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Rotary Club of Ramna

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জাতীয় সঙ্গীত

আমার সোনার বাংলা, আমি তোমায় ভালবাসি
জিনিষ তোমার বাজার বাণী।
আমার গ্রামের বাজার বাণী।
ওমা, কাকের ডোবায় বাসে মাঝে পালাপাল, মরি বাস, হার রে, -ও মা, আমায় তোর ভাষা শেখতে
আমি কী দেখছি মধুর হাসি।
কী শোভা, কী ছায়া গো, কী দ্রব্য, কী মায়া গো, -
কী আলো বিছায়ে বৈশিষ্ট্য মূল্য, নদীর কূল কূলে।
মা তোর মুখের বাণী আমার কানে লাগে সুখের মত,
মরি হাস, হার রে-
মা তোর বদনবলি মলিন হলে
আমি নতুন জগে জাগি।

-বকীন্দ্রনাথ ঠাকুর

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.

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 ?

Avenues of Service

We channel our commitment to service at home and abroad through five Avenues of Service, which are the foundation of club activity.

Club Service focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership development plan.

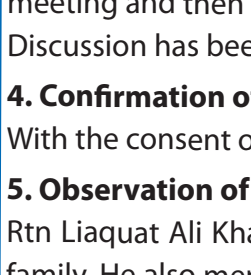
Vocational Service calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society. Learn more in An Introduction to Vocational Service and the Code of Conduct.

Community Service encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public interest. Learn more in Community in Action: A Guide to Effective Projects.

International Service exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this service avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, seeking partners abroad, and more.

Youth Service recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as Rotaract, Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Rotary Youth Exchange.

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President Message
Rtn Tahamin Banu, PHF
President, Rotary Club of Ramna

Greetings to all Rotarians of RC Ramna!
September is Basic Education and Literacy Month for Rotary. In the world, 67 million children have no access to education. More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate, and two-thirds of these individuals are women and girls. Rotarians are advocates for basic education and literacy, and it is one of the areas of focus.

We all know how critical reading and writing are to success in life—for gaining information, communicating, making agreements, and so forth. Information can play a basic role in a healthier and safer life. It can reduce maternal mortality, improve childhood survivability, and reduce poverty. They can also enable success in business or in a profession. Enhancing basic education skills and literacy skills are essential in reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging community and economic development, and promoting peace.

We did so for the improvement of education. We have a scholarship program for poor students; it helps reduce dropout. Aklalia Happy School and College at Narshingdi Support to Aklalia Village Comprehensive Development Project covering capacity building of teachers, improvement of educational facilities, comfort zone for girl students, quality enhancement for students, better sanitation and safe drinking water to promote quality of life and human development.

Improving the reading and writing skills of children is vitally important in the basic education area. The Rotary Club of Ramna has an opportunity to work in this area. One such concept is reading with children, e.g., the Rotary Reader. This project is being implemented in other countries by Rotary. The children in primary school who need special assistance and support are identified by the school and paired with an adult volunteer (Rotary Reader). Each week of the school year, the adult spends one-on-one time with their special primary school child. Readers not only assist with reading, they provide mentoring and support for young learners. We can try such a project.

Let's see what we can do more for basic education and literacy in our communities particularly for girl children. My thought is that we may expand our support by enhancing education skills and literacy in many different ways. We can provide educational materials to poor children, make available private dictionaries to secondary school students, and we may transform schools into child-friendly learning environments with teaching materials and give children's books to the library.

Challenges and Opportunities

From the Desk of Editor

PP Syed Rezaul Karim PHF



Every challenge also offers an opportunity. This is best demonstrated in the last worldwide Covid pandemic. The remarkable discovery of vaccines to arrest Covid in a relatively short timeframe testify to the indomitable spirit and creativity of man.

In Bangladesh poorer section of the people are particularly deprived of opportunities and services that are available to the privileged section of the people. Reason being a country with over population and scarce resources.

Rotary clubs of Bangladesh in general, and Rotary club of Ramna in particular have played a creative role in addressing some of those problems. Diseases relating to eye, Covid, cancer, losing limbs, DNA sequencing are examples where Rotary club of Ramna have played a pioneering role in addressing them.

The challenges also created opportunities for the club to create a hub of humanitarian services in Bogura, a place further away from Dhaka. It is to be mentioned here that the desire of late District Governor Ali Mahbub AKS to choose Bogura for eye hospital with a generous contribution of money have helped the club. Once the eye hospital came into existence door for other service activities developed.

But nothing can be achieved without a proper management. The club have some members who have shown their managerial skill and zeal in project devise and implementation. The club is grateful to them

The light of opportunity flickered further when the past President of Rotary International Holger Knaack visiting Bogura had indicated that if the club wanted the further development of the limb project Rotary International would like to help. Herr Holger is a Trustee of Rotary Foundation. Our path is not long and difficult. Only our weariness should not set in.

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Minutes of the 4th Fortnightly Meeting of RC Ramna for RY 2022-2023

The 4th Fortnightly Meeting of Rotary Club of Ramna, RY 2022-23 was held on Tuesday, 16 August, at 6:00 pm at Westin Hotel, Gulshan. In all 26 members (8 members from abroad) were attended & Sunshine money Collection Tk- 500.00.

- 1. Meeting call to order:** President of the club Tahamina Banu PHF called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
- 2. National Anthem and Rotary Invocation:** National Anthem has been song in kouras by the members present in the meeting.
- 3. Welcome by the President:** President Rtn. Tahamin Banu PHF welcomed all the members present in the meeting and then Discussion has been made in terms of Agendas.
- 4. Confirmation of minutes of the last meeting**
With the consent of the members present the minutes of the 3rd Fortnightly Meeting confirmed.
- 5. Observation of National Mourning Day (15th August) and remember PDG Ali Mahbub AKS.**
Rtn Liqat Ali Khan PHF Discussed on 15TH August 1975. He recollect the tragic death of Bangbandhu and his family. He also mentioned some historical contribution of Bangbandhu. Mohammad Abdul Matin PHF discussed on Late PDG Ali Mahbub. He mentioned that he is the first AKS of Bangladesh had been an active member of Rotary club of Ramna. R. C. Ramna shall always remember him for his generosity, wisdom, friendship and fellowship.
Lastly all members of the club prayed for the departed soul.
- 6. Introduction of the guest if any.**
There were two lady guests in the last meeting namely Ms. Ismat Ara and Nilufar Hossain. They were guest of club President Rtn. Tahamina Banu PHF. Both of them introduced themselves Ms. Ismat Ara is doing business and Nilufar Hossain is a Home maker.
- 7. Club Installation**
As the club installation date is coming nearer and to make the program more colorful following issues were discussed by PP Rtn Shahed Akhter:-
a) Selection of Chief Guest and Guest of honour.
b) Oath taking ceremony may be conducted by PDG Zainal Abedin.
Meeting thanks to PP Aseque Islam for taking international write-up in time.
- 8. Discussion on Projects.**
All the members of the club has given emphasis to do projects on contemporary issues such as:- Day long workshop on sex crime, drug abuse suicidal tendencies, observation of international suicidal day and mental health day. It has also been proposed to conduct such projects by Prof. M. Nazmul Haq PHF, And Rtn. Nizam Uddin.
- 9. Updates on the GG project:** NIL
- 10. Treasurer's time:** Already discussed on club installation.
- 11. Secretary's time:** Secretary announced meeting attendance and next meeting date.
- 12. Any Other matter :** NIL

President concluded the meeting with thanks to members present.

The AGENDA of the Fortnightly meeting:

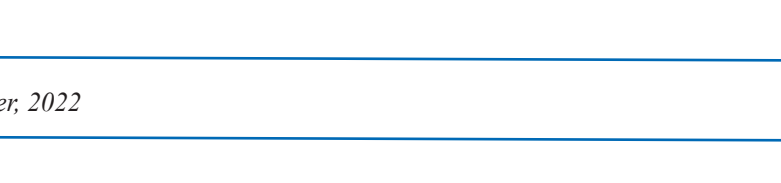
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6. Dissemination of decisions of last Board Meeting
7. Club installation
08. Discussion on project/s
09. Updates on the GG project
10. Treasurer's time
11. Secretary's time
12. Any Other matter

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President's Message

Jennifer Jones
President 2022-23

September 2022



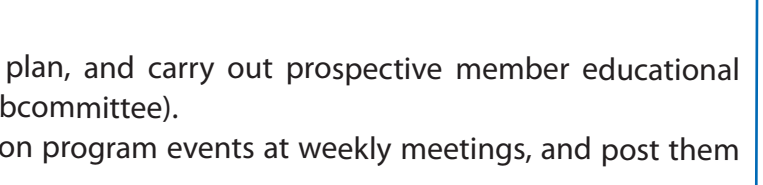
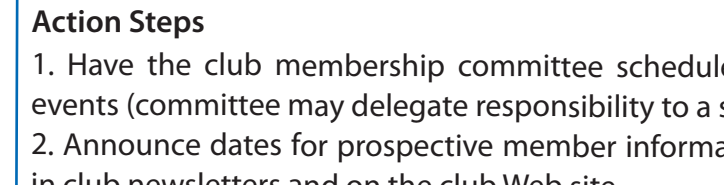
Recently, Nick and I spent time in Guatemala, where we met wonderful fellow Rotary members and families who unofficially adopted me as "Tia Jennifer". On the third day, after visiting Patzún in the mountainous western highlands, we set out for Lake Atitlan, which we needed to reach by nightfall. If we took a back road we could get there faster. Locals told us it had just been repaired and assured us, "You'll have no problem."

At first, it was a breeze. We wound through misty-green coffee and corn fields covering the hillside like a patchwork quilt. But at a river crossing, we found a bridge washed away. The only way to continue would be to ford the river in our small bus. There were a few tense moments, but we decided to give it a try and, thankfully, we made it across safely.

This adventure reminds me of two important truths in Rotary. One, we rely on local, on-the-ground expertise to do what we do best. And two, sometimes you have to take uncomfortable chances to reach important goals.

Every day, I am honored to learn from our Rotary family. Every lesson is an opportunity to grow, and each story adds a chapter to our collective Imagine Rotary year.

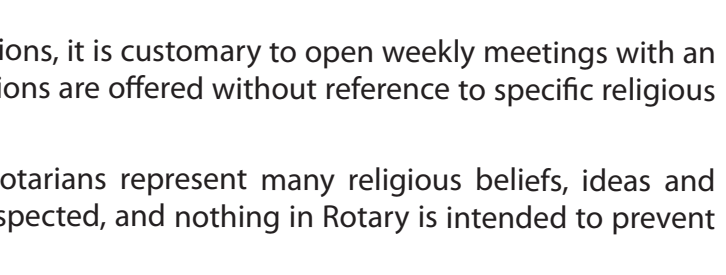
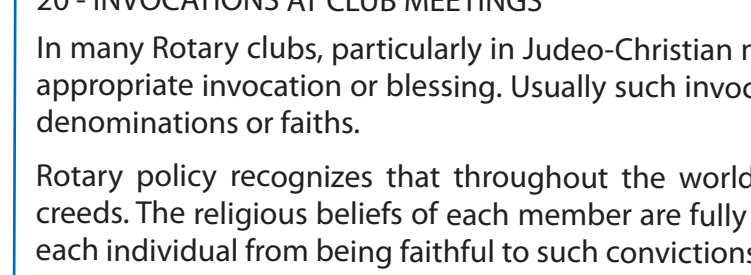
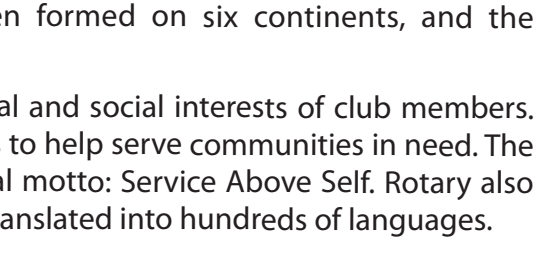
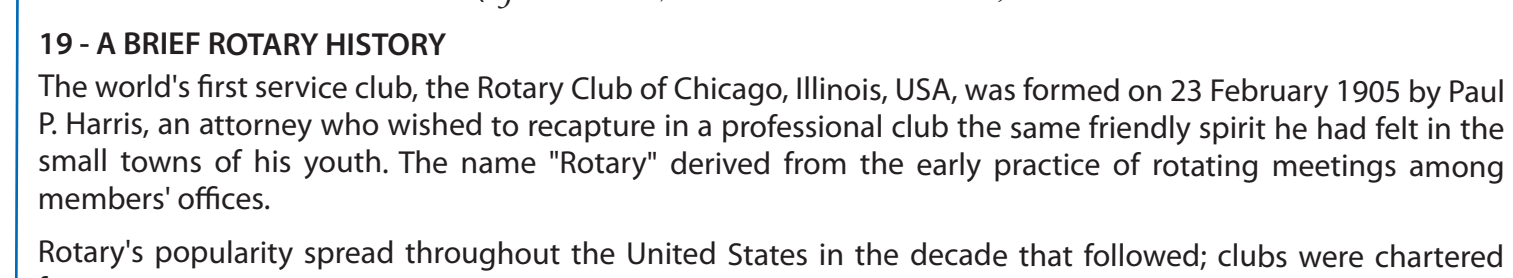
The 3rd Board Meeting 2022-2023 of RC Ramna was held on Saturday, September 3rd 2022 at Gregorian Alami Club, Gulshan.



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Achievement and activities of Rotaract Club of Ramna

1. Rotaract Club of Ramna has achieved the "2021-22 Rotaract Giving Certificate" and distinction by contributing to the Rotary Foundation. Congratulations President (2021-22) Saud Saur Rahman & all members of RC Ramna. Thanks to DRRM, Mostafijur Rahman (2021-22) for arranging such Rotaract Inspiring for all clubs of D 3281. Special Thanks to honourable Club Advisor Rtn. PP. Parvin Ahmed Khushi for inspiring us by contributing.
2. Congratulations Rtr. PP Mehedi Hassan Shuvo. Glad to see PP. Rtr Mehedy Hassan Shuvo at Rotary District official team "as a member of Apex Body" of Rotary District 3281 Bangladesh.
3. Rotaract Club of Ramna formally submitted Annual report to DRR (2021-22)



CONGRATULATIONS

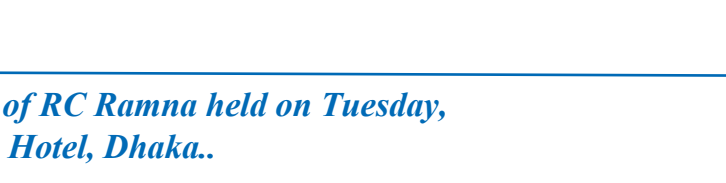
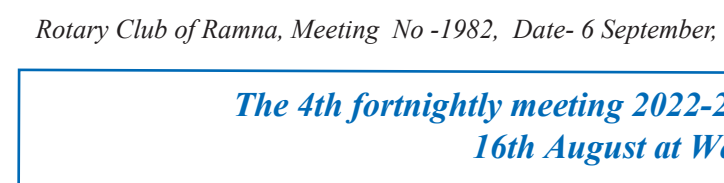
PP. Rtr. Mehedi Hassan Shuvo
"Member of Apex Body" Rotary District official team
Rotary District 3281, Bangladesh

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An excellent meeting with Rtn. PDG Habib Ullah Khan and Rtn. PP M. A. Matin, Rtn. PP Dr. Rezaul Karim, Rtn. PP Asheque Islam & Rtn. PP Parvin Ahmed Khushi at the residence of Rtn. PDG Habib Ullah Khan.



Preparation for 46th Installation Ceremony of RC Ramna



Happy Birthday & Wedding Day Greetings

1. Ann Kum kum Nati spouse of Rtn. Anil Chandra Nath... Sept. 1st
2. Hemayet Karim, spouse of Rtn. Rifat Nasreen... Sept. 1st
3. Rtn. Prof. Nazmul Haq... Sept. 3rd
4. Rtn. Shabbir Ahmed, Sept. 5th
5. Rtn. Taleya Rehman... Sept. 6th
6. Rtn. Parvin Ahmed Khushi... Sept. 9th
7. Rtn. Shirin Jahanger... Sept. 15th
8. Ann Prof. Kishwar Azad, spouse of Prof. A.K. Azad Khan ... Sept. 24th
9. Ann Nazreen Shaheen Shareef, spouse of Rtn. Mahboob Shareef ... Sept. 24th
10. Rtn. Salma Awwal Shafi... Sept. 26th
1. Rtn. PP Syed Rezaul Karim & Ann Dr. Shamm F. Karim August 6th
2. Rtn. Minhaj Alam & Ann Asma Islam August 18th
3. Rtn. Liqat Ali Khan & Ann Tabinda Akhtar August 14th

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New MEMBER Orientation

New Member Orientation
A How-to Guide for Clubs

Session Resources:
Prospective members don't know what your club has accomplished over the last five years, so tell them! Distribute specific session and take-home information about your club and district, such as:

- Club profile (a brochure or flyer that highlights your club's past and present service projects and includes your club Website address)
- Latest issue of your club newsletter and district newsletter
- Your club's financial obligations and attendance requirements (for an example, see page 10)
- District profile or fact sheet (available from your district governor)
- Club membership roster with classifications and contact information
- Prospective Member Information Kit (423-ENB)
- Rotary Basics
- This Is Rotary
- What's Rotary?
- Welcome to Rotary
- Rotary Foundation Facts
- Prospective Member Video Kit (424-ENB)
- This Is Rotary
- You: The Rotary Foundation
- The Rotary Heritage Collection DVD
- RVM: The Rotarian Video Magazine (latest issue) Order enough sets of the Prospective Member Information Kit to distribute to all prospective members and at least one Prospective Member Video Kit for the club library. Both kits can be ordered through the RI Catalog or online at shop.rotary.org

Action Steps

1. Have the club membership committee schedule, plan, and carry out prospective member educational events (committee may delegate responsibility to a subcommittee).
2. Announce dates for prospective member information program events at weekly meetings, and post them in club newsletters and on the club Web site.
3. Provide contact or registration information on your club Web site.
4. Inform club members of the attendance goals for the event as well as the procedure for inviting prospective members.
5. Mail a formal invitation to prospective members asking them to confirm their attendance. Encourage attendees to invite their spouses.
6. Send a postcard or e-mail reminder to all registered attendees approximately 10 days before the event.

To be continued (Part-3)



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50 Things Every Rotarian Should Know About Rotary

(by Steve Garrett, District Governor 1994-1995)

19 - A BRIEF ROTARY HISTORY

The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA, was formed on 23 February 1905 by Paul P. Harris, an attorney who wished to recapture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The name "Rotary" derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

Rotary's popularity spread throughout the United States in the decade that followed; clubs were chartered from San Francisco to New York. By 1921, Rotary clubs had been formed on six continents, and the organization adopted the name Rotary International a year later.

As Rotary grew, its mission expanded beyond serving the professional and social interests of club members. Rotarians began pooling their resources and contributing their talents to help serve communities in need. The organization's dedication to this ideal is best expressed in its principal motto: Service Above Self. Rotary also later embraced a code of ethics, called The 4-Way Test, that has been translated into hundreds of languages.

20 - INVOCATIONS AT CLUB MEETINGS

In many Rotary clubs, particularly in Judeo-Christian nations, it is customary to open weekly meetings with an appropriate invocation or blessing. Usually such invocations are offered without reference to specific religious denominations or faiths.

Rotary policy recognizes that throughout the world Rotarians represent many religious beliefs, ideas and creeds. The religious beliefs of each member are fully respected, and nothing in Rotary is intended to prevent each individual from being faithful to such convictions.

At international assemblies and conventions, it is traditional for a silent invocation to be given. In respect for all religious beliefs and in the spirit of tolerance for a wide variety of personal faiths, all persons are invited to seek divine guidance and peace "each in his or her own way." It is an inspiring experience to join with thousands of Rotarians in an international "silent prayer" or act of personal devotion. Usually all Rotary International board and committee meetings begin with a few moments of silent meditation. In this period of silence, Rotary demonstrates respect for the beliefs of all members who represent the religions of the world.

Since each Rotary club is autonomous, the practice of presenting a prayer or invocation at club meetings is left entirely to the traditions and customs of the individual club, with the understanding that these meeting rituals always be conducted in a manner which will respect the religious convictions and faiths of all members and visitors.

WE MOURN

Asnat Arnaaz Hassan
August 17th 2000- August 22nd 2022.

Our deepest condolences to our fellow rotarian Premia Humayun and Dr. Abul Bashar (Russell).

May her soul rest in Jannat ul Ferdous.

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