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Banerjee, who served as RI president during the 2011-2012 Rotary year, joined Rotary in 1972. He has also has served as an RI director, Foundation trustee, RI Board Executive Committee member, International Assembly group-discussion leader, task-force chair, and district governor. And, he has chaired The Rotary Foundation in India. He has received The Foundation’s Distinguished Service Award, and he and his wife, **Binota Banerjee,** are Major Donors and members of the Bequest Society of the Foundation.

Now that we have the date, venue and the chief guest determined, let’s promote the event and the concept of Million Dollar Dinner to each member in every club in our district - and raise more than $1 million to strengthen the endowment funds of the Rotary Foundation. Let’s all get excited and move forward.

Our **goal** is to reach the **Million Dollar mark** by the **end of this month** and then continue to increase the endowments through next May - and beyond.  I am certain we can do it and make a history for our district.

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