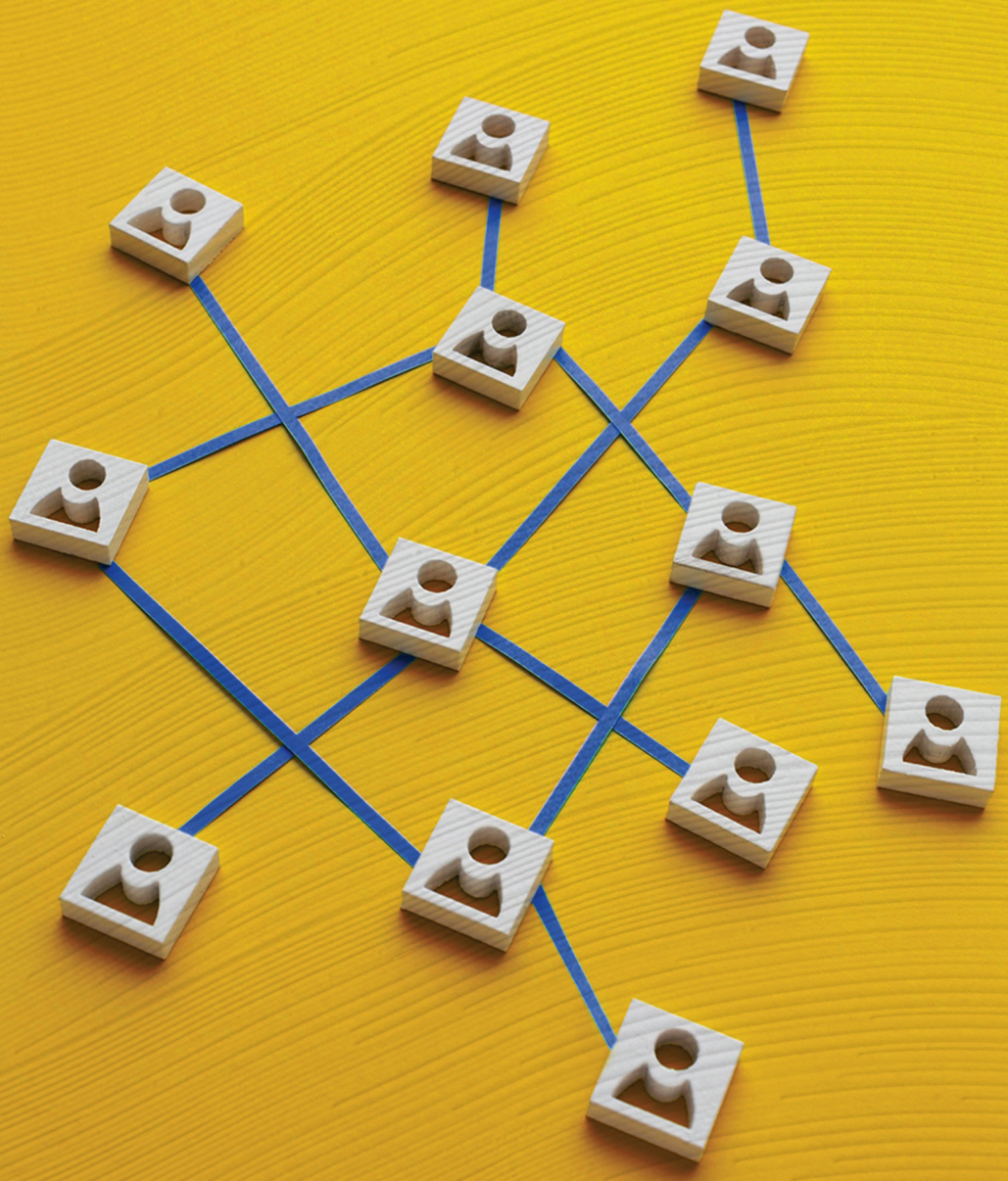
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আমার সোনার বাংলা, আমি তোমায় ভালোবাসি।
চিরদিন তোমার আকাশ, তোমার বাতাস, আমার প্রাণে
বাজায় বাঁশি॥
ও মা, ফাগুনে তোর আমের বনে ঘ্রাণে পাগল করে,
মরি হায়, হায় রে–
ও মা, অঘ্রানে তোর ভরা ক্ষেতে আমি কী দেখেছি
মধুর হাসি॥
কী শোভা, কী ছায়া গো, কী স্নেহ, কী মায়া গো–
কী আঁচল বিছায়েছ বটের মূলে, নদীর কূলে কূলে।
মা, তোর মুখের বাণী আমার কানে লাগে সুধার মতো,
মরি হায়, হায় রে–
মা, তোর বদনখানি মলিন হলে, ও মা, আমি
নয়নজলে ভাসি॥

Rotary Invocation

We, the Rotarians are dedicated to the ideal of service to maintain a high ethical standard in our business and profession and to dignify our vocation by enhancing international understanding, goodwill and peace through people united in the ideal of service

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Vision Statement

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change-across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Mission Statement

We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

The Four-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?

Rotary Motto

1) Service Above Self
2) One Profits Most Who Serves Best Service Above Self is the principal motto of Rotary.

"Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you; spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life." — Amy Poehler

Editorial Note

Celebrating Friendship, the Heart of Rotary
1 August - Friendship Day

Dear Rotarians,

Assalamu Alaikum.



As we welcome the month of August, we joyfully celebrate Friendship Day on the 1st, a day that holds deep meaning not only in our personal lives but also within the spirit of Rotary. Friendship is not just a pleasant by-product of Rotary; it is one of its foundational pillars. Every project we undertake, every cause we support, and every meeting we attend is rooted in a fellowship that transcends professions, backgrounds, and borders.

In Rotary, friendship fosters trust, builds teams, and strengthens our commitment to serve. It turns service into joy, and responsibilities into shared journeys. As Rotarians, we form lifelong connections with each other, with the communities we serve, and with fellow Rotarians around the world.

Let this Friendship Day be a reminder of the unique gift we have, a global family united by goodwill and service. We continue to build bridges through friendship, uphold the values of compassion and unity, and inspire others to join hands in making a synergy.

Wishing you all a warm and meaningful Friendship Day, let's continue to serve with friendship at heart and fellowship in action.

With best regards,

Rtn. Aleya Ferdous Diptee
Editor, Rongdhonu
Rotary Club of Baridhara

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Fortnightly Regular Club Meeting of
Rotary Club of Baridhara (RCB)
Meeting No: 687
Date: 27 July 2025 | Time: 6:30 PM | Venue: The Westin Hotel, Dhaka
(Draft for approval)

1. Opening:

The 687th regular club meeting, the second of Rotary Year 2025–26, was presided over by President Rtn. Meherun N. Islam. She warmly welcomed all attending members and guests, extending special recognition to visiting guests and prospective members.

2. Rotary Invocation:

At the request of the Club President Rtn. Mahbub Uz Zaman read out the Rotary invocation.

3. Last Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the 686th regular meeting were reviewed and confirmed by the members present with one amendment.

4. Announcement of Birthday & Anniversary:

Rtn. PP Muhammad Ali announced the acknowledged birthdays and wedding anniversaries of the following club members, conveying them warm wishes on behalf of the entire club:

Birthday: Rtn. Ashik Ahmed

Wedding Anniversary: Rtn. Md. Mamunur Rashid and Samina Sultana

5. Club Presidency Handover Ceremony:

As President Rtn. Meherun N. Islam was abroad during the first meeting of the Rotary year held on 13th July 2025, the formal handover of the club Presidency took place at this meeting. Immediate Past President (IPP) Rtn. Javed Karim officially passed the Presidential Badge to President Rtn. Meherun N. Islam, symbolizing the transfer of leadership responsibilities. In turn, President Meherun N. Islam expressed her sincere appreciation to all members for their trust and support and pledged her commitment to lead the club with dedication throughout the Rotary year 2025 - 26

6. Announcement Session:

Rtn. Nazmul Ahsan Khan addressed the members with a heartfelt message regarding the recent tragic accident in Milestone College, Uttara, Dhaka. In honor of the lives lost, he proposed for observing a minute's silence, which was respectfully observed by all present. The club also offered prayers for the departed soul of Rtn. PP Sultan M. Rahman of R.C. Dhaka.

7. Introduction of Guest Speaker:

Rtn. PP Sheikh Nasim Imam introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Shahid Uddin Akbar, a respected professional in ICT, marketing and sustainable development who is the founder and president of the Bangladesh Institute of ICT and Development (BIID), a social business initiative launched in 2008. His work spans e-agriculture (e-Krishok), adolescent nutrition (Nutrition Club) and entrepreneurship development (B-Lab), with a focus on youth, women and rural communities. In his speech, Mr. Akbar highlighted the critical role of food-based nutrition in the first 1,000 days of a child's life. He shared BIID's vision of building a well-nourished future generation and explained his efforts to promote Bangladeshi youth and nutrition initiatives on global platforms. He also emphasized the need for collaboration across sectors to ensure sustainable health outcomes. An interactive Q&A session followed, during which club members expressed appreciation for Mr. Akbar's work and thoughtful insights. First VP Rtn. Nazmul Ahsan Khan delivered the Vote of Thanks.

8. Club Statistics:

Club Secretary Rtn. PP Amb Mosud Mannan ndc MPHF B read out the following club statistics of the meeting:

- Total number of club members: 48
- Members present at the meeting: 15
- Guests: 1
- Visiting Rotarians: 0
- Attendance percentage: 31.25%

9. Next Meeting:

Rtn. PP Amb Mosud Mannan ndc MPHF B announced that the next regular meeting (688th) will be held on 10th August 2025 at 6:30 PM at The Westin Hotel, Dhaka.He also announced the date of the first Board Meeting of RCB to be held on 31st July 2025 at the Top Floor of the residence of the Club President at 6.30 pm.

10. Closing:

President Rtn. Meherun N. Islam presented a token of appreciation to the guest speaker, Mr. Shahid Uddin Akbar. The meeting concluded with sincere thanks to all club members, office bearers and contributors. Members were encouraged to continue their active participation and support for the club's initiatives in the new Rotary year.

Message from Rotary International President 2025-26

August 2025



President, Rotary International, 2025-26

Francesco Arezzo

August is Membership Month, but our commitment to growth and connection is year-round. When we focus on growing Rotary, we grow our ability to serve, to lead, and to bring lasting change.

Membership growth isn't just about numbers. It's about opening doors. It's about inviting more people who are ready to give their time, talents, and hearts to a cause greater than themselves. When we welcome new members, we bring in fresh ideas and new energy. We expand our impact, strengthen our clubs, and ensure that Rotary continues to evolve with the world around us.

Remember, there is now great flexibility in fashioning nontraditional club models. I'm inspired when I see these innovative clubs thrive by offering new and prospective members more ways to connect and serve.

In Korea, the growth of satellite clubs has created opportunities for nearly 1,000 new members to find their place in Rotary. In Romania, the close collaboration between Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors has built a pipeline of future leaders. In India, some Rotarians gather around a shared interest — whether it's professional development or a passion for service — and those connections deepen their commitment and their joy in being part of Rotary. And we've seen cause-based clubs thrive in regions as diverse as Southeast Asia, Africa, and Europe.

There's a common thread: Where clubs are growing, membership is a priority and there is a willingness to try something new. Rotary is not limited to one structure or tradition. We are a global network of people of action, and that means there is room for many kinds of clubs, many ways to serve, and many paths into our organization.

This spirit of innovation is also guiding our efforts to reach new communities. In places where there has never been a Rotary club — or where a club once existed and faded — Rotarians are finding ways to grow Rotary. They are identifying areas of potential and building clubs that reflect the character and needs of their communities.

Every member plays a part in this journey. Whether you introduce a friend to your club, support a new meeting format, reconnect with program alumni, or simply share your Rotary story, you are helping our organization grow stronger and more vibrant.

No one owns a Rotary club. It is a gift we pass on to the next generation. When we nurture that gift, when we invite others to share in it, we ensure that Rotary continues to be a force for good.

Let's prioritize membership growth — not just in August but every month of the year. Together, through friendship, creativity, and shared purpose, we will grow Rotary and Unite for Good.

Club Secretary's Column

Rotary Membership as per R.I. Manual of Procedure 2019



Secretary 2025-26
Rtn. PP Mosud Mannan MPHF B

ARTICLE - 5 of R.I. Constitution

Section 1 — How Constituted. The membership of RI shall consist of clubs and Rotaract clubs which continue to perform the obligations as set forth in this constitution and the bylaws.

Section 2 — Composition of Clubs.

a. A club shall be composed of adult persons who demonstrate good character, integrity, and leadership; possess good reputation within their business, profession, occupation, and/or community; and are willing to serve in their community and/or around the world and having their place of business or residence located in the locality of the club or the surrounding area. A member moving from the locality of the club or the surrounding area may retain membership in the club where the member's board grants such permission and said member continues to meet all conditions of club membership.

b. Each club shall have a well-balanced membership in which no one business, profession, occupation, type of community service, or other classification predominates.

c. The bylaws of RI may provide for active membership and honorary membership in clubs and shall prescribe the qualifications for each.

ARTICLES 1; 2; 3; 4; 5;10

d. In countries where the word "club" has an inappropriate connotation, Rotary clubs or Rotaract clubs, with the approval of the board, will not be obliged to use it in their names.

R.I.BY LAW'S No.4

4.010. Types of Members.

A club may have two types of membership, active and honorary.

4.020. Active Members.

A person possessing the qualifications in article 5, section 2 of the RI constitution may be elected as an active member.

4.030. Transferring or Former Rotarian.

A member or a former club may propose a transferring or former member for membership. Potential members with debts to another club are ineligible for membership. Any club that wishes to admit a former member shall demand that the potential member provide a written statement from the previous club that all debts have been paid. The admission of a transferring or former Rotarian as an active member is contingent upon receiving a written statement from the board of the previous club confirming the prospective member's prior membership in that club, and whether debts are owed by the current or former member that is being considered for membership in the other club. If a written statement is not provided within 30 days, it is assumed that the member does not owe the other club.

4.040 Prohibited Dual Memberships.

No member shall simultaneously:

a. belong to more than one club, other than a satellite of that club; or

b. be an honorary member in the same club.

4.050. Honorary Membership.

Clubs may elect honorary members for terms set by the club board, who shall:

a. be exempt from paying dues;

b. not vote;

c. not hold any club office;

d. not hold classifications; and

e. be entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy all other privileges in the club, but have no rights or privileges in any other club, except to visit without being a Rotarian's guest.

Persons who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals and those considered friends of Rotary for their support of Rotary's cause may be elected to honorary membership in more than one club.

4.060. Rotaract Club Membership.

A Rotaract club shall be composed of young adults, as determined by the board.

4.070. Diversity of Membership.

Each club or Rotaract club shall endeavor to build a well-balanced membership that celebrates diversity. No club or Rotaract club, regardless of when it joined RI, may in any way limit membership due to gender, race, color, creed, national origin, or sexual orientation, or impose any membership condition not specifically allowed by the RI constitution or bylaws. Any membership provision or condition in conflict with this section is null, void, and without effect.

4.080. Attendance Reports.

Each club shall forward monthly attendance reports of its meetings to the governor within 15 days after the last meeting of each month. Non-districted clubs shall forward attendance reports to the general secretary.

4.090. Attendance at Other Clubs.

A Rotarian may attend a regular meeting or satellite club meeting of another club. However, a member terminated for good cause may not attend a regular meeting or satellite club meeting of their former club.

4.100. Exceptions to Provisions on Membership.

A club may adopt provisions that are not in accordance with and that supersede sections 4.010. and 4.030. - 4.050.

Rotary Club of Baridhara

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FOUR-WAY TEST

FOUR QUESTIONS – 24 WORDS

THE UNIQUE STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS	PROCESS TO ACHIEVE DESIRED OUTCOMES THAT ARE ETHICAL, FAIR AND BENEFICIAL TO ALL
IS IT THE TRUTH? • Clarity • Transparency • Fact checking • Ethical behaviour	That we do our homework to collect information and to apply critical thinking by asking questions to know the difference between facts, beliefs, assumptions, and opinions as well as know what we don't know.
IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED? • Inclusion • Empathy • Acceptance • Belonging • Accountability	That we use empathy to see other points-of-view in the context of the problems to be solved and the goals to be reached.
WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? • Trust • Do good • Feel good • Have fun	That the process is civil, and there is a feeling of respect and openness to ask the "dumb" question, they can lead to creative and innovative answers. Also, people prefer to work with people they like, respect and trust.
WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED? • What if scenarios • Trade-offs • Being creative and innovative • Better decision making	That these are the conflict transformative answers and decisions that can lead to mutually satisfying solutions, that are sustainable and scalable. This can be an iterative process as we learn more from doing and continuously improving with time.

Rotary Club of Baridhara

Birthday Greetings

1st August
Rtn. Javed Hyder Kareem

1st August
Rtn. Mahbubur Rahman

3rd August
Rtn. Ahsanul Huq Chowdhury FCA, PHF

13th August
Rtn. M. Nazmul Ahsan Khan

15th August
Rtn. Ahmed Yusuf Walid PHF

Profile of the Esteemed Guest Speaker



H. E. Mr. Ghanshyam Bhandari
Ambassador of Nepal to the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ambassador Mr. Ghanshyam Bhandari assumed his responsibilities as Ambassador of Nepal to the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on 31 July 2022.

Prior to this appointment, he was Joint Secretary/Head of Regional Organization Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nepal from July 2021 to July 2022.

From September 2019 until July 2021, he served as Deputy Permanent Representative at the Permanent Mission of Nepal to the UN in New York. He worked as Joint Secretary/Head of Europe and America Division at Ministry of Foreign Affairs from June 2017 to September 2019.

Mr. Bhandari served as Deputy Chief of Mission (including Charge d' Affaires, a.i., from April 2016 to November 2016) at the Mission/Embassy of Nepal to the European Union and the BENELUX Countries in Brussels from September 2015 to May 2017. He was Under Secretary at the United Nations, International Organizations, and International Law Division of the Ministry from May 2014 to September 2015.

He also worked as Second Secretary at Permanent Mission of Nepal to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva, Switzerland, from November 2012 to April 2014. As Section Officer, he served at the United Nations, International Organizations, and International Law Division of the Ministry from August 2010 to October 2012. Prior to joining Foreign Service of Nepal, he served as a Lecturer for master's level at Central Department of English of Tribhuvan University in Katmandu from February 2006 to July 2010.

Mr. Bhandari holds Master of Philosophy (M. Phil) in English Studies and a master's degree in Political Science, both obtained from Tribhuvan University of Nepal. Born on 25 September in Gulmi, Nepal, he is married to Ms. Lalita Silwal and they have two children.

Topic of the Day - Nepal Bangladesh relations in Business and Tourism

Club Activities

Glimpses from 687th Fortnightly Regular Club Meeting













August: Membership and New Club Development Month

A Time to Grow, Strengthen, and Celebrate Rotary

August holds special significance in the Rotary calendar as Membership and New Club Development Month, a time dedicated to recognizing the lifeblood of Rotary: its members. It is a call to action for clubs worldwide to focus on growth, engagement, and sustainability, ensuring Rotary continues to thrive as a global force for good.

Here's a breakdown of what this means:

1. Focus on Membership Growth

Attracting new members is essential to the longevity and vibrancy of any Rotary club. August serves as a reminder for clubs to renew their efforts in recruiting passionate, service-minded individuals who share Rotary's ideals. This could involve outreach to professionals, community leaders, and youth, people who are eager to make a difference and benefit from the rich network and opportunities Rotary offers.

Effective membership growth goes beyond mere numbers; it's about inviting people who align with the club's culture and values, ensuring they feel welcome, and offering them meaningful avenues for engagement.

2. Strengthening Existing Clubs

A strong club is one that is inclusive, active, and adaptable. During this month, clubs are encouraged to assess their internal health, looking into member involvement, leadership development, meeting dynamics, and service impact.

Clubs may consider updating bylaws, introducing flexible meeting formats, or launching new service initiatives to reinvigorate club energy. A well-run and enthusiastic club naturally attracts and retains members.

3. Member Appreciation and Retention

While growth is vital, retaining existing members is equally important. August is an ideal time to express gratitude to members for their service, dedication, and contributions. Celebrating long-standing members, highlighting volunteer achievements, and simply saying "thank you" can go a long way in boosting morale and encouraging continued participation.

Member retention improves when members feel seen, valued, and involved. Providing opportunities for leadership, project ownership, and professional development help nurture deeper engagement.

4. Community Engagement and Visibility

To grow and strengthen, clubs must remain visible and relevant within their communities. August offers a timely opportunity to organize events that showcase the positive work Rotary does, such as service projects, open house programs, membership drives, or social gatherings. These events not only engage the public but also serve as platforms to invite potential members and partners into the fold.

Clubs should share their success stories through social media, local media, and word-of-mouth, demonstrating the real-world impact of Rotary service.

5. Sharing Best Practices Across Clubs

Rotary's strength lies in its network. During Membership Month, clubs are encouraged to collaborate and learn from each other. Sharing successful membership strategies, such as innovative recruitment techniques, onboarding processes, or fellowship ideas, fosters mutual growth and strengthens the Rotary community as a whole.

District-level workshops, webinars, and training sessions on club development and membership tools can be particularly helpful in building collective knowledge.

In Conclusion

August is more than a month on the calendar, it's a movement, a movement to grow Rotary's family, energize its clubs, and reaffirm our shared mission of service above self. By embracing the spirit of Membership and New Club Development Month, we not only honor our legacy but also secure our future.

Let us commit to making our clubs welcoming, diverse, and impactful spaces, where every member feels connected, every voice matters, and every action counts.

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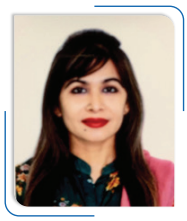
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