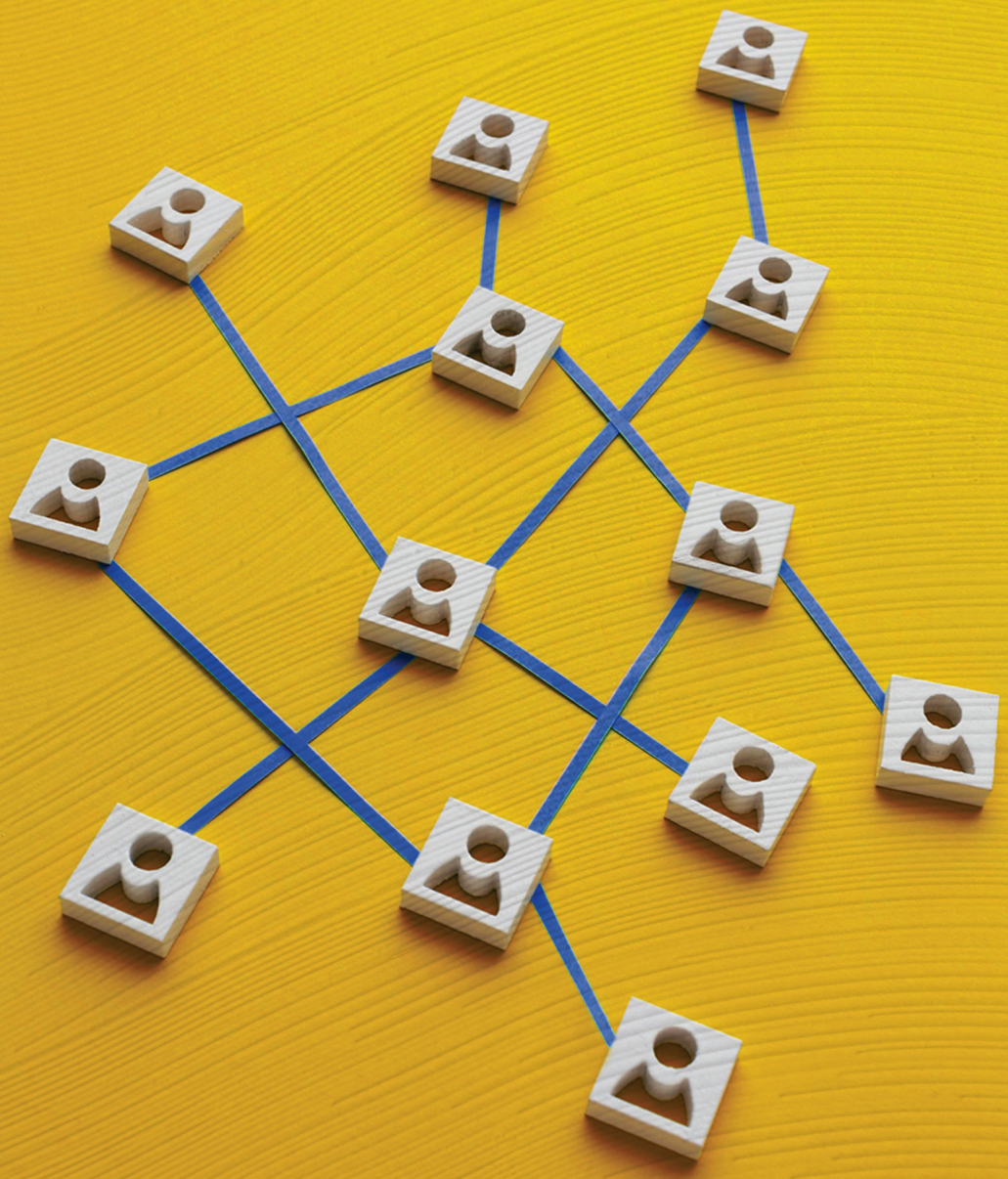
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আমার সোনার বাংলা, আমি তোমায় ভালোবাসি।
চিরদিন তোমার আকাশ, তোমার বাতাস, আমার প্রাণে
বাজায় বাঁশি॥
ও মা, ফাগুনে তোর আমের বনে ঘ্রাণে পাগল করে,
মরি হায়, হায় রে–
ও মা, অঘ্রানে তোর ভরা ক্ষেতে আমি কী দেখেছি
মধুর হাসি॥
কী শোভা, কী ছায়া গো, কী স্নেহ, কী 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.

Rotary Club of Baridhara

"Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you" — Princess Diana

Editorial Note

Dear Rotarians,

Assalamu Alaikum.



August is celebrated across Rotary as Membership and New Club Development Month, a time to reflect on what it truly means to be part of this global family. Membership is the heartbeat of Rotary; it is through our members that ideas turn into action, and service transforms into lasting change.

As we observe this month, let us remind ourselves that Rotary's strength lies not just in numbers, but in the diversity, passion, and commitment of its members. Each of us plays a role in making our club vibrant and impactful. This is also the perfect time to extend the gift of Rotary to others – friends, colleagues, or community leaders who share our values of fellowship and service.

Growing our membership is not merely about expansion; it is about ensuring sustainability and passing on the spirit of service to the next generation. Let us commit to nurturing existing members, engaging them meaningfully, and welcoming new ones into our fold with warmth and inclusiveness.

Together, let us make August a month of renewed energy, stronger bonds, and a greater commitment to "Service Above Self."

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: 688
Date: 10 August 2025 | Time: 6:30 PM | Venue: The Westin Hotel, Dhaka
(Draft for approval)

1. Opening

The 688th regular meeting, the second of Rotary Year 2025–26, was called to order by President Rtn. Meherun N. Islam. She warmly welcomed members, guests, and prospective members.

2. Rotary Invocation

The invocation was delivered by Rtn. Mohammed Ali Khan.

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the 687th regular meeting were reviewed and confirmed without amendment.

4. Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

On behalf of the club, Rtn. Kamruzzaman extended greetings to members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

Birthdays:

- Rtn. Javed Hyder Kareem
- Rtn. Mahbubur Rahman
- Rtn. Ahsanul Huq Chowdhury FCA, PHF
- Rtn. M. Nazmul Ahsan Khan
- Rtn. Ahmed Yusuf Walid

5. Guest Speaker Introduction

Past President Rtn. Dicon introduced the distinguished guest speaker, H. E. Mr. Ghanshyam Bhandari, Ambassador of Nepal to Bangladesh, outlining his impressive diplomatic career and academic background.

6. Guest Speaker's Presentation

H. E. Mr. Bhandari spoke on "Nepal–Bangladesh Relations in Business and Tourism."

He emphasized the strong bilateral ties, growing economic collaboration, people-to-people connectivity, and shared cultural heritage. He highlighted cooperation in energy, academics, tourism, and peacekeeping. The Ambassador also addressed key issues such as LDC graduation, climate change, and regional cooperation. A short documentary was presented, followed by an engaging Q&A session where Rtn. Mobin, Rtn. Kabir Ahmed and Rtn. Ali Ashfaq took part.

7. Vote of Thanks

Second Vice President Rtn. Rizwana Tabassum offered a heartfelt vote of thanks to the guest speaker for his insightful presentation.

8. Souvenir Presentation

Past Presidents Rtn. Javed Hyder Kareem and Rtn. Saiful Huq presented tokens of remembrance to H. E. Mr. Bhandari on behalf of the club.

9. Induction of a New Member

New member Tanisha Khondker was formally installed by Past President Rtn. Ali Ashfaq MPHF and graciously introduced by her mentor, immediate Past President Rtn. Javed Hyder Kareem. Rtn. Aleya Ferdous had the honor of pinning her with the Rotary Lapel Pin.

10. Fellowship & Celebrations

Following the formal session, Secretary Rtn. Amb. Mosud Mannan conducted a fellowship segment, which included a cake-cutting ceremony and introduction of the new President of Baridhara Interact Club Imam Hossain. Club Secretary also welcomed back Rtn. Abu Zafor to the fold of RC Baridhara in the new Rotary Year after a long absence.

11. Club Statistics

Secretary Rtn. Amb. Mosud Mannan ndc MPHF B announced the meeting statistics:

- Total members: 49
- Members present: 21
- Absent: 28
- Guests: 4
- Visiting Rotarians: 0
- Attendance: 41.66%

12. Next Meeting

The 689th regular meeting will be held on 24th August 2025 at 6:30 PM at The Westin Hotel, Dhaka.

13. Closing

President Rtn. Meherun N. Islam thanked all members, office bearers, and contributors, encouraging continued active participation and support for the club's programs in the new Rotary year.

Club Secretary's Column

Formation of a new Rotary Club



Secretary 2025-26
Rtn. PP Mosud Mannan MPHF B

To establish a new Rotary club, a dedicated group of individuals needs to take initiative by forming a core team, developing a strategic plan, and engaging with the community. This process involves understanding the community, recruiting charter members, and completing the necessary paperwork for official recognition.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

1. Gather a Core Team and Assess the Community:

Identify a group of Rotarians and community members who are passionate about starting a new club. Determine the specific area where the new club will be located and assess the community's needs and interests. Understand the demographics and potential membership base.

2. Develop a Strategy and Plan:

Create a detailed plan that outlines the club's goals, mission, and activities. Establish a marketing plan to attract new members and promote the club's purpose. Develop a financial plan to ensure the club's sustainability.

3. Recruit Charter Members:

Organize informational meetings to introduce the Rotary concept and the new club. Invite individuals who are committed to service and leadership to join as charter members. Aim for a minimum of 20 charter members to ensure a solid foundation for the new club.

4. Formalize the Club:

Hold organizational meetings to establish the club's structure and leadership. Complete the official application for recognition as a Rotary club. Appoint a new club adviser and a sponsor club to provide guidance and support.

5. Celebrate and Sustain:

Celebrate the approval of the new club by Rotary International. Provide ongoing support and mentorship to the new club to ensure its long-term success. Encourage participation in Rotary Foundation programs and initiatives. Continuously engage the new members with the Rotary community and its values.

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 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.

The Six Biggest
CHALLENGES Facing
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



John Hewko
CEO Rotary International

Rotary is at a crossroads. Our organization is strong; but, our CEO let us know at yesterday's PETS Alliance meeting that we face six major challenges:

1. Membership Decline
2. Maintaining Relevance
3. Being Nimble Enough to Adapt
4. Continuity in Leadership
5. Identifying our Next Global Project
6. Resistance to Regionalization Rotary

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Birthday Greetings

18 August
Rtn. Aleya Ferdous

23 August
Rtn. Saiful Huq, FCA, MBA, PHF

25 August
Rtn. Mahbub Uz Zaman
Former Secretary

28 August
Rtn. Husain Chowdhury, PHF

Wedding Anniversary

21 August
Rtn. Khaled Shams, PHF
&
Israt Shams

31August
Rtn. Ahsanul Huq Chowdhury FCA, PHF
&
Rizia Khan

Profile of the Esteemed Guest Speaker



Dr. Tahmeed Ahmed
Executive Director, icddr,b
Dhaka, Bangladesh

Dr. Tahmeed Ahmed has been working for the last three decades in simplifying the treatment of maternal and childhood malnutrition, childhood tuberculosis, and diarrheal diseases. Together with Dr. Jeffrey Gordon of Washington University in St. Louis he discovered Microbiota-Directed Complementary Food (MDCF) - a novel intervention for childhood malnutrition.

This discovery was highlighted by the prestigious journal Science as one of the scientific breakthroughs of 2019. He is continuing the research on MDCF in seven countries in South Asia and Africa. He also discovered Sharnali - the new food-based treatment for severe acute malnutrition (SAM), made of locally available food ingredients and now being trialed among Rohingya children suffering from SAM.

Dr. Ahmed obtained his medical degree from Mymensingh Medical College, Bangladesh and PhD from the University of Tsukuba, Japan. He has been working for the last 38 years at icddr,b and is now its Executive Director. As a member of the Nutrition Guidance Expert Advisory Group of the WHO, Dr. Ahmed revised the global guidelines for management of childhood acute malnutrition. He advises the Global Task Force on Cholera Case Control (GTFCC) on case management of cholera in children.

Dr. Ahmed was awarded the Bangladesh Academy of Science Gold Medal for outstanding achievement in Medical Science in 2003. He received from the Honorable Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina, the Islamic Bank Development Transformers' Roadshow Award in 2018. Dr. Ahmed works closely with the Ministry of Health of Bangladesh, WHO, UNICEF and the International Atomic Energy Agency in research, policy issues and training on nutrition. He has more than 450 articles published in international journals and books. He is also Professor of Public Health Nutrition of James P. Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University, Dhaka.

Club Activities

Glimpses from 688th Fortnightly Regular Club Meeting













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A Warm Welcome to Our New Member of the Rotary Club of Baridhara



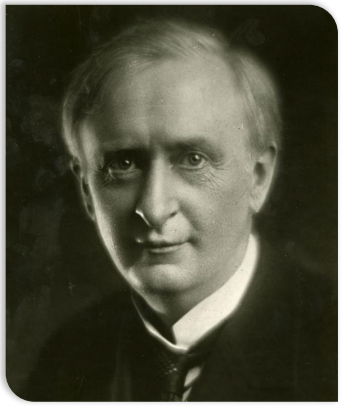
Rtn. Tanisha Khondker is currently serving as the Mission Secretary at the Embassy of the State of Kuwait in Bangladesh, where she supports diplomatic operations through scheduling, coordination, and communication management. She previously worked with Indigo Airlines and Astra Airways in customer service and ground operations, earning expertise in aviation management and training.

Tanisha holds an MBA from the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh and a BBA in Human Resource Management from East West University.

Beyond her professional career, she is actively engaged in volunteerism, having contributed to organizations such as the Bangladesh Women's Health Coalition (BWHC), Healthy Bangladesh Forum, and the Coalition for the Urban Poor (CUP).

ROTARY HISTORY

Rotary's two official mottoes



Arthur Frederick Sheldon, the Rotarian whose convention speech inspired Rotary's secondary motto, One Profits Most Who Serves Best

Service Above Self and **One Profits Most Who Serves Best**, Rotary's official mottoes, can be traced back to the early days of the organization.

In 1911, the second Rotary convention, in Portland, Oregon, USA, approved He Profits Most Who Serves Best as the Rotary motto. The wording was adapted from a speech that Rotarian Arthur Frederick Sheldon delivered to the first convention, held in Chicago the previous year. Sheldon declared that "only the science of right conduct toward others pays. Business is the science of human services. He profits most who serves his fellows best".

The Portland gathering also inspired the motto Service Above Self. During an outing on the Columbia River, Ben Collins, president of the Rotary Club of Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, talked with Seattle Rotarian J.E. Pinkham about the proper way to organize a Rotary club, offering the principle his club had adopted: Service, Not Self. Pinkham invited Rotary founder Paul Harris, who also was on the trip, to join their conversation. Harris asked Collins to address the convention, and the phrase Service, Not Self was met with great enthusiasm.

At the 1950 Rotary International Convention in Detroit, Michigan, USA, two slogans were formally approved as the official mottoes of Rotary: He Profits Most Who Serves Best and Service Above Self. The 1989 Council on Legislation established Service Above Self as the principal motto of Rotary because it best conveys the philosophy of unselfish volunteer service. He Profits Most Who Serves Best was modified to They Profit Most Who Serve Best in 2004 and to its current wording, One Profits Most Who Serves Best, in 2010.



A name badge from the 1928 Rotary International Convention features Rotary's mottoes.



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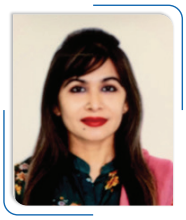
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