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Message from Rotary International President:

I spend a lot of time thinking of family, not just my own or the extended family of Rotary, but also the families we are helping in the communities we serve. In many parts of the world, mothers and children face challenges to survive that most of us will never comprehend. According to the World Health Organization, the risk of a woman in a low-income country dying during pregnancy or childbirth, or from related causes, is about 120 times higher than that of a woman living in a high-income country. It is encouraging that infant mortality rates are declining globally, yet 4 million babies annually still die within the first year of life.



In April, Rotary turns its attention to maternal and child health. And when we think of what we can do to help, we can look to clubs like the Rotaract Club of Calabar South-CB, Nigeria, for inspiration. It teamed up with the Rotaract Club of Canaan City (CB) in a program focused on educating mothers on best practices to prevent infant mortality and promote postnatal health for themselves and their babies. In Bangladesh, the Rotary Club of Dhaka North provides free surgeries and medicine to pregnant women who cannot afford the hospital costs associated with giving birth. I encourage you and your club to go to ideas.rotary.org to find projects like these that are helping to save mothers and children.

We also have witnessed how millions of people — families and entire communities — have been ripped away from their homes because of conflict, poverty, and disasters during the past decade. But Rotary has not stood idly by during the global refugee crisis.

During Rotary Day at the United Nations last November, we honored a Rotary Peace Fellow and five Rotarians who are taking action to help refugee communities. Among them was Ilge Karacak-Splane of the Rotary Club of Monterey Cannery Row, California. After visiting several tent camps in Turkey, she led a Rotary project that collected 1,000 pairs of children's shoes and socks for families in the camps and, later, led a global grant project to help educate refugee children. In March, Gay and I had the privilege of visiting a tent camp in Torbalı and seeing firsthand the good work that Rotarians from Turkey and California were accomplishing with Syrian refugees.

The challenges faced by mothers, their children, and refugee communities around the world are daunting. But when we remember our greatest strength — how Rotary Connects the World — we can begin to find solutions. Through our creativity, our resources, our dedication, and our networks, Rotary can and will open opportunities to face these challenges.

Mark Daniel Maloney
President, Rotary International



Minutes of the 572nd bi- weekly club meeting of Rotary Club of Baridhara of the Rotary year 2019-20 held on 29th March 2020 at 6.30 p.m. via online/virtual system.

1. Club President Rtn. Safwan Hossain Khan PHF called the meeting to order.
2. Invocation was led by Rtn. Meer Sajed.
3. Minutes of the 571st meeting was discussed and approved.
4. President welcomed all the members to join the virtual meeting.
5. President mentioned that due to ongoing Pandemic situation of COVID-19 the virtual meeting has arranged .All the members praised heavily the virtual meeting process during the ongoing Pandemic situation.
6. President requested virtual audience to start discussion about how to assist/help the daily laborers, poor, and those who are dependent on daily income.
7. Most of the members delivered their own experience about the process and impact of assistance to the underprivileged during last three/four days.
8. Finally it was agreed that the club shall create a fund for providing support the underprivileged/insolvent/poor/daily laborers and accordingly Tk.1000 to be contributed by each member of the club.
9. Rtn. Dicon extended vote of thanks to club president for organizing virtual meeting.
10. 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 : 46%

11. At the end the meeting was adjourned.

Novel initiative to beat Novel COVID 19 Pandemic

Rotary Club of Baridhara held two successive online Board meetings under the initiative of President Safwan Hossain Khan. This is indeed a successful venture in carrying out meetings in times of emergencies.

Announcement

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

We would like to donate to minimum 100 poor families

Present with sick children in Dhaka Shishu Hospital. As, day labourers, rickshaw pullers and slum people from different walks of life are already getting help, the underprivileged people stuck in hospitals with a sick child is more helpless as they remain unseen. With that in mind, we've planned to donate at least 100K Taka (One lac) to those families. Looking forward to your humble participation. You can donate in two ways.

Option 1. Online Bank Transfer (Recommended)

Ac name: Rotary Club of Baridhara

AB Bank

Gulshan Branch,

Ac 4019024018300

Routing 020261724

(pls send confirmation mail to Rtn. Mobin bhai. Email:

mobin@emergingrating.com)

Option 2 (bKash) pls add cash out charge

bKash Number: 01711505783



President of Baridhara Rotary Club engages in Online Meeting with President of Rotary International and other Rotary leaders from Bangladesh including District Governor, other district leaders and 9 club presidents. RI President talked about individual safety and how Rotary is responding in this crisis across the world. President Safwan confirmed that Rotary International has approved US\$ 25000 for our district as COVID 19 Disaster Management Fund.

April is the Rotary month of Maternal and Child Health. It is an undeniable fact that women have throughout the ages, been playing a crucial role in the progress of civilization and the fact that we have reached the 21st Century and hope to go further beyond that is a consequence of the concerted responsibility of both man and woman. Women have the onerous responsibility of playing the multifaceted role of a daughter, a sister, a wife and a mother. It is a woman who has the primary responsibility of raising children. A child's first learning experience begins under the watchful eyes of a mother. The upbringing of a child, his mental and physical wellbeing and growth depends on how well a mother nurtures the child. This challenging responsibility can only be undertaken if the mental and physical health of a mother is ensured. We Rotarians have always attached importance to this and have come up with supportive projects that deals with maternal and child health. As we strive to combat the Coronavirus threat, we should come up with some projects to promote maternal and child health. We have done something useful in the neonatal department and we can expand it to cover maternal health.



Birthday Greetings:

Warm birthday greeting go out to :

Rtn. Asma Pathan Rumpa whose birthday falls on April 4th

Rtn. PP Khaled Shams PHF whose birthday falls on April 14th

Anniversary Wishes:

Heartiest Greetings to go to Rtn. Asma Pathan Rumpa and ARM Kamruddin Jamir on their wedding anniversary that falls on April 21st.

New Years Greetings:

Shuvo Naboborsho to all members of Baridhara Rotary Club on the joyous occasion of Pahela Baishakh of the Bangla New Year 1427.

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

FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR

Greetings my esteemed Rotarians,

This is indeed a test of time as we engage in a tryst with destiny. Man's character is revealed in times of severe challenges that shake the foundation of his existence. Time and again, we have encountered life threatening issues as well as natural calamities that have caused untold miseries in the communities ravaged by the fury of these calamities. However, this time, our threat emanates from a pandemic that is not only in a new form but has transcended borders to affect all the major continents. There are varying and conflicting theories about the life cycle of this pandemic but one thing for sure is that it has fundamentally affected the way of life in the contemporary world. The powerful countries are reeling helplessly in its trail. Bangladesh, too is staring with fear and trepidation into a devastating future, especially in the economic front. The call of the hour is to deny space to COVID-19 to take roots. The best preventive measure one can adopt is to maintain self quarantine, maintain social distancing and maintain social hygiene, that is, in addition to maintaining personal hygiene, we should keep our surrounding clean. This is important because we have the scourge of Dengue trying to stage a comeback with equal devastation. In 2019, 59,592 people were infected with unofficial death toll reported to be 111. As we continue to create awareness about the importance of maintaining self quarantine and cleanliness, we have an additional responsibility this month to ensure maternal and child health. An important step in this direction is providing lactating mothers and would be mothers' nutritious food to prevent complications and health hazards. We could consider creating community maternal and child care awareness through a campaign for safe motherhood.



Stay well, Stay safe and Stay healthy.

Javed Hyder Kareem

Editor