

CREATE AWARENESS



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CONFERENCE OF Awareness and Action

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Message



PRESIDENT

PEOPLES' REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed

I welcome the annual District Conference of Rotary International District 3280, Bangladesh, Protitee 2001.

Rotary is a worldwide organization of leaders in business and professions who provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world. I appreciate that the Rotary has made significant contribution toward eradication of Polio. It is the most important annual event for Rotarians of the District which offers an ideal occasion for fellowship and exchange of ideas about socially relevant projects.

I wish the Rotary District Conference 'PROTITEE-2001' a total success.

Message

FRANK J. DEVLYN

Rotary International President 2000-2001



Gloria Rita and I send warm greetings to everyone attending this 2000-2001 District Conference. We wish to express our great appreciation for the dedication of Governor Hasan Maniruzzaman and Ismat, who, along with the conference committee, have

put together a comprehensive program of Rotary information, fun and fellowship. You have a unique opportunity to make new friends and expand your Rotary horizons through many shared experiences. Unfortunately, it is not possible for Gloria Rita and me to visit all the conferences, so I have invited an outstanding Rotarian to represent me at your conference. Please welcome Jocelyn I. Bolante and his spouse Maria Carol, as our personal representatives. Joc-Joc is an exemplary Rotarian, an enthusiastic leader, and a delightful person. I'm sure you will enjoy their company during your district conference.

As this new millennium unfolds, I encourage you to find innovative and proactive ways to address the world's many pressing concerns. Together we can make a difference as we **CREATE AWARENESS** and **TAKE ACTION**.

Founder of Rotary



Paul Percival Harris 1868-1947

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



Jocelyn "Joc-Joc" I. Bolante
Rotary International
President's Personal Representative

I send happy congratulations from District 3830, Philippines, to all the Rotarians of District 3280, Bangladesh. And we wish that your District Conference on January 19 and 20, 2001, will be a great and memorable success.

Being your first in the New Millennium, this District Conference 2001 will surely be historic. It is in this venue and in this forum that your Rotarians will enjoy the beautiful fruit of this Rotary year's theme- **Create Awareness and Take Action**- which will give more momentum, more strength, and more energy to their respective clubs.

Message



Hasan Maniruzzaman

District Governor
RI District 3280 Bangladesh

It is a matter of pleasure for me that my Action Team Colleagues at the district level are going to host PROTITEE 2001- the District Conference

of AWARENESS and ACTION in our District 3280 on Friday and Saturday, 19-20 January 2001.

We heartily welcome Rotary International President Frank J. Devlyn's Personal Representative, Rotarian PDG Jocelyn I Bolante and his gracious spouse, Rotary International First Lady Gloria Rita's Personal Representative, Madam Maria Carol Dorado of the Philippines to our District Conference. I convey my greetings and felicitation to the hundreds of Rotarians and participants attending this momentous event.

January is designated as the **MONTH OF AWARENESS**. Since our District Conference is being held in this month, the occasion calls for our greater awareness and rededication to the service of Rotary.

Let's all **Create Awareness** and **Take Action** to make our world better for our generation to live in.

The 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:

- First** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.
- Second** High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society.
- Third** The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal business and community life.
- Fourth** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace, through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

From the Conference Chairman

A.K.M. Shamsuddin



District Governor Hasan Maniruzzaman bestowed on me great honour by asking me to be the Chairman of PROTITEE 2001, The District Conference of R.I. District 3280. The District Conference is the most important annual event for Rotarians. This year, the event is being organised centrally by the District administration. The conference of Awareness and Action promises to be a conference with a difference.

PROTITEE stands for conviction. This conviction of ideals unite about 1.2 million Rotarians globally and 2800 Rotarians in Bangladesh. Rotarians believe in friendship, fellowship and cooperation. The District Conference is the most suitable occasion to exchange fellowship. It would give Rotarians an opportunity to welcome R.I. President's Representative Rtn. Jocelyn "Joc-Joc" Bolante, Vice Chairman, World Community Service Resources Task Force and his gracious spouse Lady Maria Carol to our conference. Participants will be able to meet the Group Study Exchange teams from Japan, District 2500 and Canada, District 5360 on this festive occasion. This is also the event which presents the opportunity to express oneself. Rotary leaders from home and abroad will be on hand as well. We have exciting two days ahead of us. There are nationally and internationally renowned speakers who will deliberate on topics important to us and to our society. We will not only learn from them, but will get ideas for action also. Let the deliberations of this conference, help create awareness amongst Rotarians, in the community and in the world. Based on these experiences let us then take action for the benefit of mankind. Together, let us make PROTITEE 2001 a success.

The Rotary Foundation

A Brief history.....

The Rotary Foundation was begun in 1917 by Arch Klumph, sixth President of Rotary International, who convinced a Rotary convention of the need for an endowment for "doing good the in world" in charitable, educational or other areas of service.

The endowment received its first contribution a few months later- US\$ 26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri, USA, representing funds left over from the 1918 Rotary Convention in that city. In 1928, the endowment grew to US\$ 5,739 and was formally named The Rotary Foundation, with the first Trustees appointed that year. Here are some additional milestones in the history of the Foundation.

1930 The Rotary Foundation's first grant - US\$ 500 - is awarded to the International Society of Crippled Children.

1947 At the death of Rotary International's founder, Paul Harris, Rotarians from around the world make gifts to the Foundation in his memory, totaling more than US\$ 1 million by June 1948. The Foundation launches its first program the following year, providing graduates scholarships for study abroad 18 scholars from seven countries.

1957 Paul Harris Fellow Recognition for donors giving at least US\$ 1,000 to the Foundation.

1956 Annual contributions to the Foundation exceed US\$ 1 million, enabling it to establish the Matching Grants program.

1978 The Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) program is created to help improve health, alleviate hunger and enhance human and social development.

1979 The Foundation Trustees approve a US\$ 760,000 3-H Grant for a five-year polio immunization plan in the Philippines, which had experienced annual epidemics of the crippling

disease. The 3-H program also spawns Grants for Rotary Volunteers, beginning with medical and dental professionals donating their service in refugee camps in Southeast Asia, before expanding to many other professions.

1981 The Rotary Endowment for World Understanding and Peace is established.

1985 Contributions climb to US\$ 24 million annually. PolioPlus officially becomes a Rotary Foundation program. The Rotary International Board of Directors adopts the goal of immunizing 500 million children in the developing world against polio, in the hope of helping to eliminate polio by the year 2000, with official certification in 2005, Rotary's 100th anniversary.

1990 Carl P. Miller Discovery Grants begin, subsidizing travel and related expenses for club and district representatives to investigate and plan International Service projects.

1993 At the RI Convention in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, a child is immunized against polio, representing the 500 millionth children to receive vaccine through PolioPlus.

1994 Permanent Fund Initiative begins, expanding the Rotary Endowment and providing future earned income.

1996 Number of contributors to the Foundation reaches one million.

1996 Helping Grant begin, providing a means for clubs and districts to undertake international humanitarian service projects in non-Rotary countries.

1998 Total contributions to the Foundation since its inception surpass US\$ billion.

1998 Trustees expand opportunities for projects and simplify procedures for Foundation grants.

WHY JOIN ROTARY ?

- 1. Friendship:** In an increasingly complex world, Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs; the need for friends and fellowship. It is one of the two reasons why Rotary began in 1905.
- 2. Business Development:** This is the second original reason for Rotary's beginning. Everyone needs to network. Rotary consists of a cross section of every business community. Its members come from all walks of life. Rotarians help each other and collectively help others.
- 3. Personal Growth and Development:** Membership in Rotary continues one's growth and education in human relations and personal development.
- 4. Leadership Development:** Rotary is an organization of leaders and successful people. Serving in Rotary positions is like a college education in Leadership; learning how to motivate, influence and lead leaders.
- 5. Citizenship in the Community:** Membership in a Rotary club makes one a better community citizen. The average Rotary club consists of the most active citizens of any community.
- 6. Continuing Education:** Each week at Rotary there is a program designed to keep one informed about what is going on in the community, nation and world. Different speakers; different topics.
- 7. Fun:** Rotary is fun. A lot of fun. Each meeting is fun. The club projects are fun. Social activities are fun. And the service is fun.
- 8. The Development of Public Speaking Skills:** Many an individual who joined Rotary was afraid to speak in public. Rotary develops confidence and skill in public communication and opportunity.
- 9. Citizenship in the World:** Every Rotarian wears a pin that says, "Rotary International". And every Rotarian is welcome-even encouraged to attend at 29,000 clubs in 194 nations and geographical regions. There are few places on the globe that do not have a Rotary club. Instant friends in both one's own community and in the world community.
- 10. Assistance when Traveling:** Because there are Rotary clubs everywhere, many a Rotarian who has needed a doctor, a lawyer, a hotel, a dentist, advice, etc., while traveling has found the same quickly through Rotary.
- 11. Entertainment:** Every Rotary club and district has parties and activities which provide diversion in one's business life. Rotary has conferences, conventions, assemblies and institutes which provide entertainment in addition to Rotary information, education and service.
- 12. The Development of Social Skills:** Every week and at various events and functions, Rotary develops one's personality, social and people skills. Rotary is for people who like people, or who want to.
- 13. Family Programs:** Rotary provides one of the world's largest youth exchange programs; high school and college clubs for future Rotarians spouse clubs and programs and a host of activities designed to help family members in growth and development of family values.
- 14. Vocational Skills:** Every Rotarian is expected to take part in the growth and development of his or her own profession or vocation; to serve on committees and to teach youth about one's job or vocation. Rotary helps to make one a better doctor, lawyer, teacher, (or whatever one does for living) etc.
- 15. The Development of Ethics:** Rotarians practice a 4-way Test which governs one's ethical standards. Rotarians are expected to be ethical in business and personal relationships.
- 16. Cultural Awareness:** Around the world, practically every religion, country, culture, race, creed, political persuasion, language, color and ethnic identity is found in Rotary. It is a cross section of world's most prominent citizens from every background. Rotarians become aware of their cultures and learn to love and work with people everywhere. They become better citizens of their countries in the process.
- 17. Prestige:** Rotary members are prominent people; leaders of business, the professions, art, government, sports, military, religion and all disciplines. Rotary is the oldest and most prestigious service club in the world. Its ranks include executives, managers, professionals-people who make decisions and influence policy. Not everyone is invited to join Rotary.
- 18. Association of Nice People:** Rotarians above all are nice people; the nicest people on the face of the earth. They are important people who adhere to the policy that while it is nice to be important, it is more important to be nice.
- 19. The Absence of "Official Creed":** Rotary has no secret handshake, no secret policy, no official creed, no secret meeting or rituals. It is an open society - of men and women who simply believe in helping others.
- 20. The Opportunity to Serve:** Rotary is a service club. Its business is mankind. Its product is service. Rotarians provide community service-to both the local and international communities. This is the best reason perhaps for becoming a Rotarian; the chance to do something for somebody else. And to sense the self-fulfillment that comes in the process. And the return to one's own life. Rotarians believe in service above self. It is richly rewarding. "HE PROFITS MOST WHO SERVES BEST."

Free Rotary Heart Camps

' Dream comes true for the poor '

Sultan Mahmudur Rahman
Chairman, Rotary District Heart Camp

Primary Health Care remains a far cry for the poor in a country like Bangladesh. Treatment and even a simple counseling for complicated medical attention by specialists is a dream. So where Rotary organizes Free Heart Camps, it turns out to be DREAM COMING TRUE for the poor. The voice of the specialists for the needy one, sounds like an angelic one. At least it reaffirms their faith on the society itself that all social values are not lost yet. People do care for them and that again it is Rotarians and Rotary.



Rotary Club of Dhaka became catalysts to take forward the concept of this long felt community need at the initiative of the then District Governor M. Jamaluddin in the year 1997-98 and since then such Free Heart Camps are held for the poor. This Heart Camp has not only turned an annual event but a Ritual Like program to which the Rotarians, Rotary Anns (wives of Rotarians), Rotaractors, Interactors, Rotary Community Corps Members and Rotarians Children show their commitments and devotion

which is hardly witnessed.

In keeping with Rotary principle, this Program appears to be potentially sustainable. Therefore from year to year the event gathered new dimensions that included increased number of free patients as well as scope of free surgery.

This year under the special initiative and care of our Rotary District Governor Hasan Maniruzzaman the District is sending 10 poor patients to be operated free of charge at Rabindranath Tagore International Institute of Cardiac Sciences (RTICS) at Calcutta, India in February 2001. More patients would be sent for the same cause, which are in process. And a group of patients would be arranged surgical facilities at a concessional price through Rotary at the same Institute.

Year	Patients Checked	District Governor
1997-98	1200 (Surgical / Medicine)	PDG M Jamaluddin
1998-99	1600 (Surgical / Medicine)	PDG MA Awal
1999-00	2100 (Surgical / Medicine)	PDG M Ozair Farooq
2000-01	130 (Surgical Patients Only)	DG Hasan Maniruzzaman

A team of Doctors led by renowned Cardiac Surgeon Dr. Devi Shetty of India was kind enough to check these patients recommended by Rotary clubs from all over Bangladesh (Rotary International District 3280).

We are grateful to them and to several Rotarians for their generous contribution and to the Rotary volunteers for making these Free Rotary Heart Camps

a success. Since the beginning of this Free Heart Camp the objectives were:

1. To offer specialists advice to poor and needy regarding heart related diseases / problems free of cost without any obligation whatsoever.
2. To raise public awareness on preventive care of heart related diseases from smoking to basic primary health care.
3. To offer opportunities for periodic check up advice to those who had undergone surgery of treatment earlier which otherwise would not have been possible on their part because of huge financial involvement.
4. Advocacy in moulding policy makers decision towards the need for creating such facilities in the country through wide media Print, T.V., Radio coverage on the Rotary events.
5. To reflect Rotary ideals ' Service Above Self ' in the spirit of Shared social responsibility.

The visiting Doctors along with Rotary District Governor and myself met the Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in 1997-98 and in 1999-2000. During the year 1999-2000 the Prime Minister instructed the Chairman, Bangladesh Red Crescent Society to give a piece of land at Mirpur Circle-2, Dhaka for building up a Heart Hospital, which would enhance Rotary's Image through public relation. The procurement of this land is under process. In the meantime a feasibility study is continuing to establish the Heart Hospital in a readymade building at Kuwait Hospital, Uttara, Dhaka.

The Next Free Heart Camp would be held in March / April 2001 at Dhaka to be hosted by Rotary Club of Dhaka.