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Message of Rotary International President

March is the month we celebrate Rotaract — and this has been quite a year for our young partners in service. Last spring, the Council on Legislation elevated Rotaract in our constitution: Rotary International is now the association of both Rotary clubs and Rotaract clubs. Then in October, the Rotary Board of Directors eliminated the artificial Rotaract age limit and took other steps to break down barriers that were preventing Rotaract from growing in some parts of the world.



These steps were long overdue, because Rotaract is a vision of what Rotary must become. Not only do we need to open our doors to our young colleagues, but we also have to open our ears and minds to the Rotary experience they find most engaging. That is one of the best ways we will meaningfully grow Rotary.

When I say grow Rotary, I mean it in many ways. We need to grow our service and to grow the impact of our projects. Most importantly, however, we need to grow our membership, so that we can achieve more. Rotaractors provide this opportunity, not only because they can transition to Rotary at the time that is right for them, but also because they understand what it will take to attract others like them.

Business as usual will not work for us anymore. Bringing in more members to replace the ones we lose is not the answer. It is like pouring more water into a bucket full of holes. We need to address the root causes of member loss in many parts of the world: member engagement that is not what it should be, and our member demographic that skews steadily older.

It is time to make some fundamental changes. We already know what the barriers are to an engaged and diverse membership. It is time to act on what we know: creating new membership models, opening new paths to Rotary membership, and building new Rotary and Rotaract clubs where the existing clubs do not meet a current need.

New club models represent an opportunity to connect with a more diverse group of individuals - particularly those who are unable or unwilling to join our traditional clubs. While new club models have been emerging for some time, it is up to district governors to make them a reality. In January at the International Assembly, our incoming district governors took part in an

exercise called Build Your Own Club Model. It was a wonderful experience that put them in the right frame of mind for the work ahead.

Ultimately, however, it will be up to Rotaractors and young Rotarians to create new club models that are most meaningful to the next generation. We may think we know what young people want from Rotary clubs in the future, but I am confident that what young people say will surprise us. It will be our job to support their innovation, for it will help us grow Rotary as *Rotary Connects the World*.

Mark Daniel Maloney



Minutes of the 570th bi- weekly club meeting of Rotary Club of Baridhara of the Rotary year 2019-20 held on 25th February 2020 at 6.30 p.m. at the Baridhara Cosmopolitan club, BaridharaDhaka.

1. Club President Rtn. Safwan Hossain Khan PHF called the meeting to order.
2. Invocation was led by Rtn. PE Sarwar PHF.
3. Minutes of the 569th meeting was discussed and approved.
4. President welcomed PDG Shamsul Huda.
5. Rtn.Mobin PHF introduced three potential Rotarians at the meeting, namely Alamgir Morshed, MD of Standard Chartered Bank, Mahbub Rahman, CFO & DMD of The City bank Ltd and Abdul Kader Joardar , CFO of Standard Chartered Bank who were inducted as Rotarian by PDG Shamsul Huda eventually.
6. PDG Shamsul Huda delivered his speech to new Rotarians.
7. Club President welcomed PDG Ishtiaque Zaman with flower bouquet
8. Club President extended thanks to Rtn. Rumpa, Rtn. Jakaria, Rtn. Rajib, Rtn. Niamul, Rtn. Tuhin and Rtn. Shaon for hosting the fellowship dinner. All past presidents of the club presented small token of appreciation to the hosts. At the end of the dinner a colorful musical programme arranged by the hosts.
9. Rtn. PP Khaled Shams PHF extended vote of thanks to the hosts
10. Finally the club gifts were handed over to all the hosts by the Club president, all PPS present at the meeting
11. At the end the meeting was adjourned



The 3rd. Fellowship Dinner and family night jointly hosted by Rtns. Asma, Niamul, Tuhin, Jakaria, Rajib and Shaon on February 25th won the hearts of the participating Rotary guests who were entertained to some awesome cuisine and lively music. All members of Baridhara Rotary Club join in conveying their profound appreciation and gratitude to the co-hosts.



President Safwan Hossain Khan giving his remarks at the Plenary Session of the District Conference 2020.



The Multi Club Joint Meeting held in Hotel Sarina last month witnessed a lively interaction between the Rotarians and the British High Commissioner to Bangladesh H.E. Mr. Robert Dickson who presented his well articulated thoughts on the impact of BREXIT on countries like Bangladesh. Baridhara Rotary Club President Safwan Hossain Khan presented the guest a Crest as a memento.



Heartiest Congratulations to Rtns. N.K.A. Mobin and Md. Mashudur Rahman on their winning the Rotary Golf Club Tournament.



Today's Guest Speaker:

Our Guest Speaker today is Dr. Ehsan Haque, a philanthropist, humanitarian, medical doctor and above all, a change maker!



Dr. Ehsan Haque is a profile in courage. He defied adverse medical condition that impaired his vision to be what he is today. Born in March 13, 1964, he grew up to be a medical doctor, social entrepreneur and child rights activist. In 1987, he had graduated from [Rajshahi Medical College](#) to become a medical doctor. He completed his Ph.D. in 1995 at [Asahikawa Medical College](#) (Japan) and his postdoctoral fellowship in 1997 at the [University of Western Ontario](#) (Canada). Over the course of his career, Hoque has worked at numerous institutes around the world, including [Rajshahi Medical College Hospital](#) (Bangladesh), [Dhaka Shishu Hospital](#) (Bangladesh), [Asahikawa Medical University](#) (Japan), [University of Western Ontario](#) (Canada), [University of Toronto](#) (Canada), and [Yale University School of Medicine](#) (USA).

He is the co-founder and honorary Executive Director of [Distressed Children & Infants International](#), an international [non-profit organization](#) based in the United States that works with underprivileged children and their families to stop child labor, extend educational opportunities, and provide access to healthcare.

His research has focused on cardiovascular pharmacology and physiology, concentrating on [ischemic reperfusion injury](#) of the heart, and [neuroendocrinology](#) with a focus on aging. Hoque has published his work in various scientific journals, and presented his findings at national and international conferences. He has also been the recipient of numerous academic honors, including a [Monbusho Scholarship](#) from the [Japanese Ministry of Education](#), research awards from the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario, the University of Toronto Research Fellowship, and the Hartford Foundation Fellowship. He is also involved with eye research projects at [Yale University](#) with colleague Brian DeBroff and serves as Honorary Goodwill Ambassador and International Consultant for [Thengamara Mohila Sabuj Sangha](#), one of the largest [non-governmental organizations](#) in Bangladesh. Hoque consistently advocates for those with disabilities and promote inclusion efforts to normalize their lives.

In 1995 Ehsan Hoque discovered that Lysophosphatidylcholine (LPC), a toxic substance which accumulates in the ischemic myocardium when applied exogenously, causes ischemia-like changes, suggesting that LPC is one of the important factors in producing ischemia-reperfusion derangements in terms of mechanical and metabolic functions. He also found that prevention of LPC accumulation can protect heart from ischemia/reperfusion injury.

Hoque's vision of [child sponsorship](#) has manifested itself in DCI's Sun Child Sponsorship Program, which now supports over 1500 children in [Bangladesh](#). DCI operates several other programs in [Bangladesh](#) that provide healthcare, vision care, and orphan support, and also provides support to partner organizations with similar missions in [India](#), [Nepal](#), and [Nicaragua](#). These efforts have benefited thousands of children and their families while also providing opportunities for American youth to connect with less fortunate around the world through volunteerism: a central organizational concept to DCI that Hoque calls "children helping children".

He is married to Dr. Nina Haque and they are blessed with two daughters.

Anniversary Wishes

Our Warmest Thoughts and Best Wishes go out to:

- Ann Nasrin Sultana and Rt. Md, Sarowar Morshed PHF February 14th
- Ann Afrina Rahman and Rtn. SAR Md. Muinul Islam– February 17th
- Ann Rtn. Taslima Afroz Moli and Rtn. Md. Yusuf PHF February 22nd
- Ann Fayjun Nahar Uddowlah and Rtn. Asif Uddowlah Marcj 14th

Heartiest Birthday Greetings

Belated Birthday Wishes go to:

Rtn. PP Syed Ershad Ahmed PHF - February 28th

Warm Birthday Wishes go to:

1. Rtn. Abul Kader Joaddar 1st March
2. President Rtn. Safwan Hossain Khan, PHF – March 26th



Felicitations

Heartiest Congratulations to PDG Ishtiaque Abiduzzaman on being elected to the Council of Legislation for 2020- 23.

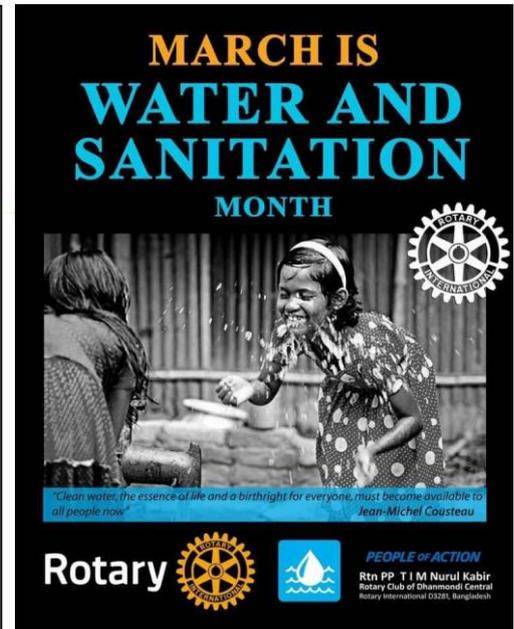
Heartiest Congratulations go to Engr. M.A. Wahab on being elected District Governor for 2022 -23.

Our warmest felicitations go to IPP Rtn. Enam Husain oh becoming Assistant Governor for 2020-21. Way go to! If winter is here, can Spring be far behind!

Congratulations to PP Ershad Ahmed PHF on becoming the members of the Advisory Board of World Market Summit.

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.



From The Editor’s Desk

Hello my fellow Rotarians, as we cruise through March, humanity at large, is facing an ordeal that has become pandemic and has cost the world many innocent lives and has wrecked havoc with the global economy that threatens to surpass the effects of the great depression of 1929 Yes, I am talk of the corona virus that has instilled fear in all of us. Please follow the health regulations to protect yourself from contracting the virus. Incidentally, this happens to be the Rotary month with the theme water and sanitations which is one of the six areas of focus. Some of our esteemed Rotarians have aptly suggested that we should take up some schemes in this area. Keeping the world water Day on March 22nd in mind, I believe our club President can come up with a safe water drinking project along with starting water conservation awareness campaign. For this, we need money and manpower he Rotary International President in his March Message underscored the importance of increasing membership by taking in Rotractors. Our club President may look into this possibility. Our way to boost members is to come up with engaging projects and goal oriented programs that will be participated by all members on the band, and that will attract new members, to our fold as well. In this aspect, our club has initiated a number of useful projects already that have been widely appreciated.



Today coincides with International Women’s Day’. Until 1978, there were no women Rotary members in any of the Rotary clubs world wide. In 1978, Rotary club of Duarte first admitted women members. Today, the Rotary movement can boast of over 200,000 women members. Let us echo this year’s theme for International women’s Day ‘Each for Equal and reiterate our commitment to

Gender equality.

Javed Hyder Kareem
Editor