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Attendance: 13

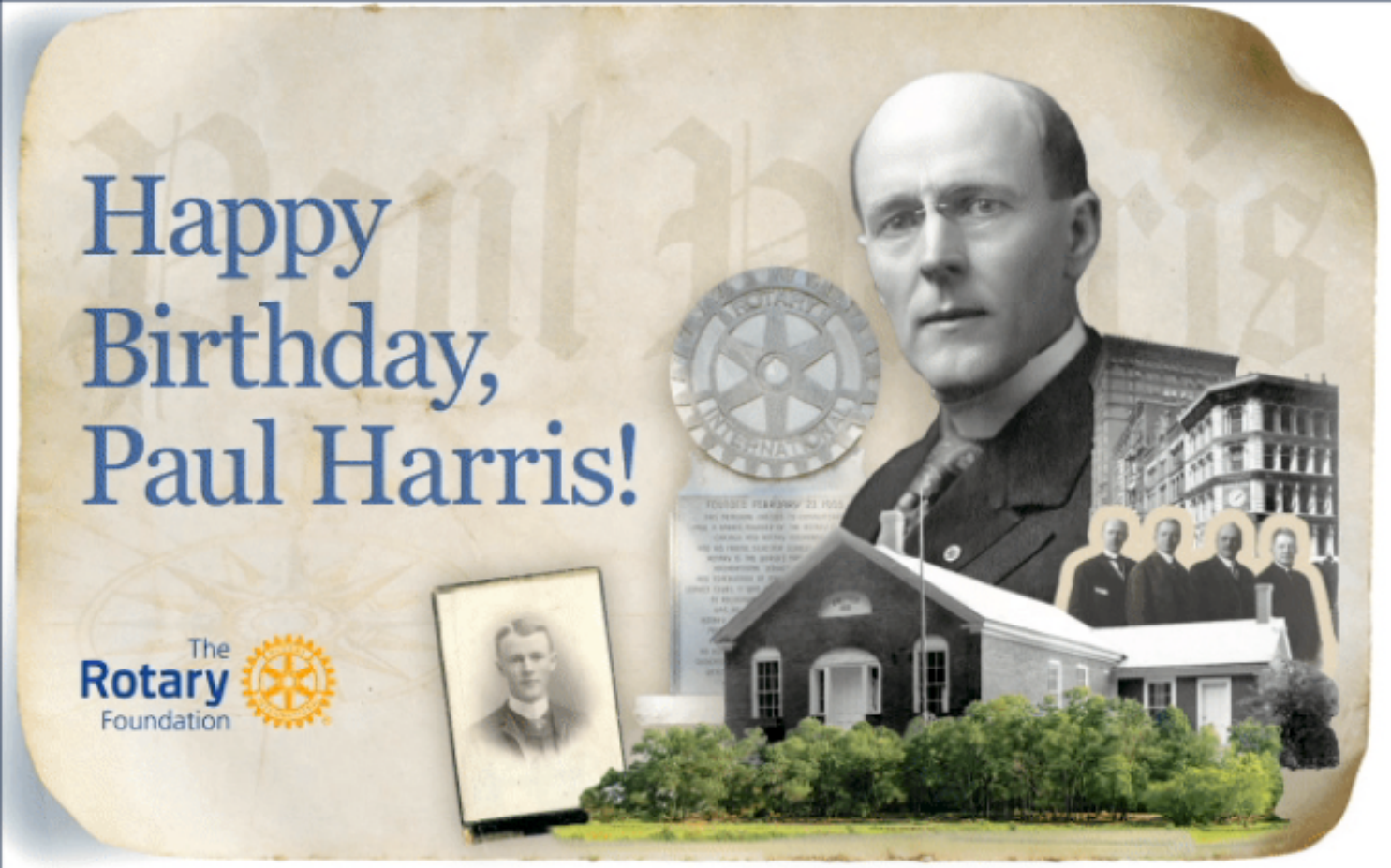
Greetings on Birthday  
Apr 15th : PND Shubhayan Sengupta  
Apr 16th : Anjali, Daughter of PP DK Rao  
Apr 19th : PP Amitav Ganguly

Anniversary Greetings  
Apr 19th : PP Shweta & PP Prosenjit Barua

The Wisdom of Paul Harris

PDG Ray Sanford, RID 5320

Rotary founder Paul Harris was born in Racine, Wisconsin, USA, on 19 April 1868. Thanks to his **extraordinary vision**, to this day, Rotary members around the world remain dedicated to fellowship and community service.



These quotes from Paul P Harris encapsulate fundamental principles of Rotary: leadership through service, the importance of kindness and gratitude, the strength in diversity, and the imperative to actively create positive change. His words continue to inspire Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike to live purposefully and contribute to a better world.

Fellowship and Global Understanding:

"The foundation upon which Rotary is built is friendship; on no less firm foundation could it have stood."

Rotary's international student exchange programs foster global understanding by allowing students from different countries to experience new cultures, build international friendships, and understand diverse perspectives.

Ethics and Integrity:

"Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves."

The Rotary Four-Way Test is used in business and professional settings to encourage ethical decision-making, asking if actions are truthful, fair, beneficial, and fostering goodwill.

Diversity:

"Rotary is a cross-section of the business and professional life of the community."

Rotary clubs worldwide are composed of members from various professions, races, genders, and cultures, reflecting the organization's commitment to diversity and inclusivity.

Vocational Expertise, Service, and Leadership:

"It is the privilege of each Rotarian to represent his or her vocation to other club members and to exemplify the characteristics of one's profession in one's relationship with them."

Rotary's Vocational Service Month encourages members to use their professional skills to support service projects, mentor young professionals, and lead community improvement initiatives.

Impact and Leadership:

"Success is not measured by wealth, but by the positive impact you have on others."

Harris believed that true success comes from the positive impact on others, emphasizing the essence of leadership as inspiring others to be their best, noting, **"True leadership is about inspiring others to be their best selves"**.

Kindness and Service:

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

He also believed in the transformative power of service, asserting, "The only way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

Diversity and Personal Growth:

"Our differences make us stronger; let's celebrate diversity."

On personal development and societal change, he advised, "The best way to change the world is to start with yourself."

Proactivity and Gratitude:

"Don't wait for opportunities, create them."

He highlighted gratitude's transformative role, stating, "Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life."



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## Message to our members

*Dear Rotary members,*

*Over the past few months, while we visited Rotary clubs worldwide and witnessed inspiring projects that are making a tangible difference in their communities, many have approached us with concerns about the current political and economic volatility, and its potential impact on the work that we do.*

*We want to assure you that in times of uncertainty, one thing is certain - our mission and values remain unchanged.*

*Rotary is a force for good in the world because we are deeply embedded in communities. We will continue to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace.*

*The ideals of service, fellowship, and diversity have enabled us to transcend boundaries of all kinds. We bring people of all backgrounds together, foster collaboration, and make our communities stronger.*

*For 120 years Rotary has thrived through two World Wars, through the Cold War, and through multiple deadly pandemics. We have endured and strengthened because we adhere to our mission and to our values. In times like these, we are once again reminded of the strength of Rotary and the importance of supporting our organisation.*

*As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we've helped reduce polio cases by 99.9 percent since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979. Regardless of what lies ahead, we will stay the course and keep our commitment to the world's children by ending polio forever. At present, we're coordinating with our global partners to closely monitor and assess the fast-evolving situation, proactively working with many governments to sustain their financial support and seek alternative funding sources. Now more than ever, your financial support of PolioPlus is critical.*

*We will continue to support our Areas of Focus to forge solutions and fulfil long-term goals. Through our programs, grants, and people-to-people diplomacy, we address the underlying causes of conflicts, creating an environment conducive to peace. We work with our partners to engage in sustainable projects that tackle poverty, inequality, and lack of access to education in our own communities and those around the world. Rotary's recent peace conference in Istanbul, which attracted more than 1,000 Rotary members, peace builders, and scholars around the world is testimony to our commitment.*

*At this moment, it is ever more important that we channel our concerns and uncertainties into action and share that vision of hope with others.*

*Sincerely,*

**Stephanie A. Urchick**  
**President, Rotary International**

**Mark Daniel Maloney**  
**Chair, The Rotary Foundation**

**John Hewko**  
**General Secretary**

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On April 18th, 2025, Rotary Garden Reach organised a Cervical Cancer Awareness & Preventive Examination Camp in association with Netaji Subhas Cancer Hospital at the Bata India Plant at Batanagar, Maheshtala. In total 75 candidates attended the seminar out of which 32 women registered for screening and 4 men for oral & lungs screening including the Unit Head of the factory.

The Doctors and the members were served with sumptuous lunch by Bata India. It was a befitting camp as Awareness of Cervical Cancer is indeed a top priority.

Members attended were PP Tapan Roy, PP Prosenjit Barua, PP Tanu Roy, PP Shweta B Barua, Rtn. Tamal Roy, Rtn. Amar Saha, Rtn. Santosh Singh, R'let Devarsh Roy & the main protagonist, our Club President Rtn. Biswajit Saha.





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## 2025 Council on Legislation recaps

About 480 Rotary members from around the world, each representing a single Rotary district, are gathering this week at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago, Illinois, USA, for the 2025 Council on Legislation. They will vote on 78 proposals to change Rotary International's constitutional documents.

"This Council represents the heart of Rotary's democratic process and the best of our international spirit," said Rotary International President Stephanie A. Urchick at the opening session. "The gathering is one of Rotary's most powerful expressions of multiculturalism. Here, voices from every corner of the globe come together – not to compete, but to collaborate."

The Council on Legislation, which meets every three years, is Rotary's version of a congress. Representatives selected by their districts gather to consider proposals designed to move Rotary forward and adapt to the changing times.

### Follow this year's coverage below

#### Monday, 14 April

Representatives approved a measure to decrease the number of members needed to charter a new Rotary club from 20 to 15. Supporters said it would remove barriers to starting new clubs and help Rotary grow and expand its reach. The Council also defeated a pair of measures to set an age limit for Rotaractors. Opponents cited the low number of current Rotaractors over the age of 40 in arguing that limits were unnecessary and said such restrictions could force members out of Rotary.

They also rejected limiting the number of honorary members a club can have to 5% of the club's active membership. Opponents noted that many clubs use honorary membership to stay in contact with former members, many of them long-time Rotarians with valuable expertise to offer.

#### Tuesday, 15 April

After 45 minutes of debate, the Council approved an increase in the dues that every member pays to Rotary International of **US\$ 3.50** in the first year and **US\$ 3.75** in the following two years. Supporters said the increase is needed to meet rising costs and continue providing essential resources and services to clubs. They said that the dues increase is below the inflation rate, indicating that RI is working to cut costs and manage revenues responsibly. Opponents felt that dues increases may hurt membership and wanted more transparency from RI about what cost-cutting has been done.

Representatives also approved a measure allowing the Board to test additional new governance models in districts beyond those approved by the Council three years ago. A governance pilot is currently being tested in districts in RIBI, New Zealand, and Australia, with some modest success in membership growth. Supporters noted that the system in which governors oversee districts dates back to the early days of Rotary. They argue that trying new governance models can help Rotary adapt to future needs and train and develop new leaders.

In another measure, representatives agreed to allow the Board to consider factors such as culture and language, not just the number of Rotarians, in deciding zone boundaries.

#### Wednesday, 16 April

Representatives voted to require that the five-year financial forecast presented at the beginning of each Council include updates on specific process improvements and cost-reduction measures taken by RI. Several representatives wanted RI to provide more details about cost reductions to justify any increase in dues.

In a similar measure, the Council approved commissioning a regular professional analysis of processes and cost structures in RI's administration. They declined to require, however, that Rotary's annual report include an itemized list of every expense over US\$1 million.

After considerable debate, the Council voted to make holding a district conference optional.



## Prandhara Project



We, Rotary Garden Reach are really thankful to all Rotarians who have attended the project, and making **"Pranadhara"** a successful project. Our humblest gratitude to Rtn. Kitshiri Athulathmudali & Spouse Gowri from Rotary Club of Colleyville, Texas to have graced the event even in this sweltering heat on April 20th, 2025 at BNR SE Railway Hospital, Garden Reach. Our gratitude goes out to Rtn. Arindam Roychowdhury for fabricating & guiding this project so beautifully & efficiently.

PDG Prabir Chatterjee inaugurated the Tata Swachh Water Filter. President Biswajit Saha & PN Dr. BN Jha has been totally instrumental in getting the project on time with all its logistics and etc.

President Rtn. Biswajit expressed his gratitude to our international Rotarian friend Rtn. Kitshiri & spouse and Rtn. Arindam, for motivating us. President immensely thanked PN Dr. BN Jha for leading the project and Secretary Rtn. B Mohan.

Members attended PP Tapan Roy, PP Dr. Arabinda & Spouse Dr. Sharda Ray, PP Dr. JK Singh, PE B Mohan, PP Abinash Singh, Rtn. Dr. Subrata Lahiri & Rtn. Santosh Singh and visiting Rotarians from Rotary Calcutta Camaraderie.







*Rotary International Board of Directors 2025-26 and President-elect Mario Cesar Martins de Camargo.*

## **Minutes of the 2308th RWM held on April 8th, 2025 at Rotary Sadan, Chowringhee**

1. President Biswajit welcomed the members and requested them to rise for the National Anthem.
2. The President informed the members that the club's visit to Bharatgarh Rotary School is long pending and is now scheduled for April 12th, 2025. All members are requested to confirm their participation to ensure the visit is both impactful and memorable.
3. Updates were shared regarding the “Prandhara Water Project” at SE Railway Hospital. All civil work and installation of machinery are expected to be completed by April 19th, 2025, in time for the Global Grant Partnering Team's visit to BNR project site.
4. The President announced that a Cancer Awareness and Preventive Examination Camp will be held at Bata Factory on April 17th, 2025. Members willing to participate are requested to inform the President in advance for arrangement of entry passes.
5. A Medical Camp with Eye Screening, along with Thalassemia Awareness initiative and Tree Plantation, is scheduled for April 27th, 2025 at Sunday Club, Shyamnagar. President will collect details regarding the availability of doctors and beneficiary attendance and will update members in the next meeting.
6. A visit to Julien Day School, Howrah is scheduled for April 29th, 2025 to hand over the Charter Certificate to the Interact Club officials. The event will also include a Tree Plantation drive in collaboration with Interact Club members. Members are encouraged to attend.
7. PP Prosenjit Barua generously announced that he will sponsor the installation of Western toilet facilities at Bharatgarh Rotary School to enhance comfort for visiting club members. His contribution was met with a round of applause and appreciation from all present.
8. The Club Secretary conducted the Club Business.
9. Minutes of the last RWM was confirmed. President Biswajit terminated the meeting.