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Message of Rotary International President



In these challenging times, I'm so proud of Rotarians and Rotaractors innovating and continuing to work hard to connect the world through virtual meetings. Rotary Clubs all over the world are meeting during these pandemic times over online platforms. I have heard stories of Rotary Clubs that have greater attendance now at the virtual meetings than they had before at their in person meetings and other Rotary Clubs have connected with former who now live in other parts of the country as they join in on the virtual meetings and Rotary Districts all over the world are connecting with their clubs.

I salute all Rotarians, Rotaractors and members of the family of Rotary who are connecting through these virtual meetings.

The connections we make in Rotary unite our 1.2 million members around the globe. The ongoing COVID – 19 outbreak is challenging our ability to make those connections in person at this time.

Please accept my wishes for your health and safety as well as the health and safety of your families and all members of the Rotary family.

As Rotary connects the world and as they say in Hawaii, Mahalo, thank you!

Mark Daniel Maloney
President, 2019-20

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”.



Minutes of the 576th bi- weekly club meeting of Rotary Club of Baridhara of the Rotary year 2019-20 held on 31st October 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

1. Club President Rtn. Safwan Hossain Khan PHF called the meeting to order.
2. President welcomed all the members to join the virtual meeting.
3. Invocation was led by Secretary Elect Rtn. Sajjad
4. One minute silence was observed due to sudden death of Abdul Monem. father of Rtn. Mainuddin monem
5. Club President informed about DG's recent health update and district dua mehfil
6. Rtn. PE. Sarwar Morshed announced the birthday and anniversary greetings.
7. Minutes of the 575th meeting was discussed and approved.
8. IPP Rtn. Enam introduced the guest speaker Mr. Aftab Kurshid a well known business marketing specialist and brand catalyst.
9. Guest Speaker Mr. Aftab explained in detail regarding use of digital platform in Bangladesh during period. He also explained the how we are moving toward digital platform practically in our daily life.
10. PPE Sarwar Morshed also spoke his recent utilization of digital technology by brining 26K user in one platform.
11. Rtn. PP. Khaled Shams extended vote of thanks to speaker for his excellent delivery.
12. Club secretary announce the club statistics of the virtual meeting which are as follows:
 - Total number of club members : 43
 - Members present at meeting : 17
 - Advance make up : 4
 - Members on leave : 3
 - Available members : 40
 - Club guest : 0
 - Attendance percentage : 43%

At the end the meeting was adjourned.

From the Editor's Desk!

The a profound impact on our lifestyle and on the pursuit of our professional responsibilities. As the wheels of our economy has once again been set in motion more out of necessity and a realistic assessment on the need to revive and resuscitate the Coronavirus choked economy, it has become all the more necessary to act with prudence as we go about shouldering our individual and collective responsibilities. This is because health experts have warned of an unbridled social transmission effect caused by the resumption of economic activity. Indeed, because of the pandemic, the world is changing at a rapid pace, with new kinds of work and new ways of doing that work. Our guest speaker Aftab Mahmud Khurshid spoke on Paradigm shift in digital work, life and business. All these changes and shifts have led to rising unemployment because of retrenchments and businesses going bankrupt.



To compound the economic woes, we may have to stare at an impending famine because of the adverse impact on agriculture and a fear of invasion of locusts that have already inflicted devastating effect on crops in neighboring India. Sociologists have alerted us of a simmering social unrest that if left unaddressed, could affect the peace, security and stability of the country.

We, the Rotarians however, have our responsibilities cut out for us. Our commitment to impact social change and community development has continued despite. The President of our club and all the esteemed members deserve special commendation for this achievement in face of adversities. The Interactors, guided by Club President Safwan H. Khan, have successfully carried out a transition to a new leadership with new members getting elected under the supervision of the founding Chairman of the Interact Club. We wish the new members good luck.

Javed Hyder Kareem

Editor



Latest Information on of Rotary International

Posted by Mark Maloney and Holger Knaack, Rotary International Presidents 19-20 and 20-21

Dear Fellow Rotarians,



This is affecting every aspect of our lives in real time, and this puts Rotarians in an unfamiliar place. As People of Action, we are most comfortable when we are fully engaged in the world – moving freely, meeting openly, and offering helping hands. These are very difficult times for people who, like us, are at our best when we are learning, growing and serving together.

We are also leaders in our communities, and these times call for leadership. In many ways, this also is our time. We have proven abilities to reach out and collaborate to offer immediate help to people in need at a rapid pace. These are precisely the skills needed all over the world today. The global effort again depends on actions taken in every country. Rotary has the unique ability to help improve those efforts in every community and every country.

Using all the technology we have at our disposal, we as Rotarians can continue to reach out and collaborate on big projects with Rotary clubs, Rotaractors, and Interactors. There are a number of examples where Rotary clubs are helping health authorities communicate best practices or provide needed equipment or support that have been shared with our leaders around the world. As Rotary's president and president-elect, we have been thinking of these issues very seriously in regard to upcoming Rotary events. As you may be aware, we have made the difficult decision to cancel two Rotary Presidential Conferences honoring our relationship with the United Nations- one in Paris, another in Rome. In the near term, we recommend that Rotary districts and clubs cancel or postpone meetings or events following the advice of national and local health officials.

We know that clubs and districts are seizing the opportunity to become leaders in their communities and are making better use of technology in this time of need. For example, a Rotary e-club in Italy held a live online session about COVID-19 awareness, a Taiwan club worked with companies and a pharmacy association to donate 1,600 bottles of hand sanitizer to the city of Ji-Long, and Rotary clubs in Sri Lanka helped upgrade software and hardware for the health promotion bureau to assist its social messaging.

We cannot know quite yet what path this virus will take. We know we can play a role to help "flatten the curve," reducing the number of cases in the short term to allow our health systems to address this issue. If the collective global effort helps bring the situation under control, then we hope to re-embrace our core values at the 2020 Rotary Convention in Honolulu. Our time together will have greater meaning and purpose than ever.

Please know that we are taking a close, continuing look at our plans for the convention in June to make sure all attendees' safety will be protected. We are following the lead of the world's most trusted sources, including the World Health Organization (WHO) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, for their guidance. We want you to be able to make decisions about what is best for you and your families in terms of attending this year's event.

In the meantime, this is an opportunity for us to demonstrate that *Rotary Connects the World* in innovative ways. We should be closely following the advice of local health authorities. Again, this includes canceling Rotary club events and meetings in the short term to reduce unnecessary interactions that could cause infections. We can put a greater emphasis on the work we do in our communities by helping our less fortunate neighbors cope with the effects of isolation and fear, or by supporting our health authorities to address this situation.

This is an unprecedented challenge for nearly all of us. But it is also an opportunity for Rotarians to find new, meaningful ways to lead individuals and communities to connect and do good in the world.

We have never been prouder to be part of an organization that does so much to protect and strengthen our communities, at home and across the globe.

Kindest regards,

Mark Daniel Maloney

2019-2020, President, Rotary International

Holger Knaack

2020-21, President, Rotary International



Our Next Guest Speaker

The guest speaker in our forthcoming virtual Club Meeting on November 10th is **Professor Samir Kumar Saha**, an eminent Microbiologist and Senior Consultant and head of the Department of diagnostic division of Microbiology at the Dhaka Shishu Hospital. He is also the Executive director of The Child health Research Foundation at the Bangladesh Institute of Child Health.

Born in 1955, he earned his MSc. In 1983 from the University of Dhaka and his Phd. from the Institute of Medical Sciences of Banaras Hindu University, India in 1989.

Professor Saha is known for his research on Pediatric infectious diseases, specializing in pneumonia, meningitis and enteric fever.

In 2017, Saha was the first Scientist from a developing country to receive the American Society for Microbiology Award for his outstanding research in Clinical Microbiology following which he has been elected to Fellowship in the American Academy of Microbiology. The same year, he received the UNESCO Carlos J. Finlay Prize in Microbiology along with Shahida Hasnain, a Pakistani Microbiologist for their research and work in the field of Microbiology. After the publication of an article by National Geographic Magazine in its 2017 on “Here’s why Vaccines are so Crucial”, Saha was invited to attend a panel discussion on the various aspects of pneumococcal vaccines and vaccines in general, hosted and broadcast by National Geographic and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Saha played a key role in implementing vaccines against two bacteria that cause meningitis and pneumonia in Bangladesh that had direct impact on the health of children in the country. As a leading researcher in Pediatrics, he has been performing surveillance on invasive childhood diseases in Bangladesh for over a decade. He has also led research into the resistance to treatment of some pneumococcal diseases. He helped design and set up four sentinel hospital surveillance network in Bangladesh.

Saha has published more than 150 papers in peer- reviewed journals mostly exploring the topics of childhood pneumonia and meningitis.

He is a member of Pneumococcal Awareness Council of Experts; he heads the steering committee of the Coalition Against Typhoid of the Sabin Vaccine Institute; he is an associate of the Department of International Health of John Hopkins University and an adjunct scientist of ICDDR, B as well as a member of the National Committee for Immunization Policies of the government of Bangladesh.



Wedding Anniversary Wishes

18 November Ann Yasmeen Karim and Rtn.
Javed Hyder Kareem

Birthday Wishes

24 November Rtn. IPP Syed Enamul Husain PHF
28 November Rtn. Engr. M. A. Baten Khan PHF