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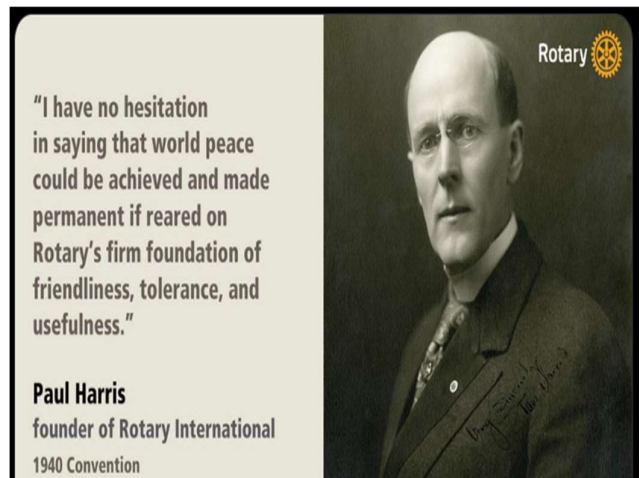
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The club meets on second and last Friday, if you are visiting the Tricity and intent to attend our meeting, pls call the President.

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## Rotary quotes inspire us.....



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**PP Rtn.  
Sukhpreet  
Singh Giani**

## From Editor's Desk

### Peace has its their own reward

**Wishing you all a  
very Happy  
Independence**

**Day.** Our hearts are filled with pride and joy for our nation! How can we forget the sacrifices made by our brave-hearted soldiers for the sake of our country? This freedom is very special to us, as we have earned this sovereignty with immense hardship. We are so privileged to be born in such a country which not only has the largest democracy but also a nation where unity in diversity is our strength and pride. Also, as Rotarians, this day reminds us to uphold the principles of justice for mankind; strives to promote peace between nations and prepares to make personal sacrifices for that ideal. Hence, our responsibilities toward the nation are manifold. Our Interactors deserve an applause as they are gearing

up to celebrate the day in their respective schools. I am being reminded of when in year 2016, one of our Interact Club namely the St. Soldier International Convent School arranged their charter ceremony on August 15<sup>th</sup>. It is commendable for our leadership that our club is now Rotarian Action Group for Peace Peacebuilder (RAGFP) Club; the seventh in the RD 3080. This initiative by RI President Rtn. Stephanie A. Urchick takes Rotary to another level. Rotary now assumes a large role- more



than a collection of service clubs to global peace building force. The real for the clubs on peace building in the new role will start now . As we celebrate the Independence day and our association with RAGFP, I am being reminded of what our father of nation once said, "Peace is its own reward."

## Under Drishti -club crosses the Milestone of 50 Surgeries

70<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Rotary Club Mohali Midtown was held on Friday, 9th August 2024, at ACR Luxury Hotel, Sector 117, Mohali. The meeting was initiated by PP



Rtn. HS Marwah, who collared the President, Rtn. Dilpreet Singh Boparai. The President then called the meeting to order following which the National Anthem was sung, and the 4-Way Test was recited in Punjabi.

The President welcomed the fellow Rotarians and proceeded to address them with a report on the projects undertaken in the months of July and



August. The President commenced by highlighting much-lauded installation ceremony at CII Chandigarh, where IAS DPS Kharbanda was the Chief Guest,

and Dr. PJ Singh graced the occasion as the Guest of Honor.

**Eye Surgeries:** The President also informed the members that the milestone of 50 free cataract surgeries under Project Drishti had been achieved, and he specifically thanked Rtn. Dr. Aditya Sharma and Rtn. Kuldeep Singh Dhody for their contributions.

**Empowering Youth :** In August, the club continued its momentum with a talk on empowering youth and their role in Rotary as Rotaractors for community service. This talk, delivered by PP Rtn. Sukhpreet Singh Giani on 2nd August, was well-

received by the audience.

On the same day, the club received a call from DG Rtn. Rajpal Singh regarding the

flash floods in Himachal. A target of ₹11 lakhs was set by the DG for the cumulative contribution of the district, which was surpassed with a collection of ₹14,35,374. The RCMM committed to contributing ₹25,000, and with the support of the members, ₹25,500 was raised in just four days.

Rtn. Iqbal Singh proposed aligning

President agreed with these suggestions and encouraged all members to bring one additional member to future meetings and projects.

He urged the Rotarians to bring in three new members to make the club eligible for the Membership Champion Trophy, noting that one new member Rtn. Ankit Beri had already been inducted, and another was in the process of evaluation.

The President appealed to the members for suggestions on how to utilize the grant promised by Dr. PJ Singh for a sustainable project.



Board meetings on the same day as the business meeting, starting an hour earlier.

During the meeting, PP Rtn. HS Marwah raised a concern regarding the lack of active participation from several members. Rtn. Manpreet Singh Chawla suggested that sending calls, letters, and emails might help increase engagement. Rtn. Jagdeep Singh and Rtn. Iqbal Singh further suggested that each member should commit to bringing one other member to meetings and projects. The

**Upcoming Events/ Projects-** Looking ahead, the President informed the members about the upcoming projects, **including the installation of an Interact Club at St. Soldier's International School, Phase 7, Mohali, and AKSIPS -65.**

Additionally, **a blood donation drive is being coordinated with Sector 37**, as recommended by the DG, with a target of 10,000 units of blood for the Rotary year. He also announced that RCMM will soon establish a **Peace**

**Builder Club**, with PP Rtn. A.P. Dhiman from Rotary Club Chandigarh proposing a fee of \$20 each for two members to join the People of Action group, adding around ten members to this separate recognition that every club cannot achieve. The President then shared plans for a project with a global grant for the Baldeep Medical Foundation, which would require funding of ₹30-35 lakhs.

AG Rtn. Ravijeet Singh brought to the members' attention the upcoming

field of education, particularly for peons, gardeners, or others whose children cannot afford schooling. He suggested that Rotaract Clubs could be more involved in identifying such needy individuals.

Rtn. Jagdeep Singh proposed a vote of thanks, and the President adjourned the meeting by thumping the wooden hammer on the table. The meeting was attended by 11 Rotarians. The President extended birthday wishes to Rtn. Pawan Sachdeva, Rtn. Ishneet Kaur, Rtn.



induction of the proposed member, Dr. Prabhjot Kaur, in the next meeting. Additionally, he informed the members about the Rotary International Convention in Canada from 25th-28th June 2025 and invited those interested to begin the registration process. His presence energized the meeting with his thoughts and vision for proactive and firm action.

Later, Rtn. Kuldeep Singh Dhody advised the club to take initiatives in the

Jashinder Bir Singh, and Rtn. Manpreet Singh Chawla. A cake-cutting ceremony followed.

**RCMM is now a Peacebuilder Club**

Rotary Club Mohali Midtown has taken a significant step towards promoting peace and conflict resolution. We are now officially recognized as a Rotarian Action Group for Peace (RAGFP) Peacebuilder Club!

What does this mean? As a Peacebuilder Club, we commit to engaging in dialogues and projects that promote positive peace within our community and beyond. Our efforts align with Rotary International's mission of advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace.

President Rtn. Dilpreet Singh while sharing the information on the club's what's app group said, "Let's continue working together to create a more peaceful world. Stay tuned for

exciting initiatives and opportunities!"



**RI President Stephanie A. Urchick is asking district and club leaders to focus on peace and build on Rotary's long history of peacebuilding. Connect with others who are committed to this cause at the 2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference, Healing in a Divided World. Urchick will lead this special one-time event in Istanbul, Türkiye, 20-22 February 2025. Topics will include peace in a polarized world; making peace last; technology, media, and peacebuilding; and environmental issues in peacebuilding. The conference will also recognize the launch of our newest Rotary Peace Center, in partnership with Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul.**



## Aidan, thank you for your lifetime of humanitarian service

Mr Aidan O'Leary, Director for Polio Eradication at WHO passed away suddenly on the evening of Tuesday 6 August, while he was on holiday with his family.

Aidan was a true leader, inspiring Rotary to strive to attain a better world. **Most recently, he was leading global effort to eradicate polio as Director of the WHO Polio Eradication Programme. He was in the aforesaid position since Dec 2020.** Prior to that, he had been working tirelessly for the betterment of humanity. Originally from Ireland, Aidan had a wealth of emergencies and public health experience. Before starting with WHO, Aidan had been serving as Head of Office in Yemen for the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), a role he had also previously held in Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as Head of OCHA's Regional Office for the Syria Crisis. Aidan also demonstrated his deep commitment to supporting some of the world's most vulnerable people in other emergency settings. This included serving as **Deputy Director of Operations for UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)** based in Gaza, and Chief of Polio Eradication for

UNICEF working in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

RI President Rtn. Stephanie A. Urchick in a tribune called

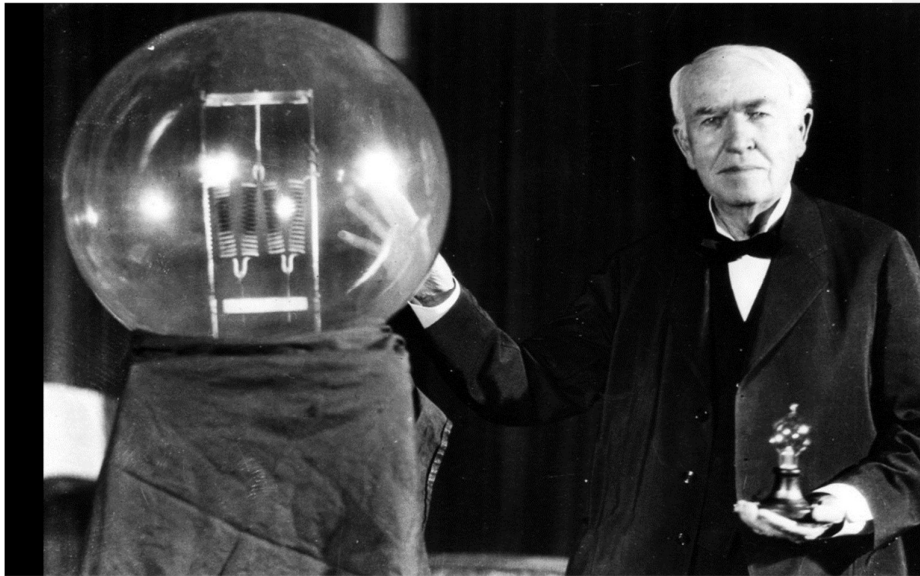


Aidan O'Leary a great friend to Rotary, and said “We sincerely appreciated his leadership and visionary thinking on the road to polio eradication. He valued Rotary as an equal partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI).” She said, “The Rotary family will remember Aidan's legacy as one of commitment, generosity, and kindness. We will honour his memory by achieving what he most recently dedicated his knowledge, expertise, and experience to: a polio-free world for children everywhere.”

*A Tribute*

## The Laurels that Thomas Alva Edison brought to Rotary

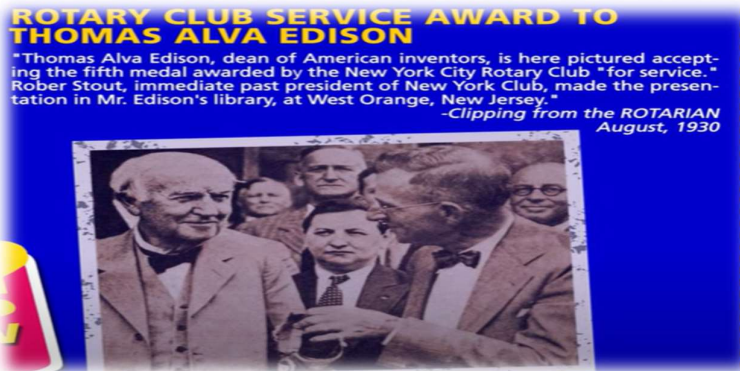
Thomas Alva Edison was born in Ohio, on February 11, 1847 and died in West Orange, New Jersey on 18 October 1931. We all know



Edison as an inventor, scientist and businessman who had 2,332 patents registered in his name. Among its most universal contributions to scientific and technological development is the incandescent light bulb, the phonograph, the kinetoscope or kinescope, the Dictaphone and microphone carbon granules to the phone. He brought laurels to Rotary too in his own humble way. Thomas Alva Edison was an Honorary member of the Rotary Club of Orange, NJ - USA.

Thomas Alva Edison, dean of American inventors, was also awarded by the New York City Rotary Club "for service."

Rober Stout, immediate past president of New



York Club, made the presentation in Mr. Edison's library, at West Orange, New Jersey. The same was reported in "ROTARIAN" , issue dated August 1930.

*Did you Know?*

The Rotary Club of Mohali Midtown recently conducted eight free cataract surgeries marking it as 51 surgeries under the Project Drishti. The surgeries were performed successfully, bringing clearer vision and a better quality of life to the beneficiaries.

**51** The Rotary Club of Mohali Midtown conducted 8 more free cataract surgeries in the fortnight under our Project Drishti initiative, **making us cross the milestone of 51.**

This effort is part of our ongoing commitment to improving eye health and providing essential medical services to those in need.

The surgeries were performed successfully by Rtn Dr Aditya Sharma at Poly Clinic in Village Parch, bringing clearer vision and a better quality of life to the beneficiaries.

*Block your date(s) for*

## **71st meeting**

**Aug 30<sup>th</sup> , Friday**

## **Handing over of ROs**

**When?, Where? At?**

Details shall be shared at the Club's What's app group

**Rtn. Pawan Sacheva**  
Aug 1

**Rtn. Ishneet Kaur Bhatia**  
Aug 2

**Rtn. Jashiinder Singh**  
Aug 7

**Rtn. Manpreet Singh Chawala**  
Aug 30

**Happy wedding anniversary**

**Rtn. Gurmail Singh**  
Aug 28

*Greetings*