



# ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE 1995 CONFERENCE OF FRIENDSHIP & SERVICE

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### MESSAGE

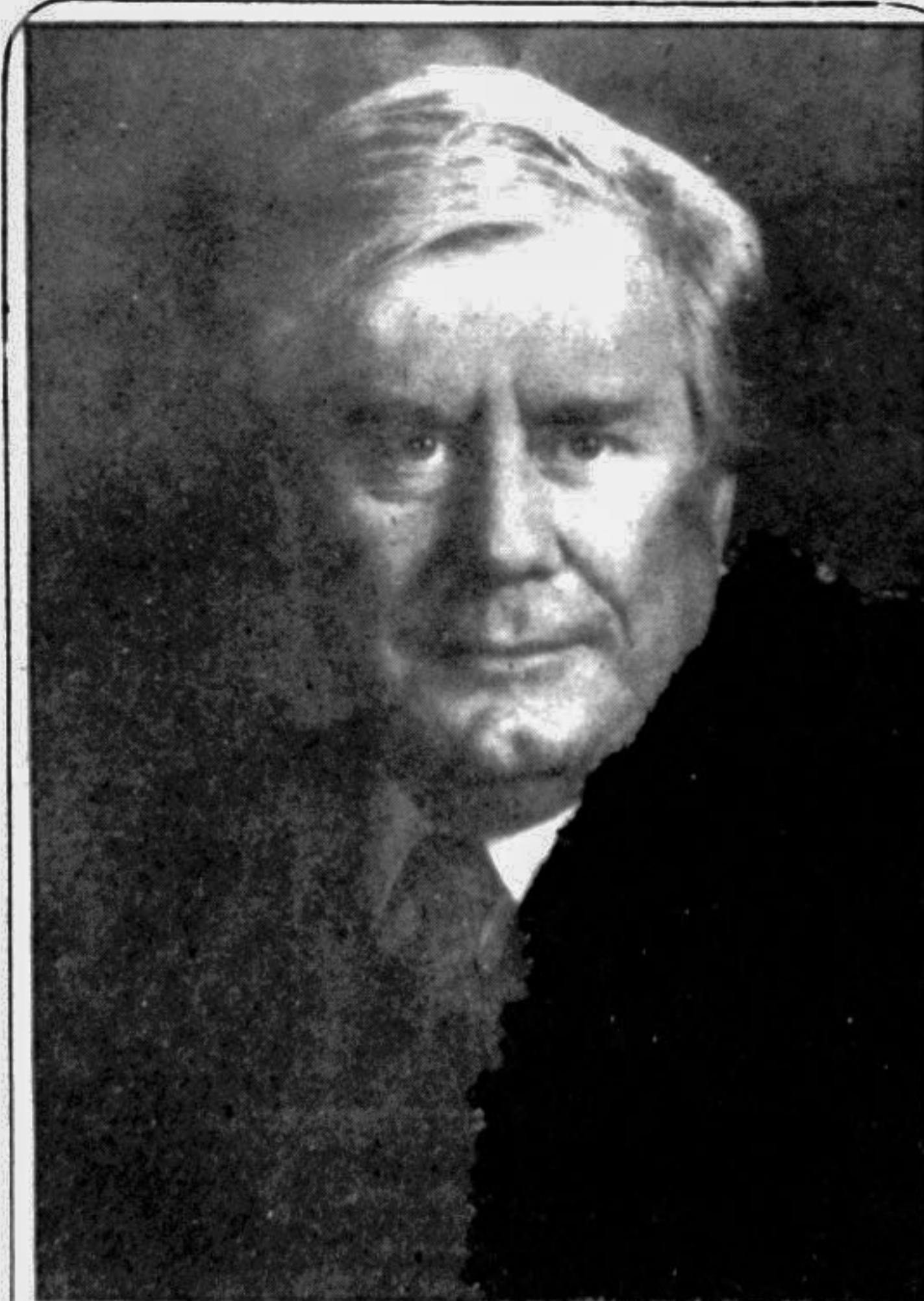
It gives me immense pleasure to learn the Rotary District 3280 of Bangladesh meets in its District Conference from January 5 to 7, 1995 in Dhaka. It is equally heartening to know that the sponsors have chosen 'Conference of Friendship and Service' as the central theme of the annual meet.

I presume that the theme of the district Conference has been squarely in tune with that of the Rotary International of the year 'Be a Friend' while service has been universally acclaimed as the main forte of the Rotary movement since it started its momentous journey in 1905. The input of friendship can be treated as a most vital and enervating factor to strengthen the potential of the movement itself. Such a ceremony of wedding of service with friendship coincides with the prevailing social condition where the element of friendship is turning out to be a rare commodity.

I hope that the 'Conference of Friendship and Service' shall give our social fabric a new texture and our efforts at building the society a newer dimension. I appreciate the initiative of the sponsor to acquire new vigour to serve the suffering humanity.

I wish the Conference all success.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas



### MESSAGE

Daniel W. Mooers  
Director 1994-96  
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#### Dear Governor Hossain:

Thank you for your letter and your District Directory. I have never seen such a complete directory and you are to be congratulated on an outstanding publication. It rivels the International Official Directory and, in many ways, your directory is better.

Shirley and I are looking forward with great anticipation to our visit with you and the Rotarians of your District. I want to help you in every way possible in connection with your Conference. Please let me know if there are particular areas or concerns that you would like me to address during your conference. Shirley and I will be very flexible and we look forward to all assignments you may have for us.

This trip will be our first visit to Bangladesh and we are very much looking forward to it.

Shirley and I am looking forward to our first visit to your country, and we are eagerly awaiting our meeting on January 2.

Kindest personal regards.

Your Rotary Friend  
Daniel W. Mooers  
Director 1994-96  
Rotary International

Rotarians cannot ignore the unforgettable memory of Rotary Leadership Training Workshop at Savar at BPATC. This magnificent institution is for the government's top officials. Ever since that workshop in January, I have organized through the help of my colleagues ten successful training programmes including PETS, SETS and District Assembly which attracted the highest ever delegations. First time in the District I organized training programme for GGRs, Zonal Leaders, Chairmen, Treasurers and Ladies in Rotary. A Project Preparation Workshop was also organized during that six months prior to my taking over as DG. All these training programmes have enabled the Rotary Leaders to make proper planning for undertaking Rotary activities during 1994-95.

The District Directory has been considered by Rotarians at home and abroad as an outstanding publication. Comments received from Rotary leaders abroad may kindly be seen in the last issue of the bi-monthly Friendship magazine. Rotary International Director and Rotary International President's representative in the District Conference has commented, "Thank you for your letter and your District Directory. I have never seen such a complete directory and you are to be congratulated on an outstanding publication. It rivels the International Official Directory and, in many ways, your directory is better."

First time, a District Secretariate has been organized. Rotarians who have visited have realized its utility and have come to appreciate the many opportunities it provides. I planned to equip the secretariate with all the modern facilities in order to provide full scale services to the Rotarians. Clubs have been holding fellowship dinners, joint meetings, committee meetings, and the Rotaractors are conducting their club meetings. In addition, a library is being organized for dissemination of Rotary information.

First time, we are going to have a Floating Boat Hospital. The Intra Ocular Lens Implant Eye Camp organized through the help of RC Gourack, UK and RC Dhaka Central is first such camp held in Bangladesh.

We are planning to hold the first SAARC Countries Friendship Conference in Dhaka in April 1995.

In response to my call, all the clubs in Bangladesh have organized tree plantation. We are going to make a new record in tree plantation, during this Rotary year.

Eye Camps have been started. A great enthusiasm have been

Rtn Mosharraf Hossain  
District Governor

observed in every club for eye care and eye camp works.

An excellent response has been recorded in the Rotary Foundation contribution. We have already received over US\$25,000. Moreover, I have received commitment for an additional US\$50,000 from our dedicated Rotarians.

We have organized six intercity meetings in various Zones, three intracity meetings and many joint meetings. We have received one GSE team from

Australia and another one is soon coming from America. Our teams for these two places have also been selected.

This year our District was not entitled to receive any scholarship. But due to my initiative and persuasion, two Districts, one in America and the other in Japan, have surrendered their scholarships in favour of our District. We have processed and selected two one-year scholars for the University of California and the other for the University

of Hiroshima.

It was due to my contact, the Family Planning Association of Bangladesh sponsored two Rotaractors who attended a seminar in Sri Lanka this year at the cost of an international organization.

First time, I have introduced a Foundation Course for the Rotaractors. This is a four months serious full time training programme on English, Computer and Management. 64 Rotaractors have already completed English and Management courses. The course fee per person for holding such a programme would not be less than a Tk 50,000.00 each. Instead, they were allowed to pay only Tk 400.00 each.

One new club has received charter from the RI and four clubs have been declared provisional. Six Rotaract Clubs have received charter during July-December 1994. 9 applications for WCS projects have already been sent to the Rotary Foundation and 3 projects on 3H are being prepared.

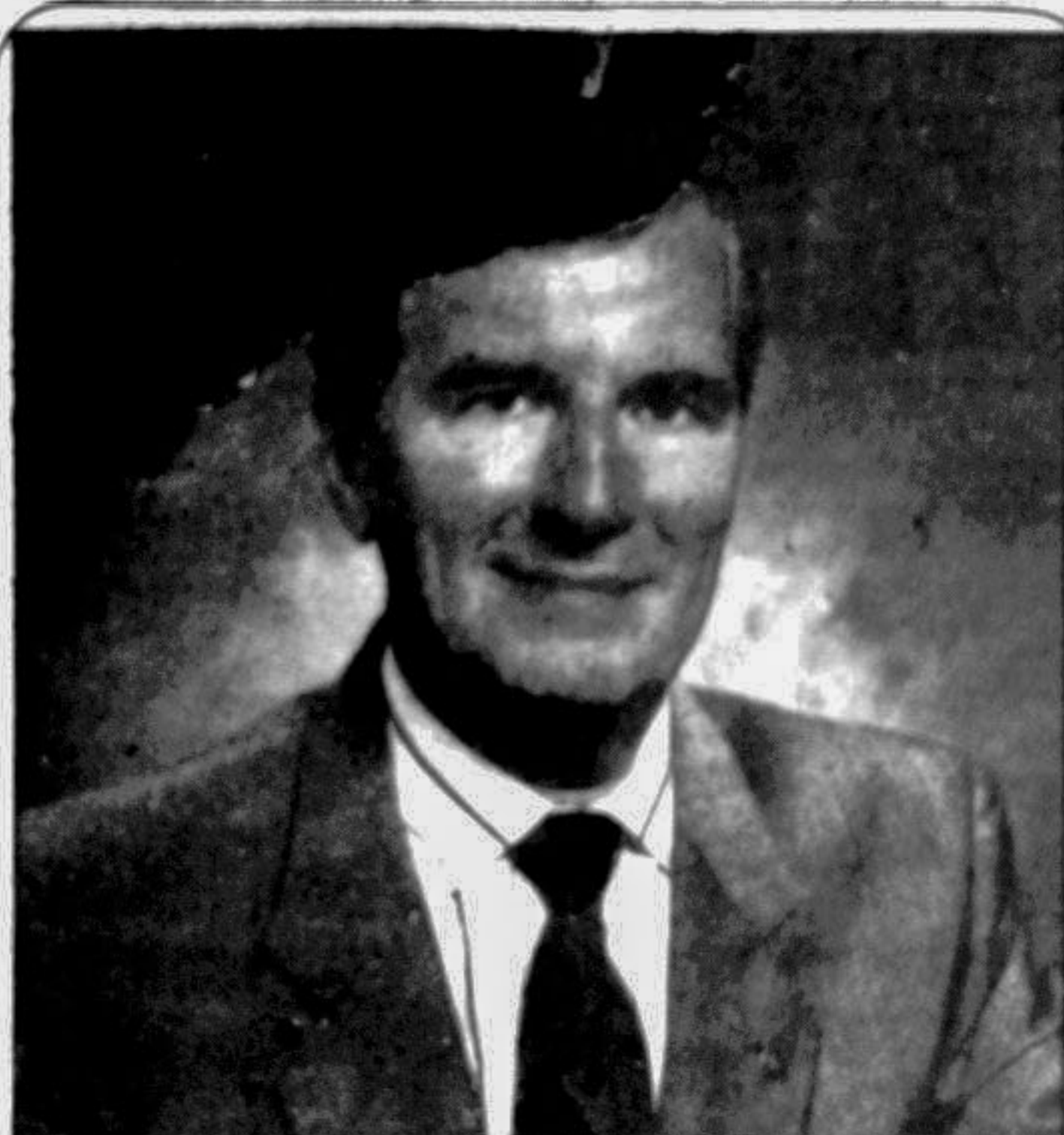
In response to my call, many clubs have organized impressive vocational and professional awards programmes. In the District, I organized recognition programme for our senior most PDG and a PHF was offered to him on the occasion from the District. I have also organized recognition programme for two senior most Rotarians of the District.

We received two RI dignitaries: Rtn Clem Renouf, the R Past President and Rtn Kalyan Banerjee, the RI Director. They were given reception and they spoke very high of our District's performances in implementing Rotary projects. Already, we have started feeling the impact of their visit. RC Mymensingh has received additional US\$ 250,000 for the 3H project they have been conducting for the last several years.

Preparations for the Rotary Year 1994-95 began much earlier before the year actually took off from July 1, 1994. A Task Force of senior Rotarians was organized to exchange ideas on Rotary matters. After crystallization of those ideas, a series of training programmes were undertaken for the incoming leaders of the various Rotary Clubs of the District leadership. The services of training programmes began from January 1994.

The beginning of the Rotary Year on July 1, 1994 was a remarkable day for all of us. The day began by honouring the heroic sons of the soil who sacrificed their lives to earn an independent homeland for us—the martyrs of the Liberation War. Over 350 Rotarians, R Anns, R

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### MESSAGE

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To all Rotarians and Guests attending the 3280 District Conference -1995

Audrey and I send warm greetings to everyone attending the 1994-95 district Conference. We know that you will enjoy a few special days of heart warming Rotary-fellowship. You make new friends, and expand your Rotary Horizons through shared experiences and you meet together.

In its ninety years of service to mankind Rotary has never stopped its advance in discovering new methods of serving the Community and helping those in need. Here at this conference the organisers have put together a comprehensive programme of learning and entertainment, fun and fellowship. Make sure that you take full advantage of all these opportunities.

It is impossible for Audrey and me to visit all the conferences, and so I have invited an enthusiastic Rotary leader to represent me at your conference. Please welcome Past District Governor, Daniel W. Mooers and his partner Shirley, as our personal representatives. Dan is an extremely knowledgeable Rotarian, an enthusiastic leader, and a warm friendly person. Please make every effort to meet them and to enjoy their company.

I can also express my great appreciation for the dedication and commitment of your District Governor Mosharraf. His leadership, which is repeated in every District in the Rotary world, is showing us all how to be a Friend in every way.

Audrey and I hope everyone enjoys the conference, and returns home inspired and enthused to continue our service to humanity.

Your friend,  
Bill Huntley  
President

### ROTARY FIGURES AT A GLANCE

Rotary International 1905 Membership	1,187,500	Rotarians	26,850	Rotary Clubs	506	Rotary district on 1 July 1994	150 countries	35 geographical regions	151,338 member (estimated)	6,879 clubs	103 countries & geographical regions	148,511 members (estimated)	6,457 clubs	124 countries & geographical regions	4,562 corps	52 countries & geographical regions	7,000 youths participate annually (estimated)	60 total countries involved since 1929	The rotary foundation 1917 Total	\$89.5 million	Budget for 1993-94:	\$517 million	Contributions (1992-93):	\$52.5 million	Paul Harris Fellows: 1957	441,334	total authorized for programme awards and operations: — \$28.3 million for scholarships — \$28.1 million for PolioPlus — \$18.8 million for other programs — \$6.2 million for program operations — \$8.1 million for all administration	total program expenditures: 1947-93 — \$44.8 million general — \$3.3 million for Endowment — \$4.4 million other restricted	total Paul Harris Fellows as of 5/94	12,116 total Benefactors as of 5/94	Benefactors	25,500	Scholarships Program: 1947	1,327	scholarships granted since 1947 including: — 1,327 scholarships approved for 1993-94 — 74 sponsoring countries — 63 hosting countries	\$242 million	total scholarship expenditure 1947-1993	438	teams approved for 1993-94	2,190 participants	100+ participating countries	\$4.7 million approved	total teams through 1992-93	25,000+ participants	100 countries involved	\$42 million	expended through 1992-93	5	new projects approved in 1993-94	4	project countries	\$800,000 approved	total projects since 1979	137	— 52 project countries — \$38 million approved	Matching Grants: 1964	592	grants awarded for 1993-94 (5/94)	80	project countries	\$4.2 million approved	grants awarded since 1964	3,500	— 143 project countries — \$32+ million expended	180	grants, 1993-94	— over 2,000 service terms — 74 project countries	\$242 million	collected for Polio Plus campaign	\$181 million	appropriated	98	countries with approved grants	141	countries reported Zero cases (up from 74 in 1965)
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I am glad to know that the Rotary District 3280 of Bangladesh is holding its District Conference in Dhaka soon. I am also happy to note that the theme of the meet has been chosen as Conference of Friendship and Service coinciding with the theme 'Be a friend' of the Rotary International for the year 1994-95.

The thematic value of the Conference is very significant for all practical purposes. It comes off at such a crucial stage of our social life when turning our faces from one another has been a perpetually saddening scenario. We are rapidly proving ourselves bereft of all our values of friendship and service and in their stead turning out to be ignominiously selfish. In this context, the sponsors have undertaken a great task of restoring the finer values of friendship and service in the society.

My personal friendships remain for the sponsors of the Conference of their noble venture and all good wishes for the success of their efforts.

Begum Khaleida Zia  
Prime Minister



### MESSAGE

I congratulate all Rotarians, their spouses and R-Lets on the occasion of the District Conference 1995.

**Conference Friendship and Service.** District Conference is the biggest event of the year. Rotarians, their spouses and R-Lets assemble in the conference from all clubs of the District. They enjoy fellowship, establish friendship, exchange ideas and develop long lasting linkage among themselves.

This year our conference slogan is **Conference of Friendship and Service**. This is very much in light and spirit of the President's theme **Be a Friend**.

It is a matter of great pride that president Bill Huntley will be represented in the Conference by Rotary International Director Daniel W. Mooers and Rotary world first Lady Audrey by R Ann Shirley Mooers. Rotarians and their spouses will have excellent opportunity to meet and exchange fellowship with the Rotary International couple.

The venue of the conference, the National Indoor Stadium has special attraction in the Conference. I am confident that Rotarians, Anns, R-Lets will like the magnificent stadium and its surrounding and use it for greater fellowship and friendship.

I assure highest attention to all Rotarians and guests. There will be attractive entertaining cultural programmes, good food and exciting district traffic draw.

I am confident that you will enjoy a great fun and fellowship and derive inspiring lessons for serving humanity. Let us meet in this greatest event of the year and **Be Friend** to all.

I wish the District Conference a grand success.

Rtn Mosharraf Hossain  
District Governor