

# 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

## SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

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

Today's  
**Programme**  
*Club* ASSEMBLY

# SEOUL

CONVENTION 

28 MAY - 1 JUNE 2016 • KOREA

KOREA 2016  
28 MAY - 1 JUNE  
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

## Durga Puja Celebrations

are round the corner...

This is a wonderful time for all of us to get together for a completely unique Durga Puja tour of old heritage homes where the Barwari Durga Puja is celebrated. A tour, SANATANI 1 is being organised on 20th October (Saptami Day) by booking one AC Volvo bus holding 36 people. Cost is Rs 1250 per head on FIRST COME FIRST SERVED basis. This tour is organised by the Ministry of Tourism and consists of visits to Khelat Ghosh Bari, Chhatubabu Latubabur Puja, Chandra Bari, Rani Rashmoni Bari, Thanthania Dutta Bari and ends with a sumptuous BHOG lunch at the world renowned Shovabazar Rajbari.

Please send in the registration fees to Hony Secy or Treasurer immediately, as we will have to block book the bus.

Look forward to having a great time...

Gi, Heung & Jeong | The heart of the Korean identity  
Simple yet important concepts that can be found throughout Korean culture and society.

**Gi:** 'Sprit, energy' Gi flows through all livings, as well as through land, water and air. Gi can thus be considered the spirit and energy of Korea's nature.

**Heung:** 'Fun, pleasure, excitement' Heung puts the zing & zest into life, It runs throughout Korean Culture: from age-old folk dance to the latest k-pop tunes.

**Jeong:** 'Affection, warmth, compassion, attachment' Jeong is the characteristic warmth that touches so many visitors to Korea and often leads to lifelong friendships. If **Gi** embodies Korea's nature and **Heung** epitomizes the Korean culture, **Jeong** is the defining characteristic of the Korean people.

**Registration Fees:** All prices are shown in US dollars. Depending on your country, payment in your local currency may be available.

	Before 15 Dec 2015	16 Dec 2015 - 31 Mar 2016	1 April 2016 and after
Rotarian Rotary club or district employee Guest age 19 or older Spouse of deceased Rotarian	\$310	\$375	\$440
Non-Rotarian alumnus Rotaractor Guest of alumnus or Rotaractor	\$70	\$100	\$130
Youth Exchange student Interactor Guest age 5-18	\$10	\$10	\$10

### ROTARY'S AREAS OF FOCUS



# Global Grant # 1410603

- **Screening camps**  
to be held in **September**

**19 Camps** are being organized by Joynagar & Kakdwip Eye Hospitals in various rural areas. Rotarians may please make it convenient to join the camps to conduct Health & hygiene awareness among villagers. Patients found to have Cataract will undergo IOL surgery in subsequent camps.

## P R O J E C T D O N E



**8th September: Stomach tumor operation of Rimpa Roy (4yrs)**, girl child from RCC Masat has been sponsored by the club. She is the daughter of Prashanta Kumar Roy and Phalguni Roy and was operated on by Dr Utpal Kumar Ray at Merriland Nursing Home. Members who have committed to pay/paid towards the operation are PP Brij Mohan Lakhotia 2,000, Pramod Dhandhanian 2,500, PP Prem Lihala 25,000, Rajesh Agarwal 2,000, IPP Rajesh Lakhotia 2,000, PE Sanjay Ganeriwala 5,000, President Sudip Sen 2,000, Sunjay Somani 2,000 and Rotary Club of Central Calcutta Trust 17,500. **Total 60,000.**

## 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 Road (Near Kalighat Park), Kolkala 700026. Phones: 9339031382 and 8335882997. Delivery starts from 7 September, 2015 onward Monday-Saturday 12.00 Noon till 7.00 pm.

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

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

**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 at Thyagaraja Hall. For details please contact Rtn Bilalaksha Das, Dist Secretary – Logistics, C/o Citi Travels, 167P, Rash Behari Avenue, Jasoda Bhawan No.2, Kolkata 700019. Mobile: 98300 72149

## FORTHCOMING Club Programmes

■ **Fri, 18th Sept:** RWM. Guest Speaker, Ms Sunita Kedia will speak on “Science of Past Life Regression”.

■ **Fri, 25 Sept:** Joint RWM with neighbouring clubs at Saturday Club, the program being organized by District 3291 at its Finance Literacy Meet.

■ **Tue, 20th Oct:** Heritage Tour to Rajbaris of Kolkata during Durga Puja

## FORTHCOMING Club PROJECTS

■ **Sun, 20 Sept:** Eye Check up camp jointly with Shakti Sangh and Eye Pavilion at Naktala.

■ PE Sanjay Ganeriwala has sponsored Rs 20,000 towards the cost of furniture to Morning Glory Integrated School for children with special needs.

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



## R O V I N G A M B A S S A D O R S

■ **PDG Raj Kumar Rajgaria** – RC Calcutta North West on 5th September. He spoke on Membership.

■ **President Sudip Sen** attended the Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony at Ballygunge Shiksha Sadan. Seen here



with actress Rimjhim Gupta and Principal BSS on 5th September.

■ **PP Brij Mohan Lakhotia** attended the official visit of the District Governor, Jhulan Basu to RC Calcutta South Central on 7th September, in the capacity of Assistant Governor of the club.

# ROTARIANS FROM THE USA

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## International Service:

# Louis says Dhanyavad



**Louis Williams Mann** (22) from Yorkshire, England was in India for about a month doing internship at Rotary Hooghly Eye Hospital and Rotary Purulia Eye Hospital. His grandfather Rtn David Spurrel had been to India as part of the team from Winchester, England. On Saturday, the 5-Sept-15 Louis joined my family at RCGC, where PP Binod Khaitan hosted lunch for Louis, PP Meeta Lakhota, my daughter Rashi Srimal and granddaughter Ruhi Srimal. In the evening we hosted a dinner for him and invited few relatives with whom he had long conversations. Suddenly he told me that he desires to play Pipe Organ at a Church at Sunday Mass. It was a herculean task to organize it and finally a friend of mine Mr Felix Thakur, through the sec-

retary of Bishop, organized it at St. John's Church. Next day, Sunday we started at 7:30 AM for church and on the way we picked up my son in law Shri Dipak Srimal. Louis was mighty happy to have tried his hand at playing the organ.

From Church we took him for a city tour. As many places were to be covered and time was short, we went at a break neck speed starting with Mausoleum of Job Charnok, Monument of Rawla war, then we rushed to Marble palace and then to Lord Sheetal Nath Jain temple owned by Dipak's relative, who took pains to explain finer points about the temple and baradwari which is one of it's kind. Sweating under blistering Sun, we were pleased to be offered fresh coconut water and after thanking Dipak's relatives we rushed to Flury's for a late breakfast. Louis is besotted with Ivory and every now and then he would enquire about it so I requested Dipak to show him some Ivory artefacts, at his home. There he was mesmerized with the antique collection that Dipak has and Louis stayed back with him while I returned back home.

After lunch with Dipak, he was taken to a coffee shop by Dipak and his friends. While chit chatting Dipak came to know that Louis plays snooker so he arranged a game at Tolly Club with his relative - World Champion Shri Sourav Kothari. Though Louis lost he chuckled that he gave Sourav a run for his money. After Dipak dropped him back, we went for dinner and he relished Biryani and Kebabs.

As the next day was a working day, I bid goodbye to Louis while leaving for office and presented him a keychain and a silver coin, he was amazed to see the old coin with King George embossed on one side. His response was *dhanyavad*, a word he would frequently use.

In a short time Louis became a part of the family and we really enjoyed hosting him and enjoyed the internationality of Rotary.

– Report by PP Brij Mohan Lakhotia

**Bulletin Received**   
**Friendship – RC Belur**

**ReachOutwishes**  
 Happy Birthday to 

आप जिये हजारे सल,  
 साल के दिन हों पचास हजारे

Raj Bagri – 14 September  
 Pramod Dayal Rungta  
 15 September

# my Kolkata NATIONAL LIBRARY



The history of the National Library began with the formation of the Calcutta Public Library, the first public library in this part of the world, in 1836, which was a non-governmental institution and was run on a proprietary basis. People contributing 300 in subscription became the proprietors. Prince Dwarkanath Tagore was the first proprietor of that Library. Poor students and others were allowed free use of the library for some period of time.

Lord Metcalfe, the Governor General at that time, transferred 4,675 volumes from the library of the College of Fort William, Kolkata to the Calcutta Public Library. This and donations of books from individuals formed the nucleus of the library. Both Indian and foreign books, especially British, were purchased for the library. Donations were regularly made by individuals as well as by the government. The present National Library has many extremely rare books and journals in its collection.

The Imperial Library was formed in 1891 by combining a number of Secretariat libraries in Calcutta. Of those, the most important and interesting was the library of the Home Department, which contained many books formerly belonging to the library of East India College, Fort William and the library of the East India Board in London. But the use of the library was restricted to the superior officers of the Government.

In 1903, Lord Curzon of Kedleston, the Governor General of India, realised that both libraries were under-utilized for the want of facilities or restrictions. He decided to amalgamate the rich collection of both of these libraries into Impe-

rial Library, which was formally opened to the public on 30 January 1903 at Metcalfe Hall, Kolkata.

After independence, the Government of India changed the name of the Im-



perial Library as the National Library, and the collection was shifted from The Esplanade to the present Belvedere Estate. On 1 February, 1953 the National Library was opened to the public.

## LIBRARY STATISTICS:

Over 2,270,000 books  
Over 86,000 maps  
Over 3,200 manuscripts  
Over 45 kilometers of shelf space  
Reading rooms can accommodate over 550 people

# PAUL HARRIS' LETTER

