



Date: 21-12-2024

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1600th MEETING:

1. **MEETING CALL TO ORDER:**

1600th regular fortnightly meeting (RFM) of Rotary Club of Motijheel held on Friday 13th December 2024 at 6.30 pm at Club 89 Limited, House-11, Road-33, Gulshan-1, Dhaka. Club President, Rtn. S M Moinul Islam, PHF, B presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order.

2. **ROTARY INVOCATION:**

Rtn. PP Sujit Kumar Bhowmik, PHF recited the Rotary Invocation while all the Rotarians stood up and pronounced the same in chorus.

3. **CONFIRMATION OF LAST MEETING MINUTES:**

President Rtn. S M Moinul Islam, PHF, B read out the minutes of RFM no.1599 in front of the members present. After discussion President Rtn. PP Syed Forhad Abbas Hussain, MPHf proposed to accept the minutes and Rtn. PP Sujit Kumar Bhowmik, PHF second the proposal and the minutes was accepted and approved by the members present.

4. **FELICITATION:**

Rtn. S M R Mujeeb (Mukshud), PHF announced the name of Rotarians, R-Ann and R-Lets whose birthday and wedding anniversary will fall during the period between 13-12-2024 to 23-12-2024 and felicitated them in their respective anniversaries.

5. **VISITING GUESTS:**

2 guest speakers, 6 non-Rotarian guests and 2 Rotaractors (President and General Secretary of Rotaract Club of Motijheel) were present the meeting.

6. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MAIL, IF ANY:**

- (1) President stated that on 04/12/2024 an e-mail was received from Thomas Woods, Data Relations Manager of RI reminding to confirm club membership and officer information in Rotary's database by 01/01/2025. This information will be used to generate the January 2025 invoice for 2nd semi-annual dues. It is important that the club's member information is up to date because Rotary cannot change the invoice after it has been generated or accept membership updates with payment. President therefore urged members to finalize the election of the office bearers for RY2025-26 in next RFM and President Elect to send the RCM Roaster to Rotary International on or before 31/12/2024.

7. **CLUB ACTIVITIES:**

- (a) **Annual Picnic 2024-25:** In absence of Event Chair, President apprised the members present that a few members of the organizing committee along with President on 7th December 2024 physically inspected the venue The Slow Deck and reported to Event Chair that the total area of this venue is very small. In such small premises it will be difficult to make seating arrangements for 50+ Rotarians with their family members and children with guests to spend normal time. They have no playground inside the premises, but they proposed that the adjacent school playground can be used to organize the games, sports and any other outside activities. They have amenities in the recreation room for indoor games but those are not suitable for the children but for the adults. There is no nearby place for sightseeing for the attendees except boating on the mighty river Padma which will be very costly as the committee came to know after inquiry. So, the committee perceived those attendees will become bored within an hour of arrival. This venue is suitable for small family gatherings or outings but not for a group like RCM members with family to have a picnic. Under the circumstances Rtn. Satya Ranjan Saha, MPHf obtained offers from Brac CDM and Dera Resort & Spa. After detailed discussion members resolved that on 4th January 2025 Rotary Club of Motijheel

will organize the annual picnic 2024-25 at Dera Resort & Spa, Manikgonj. The subscription fee for adults (above 10 years of age) will be BDT 3,000 per person, 50% of BDT 3,000/- will be per head subscription for age between 5-10 years, below age of 5 years there is no subscription and per driver subscription will be BDT 1,000/- +. In the next regular fortnightly meeting, the organizing committee will submit a budget with their detailed plan for the picnic.

- (b) **Project no.20:** In the absence of the project proposer Rtn. PP Abdus Shakur Chowdhury, MPH, MC, B, MD, President talked about the very sad life history of Mr. Rubel Hossain who is a part-time teacher of Dashuria M M High School at Ishardi Upzila, Pabna. President said Mr. Rubel has now 2 dreams in his life. Firstly, walking, like a normal person, and secondly to get a government or private job to live a respectable decent solvent life with his 2 sons and wife. President said that it is not possible for the members of Rotary Club of Motijheel to find him a government or private job in present difficult time in the country. But it is possible to provide him with a self-driven or automated wheelchair at the cost of BDT 1,10,000/- or give him artificial or prosthetic legs. Members proposed to inquire with Brac Limb and Brace Fitting Center as they provided such limbs to the injured students and public during the July-August 2024 movement. Rtn. Md. Enamul Hoque, PHF said he knows Brac Limb and Brace Fitting Center and he can get required information. It has been resolved that Rtn. Md. Enamul Hoque, PHF will visit Brac Limb and Brace Fitting Center and let us know if artificial legs can be provided to Mr. Rubel Hossain and how much it will cost RCM. Members present agreed to take this as project no.20 of RCM.

- (c) Talk on **"Oral cancer: From Awareness to Action by Education, Early Detection and Lifestyle Choices"** by Dr S M Anwar Sadat, President of Oral Cancer Care and Research (OCCR): To mark RI's "Disease Prevention and Treatment" month December this was the one of the 2 talks organized by RCM on the 1600th RFM. The presentation made by Dr S M Anwar Sadat was very informative, precise and emphasized on the need of lifestyle changes, creating awareness, education and early detection to prevent oral cancer since this type of cancer is prevalent in Bangladesh. By raising awareness in the community, it is possible to save many lives every year. Rotarians of RCM have gathered basic understanding of this disease from the session and are now keen to work as volunteers and involve the community as well as educational institutions to work together to prevent oral cancer. Working at the grassroot level by organizing regular health camps and oral health checkups will intensify the spreading of the message faster than any other means. Dr S M Anwar Sadat enlightened about the research and the free of charge surgery of the poor patients OCCR has been doing. He also stated that they have many philanthropic partners in these projects. Rotarians present thanked the learned speaker and expressed their strong eagerness to take some projects to work together on this subject soon.

- (d) Talk on **"Interventional Radiology" in the treatment of Emergency Cases** by Brig. Gen (Retd) Prof Dr Syed Zoherul Alam: This 2nd presentation of the event was a wonderful one which enriched the knowledge of the Rotarians present. They had traditional ideas about radiology. The learned speaker explained what is called interventional radiology and showed how it saved lives in emergency cases and increased the lifespan of many critically ill patients. The presentation was so educational that all took great interest in the subject and gathered new knowledge about the technological advancement in this sector, which also reached the doorsteps of the patients of this country. Rotarians liked the session and thanked the learned speaker for such an informative session.

8) Miscellaneous:

- (a) **D64 annual dues:** President according to the resolution taken in the RFM no.1999 wrote to RIPSA on 2nd December 2024 but didn't get any reply from RIPSA till now. But on 13th December 2024 President received an invoice of BDT 38,000 dated 1st July 2024 from Deputy Country Coordinator Rtn. Deepok Baral in respect of D64 annual dues of RCM with a deadline to make payment by 31st December 2024. Members have resolved that D64 annual dues of 38 members of RCM should be paid as soon as possible as per the invoice issued by RIPSA's country coordinators.

9) STATISTICS:

Sergeant at Arms Rtn. S M R Mujeeb (Mukshud), PHF gave the statistics of the meeting as under:

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| Member on Roll | 39 |
| Excused attendance | 12 |
| Member present | 12 |
| Rotarian Guest | 00 |
| Rotaractor | 02 |
| Guest | 08 |

10) SECRETARY'S BUSINESS:

In absence of Club Secretary, President Rtn. S M Moinul Islam, PHF, B announced that next RFM will be held on Saturday at 8.30am on 21st December 2024 at InterContinental Hotel, 1 Minto Road, Dhaka-1000 and requested all members to attend the meeting on time.

11) ADJOURNMENT:

Having no other issues on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair.

Rtn. Ayesha Siddiqua, ACA, PHF
Club Secretary (2024-2025)

Rtn. S M Moinul Islam, PHF, B
Club President (2024-25)



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**“Interventional Radiology” in the treatment of Emergency Cases by Brig. Gen (Retd)
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Pictures:



Project:

Name of the project: Winter clothes distribution at Gangchil Protibondhi School, Kishoregonj

Date of implementation: 13/12/2024

Pictures:



Project:

Name of the project: Winter clothes distribution at Sarerhat Kalyani Shisu-Sadan & Momtaz Aziz Elderly Home, Bagha, Rajshahi

Date of implementation: 15/12/2024

Pictures:

