER 6PM : RABINDRA SADAN

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NEXT RWM 16th February 2024

## SERVICE BEYOND BOUNDARIES

I have come across very few people like Nancy Barbee in Rotary, who each year makes a pilgrimage of Services Beyond Boundaries travelling half the world, from her country USA to India, to provide hands on service. For more than 15 years now, Nancy has led teams of Rotarians from USA and other countries to come to India to not only give polio drops to children but help hundreds of Rotarians to become part of history of eradicating polio from the world. She is equally a champion of various other causes, be it heart surgeries for little children or setting up eye hospitals and doing eye surgeries for thousands of patients every year or setting up rural toilets, ensuring education thru e-learning in remote parts of West Bengal. Our eye hospital, dialysis centre, rural toilets, e-learning, happy schools, libraries etc have all benefited from her eagerness to help people around the world as well. She has worked in other parts of the world as a global ambassador of Services Beyond Boundaries.

I have known Nancy Barbee now for more than 15 years and never has she said 'No' to request for service. She is a true friend of Mahanagar and we love her visits.

We are so happy to welcome her and her team to our club.

**Shekhar Mehta**

President - Rotary International 2021-22



## PDG NANCY BARBEE & TEAM IN ACTION



## HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome PDG Nancy Barbee and Team | Projects of Mahanagar | History of Rotary Bell Birthday | Anniversaries | Spotlight | An evening with Atul Satya Koushik

# WELCOME PDG NANCY BARBEE & TEAM

Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar extends a very warm and cordial welcome to PDG Nancy Barbee and Team from USA, Australia and British Virgin Island



PDG Nancy Barbee



Colleen Bonadonna



Paige Havens



Joanne schilling



DG Barbara Gobbi



Victor Gobbi



David Varney



PDG Tina Fischlin



Rolo Cuadrado



Paulina Cuadrado



Mark Valentine



Dan Valentine



Kathy McGee



Hubert O'Neal



Jennifer O'Neal



Jan Johnson

## PROJECTS



### Paediatric Cancer



The hoardings of 'Life Beyond Cancer' put up at Park Street and Vivekananda Park, by Karukrit. The event is scheduled to be held on 23rd February at Rabindra Sadan.



### Bloodline

From 18th to 24th January, three Blood Grouping Camps were conducted and registered 116 SOS donors for our Bloodline.

1st Camp was conducted at "Barasat Milan Sangha" Barasat on 20th January and 19 SOS donors were registered.

2nd Camp was conducted at "Rashidun Foundation " Raidighi, South 24 Parganas (S) on 21st January, 2024 and 81 SOS donors were registered. Similarly third Camp was organised at "Benipur Bandhab Samity" Magrahat 24 Parganas(S) on 22nd January, 2024 and 16 SOS donors were registered.

We also met the need for three patients.





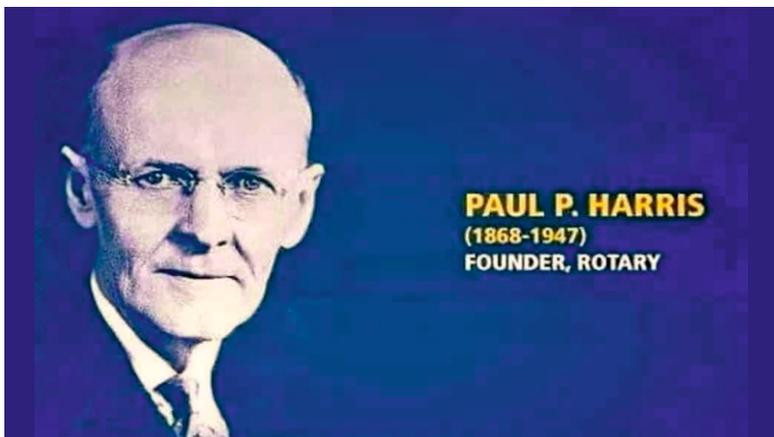
## Healing Little Hearts

Patient Master Ahan Mollick, a 6-month-old boy, from Village Baniban, Dist.Howrah will be admitted to Narayana Hospital Howrah and will be operated soon. His father works as a tailor in a factory and the family is financially very needy.



## Homeopathy

On 31st January, a total of nine patients were treated at our homeopathy clinic at Bhawanipore.



**PAUL P. HARRIS**  
(1868-1947)  
FOUNDER, ROTARY

Paul Harris died on 27 January 1947 in Chicago at age 78, after a prolonged illness. Before his death, he made it known that he preferred contributions to The Rotary Foundation in lieu of flowers. By coincidence, days before he died, Rotary leaders had committed to a major fundraising effort for the Foundation.

From 1947, the contribution to The Rotary Foundation increased several fold. In the same year the first programme of TRF , the Ambassadorial Scholarship was started. Those who completed the Scholarship were known as Paul Harris Fellows. The present recognition of PHF to those who contribute 1000 dollars to Annual Fund, Polio Fund ( later ) or to a designated Global Grant ( later ) was started only in 1957.

The highly recognised programmes like Matching Grants and GSE were started only in 1965. Both these programmes were withdrawn and Global Grants and V.T.T. were introduced after the Future Vision Plan came into vogue in 2013.

## History of the Rotary Bell



In 1922, U.S. Rotarians organised an attendance contest; the challenge was that the losing clubs would join in giving the winning club a prize.

The Rotary Club of New York City was declared the winner and to them was awarded as a prize a bell from a popular patrol boat, which was placed on wood that came from HMS "Victory", Admiral Nelson's vessel at the battle of Trafalgar.

Since then, the bell used in Rotary meetings started to represent, as on the ships, order, discipline and the time to guide us through the weekly hour and a half meetings. The bell informs us with its sound the beginning of the Rotary meeting, other club rituals and of course the closure of the regular club meeting.

#Rotary #RotaryBell #RotaryFacts

## SPOTLIGHT



PP Manish Biyani

Extremely excited to focus the spotlight on my first President . A humble and down to earth person who is always there to help. His simplicity is his armour and his hardworking nature and dedication to his weapons. He uses it well and achieves good results. Presenting Manish Biyani :- Since 2004, Aparna

and I have embarked on a remarkable journey with Rotary. My motivation for joining was to cultivate friendships and contribute to society in any way possible. Proudly serving on various committees, boards and as Secretary in 2020-21, I was honoured to lead as President for the 2022-23 term. Actively involved in projects like Bloodline app, Rotary Vivekandanda School, Life Beyond Cancer, Save the Mangroves, and Healing Little Hearts, I find immense joy in these initiatives.

Professionally, I hold a degree in Electronics and Communication Engineering from Birla Institute of Technology. Started my career as a software consultant in the USA. Driven by my entrepreneurial spirit, I ventured into business in Kolkata to establish Mobil Furniture and Ffover, dealing in furniture and interior projects across East India. Passion for technology, I ventured into software development with MindEdge Solutions, offering web development and digital marketing solutions globally.

Beyond work, my interests encompass music, photography, and a love for adventurous travel. Aparna, my life partner and fellow entrepreneur, is actively engaged in our Web Development and Digital Marketing business. She has been my pillar of strength. Her hobbies include singing, reading and travel. Blessed with two sons, Aryaman is pursuing Economics at Denison University, Ohio, USA, while Arnav is in Class 11 at La Martiniere for Boys, Kolkata.

Thanks to the extended family of Rotary for being such great friends for both of us !!

**-By Rtn Anuradha Agarwal**

**MINUTES OF THE 1360th WEEKLY MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA MAHANAGAR HELD ON 1st FEBRUARY 2024 AT HOTEL HINDUSTAN INTERNATIONAL (JOINT MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF ROTARY CLUB OF MAYFAIR, ROTARY CLUB OF AVYANA, ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA CHOWRENGLA)**

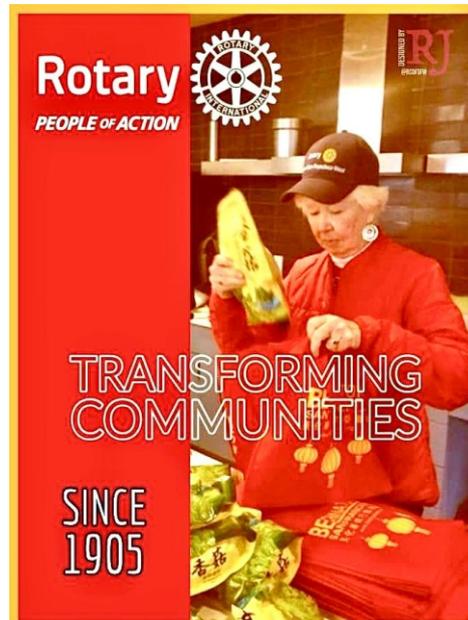
1. All the presidents of the respective clubs called the meeting to order.
2. Rotary Club of Mayfair President Neha Sethia welcomed the Guest Speaker Atul Satya Kaushik and his gracious wife.
3. President Jyoti Mahipal requested Rotary Club of Calcutta Chowrengee's President Mandira Mukherjee to lead the National Anthem.
4. All 4 clubs presented a brief of their respective ongoing Club Projects.
5. Club President Jyoti Mahipal briefed all present about the upcoming events including the Visit of a delegation of 15 Rotarians led by PDG Nancy Barbee visiting our city of Joy from the 3rd to 5th of February. President Jyoti Mahipal noted how PDG Nancy Barbee had been a great friend of our club and instrumental in getting grants for heart surgeries, eye hospital, hundreds of toilets and e-learning for schools.
7. Club President Jyoti Mahipal briefed all present about the next RWM to take place on 5th February at HHI, where Nancy Barbee and her team will be felicitated and welcomed and requested the members to participate in large numbers.
8. Guest Speaker Atul Satya Kaushik spoke about leadership lessons from Indian mythology. He enriched the session by citing numerous instances from Indian mythology and connecting it with contemporary leadership in business and non-governmental institutions such as our club. He also left all present with the message that "Crisis gives birth to great leaders", and that "Jahan saadhan kaam nahi aati wahan sadhana karni chahiye"
9. President Jyoti Mahipal delivered the vote of thanks.
10. There being no other business meeting was terminated.

*Happy Birthdays*

- 10th Feb Rtn Amit Kochar  
 10th Feb Rtn Sanjay Bhandari  
 11th Feb Shalini Bagaria

*Happy Anniversaries*

- 9th Feb  
 Rtn Pawan & Kusum Goenka  
 10th Feb  
 Rtn Prashant & Sujata Chakraborty  
 13th Feb  
 Rtn Bharti & Saurabh Bangur  
 14th Feb  
 Rtn Vishal & Rtn Payal Agarwal  
 15th Feb  
 Rtn Deepak & Rtn Ritu Choudhury



*An evening with Atul Satya Koushik*

Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar had the privilege of having the kind presence of Motivational speaker Atul Satya Koushik on 1st February. It was a joint RWM with Rotary Club of Calcutta Avyana, Rotary Club of Calcutta Chowrengee, Rotary Club of Calcutta Mayfair, being the other co-host clubs.

Mr.Koushik gave deliberation on the topic- Leadership lessons from Indian Mythology.



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