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CLUB EVENT I

An eventful Health Camp



"Matri Raksha", the 82nd Fighting Anemia Camp of RCSLMK held at Adhigam Bhoomi, a free residential learning center for girls at Daulatpur, Pailan on December 23, 2025, was eventful in respect of demonstration of performing arts by a section of beneficiaries.



The camp noticed active participation of the Bengal Obstetric & Gynecological Society (BOGS) and the North West Kolkata Chapter of Indian Medical Association in West Bengal (IMA NW (cal)).

BOGS was involved in awareness talk on cervical cancer, its prevention, details of the vaccination and injecting the vaccine to the girls, who got consent from their respective parents.

The team of doctors and supporting staff started from Salt Lake at 9.00 AM & arrived at the venue at 10.30 AM. On arrival, each member of the team was greeted by the school administration, comprising of the teachers, local health staff and the students. After a welcome drink, the team was invited to witness a spectacular show of performing arts by

the students that included scripts on social issues, rhythmic group dance and acrobatic performances.



Doctors, thereafter, spoke before the students & their parents already assembled in a hall, on necessity of Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine for girls at an early age to protect them from cervical cancer.

Upon consent of the parents, two hundred fifty-five (255) girls were vaccinated.



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Mothers of the girls, one hundred fifteen (115) of them, got themselves registered for Anemia screening under Matri Raksha project. Height, weight and age of each one were recorded. Blood pressure and Blood glucose of each were measured. Specialists examined and prescribed medicines that were provided free. Also they were given nutritional booklet for healthy living.

All mothers were very supportive.



Doctors, who participated in the project were club President Dr. Saktirupa Chakraborty, PP Dr. Aruna Tantia, PP Dr. Chitra Ray, Club Secretary Dr. Ajit K Majumder, Dr. Abha and Dr. Surendra Daga.



Raja, Alok, Sharmila, Himadri, Abhishek and another sister offered all essential supports.

President and members of RCNSLM conveys appreciation and thanks the organizers including the staff who worked hard to ensure a grand success.

CLUB EVENT II A notable Health Camp



"Matri Raksha", the 83rd Fighting Anemia Camp of RCNSLMK held at Adhigam Bhoomi, a free residential learning center for girls at Daulatpur, Pailan on December 24, 2025, was notable in respect of turnout of large number of beneficiaries. The team of doctors, Technicians and volunteers reached venue.



Awareness talks on HPV and Anemia were given by Dr. Abhishek Badra and Dr. Aruna Tantia.



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Little cultural show for visitors before all doctors settled at their places of work.



Consent forms for vaccination were signed by parents and the one by one each child was administered vaccination. Total 240 vaccinations given.



Doctors, who were present in the vaccination project were Dr. Priyanka, Dr. Aruna, Dr. Manjir, Dr. Jayita, Dr. Abha, Dr. Rukhsana, Dr. Ankur and Dr. Biswajit. A vaccination team of 4 supported them.

These children are not provided with universal vaccine by government. The DPT vaccine is still required. There is a need to approach our government for this.



Team MatriRakha with Dr Suranjan, dr Rajib Roy, Dr Tripti and Dr Aruna Tantia screened 160 women for anemia, diabetes, hypertension and gave them free iron medicines along with deworming and calcium. Team then was treated with home cooked food and returned with warm memories. Each one was presented with hamper of organic vegetable, pottery item in a hand woven basket by children.



A 37-year old lady from Sundarbans presented with severe anemia 6.7 gm% in spite of having hysterectomy. This is definitely nutritional cause. She was given medicines along with advise to eat food rich in iron.

Many such stories unfolded.

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Wishing you a day filled with happiness and a year filled with joy. Happy birthday!

Birthdays of members in December & January

IPP Sunil Singh on December 4, 2025
PP Siddharth Tantia on December 12, 2025
Prez Dr. Saktirupa Chakraborty on Dec 16, 2025
Dr. Ajit Kumar Majumder on Jan 2, 2026
PP Uma Shankar Agarwal on Jan 9, 2026
VP Indrakumar Bagri on Jan 10, 2026
Ashok Kumar Surana on Jan 10, 2026
PP Dr. Aruna Tantia on Jan 19, 2026
Shruti Toshniwal on Jan 26, 2026
Nitesh Toshniwal on Jan 31, 2026



Happy anniversary to a truly special couple. Your love is inspiring!

Anniversaries of members in December & January

Shalini & Rohit Bagrecha on Dec 5, 2025
Rajul & IPP Sunil Singh on Dec 9, 2025
Punam & Rajesh Chirimar on Dec 10, 2025
Dr. Deepayan Dey & Amrita Chatterjee on Jan 16
Sushila & Ashok Kumar Surana on Jan 19, 2026
Rahul & Meenal Chaudhary on January 29, 2026

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

January is Vocational Service Month

13-17 June: Rotary International Convention, Taipei, Taiwan

RI ANNOUNCEMENT I Distinguished Service Award nomination period open in January

The Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award honors Rotarians and Rotaractors who have demonstrated exemplary service to the Foundation and have received the Citation for Meritorious Service at least four years prior.

District governors may nominate one candidate from their districts to receive this award each Rotary year by submitting an online nomination form in January.
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ROTARY STORY OF THE FORTNIGHT United Nations and Rotary celebrate 80th anniversary of UN charter

Leaders affirm their organizations' historic, enduring relationship

By Etelka Lehoczky



Members of Rotary International joined representatives of the United Nations on 11 December to observe a key milestone in the quest for global solidarity: The 80th anniversary of the signing of the UN charter. Leaders from both organizations reflected on and reaffirmed the principles the UN stands for.

"In the 1940s, when the world was torn apart by war, visionary people began to ask the most urgent questions of all: 'How could trust be rebuilt across borders where violence had reigned? And how would humanity guard itself against repeating its own worst mistakes?'" said Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo. "In that pivotal moment, Rotary was one of the few organizations in the world that stepped forward with both hope and ideas."

Rotary members served as official observers at the UN Charter Conference in 1945. They helped create agendas, proposed wording for resolutions, and mediated disputes between delegates.

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Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo sits with his partner, Anna Maria Arezzo-Criscione, at Global Goals, Local Action: Rotary Commemorates the United Nations at 80, 11 December 2025.

Credit: Rotary International

The event, which took place in the building where the charter was signed in San Francisco, California, USA, was a moment to acknowledge a long-standing relationship and inspire future efforts. Committing to collective action has never been more crucial, said Melissa Fleming, UN/United Nations under-secretary-general for global communications. With the 2030 deadline for the UN's Sustainable Development Goals fast approaching, she said, there's still a long way to go.

"Raging conflicts, deepening inequality, runaway technologies, and a burning planet: None of these problems will fix themselves. And no one nation can fix them alone," she said.



Cyril Noirtin, dean of the Rotary Representative Network, speaks at Global Goals, Local Action: Rotary Commemorates the United Nations at 80, 11 December 2025.

Credit: Rotary International

Cyril Noirtin, dean of the Rotary Representative Network, said the values that the UN and Rotary share are threatened as never before.

"Today, multilateralism faces serious challenges," he said. "Political tensions, declining funding, and weak

commitments threaten global cooperation when it is needed most."

But there are signs of progress and hope, Fleming said. She noted that the number of girls in school is at a record high, and graduation rates for all students are rising. HIV infection rates are down, as are maternal and child mortality rates. And 1.5 billion people have been lifted out of extreme poverty since 1990.

"Momentum is building," she said. "When we boost education, we boost gender equality. When we stabilize the climate, we strengthen food security. When we fight famine, we pave the way for peace. This progress doesn't happen by accident. It is the result of hard work, by real people, day in, day out."

That's the kind of work Rotary members can do, Noirtin said.

"A Rotary club working on literacy can align with UNESCO's global education standards," he said. "A health initiative can benefit from the World Health Organization's technical guidance. A peace-building project can draw on expert knowledge from UN agencies."

Rotary's relationship with the UN has been strong since Rotary members were invited to participate in the charter conference.

"The invitation to Rotary International was not merely a gesture of goodwill and respect toward a great organization," said Edward Stettinius Jr., then U.S. secretary of state, at the time. "It was a simple recognition of the practical part Rotary's members have played and will continue to play in the development of understanding among nations."

Stettinius' prediction was fulfilled, and Rotary's unique relationship with the UN has endured. Through the decades, Rotary members have worked alongside UN agencies in areas ranging from global health to peacebuilding to environmental protection. Rotary's quest to eradicate polio has received crucial support from the UN, with the World Health Organization and UNICEF serving with Rotary as partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. In 2023, a new collaboration with the United Nations Environment Program empowered Rotary and Rotaract members to clean up, protect, and monitor their local waterways.

The UN's wide-ranging impact may be taken for granted today, but there was a time when it was difficult to imagine. Arezzo asked attendees to put themselves in the place of those who were present at the charter signing. Those men audaciously insisted that lasting peace was possible amid the ashes of a worldwide war.

"Imagine those early Rotarians in San Francisco trying to articulate what a peaceful world might look like. Their words were fragile but powerful, as if they were lighting a lantern in a world still full of smoke," Arezzo

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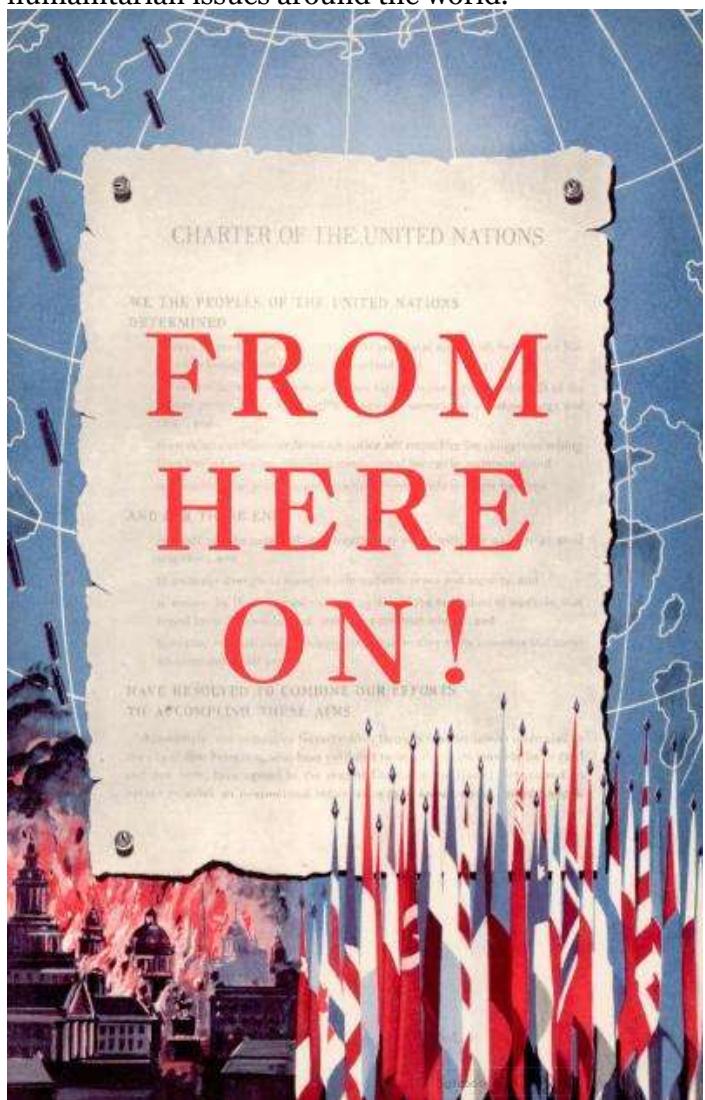
said. "And yet they saw beyond the ruins. They believed that peace could be built, not only by treaties, but by the quiet, steady courage of people who chose connection over division."

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ROTARY HISTORY

Rotary at the start of the United Nations

Rotary and the United Nations have a shared history of working toward peace and addressing humanitarian issues around the world.



Rotary's presentation of the United Nations charter, "From Here On!"

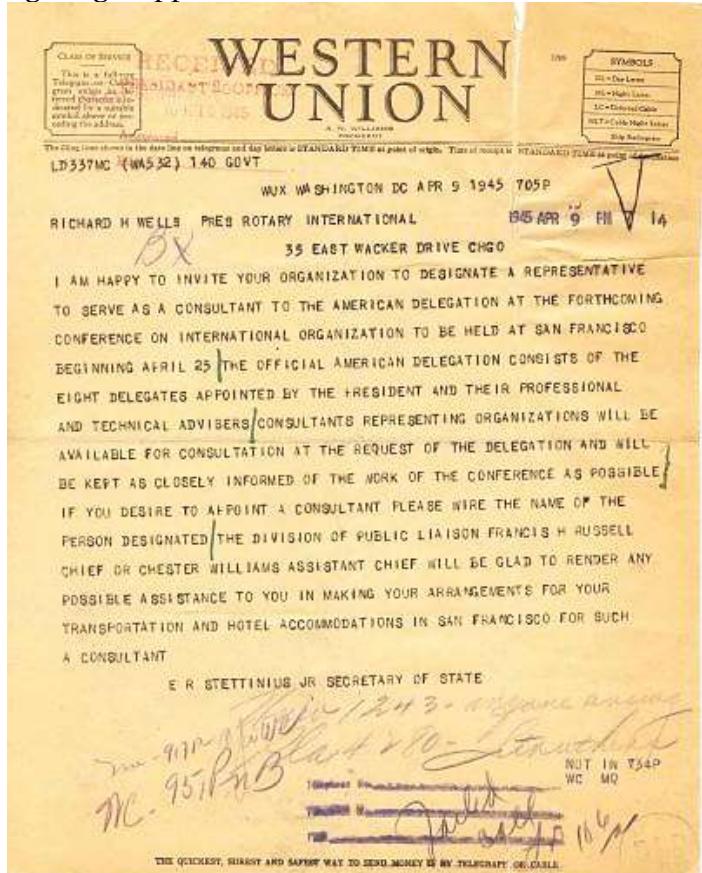
During World War II, Rotary informed and educated members about the formation of the United Nations and the importance of planning for peace. Materials such as the booklet "From Here On!" and articles in *The Rotarian* helped members understand the UN before it was formally established and follow its work after its charter.

Many countries were fighting the war when the term “United Nations” was first used officially in the 1942 “Declaration by United Nations.” The 26 nations that signed it pledged to uphold the ideals expressed by the United States and the United Kingdom the previous year of the common principles “on which they based their hopes for a better future for the world.”

Officials from Great Britain, the Soviet Union, and the United States met in Moscow in 1943 and called for the creation of an international organization to maintain peace and security.

The next year, representatives of those countries plus China held conferences in Washington, D.C., to discuss how to go about this monumental task. Those sessions became known as the Dumbarton Oaks conference, where delegations from the four countries developed a proposal for the structure of the new organization.

After the conference, Rotary published "What Can Rotarians Do Following Dumbarton Oaks?" It included the proposed charter, talking points, and suggestions for discussing with club members how the United Nations would relate to Rotary's goal of advancing international understanding. It also emphasized the importance of having a plan ready for when the war ended, rather than waiting until the fighting stopped.



Telegram inviting Rotary International to serve as a consultant to the U.S. delegation to the San Francisco Conference.

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What Can Rotarians Do...
Following
DUMBARTON OAKS?

THERE SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED an international organization under the title of the United Nations.

These words introduce proposals made by representatives of China, Great Britain, Russia and the United States who formally sat together for preliminary discussions in Dumbarton Oaks. The proposals are tentative, representing a first step in the preparation of complete proposals which could then serve as a basis of discussions at a full United Nations conference.

The purposes of the proposed international organization include the following:

1. To maintain international peace and security.
2. To develop friendly relations among nations.
3. To achieve international cooperation in the solution of international economic, social and other humanitarian problems.
4. To effect a center for harmonizing the actions of nations in the achievement of these common ends.

What is similar between these purposes and those set out in Rotary's fourth object? "The advancement of international understanding, good will and peace."

It is appropriate, therefore, that Rotarians give careful consideration to tentative proposals like those from Dumbarton Oaks. Before these or other proposals are adopted by the various governments it would be well for them to be studied and discussed and understood by young people. Rotarians can and should be active in such discussions.

One Way to Do It

1. See the accompanying copy of the text of the Dumbarton Oaks proposals.

2. Assign different sections to club members for study, making them to prepare to explain them and to comment on their significance. (Assignment should be made in six months time as follows: Chapters I to IV inclusive; Chapter V; Chapter VI; Chapter VII; Chapter VIII; Chapter IX.)

3. Set aside an early meeting when these members will tell the club what the proposals are and will comment on them to start discussion.

Next Steps

1. Ask your members to talk about these Dumbarton Oaks proposals with their friends.

"Timely Questions on Dumbarton Oaks" helped Rotarians understand the complexities of the proposed charter.

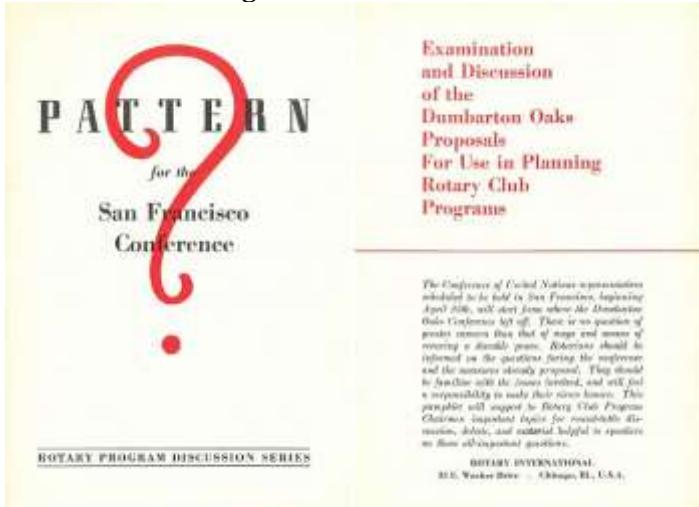
After World War I, "proposals for international cooperation failed because of lack of enlightened public opinion to support them," it explained. Discussions among members "will help to create an informed public opinion."

"Timely Questions on Dumbarton Oaks" followed to help Rotarians understand the complexities of the proposed charter. The flyer presented different perspectives on the security council and other aspects of the UN as topics for Rotary club programs or discussions. At the same time, governments around the world were carefully studying and reacting to the work done at Dumbarton Oaks.

From April to June 1945, delegations from 50 nations attended the United Nations Conference on International Organization in San Francisco (often known as the San Francisco conference). Their task was to write a charter acceptable to all of them. The delegations were assisted in this historic effort by a large number of staff, advisers, and consultants.

Rotary International was one of 42 organizations the United States invited to serve as consultants to its delegation at the San Francisco conference. Each organization had seats for three representatives, so Rotary International's 11 representatives served in rotation. The people officially representing Rotary included the general secretary, the editor of The

Rotarian, and several past presidents. Other Rotarians from Africa, Asia, Europe, and North and South America served as members of their own nations' delegations. Rotarians also served as consultants to their national delegations.



Examination
and Discussion
of the
Dumbarton Oaks
Proposals
For Use in Planning
Rotary Club
Programs

The Conference of United Nations representatives scheduled to be held in San Francisco, beginning April 25th, will start from where the Dumbarton Oaks Conference left off. There is no question of greater concern than that of ways and means of securing a sturdy peace. Rotarians should be interested in the question during the conference and the discussion period. They should be encouraged to familiarize themselves with the document, and with full responsibility to ready their views however. The pamphlet will suggest to Rotary Club Programs Chairman important topics for considerable discussion, debate, and material help in preparing us from all-important questions.

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Pattern for the San Francisco Conference

Just before the meetings began, Rotary International published and distributed the "Pattern for the San Francisco Conference" pamphlet. "It is a splendid opportunity for the individual Rotarian to fulfill the objective of International Service," the document proclaimed, "by taking part in the debate on this scheme of world government."

Throughout the rest of 1945, The Rotarian and other publications kept Rotary members informed about issues and developments related to the new organization. Editorials and articles clarified issues, provided additional insights and talking points, and updated readers on what was happening and the people involved:

- "Rotarians in the News at San Francisco," July 1945
- "Report from San Francisco," July 1945
- "Rotary at the Conference," July 1945
- "Gateway to Peace," August 1945
- "San Francisco Just Started It," November 1945

After the UN was established, the 95-page booklet "From Here On!" contained the exact text of the UN Charter on one side of every two-page spread with annotations and questions designed to stimulate discussion on the other. With this layout, Rotarians could use it to learn and lead club discussions.

The Charter, it explained, would be effective only if "free citizens" worldwide were determined to give it vitality. "The Rotarian faithfully following these pages," the booklet said, "will find himself treading the path to service."

In 1946, Rotary published a supplement listing the major accomplishments of the meetings held by the UN General Assembly in January and February of that

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year. Later articles in The Rotarian kept the United Nations and its work on the minds of members:

- “UN or World States,” June 1946
- “What Do You Want UN to Do?” September 1948
- “Speaking of the United Nations,” March 1955
- “Appraisal at San Francisco,” September 1955
- “How I Would Change the UN,” October 1955

Today, Rotary holds the highest consultative status offered to a nongovernmental organization by the UN's Economic and Social Council, which oversees many specialized UN agencies. The Rotary Representative Network maintains and furthers its relationship with several UN bodies, programs, commissions, and agencies. This network consists of Rotary International representatives to the United Nations and other organizations.

Rotary Day at the United Nations each year celebrates the organizations' shared vision for peace and highlights the critical humanitarian activities that Rotary and the United Nations lead around the world.

The above is reprint of "Rotary and United Nations" under the series, "Rotary History and Anecdotes" published in September 9, 2023 issue of Spectrum.

RI ANNOUNCEMENT II Rotary International directors declared for 2027-29

Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo declared on 4 December six Rotary members to be RI directors for 2027-29.

The RI Bylaws provide that if the general secretary does not receive a duly proposed challenge to the selection of a zone's nominating committee for director by 1 December, the president shall declare the selection of the nominating committee to be the director-nominee from the zone.

There were no proposals of additional candidates from the following zones. Therefore, in accordance with the RI Bylaws, President Arezzo declared the following Rotary members to be the directors-nominee from their respective zones to serve on the Board beginning on 1 July 2027:

Zone 4: Gurjeet Singh Sekhon, Amritsar Civil Lines, India

Zone 15: Birgitta E. Radermacher, Bergisch Gladbach, Germany

Zone 19: Stephen Martin, North Wales and Northwest England Passport Club

Zone 24A: Paulo Eduardo de Barros Fonseca, São Paulo, Liberdade, Brazil

Zone 26: John Chase, Boulder City, Nevada, USA

Zone 30: Mike Kelly, Mason-Deerfield, Ohio, USA

The general secretary received challenges to the nominating committee's selection in Zone 10A

(Philippines). No candidates in Zones 6 (Bhutan, eastern India, Nepal) and 12 (southern Republic of Korea) received the required number of votes to be nominated during their respective zone's committee meeting.

An electronic ballot is being prepared for clubs in these zones to select their respective director-nominee. The ballot will be distributed by 31 December and will run until 1 February per the RI Bylaws.

15-Dec-2025



The project aims to restore the 2 villages coastal areas biodiversity by replanting native 1 lakh mangroves and engaging the community through Skill training workshops on their vital role in climate change mitigation & livelihood generation.



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 Partner Club : RC Central Calcutta (D-3291) | RC Hooghly (D3291)
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 International Host Club : RC Washington DC (D-7620)
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 International Club Partner : RC Aarau (D-1980)



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✓ RC Washington DC (D7620)	DDF	\$5,000
International District 2	DDF	\$3,000
Host Club District 3291	DDF	\$7,000
✓ RC Washington DC (D7620)	Cash	\$5,100
International Club (IC) 2	Cash	\$10,000
✓ IC RC Aarau (D1980)	Cash	\$1000
Host Club Lead (RC SLM)	Cash	\$13,808
✓ HC Partner (RC Central Calcutta)	Cash	\$5,000
✓ RC Hooghly	Cash	\$1,500
✓ E Club of District 7210	Cash	\$1,000



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