

# REACHOUT



**Rotary Club of Central Calcutta**  
Rotary International District 3291



**Jhulan Basu**  
District Governor



**Sudip Sen**  
President



**Manoj Mehta**  
Secretary



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Editor

We meet on Friday at The Oberoi Grand at 6.30pm for 7.00pm

## SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

Share this publication with people you would like to invite to Rotary

### Today's Programme

- Regular Weekly Meeting.
- Guest speaker **Dr Vikram Singh Rathore** will speak on Awareness of plastic & cosmetic surgery in society

### Welcome Rotarians **Dr Paddy Sharma** and **Chandler Sharma**

Rtn Chandler Sharma is the current President of RC Clayton, county Atlanta, Georgia. He has been the Past President of RC Emory Druid Hills started for the Indian business people and Rtn Dr Paddy was the Charter President of that club. Rtn Chandler Sharma is an Attorney by profession and also a banker. He has been in the US since 1963. Paddy is a PhD from Vanderbilt University and is in the Education Business.

### FORTHCOMING Club Programmes

- **Fri, 11 Sept:** Club Assembly
- **Sun, 20 Sept:** Eye Check up camp jointly with Shakti Sangh and Eye Pavilion at Naktala.
- **Fri, 25 Sept:** Joint RWM with neighbouring clubs at Saturday Club, the program being organised by District 3291 at its Finance Literacy Meet.
- Sponsoring the stomach tumor operation of a girl child from RCC Sarada.
- Heritage Tour to Rajbaris of Kolkata during Durga Puja – As Durga Puja Celebrations are round the corner, this is a wonderful time for us all to get together for a completely unique Durga Puja tour

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### KNOW YOUR *Guest Speaker*

#### Dr Vikram Singh Rathore

A thing of beauty is a joy forever... And to look more pleasant & more beautiful is the hidden desire of all man & women alike. Cosmetic surgery is that branch of plastic surgery which dwells into this need of an individual & indulges into correction of deformities/problems starting from hairs of the head to the nails of the toes.

Dr Vikram Singh Rathore is a Consultant cosmetic & plastic surgeon. He is the Director of Kaayakalp cosmetic &

laser surgery clinic, Kankurgachi, an Assistant professor at the department of plastic surgery, National Medical College Kolkata, a Visiting consultant at Columbia Asia Hospital, Salt Lake. He did his MBBS from NBMC Darjeeling, his MS & MCH from IPGMER & SSKM Hospital, Kolkata. He has presented papers at National & International conferences, and published articles in various national & international journals. He was presented the Kamath Memorial Award in 2006 at Pune.

### ROTARY'S AREAS OF FOCUS



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of old heritage Durga Puja Barwari Houses, ending with a sumptuous BHOG at the world renowned Shovabazar Rajbari. We are organising SANATANI 1 tour and booking one AC bus holding 36 people. Cost is Rs 1250 per head, on 20th October, Saptami Day. We will be sending payment to the Ministry of Tourism, but after receipt of contributions on FIRST COME FIRST SERVE basis. Please send in the registration fees to Hony Secy or Treasurer immediately, as we will have to block book the bus within a week's time. Look forward to a great time.

- Clothes distribution to needy people at Chetla during Durga Puja.

## FORTHCOMING DISTRICT PROGRAMMES

■ **Mosquito Net Distribution** project at a subsidised rate for free distribution by Clubs - Club Contribution Rs 70 per piece, minimum order 50 pieces, paid by cheques favouring "Rotary 3291 A/c Publication" at DG's Office, Quantum Engg. Private Ltd., 171/C Rash Behari Avenue, Kolkata 700019. Against the Delivery Order (DO), the Mosquito nets to be collected from M/s R S Traders, Shop no. 48 & 49, 26 Satish Mukherjee Rd (Near Kalighat Park), Kolkata 700026. Phones: 9339031382 and 8335882997. Delivery starts from 7 September, 2015 onward Monday to Saturday 12.00 Noon till 7.00 pm.

■ **Sat, 5th Sept:** Teacher's Day Celebration & ICM on Basic Education & Literacy at Bhasha Bhawan Auditorium, National Library, Alipore (2.00 pm - 5.00 pm)

■ **Sat, 12th Sept:** Workshop on Polio at Rotary Sadan (2.00 pm - 5.00 pm)

■ **Sun, 20th Sept:** Workshop on Public Image & Public Relation at Rotary Sadan (10.00am - 1.00am)

■ **Fri, 25th Sept:** President, Secretary, AG & ZS Meet at Rotary Sadan (6.30 pm - 9.30 pm). Registration Charges Rs 600 per person

■ **Fri-Sat 2-3 Oct:** Rotary Fair, Thyagaraja Hall.

# Amazing Annettes

True to the words, "sowing the seeds for a brighter tomorrow," DG ISAK Nazar of



District 3230 formed a unique Annettes Council for the children of Rotarians. Annettes clubs have been installed by majority of

the District's Rotary clubs and the young members have come up with innovative activities. A special RI approved logo has been introduced for them. DG Nazar is of the opinion that "when you welcome your children to Rotary, they will grow up seeing you involved in community service and will also be motivated to serve Humanity. This involvement will instil in them a love for Rotary and encourage them to be effective Rotarians when they grow up."

The Annettes team visited Sri Lanka and helped form Annettes clubs of Anuradhapura and Kiliapitiya in District 3220, Sri Lanka.

## Global Grant # 1411353



Global Grant # 1411353 – International Partners - RC Hurst-Eules-Bedford RID 5790 and Indian partners – the children of Vasant Valley School, New Delhi. The project consists of 100 Soak Pits, 150 Low Cost Toilets & 5 Tubewells at RCC Dakshindihi – villages Rampara and Belpara.

A team of Rotarians from Central Calcutta visited RCC Dakshindihi on Sunday, 30th August. They were PP Subhas Kankaria, IPP Rajesh Lakhotia, Director, Rotary Foundation: Ajay Kejriwal, VP Shrivardhan Modi, PP Brij Mohan Lak-

hotia & PP Binod Khaitan. They attended the annual function of Rotary Rampara Bright Academy. Prizes were given to meritorious students. The team inspected 53 completed Toilets & a Tubewell.



Water & Sanitation Hygiene (WASH) in Schools (WinS) Project: VP Shrivardhan Modi laid the Foundation Bricks block of Demo prefabricated BIO-TOILETS at the School – Rotary Rampara Bright Academy - Provided & Installation by Stone India Ltd. Thanks to President Sudip Sen for the same.



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## Global Grant # 1410603 – Update

## In appreciation

**President Sudip Sen** put on record his appreciation for the following members at the RWM held on 28th August:

- **PP Vijay Bagaria** for his efforts in improving attendance at the RWM and also for officiating in previous RWM (21st August) in his absence
- **PP Binod Khaitan** for all his help and guidance for Global Grants
- **Editor Meeta Lakhotia** for the excellent Reach out
- **PP Manoj Jain** for the Charter Night Celebrations
- **IPP Rajesh Lakhotia** for his support and contribution of US\$ 1000 to TRF
- **Ajay Kejriwal**, Director – International Service for his efforts in getting the members to contribute a minimum of US\$ 100 to TRF as provided by bye laws of the club.
- **Secretary Manoj Mehta** for all his help in smooth running of the club.

*Thanks!*



1032 patients were screened in 20 rural camps and 885 patients screened at the Joynagar Eye Hospital. 491 patients selected for IOL surgery, of which 209 surgeries completed during the month of August. A workshop and training program on eye care was also conducted.

# Why I am a Rotarian?



**M**y response would always be in the negative whenever Rotarians Raj Bagri or Vivek Phumra insisted me to join Rotary,

my contention being that joining Rotary was not necessary for doing welfare activities. "Service and Fellowship" were not lucrative enough, being then blessed with both to my satisfaction. However, after a few months I was required to join Rotary since it was a pre-requisite for playing cricket under IFCR.

While being introduced to Rotarians at a Club RWM, I overheard a comment on myself being considered a cricket player rather a Rotarian and was taken aback. Fortunately, during the same RWM there were requests from the President and Secretary to join the Club's project at Dakshindihi involving an entire day. Dissatisfied having been considered an

incomplete Rotarian, I consented to join! Upon experiencing the hands-on-approach manner of Service in the villages, the seed to grow as a Rotarian was sown.

The thought of self introspection after a few years in Rotary raises few questions... Why I am a Rotarian? For name sake, or for time pass, or just because of having been inducted into a happening Rotary club? Widening horizon and like-minded friends are side benefits of being with RC Central Calcutta. An individual by himself can serve a lone beneficiary or a few more, but joining hands with Rotary enhances the capability to serve a hundred and more. Rotary provides a huge platform capable to serve the needy the world over. The onus is on oneself to stay focused. Availability of "Tann, Mann aur Dhan" together is seldom possible and Rotary fills up the missing link before being asked for.

**Madhav Mohta**

**FIRST CINEMA HALL in INDIA was built in CALCUTTA in 1907 by J F MADAN**



Pioneer of Motion Picture theatres in India, built India's first movie theatre in Calcutta "Elphinstons Picture Palace" (later renamed Strand Cinema in 1930's, Minerva in 1951 and Chaplin in 1970's) achieved commercial success in Calcutta in Provisions and Purveyor business when he came here in 1875 with Dr N N Parekh, Saklat and DM Wacha. Without severing his connection with stage show, he set-up business at 5, Dhurrumtolla Street in 1886. He soon established reputation as purveyor to Regimental messes, depots, Restaurants, leading Clubs and Ships and established branches at 35 Park Street, 3 Store Road, Ballygunge, 52 C G Reach Rd Kidderpore, Darjeeling and other places. In 1902 he founded in Calcutta "The Elphinstone Bioscope Company", and began producing and exhibiting silent movies including Jyotish Sarkar's Bengal Partition Movement in 1905. He expanded his empire considerably after acquiring rights to Pathé Frères films. Produced Satyavadi Raja Harishchandra in 1917 and Bilwamangal in 1919. He formed the Corinthian Theatre at Dharamtala which was very popular for Parsi Theatre shows. He started bioscope shows in a tent at the Maidan.

## In a Lighter Note

## GOLF IN HEAVENS

Tom was a man of faith, and a man of the golf course. He played golf every Sunday religiously, but only after attending church services.

Tom was getting on in years, and one day after feeling ill, he said to his wife, "I sure hope there is golf in the afterlife. I feel terrible!" His wife told him not to overreact with talk about the afterlife. "Go to church and say a little prayer," she suggested, "and you'll feel better."

So Tom headed to church.

As he knelt at the pew, Tom whispered a prayer: "Oh Lord, thank you for everything - my health, my wife and my golf game. I hope that when I reach Heaven I can still play golf."

As soon as he finished, a voice thundered: "Tom, this is the Lord. I hear you and will answer your question. Do you want the good news or the bad news first?"

Tom was startled. "Well, give me the good news," he said.

The Lord replied, "The good news is that in Heaven, we have thousands of championship golf courses, play is never slow, it's always free and you will never lose a golf ball."

Tom was ecstatic, "That's wonderful! You've answered my prayer! But what is the bad news?"

The Lord Replied, "You tee off tomorrow at 9 a.m."

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**ReachOutwishes**  
Happy Birthday to

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साल के दिन हों पचास हजार

**Yogendra Mohan Lakhotia**  
5 September

**Praveen Agarwala** 6 September

**Dinesh Bhattar** 9 September

**PP Brij Mohan Lakhotia**  
10 September

