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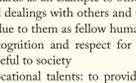
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Rotary Opens Opportunities

ROTARY CLUB OF DHAKA LUMINOUS

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জাতীয় সঙ্গীত

আমার সোনার বাংলা আমি তোমায় ভালবাসি।
চিরদিন তোমার আকাশ, তোমার বাতাস,
আমার প্রাণে বাজায় বঁশি।
ওমা, ফাঙনে তোর আমের বনে বাশে পাপল করে,
শরি হয়ে, হায়রে!
ওমা অমাশে তোর ভরা ফেতে আমি কি দেখেছি মপুর হাসি।
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INVOCATION

We, the Rotarians are dedicated to maintain the dignity and worthiness of our calling by the acceptance and promotion of high ethical standards, and to regard our business or profession as an opportunity to express ourselves in service to society.

ROTARY CODE OF CONDUCT As a Rotarian, I will

1. Exemplify the core value of integrity in all behaviors and activities
2. Use my vocational experience and talents to serve in Rotary
3. Conduct all of my personal, business, and professional affairs ethically, encouraging and fostering high ethical standards as an example to others
4. Be fair in all dealings with others and treat them with the respect due to them as fellow human beings
5. Promote recognition and respect for all occupations which are useful to society
6. Offer my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community
7. Honor the trust that Rotary and fellow Rotarians provide and not do anything that will bring disfavor or reflect adversely on Rotary or fellow Rotarians
8. Not seek from a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship

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Rotary



OBJECT OF ROTARY

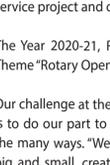
The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- 1. **FIRST**
The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- 2. **SECOND**
High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- 3. **THIRD**
The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- 4. **FOURTH**
The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

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?



Message from
Rtn Hadi Mizan Al Hossain
President
Rotary Club of Dhaka Luminous

I am pleased to convey this message in bulletin "The Promise" in the Rotary Year 20-21.

During the pandemic Novel CORONA situation, our important meetings are being held virtually. Two regular fortnightly meetings and another is the board meeting in each month. You will get meeting notes and this club and members important information in our bulletin.

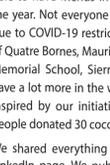
Members of RCD Luminous are also joining district's seminars and programs, doing fellowship with other Rotary Club members over online platform.

Our commitment and involvement will shape the destiny of our club. Together, we will work for developing community in the society. Luminous is getting prepared to take initiative for a sustainable service project and other community services.

The Year 2020-21, Rotary International Presidential Theme "Rotary Opens Opportunities".

Our challenge at the Rotary Club of Dhaka Luminous is to do our part to support RI theme to strengthen the many ways. "We believe that our acts of service, big and small, create opportunities for people who need our help. Everything we do opens another opportunity for someone, somewhere."

Best wishes for a glorious Rotary Year 2020-21. Everything will be fine, stay safe.



From the Desk of Editor
Mohammad Shahidul Haque
President Elect 2020-21
Planting seeds of motivation to support the environment
(By Dominik Huhnndorf, vice president of the Rotaract Club of Nürtingen, Germany)

My Rotaract club established a project, Treaty of Generations, to motivate clubs around the world to plant trees in cleared areas. In doing so, we show the power of working with Rotary.

We began by finding two partner clubs on different continents who were as passionate about the environment as we were: The Rotaract Club Cumbayá, Ecuador, and Club MOP Vaishnav, India. With this strong alliance, we launched a pilot project. Then we assembled a larger team of volunteers, including members in each of the time zones, who possessed a solid base of knowledge and could promote the project on social media. We met virtually weekly and progressed well.

Our next task was convincing as many Rotaract clubs as possible from all over the world to join. We made weekly appeals using our tagline, "Think globally, plant locally." We called upon members of Rotaract to help us advance Rotary's newest cause, protecting the environment.

Even with the pandemic, we were able to motivate volunteers to plant over 1,500 trees. We had two planting seasons spring and autumn this year. After our spring pilot project, we were able to have friends in other countries join us by the end of the year. Not everyone was able to take part in their country due to COVID-19 restrictions. But clubs like the Rotaract Club of Quatre Bornes, Mauritius, and Interact Club of Annie Walsch Memorial School, Sierra Leone, have planted trees and we have a lot more in the works. A district leader in Africa was so inspired by our initiative, he organized a fundraiser where people donated 30 coconut trees. That's the Rotaract spirit.

We shared everything we were doing on WhatsApp and a LinkedIn page. We published the results of our weekly calls and town hall meetings. On Instagram, we posted pictures and gained 500 followers in three weeks.

We plan on nominating our project for various awards within the Rotary and Rotaract world, which we hope will bring even more exposure, allowing us to expand our number of volunteers and financial support.

You can learn about our initiative on LinkedIn and Instagram. On behalf of my entire club, I would also like to thank the staff at Rotary International's world headquarters, including Molly Friend and her team, Erika Emerick and Zuhair Sharp, who advised us on how to build our platforms. Thank you for the support in sharing our message. We are eager for our next steps.

MINUTES OF THE 138TH REGULAR MEETING

Virtual Venue: Google Meet
Date: 06 December, 2020 Time 8:00 to 9:00pm

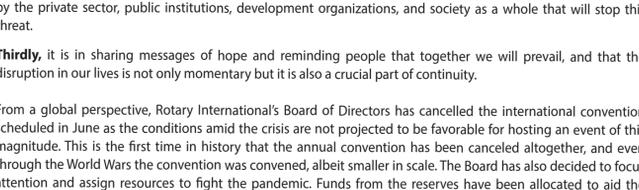
Meeting Notes-

1. Meeting is started with fellowship for 15 minutes among members present.
2. Recited from Holy Quran- Secretary Rtn Mohammad Abdullah
3. Rotary invocation conducted by CP Rtn PP Kazi Saiful Hoque PHF B MD
4. Wished Birthday and Anniversary for few Rotary members and for their family members by President Rtn Hadi Mizan Al Hossain.
5. Members conveyed satisfaction on success of project titled " Probiseh shurokkai Brikka Ropon, (Initiate Sapling to protect environment) " during the hard time of pandemic.
6. Club treasurer Rtn Sarwar Yeameen confirmed that some long dye due realized but some still pending.

Members are decided to strong follow up from president to realize the dye ASAP. Due to PP Musfiq's personal problem club accounts will be handed over next board meeting to present treasurer.

7. There are discussion on district governor visit to club and all are happy to receive district Governor in a club meeting hopefully by January next.

8. Secretary's Announcement: The 139th Annual General Meeting will be held on 20th December'20 & Board meeting to be held on next Saturday with breakfast at Bengal Foundation, Dhanmondi 8:00am to 9:00am, 12 December 2020.



Next Annual General Meeting
20 December 2020, Sunday, 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Next Board Meeting
12 December 2020, Saturday, 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm

STATISTICS OF LAST MEETING

Total Members	20
Members Exempted	0
Members Present	12
Percentage of Attendance	60%
Last week Percentage of Attendance	50%
Visiting Rotarian	00
Club Guest	00
Members Guest	00

3 principles we use to beat the pandemic

By Joe Olin, governor of Rotary District 9212

If ever in our lifetime there was a defining moment of earth-shattering proportions – this is it. The generation before us lived through World War II which universally altered the course of our destiny. From time immemorial our predecessors have faced seismic economic collapses, devastating armed conflict, climatic catastrophes, and other traumatic incidences that have led to desperation, death and destruction.

These developments in turn have forced us to remodel personal behavior, restructure established institutions, and generally change our way of life.

The attack on humanity by the coronavirus is monumental. From the initial outbreak in China to today, the world has been jolted into action because the initial strides taken by governments to stop the spread of COVID-19 across the globe fell short, as the statistics have come to show. Here in East Africa, our governments took unprecedented action, closing borders, grounding national carriers, and suspending public meetings with the intention to halt its advance.

What distinguishes defining moments in our history is not the nature of the crisis, but rather the quality of the decisions that we make. In the wake of the drastic measures taken by our political leaders to address the outbreak we, as Rotary, have had our own decisions to make. These decisions are guided by three simple principles.

The first one is that individual action has the greatest bearing on the disease, and this includes personal hygiene, the first distancing, and other guidelines outlined by the World Health Organization. We must all take individual responsibility to stop the spread of coronavirus.

The second is to support the government in its initiatives to flatten the curve as indeed it is the concerted effort by the private sector, public institutions, development organizations, and society as a whole that will stop this threat.

Thirdly, it is in sharing messages of hope and reminding people that together we will prevail, and that the disruption in our lives is not only momentary but it is also a crucial part of continuity.

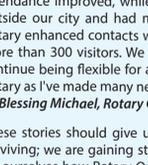
From a global perspective, the Rotary America's Board of Directors has cancelled the international convention scheduled in June as the conditions amid the crisis are not projected to be favorable for hosting an event of this magnitude. This is the first time in history that the annual convention has been canceled altogether, and even through the World Wars the convention was convened, albeit smaller in scale. The Board has also decided to focus attention and assign resources to fight the pandemic. Funds from the reserves have been allocated to aid the disaster response initiatives across the world, and The Rotary Foundations has embarked on fundraising activities specific to this area.

In District 9212, we have canceled our district conference and instructed all Rotarians to suspend physical meetings. Without missing a beat, they have adopted wholeheartedly to virtual meetings on popular video conferencing platforms. The executive committee has set up a response team to support national administrations in Kenya, Ethiopia, and South Sudan, and past governor Dr. Geeta Manek has raised more than \$20,000 in Kenya and Ethiopia.

The embodiment of Rotary and their ultimate purpose is to embrace and support communities in need, and thus the world needs Rotary more now than ever before. Never in our lifetime has humanity been better equipped to crush a threat to our wellbeing of these dimensions. We have the technology to track it, the science to beat it, the media to coordinate our united action, and the heart to fight back.

It is through our determination and commitment that we give hope and healing to the world.

RI Presidential Message



Words of Encouragement
December 2020
Holger Knaack
President
Rotary International
2020-2021

As I look back on 2020, I reflect on how our lives have changed. The global COVID-19 pandemic brought pain and loss to many of us. And for almost all of us, our daily lives, family time, and work also changed this year. But we've made it to the end of this difficult year, not on our own but by reaching out to one another, as we always do in Rotary. With each passing year, I become prouder of our organization.

I will choose to remember 2020 as a year of great change and strength for us; Rotary didn't stop, despite the pandemic. We removed obstacles, found new ways to connect, and embraced new approaches to service, such as online projects and virtual fundraising. I have invited two Rotarians to share their stories about how Rotary grew stronger this year.

When the pandemic shut everything down, our emerging e-club was already providing digital service, including internationally. Fourteen U.S. women and I, members of multiple Rotary clubs, were using WhatsApp to mentor women entrepreneurs in rural Costa Rica, helping them to grow their ecotourism business, RETUS Tours [the subject of the magazine's May cover story, "Nature & Nurture"]. The project has grown, with 30 Rotarians now providing consulting and help with the RETUS website and social media. Most importantly, we continue building relationships and empowering these women to transform their own lives, and we are doing it online. I've even helped one of the women, Rosa, prepare a presentation in English for an online international conference. While our engagement with the Costa Rican women still requires some hands-on activity, the most transformative impacts haven't had to be in person.

— **Liza Larson, Rotary E-Club Engage and Rotary Club of Plano East, Texas**

I was president of my club when COVID-19 hit, and many members didn't yet have Zoom. Only 10 of our 53 members participated in the first Zoom meeting during the pandemic. I thought that reaching out and getting guest speakers from around the world to engage our members would help. Many Rotary leaders, a Rotary Peace Fellow, and even RI President Holger Knaack visited virtually and spoke to our club. Meeting attendance improved, and while we reduced running costs by cutting out meals. Some members who worked outside our city and had missed our meetings even rejoined us. Registering our online meetings on My Rotary enhanced contacts with clubs across the world, and the joint meeting addressed by Holger attracted more than 300 visitors. We also raised more funds as members and visitors contributed to our projects. To continue being flexible for all, we are now offering hybrid meetings. For me, 2020 has been the best year in Rotary as I've made many new friends.

— **Blessing Michael, Rotary Club of Port Harcourt North, Nigeria**

These stories should give us all reasons to be optimistic about Rotary in the year ahead. We are not just surviving; we are gaining strength. We are discovering how resilient our organization truly is. We are seeing how Rotary Opens Opportunities — even during pandemics — to grow, connect, and engage our members and the communities we serve.

From our home in Ratzeburg to yours, Susanne and I would like to bid you and your family the warmest of season's greetings. We can't wait to see the good things that 2021 will bring.

Holger Knaack
President 2020-21

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