

REACHOUT



Rotary Club of Central Calcutta
Rotary International District 3291



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

AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH

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Visit to **Mentaid**

Today's Programme

- Rotary Weekly Meeting, Guest Speaker **Rtn Nikhil Kothari** will speak on Eye Donation & **Dr Rohit Jain** will speak on Dental Care and Oral hygiene.



Team RCCC with the Olympiad student, Supriya Saha

We were introduced to their student **SUPRIYA SAHA**, who returned a day before from Los Angeles, US, being the only woman from West Bengal to participate at the **SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD GAMES** and having won the **GOLD MEDAL** in the **800M WALK**.

It is a matter of great satisfaction that our club continues its association with Mentaid – a school run by parents for mentally challenged children. We visited Mentaid on 6th August morning and presented them with 2 thermos flasks, 2 carrom boards, 1 white board, 1 compact

music system with external speakers, a set of plates, a spoon set and 2 buckets, as required by the NGO.

The project was attended by project Chair Madhav Mohta, Directors: Aparna Mukherjee – Community Service, Ajay

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Previous RWM... **Monsoon Sessions!!**

Rain rain go away come again another day, seems to be the cry. Our City of Joy witnessed heavy rains in the past couple of days. But, in

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ROTARY'S AREAS OF FOCUS



Today's Guest Speakers



Rtn Nikhil Kothari

did his schooling from Harrow Hall, Kolkata and graduated from St Xavier's College in 1992. He is an ardent sports enthusiast and represented his school & college in Cricket and continues to play cricket and tennis regularly. From college days, Nikhil had an orientation for philanthropy and was the president of Leo Club. In his tenure the club organised an All India roller skating tournament

where more than 400 participants from all over India were hosted by them. Rtn Nikhil joined Rotary in 2010 and has served in the capacity of Director, Secretary & Vice President. He is a PHF. After joining his family business at an age of 21 years, Nikhil started his own business in 2002 of fashion Jewellery under the brand "Saakshi", which now has 6 stores across Kolkata and 12 franchisees pan India. Nikhil is married to Rtn Anju dealing in Diamond Jewellery. Rtn Anju is a PHF too and is actively participating in the Rotary movement since 2014. The couple is blessed with two daughters Saakshi and Samiksha.



Dr Rohit Jain is a

Dental Surgeon, (MDS – Periodontology and Oral Implantology) He is an ex-senior resident, Government of UP, RIMS

& R and has also served as Senior Lecturer at TMU, Moradabad, UP. He is a Gold Medallist in his post graduation. He is 29 years old and is a permanent resident of Imphal. He is bro-in-law of PP Manoj Jain.

Dr Jain does not stay in Kolkata but as he is in town, we will use this opportunity to get some exposure on this interesting and relevant subject...

Nominating Committee selects RI President nominee for 2017-18

The Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2017-18 met on 3 August, as scheduled. P C Thomas, RC Nilgiris West, Tamil Nadu, was part of the committee from Zone 5. Australian Rtn Ian Risley (Governor 1998-99) has been nominated.

FORTHCOMING | Club Programmes

■ **8th Aug:** Tree plantation and Sapling distribution project at Birati.

Visit to RCC Banderhati for distribution of flood relief materials. We will meet at 9:30 am.

■ **9th Aug:** Visit to RCC Dakhindihi for distribution of flood relief materials. We will meet at 9:30 am.

■ **14th Aug:** Charter Night Celebrations at VEGOUT Restaurant, AA-44, VIP Road, 1st Fl, near Baguiati Big Bazaar, Kolkata 700059 from 7 pm onwards.

The fellowship program will follow a formal meeting with guest speaker, Ms Sunita Kedia.

■ **15th Aug:** Flag hoisting ceremony at RSK. Assembly at Super Snack Bar, New Alipore at 8.30 am. Departure for RSK at 8.45 am sharp. Flag Hoisting at 9.30 am. Departure back home at 10.30 am.

■ **23rd Aug:** Blood donation camp by Ashok Laboratories at Chetla Sarbasadharaner Durgotsav, Prasannamoyee Ghat from 10 am onwards. Health check-up for senior citizens will be done by renowned Dr PK Pooviah. The project is co-sponsored by Gayatri Projects Ltd.

■ **28th Aug:** RWM. Guest Speaker Mr Sudipto Saha. Topic "Introduction of Bandhan Creations and its Products".

■ **11th Sep:** RWM followed by Club Assembly.

■ Project postponed due to rains –

Visit to RCC at Belpara where a training programme on sanitation will be organized at Bright Academy campus at Rampara. Toilets will be handed over to 50 beneficiaries under GG No. 1411353.

GLOBAL ESSAY COMPETITION

ROGEC-2015, a global essay competition is being organised by Rotary Club of Pune Katraj, D-3131, India with a view to enlist crusaders of Peace in a constructive dialogue and to allow them a platform to express themselves on global issues concerning Peace. Essays may be submitted online at <http://www.rogec.org/registration.html>. Last date for submission: 10-Nov-2015

FORTHCOMING District Programmes

8th Aug: District Seminar on Membership Development-Level II at Calcutta Rowing Club Auditorium, 10.30 am onwards followed by lunch. Mandatory for Club President, President Elect & Membership Chair. Kenote speaker: PDG Dr Kirti Ranjan Dey (ARC RI Zones 4 & 6A) and other eminent speakers from the District. Registration: Rs 400 per person. Send your registration to:

District Governor's Office: Quantum Engg Private Ltd, 171/C Rash Behari Avenue, Kolkata 700019 or **PP Kalyan Bose's office:** Celica Developers Pvt Ltd, 24, Park Street, Kolkata 700016.

ROTARY INFORMATION

Rotarian Code of CONDUCT

As a Rotarian, I will:

- 1) Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional lives
- 2) Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
- 3) Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world
- 4) Avoid behaviour that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians

Mentaid

Kejriwal – International Service, Raj Bagri – Vocational Service and myself at 17A, Brojen Mukherjee Road, Behala, Kolkata. All of us were taken for a round to different classes and every one present sighed, “We do not know the ways of God and we do not know why God decided for them to be challenged”, but we all had instant empathy for the children and it is nice that we are continuing our association with them.



Children learning to read

It is so difficult to narrate the emotions of the parents of these special children, so much of pain that they go through and so much of fear for their future that they have and it is here that Mentaid plays a positive role. We salute each person involved at Mentaid for doing God’s work on Mother Earth. May God bless them all. Mentaid’s Chairperson Ms Iona Kundu and School Principal Ms Dipa Banerjee thanked us for our continued support to Mentaid’s sports.

– a report by **PP Brij Mohan Lakhotia**



Team RCCC with the teachers & students of Mentaid

Monsoon sessions

In spite of incessant rains, a good number of members were present at the Regular Weekly Meeting braving the woes of traffic snarls and those attended were mesmerized by the guest speaker Mr Joydeep Bhattacharya who spoke in great detail about the safety in the cyber world. Some of the RWM pictures are interspersed with the pictures of Kolkata facing the brunt of Monsoon.



All present were enthralled by the captivating presentation



Chq for sponsorship of blood donation camp being handed over by PDG Raju Rajgaria



PP Prasan Lohia introduces the Guest Speaker



Memento being presented to GS by PP Subhas Kankaria



Q & A session with GS Joydeep



Vocational Training in progress

Flood relief for RCC Sarada



PE Sanjay Ganeriwala was accompanied by PP Shriratan Jhawar, PP Manoj Jain and Secretary Manoj Mehta to RCC Sarada with materials for flood relief on 6th August. (Detailed report to follow)

Appeal for flood relief



Dear Members,

I have been receiving repeated calls and sms from our RCCs requesting to provide Plastic sheets/tarpaulin and Rice etc due to heavy floods which has damaged hundreds of houses in their areas.

I request each member of our club to rise and support our flood hit RCCs so that we reach them immediately with relief material.

A package of one plastic sheet/tarpaulin and 5 kgs of rice will cost Rs 500 approx. We need to provide this to at least 500 village families in different RCCs.

I request members to contribute for at least 5 or 10 such packages. Please confirm your contributions by return mail, sms or phone. Cheques will be accepted in the name of "Rotary Club of Central Calcutta Trust"

Yours-in-Rotary,

PE Sanjay Ganeriwala

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Wishes
 Happy Birthday to
 आप जिये हजारे साल,
 साल के दिन हों पचास हजार

IPP Rajesh Lakhota - 9 Aug
PP Prakash Bhadani - 10 Aug
PP Rajendra Bagrodia - 10 Aug
PP Meeta Lakhota - 11 Aug

Bulletins
Received



e-bulletin of e-club of District 3170

Drishti, RC Calcutta Visionaries

Kalpataru, RC Calcutta North Suburban

OUR CLUB MENTIONED BY PAST RI PRESIDENT JOHN KENNY at the meeting of RC Guildford held on 27th July, 2015 at Holiday Inn attended him.

Samar Das announced that our global grant application (GG15-26607) "Multiple Sclerosis Therapy," submitted by host sponsor RC Guildford (District 1145) and international sponsor RC Central Calcutta (District 3291), has been approved by The Rotary Foundation. The award is in the amount of USD 40,940.

John Kenny was surprised that an Indian club had participated in a Global Grant in another part of the world, apart from India.

Nigeria sees no wild polio cases for one year



Today marks one year since Nigeria last reported a polio case caused by wild poliovirus. The country is on the brink of eradicating the paralyzing disease. If no cases are reported in the coming weeks, the World Health Organization is expected to remove Nigeria from the list of countries where polio is endemic, leaving just two: Afghanistan and Pakistan.

On the lighter side After great successes with rice, wheat and sugarcane farming, Santa Singh decided to start a chicken farm. He bought a 100 chicken to start with. After a month, he returned to the supplier for another 100 chicks because the first lot had died. Another month later he was back again for yet another hundred as the second lot had also died. "I think I know where I am going wrong," said Santa, "I think I am planting them too deep!!"



MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP. HERE'S HOW

- Learn more about Rotary Global Rewards, a new member benefit program that offers discounts on products and services – travel, hotels, car rentals, dining, and entertainment. Visit the Member Centre.
- Identify a need in your community and work with your club to design a hands-on project that addresses it.
- Learn how to apply for a grant to implement a project.
- Know a young leader? Tell them about Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), and Rotary Youth Exchange.
- Explore other clubs. Did you know that

- you're welcome to attend any club's meeting, anywhere in the world? Use the Club Finder tool or download the Club Locator app to find a meeting when you travel.
- Try a new role. Clubs need leaders. Take the first step and ask where your club needs help.
- Attend the next Rotary International Convention in Seoul, Korea. Enjoy inspiring talks from global leaders, celebrities, and activists. Meet members from around the world. It's the ultimate way to understand the scope of Rotary.
- Be part of history and help eradicate polio.
- Use the resources in the Rotary

- Brand Centre to help you communicate, inspire, and collaborate.
- Meet other members who share your interests and passions through a Rotary Fellowship or Rotarian Action Group. There are about 70 groups, catering to everyone from cooking enthusiasts to water and sanitation project experts.
- Connect on social media. Rotary has official pages on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, Pinterest, Flickr, and more.
- Support The Rotary Foundation. Contributions provide millions of dollars in grants that support our humanitarian service around the world.