



President's Message

Month of August 2025

This Month and Every Month

August is Membership Month, but our commitment to growth and connection is year-round. When we focus on growing Rotary, we grow our ability to serve, to lead, and to bring lasting change.

Membership growth isn't just about numbers. It's about opening doors. It's about inviting more people who are ready to give their time, talents, and hearts to a cause greater than themselves. When we welcome new members, we bring in fresh ideas and new energy. We expand our impact, strengthen our clubs, and ensure that Rotary continues to evolve with the world around us.

Remember, there is now great flexibility in fashioning nontraditional club models. I'm inspired when I see these innovative clubs thrive by offering new and prospective members more ways to connect and serve.

In Korea, the growth of satellite clubs has created opportunities for nearly 1,000 new members to find their place in Rotary. In Romania, the close collaboration between Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors has built a pipeline of future leaders. In India, some Rotarians gather around a shared interest — whether it's professional development or a passion for service — and those connections deepen their commitment and their joy in being part of Rotary. And we've seen cause-based clubs thrive in regions as diverse as Southeast Asia, Africa, and Europe.

There's a common thread: Where clubs are growing, membership is a priority and there is a willingness to try something new. Rotary is not limited to one structure or tradition. We are a global network of people of action, and that means there is room for many kinds of clubs, many ways to serve, and many paths into our organization.

This spirit of innovation is also guiding our efforts to reach new communities. In places where there has never been a Rotary club — or where a club once existed and faded — Rotarians are finding ways to grow Rotary. They are identifying areas of potential and building clubs that reflect the character and needs of their communities.

Every member plays a part in this journey. Whether you introduce a friend to your club, support a new meeting format, reconnect with program alumni, or simply share your Rotary story, you are helping our organization grow stronger and more vibrant.

No one owns a Rotary club. It is a gift we pass on to the next generation. When we nurture that gift, when we invite others to share in it, we ensure that Rotary continues to be a force for good.

Let's prioritize membership growth — not just in August but every month of the year. Together, through friendship, creativity, and shared purpose, we will grow Rotary and Unite for Good.

Francesco Arezzo
Rotary International President
Rotary International

***MINUTES OF THE 1638th RWM
HELD AT AC HALL, CALCUTTA CLUB on 23rd July 2025***

1. President Rtn. Dr. Amit Paul calls the 1638th RWM to order.
2. Rtn. Banashree Mitra leads the singing of the National Anthem
3. The President announces the circulation of the RWM minutes and the Inner Voice, the President acknowledges the excellent work done by Rtn. Soumeta Medora in preparing the Inner Voice. Her contribution is also appreciated by the members present.
4. The minutes of the 1637th RWM are confirmed.
5. President Rtn. Dr. Amit Paul requests VP Rtn. Amita Saha and Secretary Rtn. Kaushik Banerjee to hand over saplings to the representatives of RCC Ranjapur, which is duly done. President also thanks VP Rtn. Amita Saha and Secretary Rtn. Kaushik Banerjee for collecting and carrying 100 saplings from the WB Forest Department nursery to the respective storage locations. There was no expenditure for acquiring these saplings.
6. President Rtn. Dr. Amit Paul highlights the joint Project with Rotary Club of Howrah for the eye testing camp during which he examined 81 patients including the dispensation of medication.
7. President announced the outreach program of the Hilsa festival, on the 27th of July at Usti Bridhighat.
8. President Rtn. Dr. Amit Paul also announces the following, RWM on the 8th of August at 6.00 pm followed by a fellowship program hosted by him at the Lake Club at 6.30 pm.
9. President thanks Inner City Rotarians for their following contributions:
 - a. Rtn. Saroj Bansal for donating Rs.25,000 towards the Thalassemia Fund.
 - b. Rtn. Dr. Pradeep Goswami is donating \$ 200 towards the Rotary International TRF towards their Annual Fund.
 - c. He announced that Rtn. Amitava Ghose has handed over a cheque on behalf of Inner City to the Robin Hood Army.
 - d. Rtn. PP Rahul & Ann Anuradha Johri for their donation for Child Heart Surgery
10. President Rtn. Dr. Amit Paul invites Rtn. Manosh Mukherjee International Services Director Rotary Club of Bangalore Orchard for the exchange of Flags.
11. President Rtn. Dr. Amit Paul invites Rtn. Dr. Pradeep Goswami and Dr. Brajgopal Ray to the top table for a talk on Mother & Child Health.
12. PP Rtn. Kishan Moody felicitates Rtn. Dr. Pradeep Goswami by handing over a sapling.
13. PP Rtn. Rahul Johri felicitates Dr. Brajgopal Ray by handing over a sapling.
14. Rtn. Dr. Pradeep Goswami introduces Dr. Brajgopal Ray, a pediatric specialist MD MRCP, who is also a visiting professor at various medical institutions.
15. Rtn. Dr. Pradeep Goswami discusses in details the issues related to cervical cancer and its treatment and management as well as an in-depth perspective on thalassemia, its challenges and management.

16. Dr. Ray addresses the assembly on thalassemia in children and on “end of life” decisions covering areas of “dignity of life” and “purpose of life”.
17. The addresses by both Doctors are highly interactive and very well received by the assembly.
18. The assembly is also addressed by Rtn. Manosh Mukherjee on the work being done by RC Bangalore Orchard 's 104 members district 3191 on their successful reforestation initiatives in Chelakiri. He also extends an offer to President Rtn. Dr. Amit Paul to collaborate on future projects.
19. Rtn. PP Sukanya Dasgupta is invited by the President to address the assembly on contribution of old and used clothes, utensils etc. to GUNJ Foundation as a joint Project. President is planning on doing this project in August.
20. Secretary Rtn. Kaushik Banerjee announces the Birthdays and Anniversaries of the members.
21. President announces the following:
 - a. Members present 15
 - b. Guests 08
 - c. Visiting Rotarians 02
 - Total attendees 25
22. Sunshine Box collection Rs. 1350
23. President adjourns the meeting.



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Region	Country	01st July 2024		01st July 2025		Growth Members	Growth Clubs
		Clubs	Members	Clubs	Members		
USA & Canada	United States	7159	266699	7036	260235	-6464	-123
India	India	4610	165597	4651	167871	2274	41
Japan	Japan	2194	81736	2173	81063	-673	-21
Korea	Korea, Republic	1647	61072	1615	59301	-1771	-32
Western Europe	Germany	1148	58307	1156	58545	238	8
Latin America	Brazil	2306	49896	2308	51001	1105	2
Western Europe	Italy	949	38285	968	39027	742	19
Central & Southeast Asia	Taiwan	992	35117	1013	35174	57	21
Philippines	Philippines	968	26798	982	26482	-316	14
Western Europe	France	1082	26839	1085	26177	-662	3
RIBI	England	1203	25745	1165	24791	-954	38
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23RD July 2025 – RWM and Mother and Child Seminar



Child Heart Surgery was done in association with Narayana Hrudalaya, Mukundapur. We will be doing 3 surgeries of which two were done on the 25th of July 2025. One of the patients was only 25 days old. We accept with gratitude the contribution by Rtn Rahul Johri and his wife Anuradha Johri towards this project.



On the 27th of July, 2025 two programs took place back-to-back. The first programme was a visit to RCC Usthi where present problems were discussed and probable solutions. Some saplings were planted as per the commitment towards the environment. We have already donated approximately 100 saplings to Usthi, Ranjapur and Swapnapuran. After completion of this project, we visited Breathing Earth for Rotary Fellowship Hilsa Fest. Members who were present enjoyed themselves thoroughly and ended the day on a happy note.



MANY HAPPY
MEMORIES
WERE MADE

Birthdays and Anniversaries in August

Our Warmest Anniversary Greetings

5th August – Rtn Anjali Aneja
5th August – Rtn Navarun Sen
7th August – Rtn Tunir Chakravorti
13th August – Rtn Rakhee Biswas Gandhi
17th August – Rtn Soumeta Medhora
23rd August – Rtn Rosy Sen
24th August – Rtn Rahul Johri
28th August – Rtn Brinda Mukherjee
31st August – Rtn Proma Lahiri Das

Our Heartfelt Birthday Greetings

14th August – Sarbani & Pradeep Goptu
15th August – Shadab & Sudhir Anuja
15th August – Chandreyi & Smarajit Mitra
17th August – Malika & Ritesh Kapoor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONTHLY PROJECT THEME:
AUGUST 2025
ENVIRONMENT

8th August 2025
FUN AND FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWED BY
DINNER AT LAKE CLUB BY PRESIDENT AND
FIRST LADY