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Editor's Column

Dear Readers,

I welcome you to the 2nd edition of the month of August, a month which brings awareness among masses, opens avenues for opportunities as well as self-advancement and improvement. Being able to read and write means being able to keep up with correct events, communicate effectively and understand the issues that are shaping our world. I sincerely appreciate the co-operation advanced by each member of the club in all the events and projects undertaken by the club and thus I end this message with a quote of our founder Paul Harris:

"Individual efforts may be turned to individual needs, but combined efforts should be dedicated to the service of mankind!"

RI President 2026-27



Sangkoo Yun, of the Rotary Club of Sae Hanyang, Seoul, Korea, is the selection of the nominating committee to become Rotary International's president for 2026-27. He will be officially declared the president-nominee on 15 September if no other candidates challenge him. Yun received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the Syracuse University School of Architecture in the U.S. and an honorary doctoral degree from The University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He is the founder and CEO of Dongsuh Corp., which engineers and markets architectural materials, and the president of Youngan Corp., which operates in real estate and financial investment. He is involved in many civic organizations and has a special interest in the preservation of cultural heritage. A Rotary member since 1987, when he was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Sae Hanyang, Yun has served Rotary International as a director, trustee, committee member and chair, and RI learning facilitator. He served for eight years as co-chair of the Keep Mongolia Green Project, by Korean members of Rotary. His RI committee roles include the Board Administration Committee (2013-15, vice chair 2014-15), the International Assembly Committee (vice chair, 2020-21), and the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee (regional vice chair, 2023-27). He also served on The Rotary Foundation's Executive Committee (2019-22, chair 2020-21) and Programs Committee (2019-22, chair 2020-22).

Yun received The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award in 2021-22. He was appointed an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II, awarded the Friendship Medal by the president of Mongolia, and recognized for distinguished services by the president and prime minister of Korea. He is a veteran of the Republic of Korea Army and an emeritus elder at Andong Presbyterian Church.

Yun and his spouse, Eunsun, are Rotary Foundation Benefactors, Major Donors, and members of the Arch Klumph Society, the Paul Harris Society, and the Bequest Society. They have two children.

To learn more about Yun, read his interview and vision statement, which outline his goals for Rotary.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The members of the Nominating Committee for the 2026-27 President of Rotary International are :

Jessie H. Harman (chair), Rotary Club of Wendouree Breakfast, Victoria, Australia; Francesco Arezzo (secretary), Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy; Per Høyen, Rotary Club of Aarup, Denmark; Jeremy Hurst, Rotary Club of Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands; Jan Lucas Ket, Rotary Club of Purmerend, Netherlands; Urs Klemm, Rotary Club of Aarau, Switzerland; Sam Okudzeto, Rotary Club of Accra, Ghana; Bharat S. Pandya, Rotary Club of Borivli, Maharashtra, India; Julia D. Phelps, Rotary Club of Amesbury, Massachusetts, USA; José Alfredo Pretoni, Rotary Club of São Paulo-Sul, São Paulo, Brazil; Dean Rohrs, Rotary Club of Langley Central, British Columbia, Canada; Kenneth Schuppert, Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama, USA; Johrita Solari, Rotary Club of Anaheim, California, USA; Katsuhiko Tatsuno, Rotary Club of Tokyo-West, Tokyo, Japan; Guiller E. Tumangan, Rotary Club of Makati West, Makati City, Philippines; Kamal Sanghvi, Rotary Club of Dhanbad, Jharkhand, India; Chang-Gon Yim, Rotary Club of Daegu West, Daegu, Korea.

Puzzle

Guess the Sports

1. R + 
2.  + 
3.  + 
4.  + F
5.  + 
6.  + NG
7.  + 
8.  + 
9.  + S
10.   10

ANSWER TO PUZZLE

1. Rugby
2. Football
3. Cricket
4. Fencing I think
5. Horse Racing
6. Boxing
7. Handball
8. Basketball
9. Squash
10. Badminton

Quiz

A Quiz is mightier than a sword — Give it a Try!

1. Which Indian festival is celebrated in August?

- a) Diwali
- b) Holi
- c) Independence Day
- d) Raksha Bandhan

Answer: c) Independence Day and d) Raksha Bandhan

2. What is the name of the month of August in the Hindu calendar?

- a) Shravana
- b) Bhadrapada
- c) Ashvina
- d) Kartika

Answer: a) Shravana

3. Which of the following is a common theme for August in India?

- a) Summer vacation
- b) Back to school

c) Festive season

d) Monsoon season

Answer: d) Monsoon season

4. Who is the Indian independence activist whose birthday is celebrated on August 15th?

- a) Mahatma Gandhi
- b) Jawaharlal Nehru
- c) Subhas Chandra Bose
- d) Bhagat Singh

Answer: b) Jawaharlal Nehru

5. In which year did India gain independence from British rule, celebrated on August 15th?

- a) 1945
- b) 1947
- c) 1950
- d) 1955

Answer: b) 1947

Minutes of the 2501st RWM held in The Cosy Room of International Club, Kolkata, on 01/08/2024

- President called the 2501st RWM to order.
- The President requested all to rise for the National Anthem which was sung in chorus.
- The President requested members to observe a minute of silence in memory of our beloved Rotarian PP Asoke Kr. Chandra.
- President announced a dedicated Memorial Service shall be observed on a later date.
- President announced the Board Meeting was held on 31/07/2024 and summarised the decisions of the Board Meeting :
 - a. As PE Anirban Sarker and present Secretary has tendered his resignation for President for RY 2025-26, the Board accepted the letter after much deliberation and the Board after thoughtful consideration has nominated Rtn. Joydeep Mookerjee as PE (2025-26), unanimously.
 - b. As Rtn. Joydeep Mookerjee not served the Club as Treasurer / Secretary, thereby he is also appointed as Jt. Secretary to gather experience on the functioning of the club administration along with Rtn. Jayanta Chattopadhyay who is currently in the position.
 - c. The Plans & Programs for the RY 2024-25 was placed by the President before the Board for consideration and approval and the same has been approved formally.
 - d. The CSR Project with Coal India as proposed by PP Asit Bhol was discussed and the same was approved by the Board.
 - e. A committee has been formed comprising PP Asit Bhol, PP Indrani Gupta, PP Ashif Shah, IPP Rinku Das Chowdhury, PP Bhomra Chatterjee, PP Nasir Uddin Ahmed and President Amlan Bhattacharya, with Secretary Anirban Sarker as Ex-Officio.
 - f. The Board approved 2 out of 3 proposals from Krishi Bandhan, a NGO from Bhagwangola, which has come forward for assistance.
 - g. The Board principally agreed to form a committee to oversee the 50th Installation Program of the Club.
- The President requested members to pay the 1st Instalment of S.A.D.
- The President announced one project has been planned with the Manipal Group of Hospitals which shall be declared after finalization.
- The Charter Night will be celebrated on 22/08/2024 with a cultural programme, the details of venue at Keyatala Road will be shared after finalization.
- The President requested members to come forward with suggestions/thoughts/feedback, if any.
- Rtn. Subhankar Chakraborty proposed a Medical Health Check-up Camp with Apollo Group for Eye - Checkup, Blood Sugar etc. for 300 (max) beneficiaries in one camp. The same was discussed with all member participation. Further details on the project have been requested by members for consideration of the project.
- President handed over to the Secretary for Club Business.
- Secretary welcomed and thanked the members of RCB for joining the RWM and announced the Club Business.
- Minutes of meeting confirmed.
- Secretary handed over to the President for further proceedings.
- President terminated the meeting.

Members Present - 15 Guest Present : 01