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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Rotary Family Members,

I hope this message finds you in the best of spirits and health. It fills my heart with immense joy to share the incredible journey we've been on together. As we navigate the festive and wedding season, our Rotary family continues to blossom, gaining strength with each passing moment.

The month of November was nothing short of spectacular for us. We basked in the warm glow of fellowship during an amazing Diwali celebration and a Wedding Fellowship that left lasting memories for all involved. These moments not only brought us together but also attracted potential members who are eager to contribute to our vibrant club. Soon, they will be officially welcomed as part of our Rotary family.

Amidst the festivities, our commitment to social service remained unwavering. On November 2nd, we joined hands with the Rotary Blood Bank, Gurgaon, to organize a Blood Donation Camp at the Indian School of Hospitality. Thanks to the generosity of 35 donors, we collected 35 units of blood, contributing to a cause that truly makes a difference.

Our dedication to service extended to the youth as well. Collaborating with Canwinn Foundation and Rotary Club of Gurgaon South City, we conducted Blood Group testing for 625 students at Rajkiya Varisht Madhyamik Vidhyalaya. It's heartening to see the positive impact our efforts have on the lives of the younger generation.

THE 4-WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned ?

Let us all keep the above tests in mind before we say, think or do anything

The month also witnessed a Mega Health Checkup Camp in partnership with Rotaract Club of Young Souvenirs and Rotaract Club of Ingenious Minds. Held at BPTP Park Life RWA, Sector 57, Gurgaon, the camp provided dental treatment to 43 individuals and general checkups to 57 people. Our heartfelt thanks go out to the Fortis Hospital team for their invaluable support in making this camp a grand success.

In the realm of sports and camaraderie, our own PP Rtn. Deepak Jain showcased Rotary excellence by winning a prize at the SAFGR Golf Tournament organized by Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar. The event brought together Rotarian golfers from Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and across India, fostering a spirit of unity and friendly competition.

Additionally, PP Rtn. Ratan Kumar graced the Diwali Function hosted by M/s Sandhar Automotive, Gurgaon, on November 16th. His motivational talk, highlighting the impactful work of Rotary Club of Gurgaon Cosmopolitan, resonated with the audience, earning well-deserved appreciation.

As we stand at the cusp of new beginnings, I'm thrilled to share that our club is actively working on some large-scale projects. I am confident that the next edition will bring forth exciting details about these initiatives, adding more chapters to our legacy of service.

Let us continue to create hope by joining our hands together. As we move forward, let this quote inspire us: "Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much." – Helen Keller

Thank you for your unwavering dedication and commitment. Here's to a future filled with growth, service, and hope!

Yours in Rotary Service,

Amit Kumar Jain
President, Rotary Club of Gurgaon Cosmopolitan

RI President's Message



Rtn. Gordon R. McNally
President 2023-24, Rotary International

Next year, Rotary takes a step toward supporting peacebuilding in the Middle East and North Africa region when recruitment begins for our newest peace center in partnership with Bahçeşehir University (BAU) in Istanbul. A series of events in the coming year will recognize the new center at BAU and Rotary's work to promote peace. The 2024 Rotary International Convention in May will mark 25 years since the first Rotary Peace Centers were announced — coincidentally at the Rotary Convention in Singapore in 1999. Recruitment for the first cohort of Rotary Peace Fellows at BAU also starts in 2024, and selected candidates will begin their program in early 2025.

Since its beginning, the peace centers program has prepared more than 1,700 peace fellows working in more than 140 countries to create a more peaceful world. That is certainly worth celebrating, but Rotary Peace Fellows are more than statistics on a page. Their actions have helped Create Hope in the World and will continue to do so. For example, Jennifer Montgomery and Gorett Komurembe — peace fellows from the program at Makerere University in Uganda — are co-founders of Magenta Girls Initiative. The international nongovernmental organization equips Ugandan girls and young women with the support and tools to overcome harmful gender norms, generational poverty, gender-based violence, trafficking, and trauma.

Ndzi Divine Njamsi, another peace fellow who studied at Makerere, has taken lessons learned about Positive Peace and is sharing them with students of his own in Cameroon. He became interested in the Rotary Positive Peace Activator training program after witnessing extremism, online hate speech, and violence in Cameroon. Since completing the program, he has brought his lessons on peace to students at the Yaoundé International Business School and other organizations in the Central Africa country.

The world needs more people like the graduates of the program at Makerere and our other peace fellows. To that end, we can all advance peace by encouraging our local peacebuilders to learn more about Rotary and apply for this impactful fellowship. Rotary members can also mentor candidates for the fellowship. Or you can work with peace fellows who have already graduated. They probably have an initiative or two that would benefit from your help.

Our peace centers in North America, Europe, Africa, Australia, and Asia depend on financial support as well. The program at BAU was made possible thanks to a generous gift of \$15.5 million to The Rotary Foundation from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation. This new Rotary Peace Center will offer a one-year professional development certificate in peace and development studies for fellows focusing on peacebuilding within the Middle East and North Africa region.

Peace must be waged persistently; it is the soil where hope takes root. But as with any journey, we take one step at a time. Let's take those steps together.

From the District Governor's Desk



Rtn. Jeetender Gupta

Dear all,
Happy Namasteey,

Covid-19 adversely affected many aspects of Rotary Movement in our District and the impact is being felt even today. Many of the clubs chartered during Rotary Years 2020-2022 have either been terminated or have registered steady decline in membership.

The brighter side is that we are also returning to normalcy for various other aspects. We celebrated District Diwali after a gap of 3 years. The event was hosted by Rotary Clubs of Faridabad and Palwal and was enjoyed and appreciated by all those who attended. It was also covered live on one of the news channels.

Our paper cups bearing Rotary branding has been catching thousands of eye balls every day in various prominent trains including shatabdi etc. Rotarians, Rotaracters and their friends / families keep posting pictures of the same, making us all very proud.

The DIRs, ADIRs and ZIR have now been appointed through a very transparent process. And immediately thereafter they were pinned at the recently concluded DILA (District Interact Leadership Awards) at Apeejay School, Panchsheel Park, Delhi. This time DILA was also organised in a brand new MUN format with an unrepresented participant engagement.

Please note that the discounted registration rate for Rotary Convention at Singapore closes on 15th Dec 2023.

I would once again request clubs to complete their EREY Contribution and participate in the Annual Fund Challenge with full enthusiasm.

Our District Completes 85 Years in Rotary Year 2023-24.

Let us do our best to make it a Milestone year.

Create Hope In the World

Regards,
DG Jeetender Gupta
RID 3011

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Some Events of November 2023

Blood Donation Camp



Our Club organized Blood Donation Camp in association with Rotary Blood Bank, Gurgaon at the Indian School of Hospitality, Gurgaon on 2nd November 2023. 35 units of blood were collected. The Project Coordinator was PP Rtn. Gopesh Aneja. It was very well organized event.

Health Camp - Blood Group Testing



Rotary Club of Gurgaon Cosmopolitan in association with Canwinn Foundation and Rotary Club of Gurgaon South City was conducted Blood Group testing for school students on 2nd November 2023 at Rajkiya Varisht Madhyamik Vidhyalaya, Badshahpur Village, Gurgaon. Total beneficiaries were 625 Students. This project coordinated by IPP Rtn Abhishek Aneja.

Mega Health Checkup Camp





Rotary Club of Gurgaon Cosmopolitan organized a Mega Health Checkup Camp with Partner Clubs Rotaract Club of Young Souvenirs and Rotaract Club of Ingenious Minds in association with BPTP Park Life RWA, Sector 57, Gurgaon on 19th November 2023. During the Camp 43 people were checked for Dental treatment and 57 people were benefitted from General Checkups. It was very well organized camp followed by refreshments & lunch. We are very thankful Fortis Hospital team who made this camp grand a success.

It was attended by President Rtn. Amit Kumar Jain, IPP Rtn. Abhishek Aneja, Rtn. Sanjeev Budhiraja.

Diwali Fellowship



Rotary Club Gurgaon of Gurgaon Cosmopolitan celebrated Diwali Fellowship on 4th November 2022 at VIP Club, M3M Golf Estate, Sec. 65, Gurugram. This fellowship was conducted with games, music, dance and drinks followed by dinner. PHF recognition pinned by PP Rtn. Abhinav Bansal to Rtn. Gopal Verma and Rtn. Neha A Bansal to Rtn. Brinda Verma. It was very well organized event under the leadership of President Rtn. Amit Kumar Jain, Secretary Rtn. Naveen Chowdhry and fellowship chairman for Diwali Rtn. Manish Sehgal.

Rotary Family Fellowship



Rotary Family Fellowship was held on 26th November 2023 at M3M Golf Estate, Sector 65, Gurugram, Haryana on the occasion of beloved child of Rtn. Manish Sehgal and R'anne Shubra Sehgal and grand party organised in welcoming the couple. We pray God, Family grows, may the bonds of love strengthen, and may the journey ahead be filled with joy and countless precious memories. It was attended by 16 members from our Club.

Public Image / International Event
SAFGR (South Asian Federation of Golfing Rotarians)



There was a golf tournament of SAFGR (South Asian Federation of Golfing Rotarians) organised by Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar (PRIP Shekhar Mehta's Home club) held 24th and 25th November 2023. There were Rotarian golfers from Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and all over India. Our PP Rtn. Deepak Jain won the prize and feels good. Straightest drive of the tournament, the ball on the line, lucky he received the prize, a bottle remaining to be opened

Rotary Public Image; Sandhar Automotive



PP Rtn. Ratan Kumar attended the Diwali Function invited and organised by M/s Sandhar Automotive, Gurgaon on 16th November 2023. After the distribution sweets he gave motivational talk to the employees and he shared Rotary Club of Gurgaon Cosmopolitans' good work during his speck which was appreciated by the audience.

From the Desk of the Secretary

Birthdays

December	
1st	Rtn. Deepak Jain
13th	Rtn. Govind Sharda
21st	Rtn. Jeevit Vashishtha

Anniversaries

December	
1st	Rtn. Dr. Rajni Duggal & Mr. Ashish Duggal
4th	R'anne Ritu Dutt & Rtn Sarvesh Dutt

Upcoming events

7th December 2023 Speaker Meeting



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