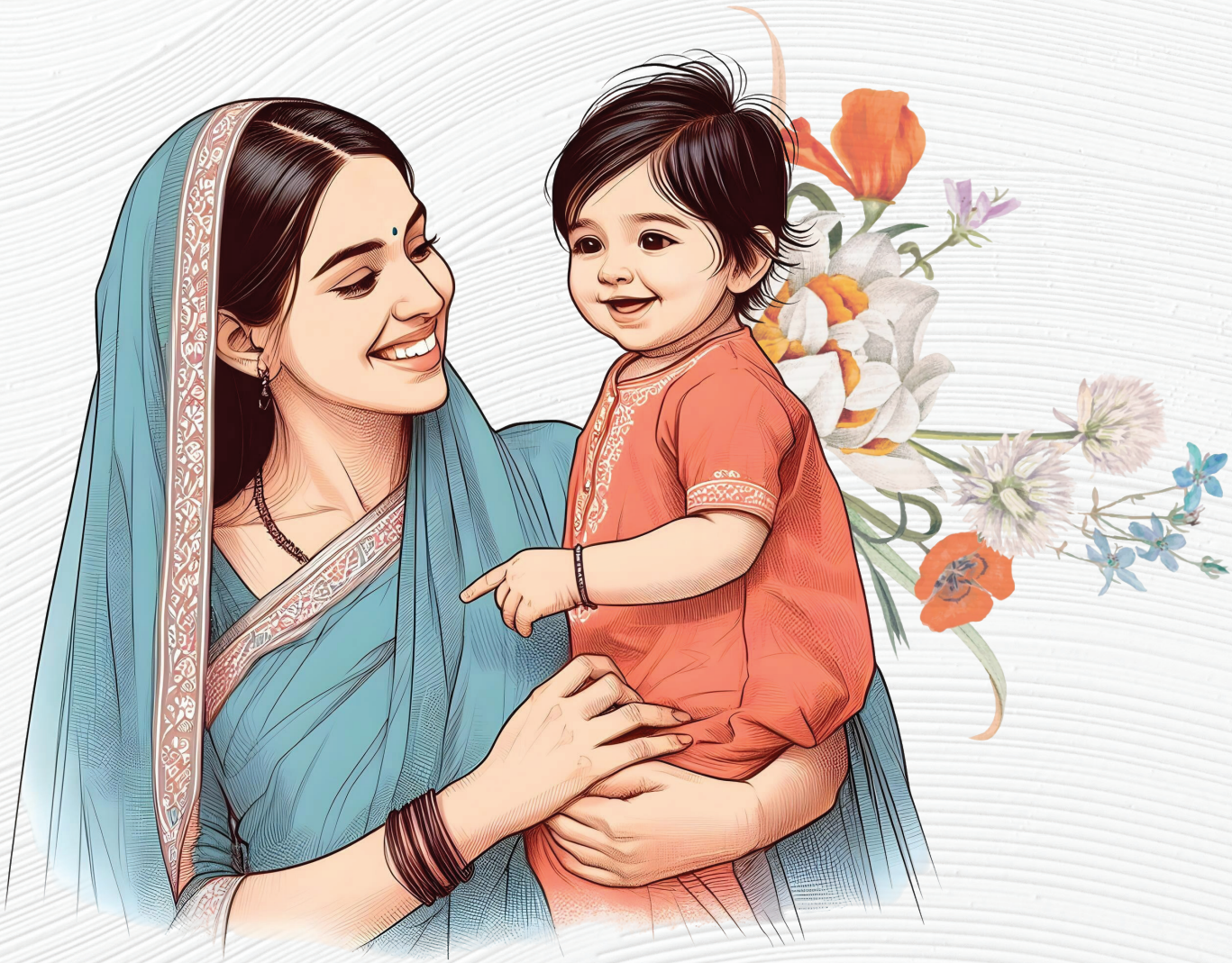
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আমার সোনার বাংলা, আমি তোমায় ভালোবাসি।
চিরদিন তোমার আকাশ, তোমার বাতাস, আমার প্রাণে
বাজায় বাঁশি॥
ও মা, ফাগুনে তোর আমের বনে ঘ্রাণে পাগল করে,
মরি হায়, হায় রে–
ও মা, অঘ্রানে তোর ভরা ক্ষেতে আমি কী দেখেছি
মধুর হাসি॥

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 4-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.

Editorial Note



Editor, 2025–26

Respected Readers,

Assalamu Alaikum and warm greetings to you all.

It is an honor to assume the role of Editor of the Rotary Club of Baridhara for the tenure 2025–26. I sincerely thank our Club President and my fellow Rotarians for entrusting me with this responsibility.

Rotary's enduring legacy of service, fellowship, and positive impact continues to inspire me. Through this bulletin, I hope to reflect that very spirit, capturing our collective efforts, achievements, and aspirations.

Let this publication serve as a vibrant platform where every Rotarian's voice finds expression.

I look forward to your continued support, suggestions, and valuable contributions in making this bulletin both meaningful and engaging.

Rtn. Aleya Ferdous Diptee

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Fortnightly Regular Club Meeting of

Rotary Club of Baridhara (RCB)

Meeting No: 685

Date: 22nd June 2025 | Time: 6:30 PM | Venue: The Westin Hotel, Dhaka

(Draft for approval)

1. Opening:

Club President Rtn. Javed Hyder Kareem called the 685th Regular Club Meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members and guests were warmly welcomed. Special recognition was given to guests and prospective members attending the meeting.

2. Rotary Invocation:

Rtn. Aleya Ferdous recited the Rotary invocation.

3. Last Meeting Minutes:

The Minutes of the 684th meeting was confirmed by the attending members without any changes.

4. Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations:

Rtn. Nazmul Khan Shudip announced the birthdays and wedding anniversaries of club members and extended warm wishes on behalf of the club.

5. Secretary's Presentation – Annual Highlights

Club Secretary Rtn. Rizwana Tabassum made a detailed presentation summarizing the Rotary Year's major activities and achievements. The presentation captured the wide range of service projects, fellowships, joint meetings, collaborations, and club administration highlights throughout the year. The Secretary acknowledged the support of club members and partners that made the year impactful and meaningful.

6. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Rtn. Wahid Anwar shared a presentation showing an expenditure breakdown and summarized the club's current financial position. It was reported that the balance in hand is approximately BDT 2,00,000, which is in line with balances handed over by previous office bearers. The financial statements were received with appreciation from the members.

7. Introduction of Guest – Ms. Syeda Shahrazad Rahman

Ms. Syeda Shahrazad Rahman, a dynamic business development professional with over 15 years of diverse experience spanning multinational corporations and foreign diplomatic missions, introduced herself to the members. She shared highlights of her recent role at the Embassy of Sweden and expressed a strong interest in contributing to Rotary causes. The club welcomed her enthusiasm and expressed appreciation for her offer of support.

8. New Service Project Proposal

Rtn. Ali Ashfaq introduced a new service project in collaboration with Rotary International. He shared brief details of the project concept and emphasized the value it could bring to the community. He formally handed over the project proposal letter to Incoming Secretary Rtn. PP Mosud Mannan MPHF B for necessary follow-up and documentation. Members welcomed the initiative with appreciation and looked forward to further updates.

9. Club Statistics:

On behalf of Club Secretary Rtn. Rizwana Tabassum, Club Treasurer Wahid Anwar announced the club statistics of the meeting as follows:

1. Total number of club members: 53
2. Members present at the meeting: 18
3. Guests: 2
4. Present Interactor: 2
5. Attendance percentage: 33%

10. Next Meeting:

Club Secretary Rtn. Rizwana Tabassum announced that the next Regular meeting (686th) will be held on 13 July 2025 at 6:30 pm at Westin.

11. Closing:

The meeting ended with heartfelt thanks to all club members, office bearers, and contributors for a productive Rotary year. Special appreciation was extended to the outgoing President, Secretary, and Board members. Members were encouraged to continue their active engagement and support under the incoming leadership.

Introducing the RI President for 2025-26

Francesco Arezzo



Francesco Arezzo is an orthodontist in private practice and owns an agricultural enterprise that produces extra virgin olive oil in Sicily.

Arezzo is a graduate of the University of Padua and a member of the Italian, European, and American orthodontics associations, as well as the Italian and European lingual orthodontics associations. He is a dentistry graduate of the University of Cagliari, where he also received a master's in lingual orthodontics.

He has served as vice president of the National Association of Italian Dentists for the province of Ragusa and was the founder and head for seven years of the Ragusa delegation to the National Trust for Italy.

Arezzo is also the owner of an agricultural enterprise and producer of extra virgin olive oil in the Monti Iblei region of Sicily. He has been vice president of the administrative council of the consortium controlling and regulating quality production of oil in that region. He owns two boutique hotel settlements there. He enjoys modern art and opera.

A Rotary member for 36 years, Arezzo has served as vice chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee and as RI director, chair of the 2023 Melbourne Convention Committee, learning facilitator, and district conference presidential representative, among other roles.

He is married to Anna Maria Arezzo-Criscione, an entrepreneur in the tourism field. They have two daughters and two grandchildren. His daughter Raffaela spent a year in Florida as part of a Rotary Youth Exchange. Francesco and Anna Maria are Benefactors and Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation.

Club Secretary's Column

JULY - MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH



Secretary

Rtn. PP Mosud Mannan MPHF B

Source - My Rotary

Rotary International designates July as Maternal and Child Health Month, emphasizing the importance of improving the health and well-being of mothers and children. This month, Rotary clubs worldwide focus on projects and activities that provide care and support to mothers and children, particularly in underserved areas.

Key aspects of Rotary's focus on Maternal and Child Health are enlisted below -

1. Reducing child mortality: Rotary aims to reduce the number of children under five who die each year from preventable causes like malnutrition, inadequate healthcare, and poor sanitation.
2. Improving maternal health: Rotary works to ensure mothers have access to quality healthcare during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period.
3. These two goals are ach**ieved by providing the following essential services:**
4. Rotary provides immunizations, antibiotics, and access to essential medical services for mothers and children.
5. Empowering communities: Rotary supports training programs for local healthcare providers, empowering communities to take ownership of their health.

Besides these, there are other collaborative efforts:

6. Rotary often collaborates with other organizations and clubs to implement impactful projects in maternal and child health.
7. Rotary also projects aim to be sustainable by empowering communities to maintain and improve health services long-term.

Few Examples of Rotary's Maternal and Child Health projects:

1. Establishing maternity clinics and pediatric wings.
2. Providing birthing kits and mobile health clinics.
3. Educating women on preventing mother-to-infant HIV transmission and promoting breastfeeding.
4. Conducting health awareness campaigns and community health education programs.
5. Supporting cancer screening and treatment for mothers.
6. Providing resources for families facing challenges like respite care for families with children with special needs.

Rotary's commitment to maternal and child health is a core part of its global efforts to improve health and well-being.

Achievements of Baridhara Rotarians



Rtn. NKA Mobin FCA

We are proud to share that a distinguished member of our Rotary Club, Rtn. NKA Mobin FCA, has been elected as the President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB).

This well-deserved recognition follows his previous tenures as Vice President in both 2019 and 2022. With a career spanning over 26 years, Rtn. Mobin brings a deep reservoir of expertise in strategic planning and regulatory affairs. As a sponsor director of Emerging Credit Rating Ltd. (ECRL), a leading credit rating agency licensed by the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission, he has played a key role in shaping the financial landscape of Bangladesh. In addition to his professional roles, he currently serves as a government-nominated Board Director of Biman Bangladesh Airlines and as an Independent Director at Citizen Bank PLC.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Rtn. Mobin on this significant milestone and wish him continued success in his leadership journey.



Rtn. Ali Ashfaq FCA MPHF

We are equally proud to share that Rtn. Ali Ashfaq FCA MPHF, a distinguished member of our Rotary Club, has been elected as a member of the Syndicate of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET).

This appointment to one of the country's most esteemed academic institutions reflects his dedication to education and public service. Rtn. Ashfaq brings with him a wide range of experience, having served as a Partner at KPMG Bangladesh, he contributes actively at Gulshan Society and holds the position of Independent Director (and Chairman of Audit & Finance Committee) at Biman Bangladesh Airlines. His inclusion in BUET Syndicate further enhances an already impressive track record of leadership.

We congratulate Rtn. Ali Ashfaq FCA MPHF on this remarkable achievement and wish him continued success in his new role.



Rtn. Mahbubur Rahman FCA

We are delighted to share that our esteemed members Rtn. NKA Mobin FCA and Rtn. Mahbubur Rahman FCA have once again demonstrated their exceptional leadership and dedication to the profession.

They have been elected as Council Members of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) for the term July 2025 to June 2028. As part of ICAB's highest policymaking body, they will play a key role in shaping strategic direction, promoting transparency and upholding professional standards across the accounting sector. Their collective expertise and commitment to ethical leadership will undoubtedly contribute to strengthening the profession both nationally and beyond.

Their achievement brings great pride to the Rotary Club of Baridhara. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all three and offer our warmest wishes for continued success.

Wedding Anniversary

July 2
Rtn. Husain Chowdhury PHF
Mitu Rashid

July 8
Rtn. Wahid Anwar
Tarmina Islam Dipty

July 9
Rtn. Md. Kauser Alam FCMA
Professor Rumana Huque PhD

July 13
Rtn. Aftab Ahmed MD
Rtn. Parvin Ahmed Khushi

July 13
Rtn. Alamgir Morshed
Kawser Jahan Shova

July 14
Rtn. Sabiha Yeasmin, FCA
Ruhul Amin

Birthday Greetings

July 18
Rtn. Ashik Ahmed

Profile of the Esteemed Guest Speaker



Dr. Farhana Ahmad

Dr. Farhana Ahmad is a medical graduate who has been working in the field of Public Health and Empowerment for over twenty years. She has extensive experience in Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent and Reproductive Health. She has been working since 2005 as the National Coordinator of the Bangladesh chapter of the White Ribbon Alliance, a global alliance advocating to create a worldwide awareness to make pregnancies and childbirth safe.

In addition to supporting the White Ribbon Alliance in Bangladesh, Dr. Farhana Ahmad worked as the Director, External Relations and New Business Development with Marie Stopes Bangladesh.

Dr. Ahmad has worked as the Programme Director for Women Empowerment with CARE Bangladesh. In her diverse career, she has also worked with CARE Bangladesh for USAID supported NGO Services Delivery Programme in the Community Response Team, with Save the Children, UK, as a Programme Officer, Health and Nutrition, with Pathfinder International as Senior Technical Advisor, has worked as a medical officer in the Obstetrics and Gynaecology Unit of a large private hospital, as a project coordinator for reconstructive surgery of 6 acid burns survivours in a hospital in Spain and as the Course Coordinator of a Dutch Nursing School's Train-the-Trainer programme on 'Hospital Hygiene and Infection Control'.

She is a Board member of 'Girls not Brides Bangladesh', a global network advocating to prevent child marriage. Dr. Farhana Ahmad describes herself as a pro-choice rights activist, advocating for the empowerment of women, children and marginalized communities.

Rotary Club of Baridhara

Club Achievement

Proudly showcasing the achievements of Rotary Club of Baridhara that represents hard work, commitment and dedication







Club Activities



Glimpses from 685th Fortnightly Regular Club Meeting







Founder - Rotary International

Rtn. Paul Percy Harris
(1868-1947)

Paul Percy Harris (1868-1947) was an American attorney who founded Rotary International.

He established the first Rotary Club in Chicago in 1905 with the aim of fostering fellowship and mutual helpfulness among business and professional men. He envisioned a club where members could form meaningful connections and engage in service to their communities.

Founding of Rotary:

Inspired by the friendly relationships his lawyer friend had with local shopkeepers, Harris conceived the idea of a club that

could recapture that sense of community among business professionals.

On February 23, 1905, he met with three other businessmen – Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey – to form the first Rotary Club.

The club was named "Rotary" because they initially met in rotation at each member's place of business.

Harris served as the third president of the Chicago Rotary Club and later as President Emeritus.

Rotary's Growth and Legacy:

Under Harris's leadership, Rotary grew from a single club in Chicago to an international organization.

He played a key role in shaping Rotary's core values, including fellowship, integrity, diversity, service, and leadership.

His belief in "Service Above Self" became Rotary's motto, emphasizing the commitment to humanitarian work and positive impact.

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition, established in his honor, celebrates individuals who contribute significantly to The Rotary Foundation.

Harris's vision of a global network of service-oriented professionals continues to inspire Rotarians worldwide.

He passed away on January 27, 1947, in Chicago.

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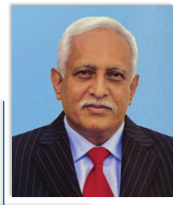
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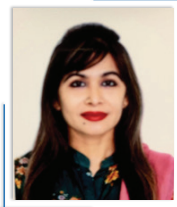
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