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আমার সোনার বাংলা, আমি তোমায় ভালোবাসি।
চিরদিন তোমার আকাশ, তোমার বাতাস, আমার প্রাণে
বাজায় বাঁশি॥
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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।
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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

Rotary Club of Baridhara, D-64, Bangladesh
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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.

Polio eradication is more than a health milestone;
it's a symbol of what we can achieve when communities unite for a common cause.

Editorial Note

October, A Month of Purpose, A Mission to End Polio



Dear Rotarians,

Assalamu Alaikum.

Each October, the Rotary world unites under a single, unwavering banner: the eradication of polio. For the Rotary Club of Baridhara, this month is not just a commemoration; it is a call to action, a reaffirmation of our commitment to a world where no child suffers from this preventable disease.

Polio, once a global scourge, has been pushed to the brink of extinction thanks to the relentless efforts of Rotarians, health workers, and global partners. Yet, the fight is not over. As long as polio exists anywhere, it remains a threat everywhere. This truth fuels our resolve.

This October, we stand in solidarity with Rotary International's End Polio, Now campaign. Through awareness drives, fundraising efforts, and community engagement, we aim to amplify the message that polio can and must be eradicated.

We are proud to be part of a global movement that has reduced polio cases by 99.9% since 1988. But we know that the final stretch is the hardest. It demands vigilance, resources, and above all, unity.

Let October be a reminder of what we can achieve when service meets purpose. Let it be a month where every step we take, every conversation, every donation, every act of service brings us closer to a polio-free world.

Together, we can end polio, Forever.

With warm 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: **691**
Date: 12 October 2025 | Time: 6:30 PM | Venue: The Westin Hotel, Dhaka
(Draft for approval)

1. President Rtn. Meherun N. Islam called the 691st regular meeting to order at 6.30 pm.
2. She invited Rtn. Tanisha to read the Rotary Invocation.
3. Club Secretary Rtn. PP Ambassador Mosud Mannan ndc MPHF B presented the minutes of the previous meeting held on 28th September 2025 and requested members present to review and confirm the minutes. Rtn. PP Ali Ashfaq proposed and IPP Rtn. Javed seconded the Minutes for confirmation.

4. Rtn. PP Ahsan announced the birthday and wedding anniversary greetings of the Club Members.
5. Rtn. PP Ali Ashfaq introduced the Guest Soeaker Prof. Dr. Golam Mohiuddin Faruque, President Bangladesh Cancer Society who delivered his speech on "Breast Cancer Awareness'.
6. Salient points of his speech were - a. Early detection saves lives; b. prevention plus regular screening are crucial. c. 25,000new breast cancer cases are detected annually in Bangladesh. d. Five treatment modalities: surgery, chemotherapy, radiotherapy, hormone therapy, targeted /immunotherapy; e. 2025-26 international theme stresses on "awareness and timely care". f. Risk factors: Non-modifiable (age, gender, family history); Modifiable (diet, obesity, breast feeding, tobacco, patient's lifestyle). g. Screening: national breast & cervical programs; individual tests—clinical/self-exam, ultrasound (safe), mammography (after 40), PSA (men), FOBT/colonoscopy. h. Special points: male breast cancer rare but possible; i. recycled plastics and trans fats are potential reasons for cancer. j. Bangladesh Cancer Society services: free screening at its hospital in Darussalam, Mirpur (includes palliative & dialysis units); open to partner with Rotary. k. Action: Prof. Farooq to share project proposal/specifications for Rotary partnership.
7. Q&A highlights -Questions covered risks from chemicals/plastics/diet and frequency of screening.
8. A thread bare discussion was held regarding this year's Club Board Installation Ceremony on the revised date (30th November 2025). Club Treasurer Rtn Wahid Anwar was tasked to collect Tk. 6500/= from Club members who would participate with spouse. For members who will attend without spouse the participation fee will be Tk. 3500/=. Army Golf Club has already been booked by Rtn. PP Mohammed Ali Khan as the event venue. Club Board in its last meeting had already agreed to subsidize the program with contributions from senior/board members and advertisement collection for the Installation Souvenir.
9. 22 Feb 2026 will be observed as the Charter Day like other years as per club tradition.
10. Club Secretary Rtn. PP Mosud Mannan announced the schedule of the next regular meeting on 26th October 2025 at the same venue at 1830 hrs.
11. He also read out the Club Statistics as given below -

- Members present - 20
- Members absent - 30
- No.of Make Up - 1
- No. of guests present - 2
- Percentage of Attendance - 40%

12. The Meeting was postponed formally by Club President Rtn Meherun Nessa Islam after presentation of gifts to the Guest Speaker by First VP Rtn. Nazmul Islam Khan; birthday cake-cutting, and group photo session.

World Polio Day 2025: A Global Call to Finish the Job

October 2025 – Geneva, Switzerland: Every year on World Polio Day, the global community comes together to renew its commitment to ending one of humanity's longest-running public health efforts. Led by Rotary International, Rotarians and partners around the world organize events, campaigns, and discussions to raise awareness and resources for the final push to eradicate polio — once and for all.

This year's observance comes at a pivotal moment. Against a backdrop of shifting geopolitical realities and significant cuts in global health funding, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) has launched its new Global Action Plan — a focused framework to ensure that the world's 2022–2029 Polio Eradication Strategy can be fully implemented despite these challenges. The plan emphasizes smarter, leaner, and more localized operations to protect hard-won gains and reach every last child.

In a world that often feels divided, polio eradication remains a rare example of what global collaboration can achieve. The recent outbreak response in Gaza — made possible through humanitarian pauses that allowed vaccination teams to reach hundreds of thousands of children amid conflict — proved that even under the most difficult circumstances, success is possible when humanity and partnership prevail. Since 5 March 2025, no poliovirus has been detected in Gaza — a powerful reminder that there are no biological or technical barriers to eradication, only the choices we make.

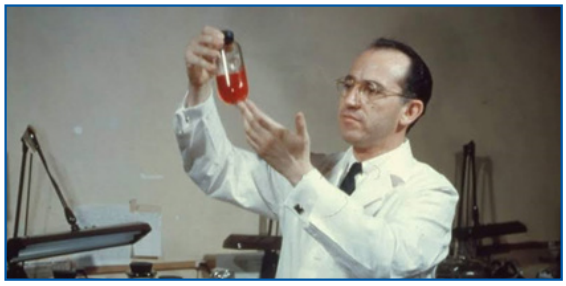
As the Global Action Plan underscores, ending polio everywhere requires continued political commitment and financial support from all sectors — governments, donors, civil society, and the public. Just last month, senior health leaders – led by the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre (KS Relief) – convened in the sidelines of the UN General Assembly to reaffirm their commitment to achieving a lasting polio-free world.

"Polio eradication has always been an extraordinary ambition — and we've brought the world to the edge of achieving it. Each campaign, each surveillance sample, each outbreak stopped means children who will never have to face paralysis, families spared heartache, and communities strengthened. At the same time, we remain driven by the bigger vision — to finish the job and make polio the second human disease ever eradicated from the earth. In a world that often feels divided, our collective work is proof of what's possible when nations, partners, and communities come together for a shared goal. We are not just responding to outbreaks — we are writing history," commented Mike McGovern, Chair of the Rotary International PolioPlus Committee.

On this World Polio Day, let us celebrate what has been achieved — and recommit to what remains to be done. The goal is within reach. Together, we can ensure that every child, everywhere, grows up free from polio.

The Day Fear Lost: How the Polio Vaccine Changed the World

In the early 20th century, polio was a terrifying disease that struck children without warning, causing paralysis, disability, and death. Communities lived in fear of outbreaks, and hospitals filled with patients dependent on iron lungs. Amid this crisis, Dr. Jonas Salk developed a groundbreaking inactivated polio vaccine in the 1940s, which proved safe and effective during a massive 1954 trial involving 1.8 million children. His refusal to patent the vaccine, famously asking, "Could you patent the sun?", reflected his dedication to public health and led to widespread immunization efforts that dramatically reduced polio cases.



Dr. Jonas Salk

Building on Salk's success, Dr. Albert Sabin introduced an oral polio vaccine that was easier to administer and ideal for global campaigns. Together, their innovations fueled international efforts that have nearly eradicated polio, with only a few regions still facing outbreaks due to access challenges. The legacy of the polio vaccine stands as a powerful example of scientific ingenuity, humanitarian commitment, and global collaboration, reminding us that with unity and innovation, even the most formidable diseases can be defeated.

A Brief Story: Rotary's Fight to End Polio



In 1979, Rotary International launched its first polio immunization project in the Philippines, vaccinating over six million children. This marked the beginning of a bold commitment to global health. By 1985, Rotary had officially made polio eradication its top priority, initiating the PolioPlus program, the first and largest internationally coordinated private-sector support of a public health initiative.

Recognizing the scale of the challenge, Rotary helped establish the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) in 1988, partnering with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and later the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. At that time, polio paralyzed more than 350,000 children annually across 125 countries.

Rotary's contribution has been extraordinary:

- Over $2.6 billion raised for polio eradication efforts
- More than 2.5 billion children immunized in 122 countries
- 1.4 million Rotary members have volunteered countless hours to deliver vaccines, raise awareness, and advocate for funding

Thanks to these efforts, polio is now endemic in only two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan, with cases reduced by 99.9% since 1988. Rotary continues to lead awareness campaigns like World Polio Day (October 24), mobilizing communities and governments to "Finish the Job."
Rotary's journey is far from over, but its legacy is clear: a world nearly free of polio, built on service, science, and solidarity.

From Philanthropy to Public Health: Gates Foundation's Fight Against Polio

Be inspiration



The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has been one of the most influential partners in the global fight to eradicate polio, contributing billions in funding, strategic leadership, and innovation. Their efforts have helped reduce polio cases by over 99% since the launch of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) in 1988.

The Foundation works closely with Rotary International, WHO, UNICEF, and other partners to support vaccine delivery, surveillance, and outbreak response. Through its long-standing partnership with Rotary, the Gates Foundation matches Rotary's annual $50 million fundraising effort with a 2-to-1 contribution, generating up to $150 million per year for polio eradication.

It also funds last-mile initiatives in high-risk areas like Pakistan and Afghanistan, helping reach children in conflict zones and underserved communities. Their commitment continues to drive innovation in vaccine access and delivery, aiming to make polio history by 2026.

Rotary in Action: Bangladesh's Triumph Over Polio

A National Victory, Powered by Service

Once a country burdened by polio outbreaks, Bangladesh now stands proudly polio-free, a testament to decades of coordinated effort, community engagement, and unwavering commitment. In the 1980s, polio paralyzed thousands of children annually. But through mass immunization campaigns, strategic partnerships, and grassroots mobilization, the nation turned the tide.

Rotary's Role in the Fight

Rotary International, through its PolioPlus program, played a pivotal role in Bangladesh's success. Rotary clubs across the country partnered with the Ministry of Health, WHO, UNICEF, and local health workers to:

- Organize National Immunization Days, reaching millions of children
- Mobilize volunteers for door-to-door vaccination drives
- Raise awareness in rural and urban communities
- Support cross-border coordination to prevent reintroduction

By 2006, Bangladesh was officially declared polio-free, joining the ranks of countries that had eliminated the disease through relentless effort and collaboration.

Spotlight: Rotary Club of Baridhara

Our own Rotary Club of Baridhara has proudly contributed to this legacy. From supporting immunization outreach to publishing educational bulletins and coordinating health-focused service projects, our members continue to uphold Rotary's mission of service above self.

Staying Vigilant

Though polio is gone from Bangladesh, the fight isn't over. Rotary continues to fund surveillance, support routine immunization, and advocate for global eradication. As long as polio exists anywhere, it remains a threat everywhere.



We highlight the Rotary Club of Baridhara's sustained commitment to polio eradication, illustrating key milestones and community-driven efforts over the years.



Rotary Club of Baridhara participated in the World Polio Day Rally held on 24th October 2025 with around 500 Rotarians from different Rotary Clubs of Greater Dhaka City. The rally started from the National Press Club and finished at the International Mother Language Institute. The rally was accompanied by a band plus few Horse carriages from old Dhaka.

Bylaws of the Rotary Club of Baridhara

Article 1: Definitions

1. Board: The Board of Directors of this club
2. Director: A member of this club's Board of Directors
3. Member: A member, other than an honorary member, of this club
4. Quorum: The minimum number of participants who must be present when a vote is taken
5. RI: Rotary International
6. Year: The twelve-month period that begins on 1 July

Article 2: Board of Directors

The governing body of this club shall be the board of directors consisting of maximum eighteen (18) members of this club, namely, the president, immediate past president, president-elect, president-elect nominee, two (2) vice presidents, secretary, treasurer, trainer, five (5) directors, joint secretary, two (2) sergeant-at-arms and bulletin editor.

Article 3: Election of Directors and Officers

Section 1

At a regular meeting one month prior to the meeting for election of officers, the presiding officer shall ask for nominations by members of the club for president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, directors, trainer, sergeant-at-arms joint secretary and editor. The nominations may be presented by a nominating committee or by members from the floor, by either or by both as a club may determine. If it is determined to use a nominating committee, such committee shall be appointed as the club may determine. The nominations duly made shall be placed on a ballot in alphabetical order under each office and shall be voted for at the annual meeting. The candidates of the respective posts receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected to their respective offices. The candidate for president elected in such balloting shall be the president-nominee. The president-elect nominee shall take the title of president-elect on the first day of July next following the election and shall serve as an officer during that year. On the 1st of July immediately following that year, the president-elect shall assume office as president.

Section 2

The officers and directors, so elected, together with the immediate past president shall constitute the board of directors.

Section 3

If any officer or board member vacates their position, the remaining members of the board will appoint a replacement.

Section 4

If any officer-elect or director-elect vacates a position, the remaining members of the board-elect will appoint a replacement.

Article 4: Duties of Officers

Section 1

President – It shall be the duty of the president to preside at meetings of the club and the board and to perform other duties that ordinarily pertain to the office of president.

Section 2

Immediate Past President – It shall be the duty of the immediate past president to serve as a director and to perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the president or the board. He/she will also perform his/her duties as an advisor to the president and the board.

Section 3

President-elect – It shall be the duty of the president-elect to serve as a director and to perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the president or the board.

President-elect nominee – It shall be the duty of the president-elect nominee to serve as a director and to perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the president or the board.

Section 4

Vice President – It shall be the duty of one of the vice-presidents (as nominated by the president or the board) to preside at meetings of the club and the board in the absence of the president and to perform other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of vice-president.

Section 5

Secretary – It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep the records of membership; record the attendance at meetings; send out notices of meeting of the club, board, and committee; record and preserve the minutes of such meetings; make the required report to RI, including the semi-annual reports of membership, which shall be made to the general secretary of RI on the 1st January and 1st July of each year, and including prorated reports to the general secretary on 1st October and 1st April of each active member who has been elected to membership in the club since the start of the July or January semi-annual reporting period, the report of changes in membership, which shall be made to the general secretary of RI, and the monthly report of attendance at the club meeting, which shall be made to the district governor within 15 days of the last meeting of the month; collect and remit to RI

subscriptions to The Rotarian; and perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office of secretary.

Section 6

Treasurer – It shall be the duty of the treasurer to have custody of all funds, accounting for it to the club annually and at any other time upon demand by the board, and to perform other duties as pertains to the office of treasurer. Upon retirement from office, the treasurer shall turn over to the incoming treasurer or to the president all funds, books of accounts, or any other club property.

Section 7

Joint Secretary – It shall be the duty of the joint secretaries to perform the responsibilities of the secretary in the absence of the secretary.

Section 8

Trainer – It shall be the duty of the trainer to train club members, with particular emphasis on new club members, regarding the rules, regulations, and procedures of Rotary.

Section 9

Sergeant-at-arms – The duties of the sergeant-at-arms shall be such as are usually prescribed for such office and other duties as may be prescribed by the president or the board.

Section 10

Editor – The duties of the editor shall be such as are usually prescribed for such office and other duties as may be prescribed by the president or the board.

Article 5: Meetings

Section 1

An annual meeting of this club shall be held within last two weeks in December in each year, at which time the election of officers and directors to serve for the ensuing year shall take place.

(Note: Article 6, section 2 of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution provides that "An annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held not later than 31 December…")

Section 2

The regular meetings of this club shall be held on 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month at 6:30 pm. Due notice of any changes in or cancelling of the regular meeting shall be given to all members of the club. All members excepting an honorary member (or member excused pursuant to the standard Rotary club constitution) in good standing in this club, on the day of the regular meeting, must be counted as present or absent, and attendance must be evidenced by the member's being present for at least sixty (60) percent of the time devoted to the regular meeting, either at this club or at any other Rotary club, or as otherwise provided in the standard Rotary Club Constitution, Article 9, sections 1 and 2.

Section 3 Cancellation

The board may cancel a regular meeting for the below mentioned reasons:

(1) a holiday, or during a week that includes a holiday.

(2) in observance of the death of a member.

(3) an epidemic or a disaster that affects the whole community; or

(4) an armed conflict in the community.

The board may cancel up to four regular meetings a year for causes listed here but may not cancel more than three consecutive meetings.

Section 4

One-fifth of the membership shall constitute a quorum at the annual and regular meetings of this club.

Section 5

Regular meetings of the board shall be held on last week of each month. Special meetings of the board shall be called by the president, whenever deemed necessary, or upon the request of two (2) directors, due notice having been given.

Section 6

One-third of the directors shall constitute a quorum of the board meetings.

Article 6: Fees and Dues

Section 1

The admission fee shall be BDT 2,000 to be paid before the applicant can qualify as a member, except as provided for in the standard Rotary club constitution, article 11.

Section 2

The annual membership dues shall be approved by the Board of Directors from time to time payable semi-annually on the first day of July and of January, with the understanding that a portion of each semi-annual payment shall be applied to each member's subscription to the RI official magazine, RI Semi-annual due and Rotary District Annual dues.

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.

Article 7: Method of Voting

The business of this club shall be transacted by viva voce

vote* except the election of officers and directors, which shall be by ballot. The board may determine that a specific resolution be considered by ballot rather than by viva voce vote.

(*Note: Viva voce vote is defined as when club voting is conducted by vocal assent.)

Article 8: Avenues of Service

The Avenues of Service are the philosophical and practical framework for the work of this Rotary club. They are Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, International Service, and Youth Service. This club will be active in each of the Avenues of Service.

Article 9: Committees

Club committees are charged with carrying out the annual and long-range strategic goals of the club. The president-elect, president, and immediate past president should work together to ensure continuity of leadership and succession planning. When feasible, committee members should be appointed to the same committee for three (3) years to ensure consistency. The president-elect is responsible for appointing committee members to fill vacancies, appointing committee chairs, and conducting planning meetings prior to the start of the year in office. It is recommended that the chair have previous experience as a member of the committee. Standing committees should be appointed as follows:

Administration

This committee should conduct activities associated with the effective operation of the club.

Membership

This committee should develop and implement a comprehensive plan for the recruitment and retention of members.

Public Image

This committee should develop and implement plans to provide the public with information about Rotary and to promote the club's service projects and activities.

Service Projects

This committee should develop and implement educational, humanitarian, and vocational projects that address the needs of its community and communities in other countries.

The Rotary Foundation

This committee should develop and implement plans to support The Rotary Foundation through both financial contributions and program participation.

Additional ad hoc committees may be appointed as needed.

(a) The president shall be ex officio member of all committees and, as such, shall have all the privileges of membership thereon.

(b) Each committee shall transact its business as is delegated to it in these bylaws and such additional business as may be referred to it by the president or the board. Except where special authority is given by the board, such committees shall not take action until a report has been made and approved by the board.

(c) Each chair shall be responsible for regular meetings and activities of the committee, shall supervise and coordinate the work of the committee, and shall report to the board on all committee activities.

(Note: The above committee structure is in harmony with both the District Leadership Plan and the Club Leadership Plan. Clubs have the discretion to create any committees that are required to effectively meet its service and fellowship needs. A sample listing of such optional committees is found in the Club Committee Manual. A club may develop a different committee structure as needed.)

Article 10: Duties of Committees

The duties of all committees shall be established and reviewed by the president for his or her year. In declaring the duties of each, the president shall reference appropriate RI materials and the Avenues of Service when developing plans for the year.

Each committee shall have a specific mandate, clearly defined goals, and action plans established by the beginning of each year for implementation during the course of the year. It shall be the primary responsibility of the president-elect to provide the necessary leadership to prepare a recommendation for club committees, mandates, goals, and plans for presentation to the board in advance of the commencement of the year as noted above.

Article 11: Leave of Absence

Upon written application to the board, setting forth good and sufficient cause, leave of absence may be granted excusing a member from attending the meetings of the club for no longer than twelve months.

(Note: Such leave of absence does operate to prevent a forfeiture of membership; it does not operate to give the club credit for the member's attendance. Unless the member attends a regular meeting of some other club, the excused member must be recorded as absent except that absence authorized under the provisions of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution is not computed in the attendance record of the club.)

Article 12: Finances

Section 1

Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the board shall prepare a budget of estimated income and expenditures

for the year, which shall stand as the limit of expenditures for these purposes, unless otherwise ordered by action of the board. The budget shall have the figure for both expenditures in respect of club operations/administration and charitable/service operations.

Section 2

The treasurer shall deposit all club funds in a bank, named by the board.

Section 3

All bills shall be paid by the treasurer or other authorized officer only when approved by two other officers or directors.

Section 4

A thorough review of all financial transactions by a qualified person shall be made once each year. Softcopies of approved audit report must be mailed to each member.

Section 5

Officers having charge or control of club funds shall give bond as required by the board for the safe custody of the funds of the club, cost of bond to be borne by the club.

Section 6

The fiscal year of this club shall extend from 1 July to 30 June, and for the collection of members' dues shall be divided into two (2) semi-annual periods extending from 1 July to 31 December, and from 1 January to 30 June. The payment of per capita dues and RI official magazine subscriptions shall be made on 1 July and 1 January of each year on the basis of the membership of the club on those dates.

Article 13: Method of Electing Members

Section 1

The name of a prospective member, proposed by an active member of the club, shall be submitted to the board in writing, through the club secretary. A transferring or former member of another club may be proposed to active membership by the former club. The proposal shall be kept confidential except as otherwise provided in this procedure.

Section 2

The board shall ensure that the proposal meets all the classification and membership requirements of the standard Rotary club constitution.

Section 3

The board shall approve or disapprove the proposal within 30 days of its submission and shall notify the proposer, through the club secretary, of its decision.

Section 4

If the decision of the board is favourable, the prospective member shall be informed of the purposes of Rotary and of the privileges and responsibilities of membership, following which the prospective member shall be requested to sign the membership proposal form and to permit his or her name and proposed classification to be published to the club.

Section 5

If no written objection to the proposal, stating reasons, is received by the board from any member (other than honorary) of the club within seven (7) days following publication of information about the prospective member, that person, upon payment of the admission fee (if not honorary membership), as prescribed in these bylaws, shall be considered to be elected to membership.

If any such objection has been filed with the board, it shall vote on this matter at its next meeting. If approved despite the objection, the proposed member, upon payment of the admission fee (if not honorary membership), shall be considered to be elected to membership.

Section 6

Following the election, the president shall arrange for the new member's induction, membership card, and new member Rotary literature. In addition, the president or secretary will report the new member information to RI and the president will assign a member to assist with the new member's assimilation to the club as well as assign the new member to a club project or function.

Section 7

The club may elect, in accordance with the standard Rotary club constitution, honorary member proposed by the board.

Article 14: Resolutions

The club shall not consider any resolution or motion to commit the club on any matter until the board has considered it. Such resolutions or motions, if offered at a club meeting, shall be referred to the board without discussion.

Article 15: Order of Business

Meeting called to order.

- Introduction of visitors
- Correspondence, announcements, and Rotary information
- Committee reports if any
- Any unfinished business
- Any new business
- Address or other program features
- Adjournment

Article 16: Amendments

These by laws may be amended at any regular meeting, a quorum being present, by a two-thirds vote of all members present, provided that notice of such proposed amendment shall have been mailed to each member at least ten (10) days before such meeting. No amendment or addition to these bylaws can be made which is not in harmony with the standard Rotary club constitution and with the constitution and bylaws of RI.

Birthday Greetings

16 October
Rtn. AKM Niamul Haque

24 October
Rtn. Md. Mamunur Rashid

27 October
Rtn. Noor Mohammad Dicon, PHF

29 October
Rtn. Aftab Ahmed MD

Wedding Anniversary

31 October
Rtn. M. Nazmul Ahsan Khan
Ms. Sayeda Farha Afrin

31 October
Rtn. Md. Abdul Baten Khan PHF
Ms. Abeda Baten

Club Secretary's Column



Secretary 2025-26
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The 2025 Manual of Procedure (MOP) is the official governing document for Rotary International, providing the constitutional and governance rules for the organization. It is updated biennially following the decisions made at the Council on Legislation.

How to access the 2025 Manual of Procedure

You can download the official document directly from the Rotary website. In October 2025, links to the PDF version were shared on Rotary-affiliated social media accounts.

Key changes for the 2025-2026 Rotary year

The 2025 edition of the Manual of Procedure reflects legislation adopted by the Council on Legislation, which convened in April 2025. Key changes and updates that affect the 2025-2026 Rotary year include:

1. Optional district conferences: After extensive debate, the Council on Legislation made the holding of an annual district conference optional.

2. Rotaract age limit: Proposals to set an age limit for Rotaractors were defeated, allowing individuals over 40 to remain in Rotaract if they choose.

3. Honorary memberships: Measures to cap the number of honorary members a club can have were rejected, allowing clubs to use these memberships to stay connected with former members and other contributors.

4. Governance models: The Board was given the authority to test additional new governance models beyond those previously approved.

5. Renamed training seminars: The names of two key training seminars were changed to emphasize learning: The "presidents-elect training seminar" is now the "presidents-elect learning seminar". The "district training assembly" is now the "club leadership learning seminar".

6. Zone boundaries: The Board is now able to consider culture and language in addition to the number of Rotarians when deciding on zone boundaries.

How the Manual of Procedure is updated

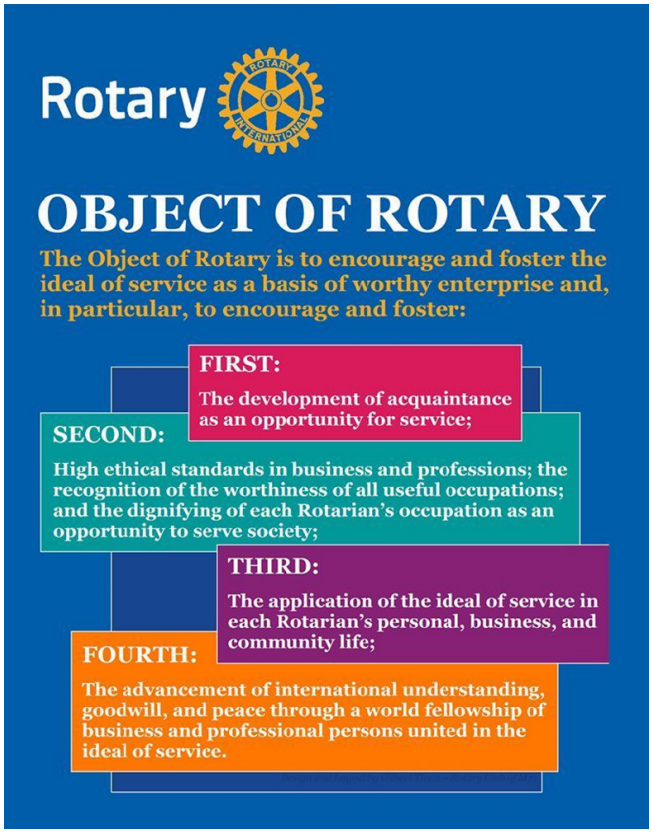
Rotary's governance process follows a cycle centered around its Council on Legislation:

The Council on Legislation meets every three years to review proposed changes to the organization's constitutional documents. The 2025 Manual of Procedure was updated based on the Council's most recent meeting in April 2025.

Proposals can be submitted by various Rotary entities, including individual clubs, district conferences, and the Rotary International Board.

Decisions made by the Council are then codified and reflected in the updated Manual of Procedure for the upcoming years.

* Received from RI Headquarters by email



Club Activities

Glimpses from 691th Fortnightly Regular Club Meeting











Profile of the Esteemed Guest Speaker



Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmed
Managing Director
American Bangladesh Center for Development Excellence (ABCDE)

Bangladeshi-American, Mr. Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmed is a highly respected & experienced Human Capital Management & Development professional with 35+ years of experience and expertise. He has played **the most vital role** in introducing modern HR practices in Bangladesh starting in late 1990s.

Mr. Rakib's wealth of experience across diverse industries in multicultural settings such as Saudi Arabia, the USA and Bangladesh, combining with strong academic background has made him **ONE of a Kind** in his field. He has been awarded with a **Patent** for his original work in HR in 2016 known as **R3-Rakib's Recruitment Rule for Recruitment & Selection**.

He is highly regarded as an outstanding:

- Corporate Personality
- Trainer
- Researcher

Mr. Rakib started his career as an academician at Kentucky College of Business in the US after finishing his studies majoring in Human Resources and Marketing. He attended the University of Kentucky for both BBA and MBA studies. After staying almost for two decades in the US in mid 1990s he returned to Bangladesh. Since then, he has served in AIUB, BAT, Unilever, Sanofi-Aventis, Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel, Best Air, DBL Group, Anwar Group and KAFCO. Presently, he is the **founder & CEO of American-Bangladesh Center for Development Excellence (ABCDE)**, an international organization dedicated to corporate HR consulting, skills development and career planning.

Mr. Rakib is actively involved in lot of professional and social organizations. To name a few: Founder Trustee and Secretary General BOLD, Life member and Board Member AAA, Life Member and VP BSHRM, member AmCham, Board member, APFHRM, member SHRM, VP BIPD etc.

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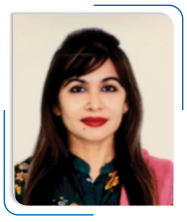
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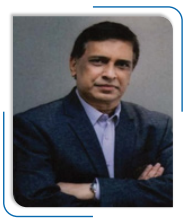
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