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EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Readers,

With this issue of Karachi Rotarian, we are starting a new section, titled District 3271 News. We thought it will be both interesting and informative to know what some of the other clubs in our District are doing.

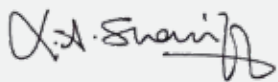
Obviously, it is not possible for Karachi Rotarian to report on the activities of all the 107 clubs in our District. So, we will be including only a selection of activities in this new section, just to give our own members an insight into what some of the other clubs are up to, and what are their focus areas.

Also in this Issue is a really perceptive write up by DG-Elect Shahzad Sabir, on his visit in June to Japan and his engagement in Tokyo with a Rotary club there. The Japanese, known for their culture and traditions, extended a very warm and courteous welcome to him and his write-up is so engaging. We are sure you will find it quite insightful.

We are grateful to IPP Shoaib Ismail and Premier Cables for sponsoring this Issue, and to Asiatic Public Relations Network (Private) Limited, for sponsoring our first Issue, of July 2025.

Happy reading!

Best wishes,



Zohare Ali Shariff
Honorary Secretary RCK
2025-2026
Editor, Karachi Rotarian

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



My dear fellow Rotarians,

I trust you are all doing well.

It has been a busy and exciting month for us. The highlight of the month being the Rotary Foundation Seminar held on August 21, and hosted by our Club. We were honoured that Holger Knaack, Chair, The Rotary Foundation (2025-26, was personally present on

this occasion, as was Mike McGovern, Chair, International PolioPlus Committee. In spite of the rains, we had high attendance and a very successful event. My thanks go out to all those who worked tirelessly to make this event a success, both at the District level and in our own Club. A special shoutout to District Governor Elect Shahzad Sabir, and to our Club's executive secretary, Shahzad Ahsan and his team, for all their hard work.

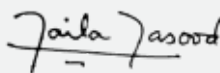
This month, we have had fairly good attendance at our weekly lunch meetings, However, I believe this can, and this should be, even much better, given the strength of our Club. So, my request, especially to all those members who have missed out on several meetings, is to please make it a point to be regular at our meetings. After all, this is the way of, getting to know what all your Club is doing, and perhaps more importantly, seeing how you can contribute and live up to the ideals of Rotary, an organization that has stood the test of time for over 120 years; and an organization of which we proud to be members.

It is also to be noted that Section 4, Article XII of the Constitution & by-laws of our Club, stipulates that a member must "attend or make up at least 50% of Club regular meetings in each half of the year."

Let's UNITE FOR GOOD, with full vigour and passion, to do SERVICE ABOVE SELF, for the world today needs this more than at any other time before.

I now look forward to not only seeing more of you at our weekly meetings, but also to you actively participating in our various ongoing projects, and in the new initiatives being launched.

Yours in Rotary,



Naila Masood
President - Rotary Club of Karachi
2025-2026

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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.

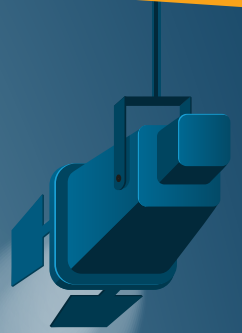
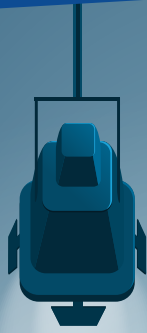
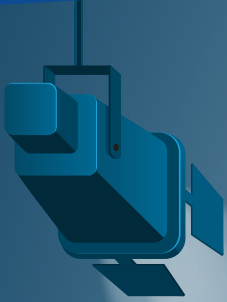


Every member plays a part in this journey. Whether you introduce a friend to your club, support a new meeting format, reconnect with program alumni, or simply share your Rotary story, you are helping our organization grow stronger and more vibrant.

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
President, Rotary International,
2025-26



ROUNDUP

WEEKLY MEETINGS

AUGUST 2025



Week - 01

Anas Niaz

Founder and CEO
of Bioniks
August 05, 2025



Week - 02

Arshad Mahmud

Composer, Musician,
Singer, Songwriter and
Actor
August 12, 2025



Week - 03

Cemal Sangu

Consul General of Republic of
Turkiye in Karachi
August 19, 2025



Week - 04

Sameeta Ahmed

Chief Operating Officer,
National Academy of
Performing Arts (NAPA)
August 24, 2025

Guest Speaker

Anas Niaz

Founder and CEO of Bioniks



Meeting #	Date	Topic	Participants
05 of 2025-2026	Tuesday, August 05, 2025	Building awareness around disability and amputation for a more inclusive society	75

On August 5, 2025, Anas Niaz, Founder and CEO of Bioniks, addressed the RCK’s weekly meeting. A pioneer in the field of assistive technology, and with a background in Mechatronics and a passion for social impact, he leads Pakistan’s first robotic prosthetics company, designing AI-powered limbs that restore mobility and dignity to individuals with limb differences.

Mr. Niaz is a recipient of the Zero Project 2025 Award, Forbes 30 Under 30 (Social Impact), the Pride of Pakistan Award by ISPR, the Development Leadership Award, and winner of The Startup Gen. He has championed disability inclusion on international platforms like GITEX GLOBAL, the Zero Project Conference, and the AI for Good Factory by the United Nations ITU.

The meeting started with President RCK, Naila Masood, calling upon Rtn. Khalid Abdullah to invoke the meeting. This was followed by the national anthem being played.

Key points from the speaker’s talk:

Physical disability, like loss of a limb, can happen to anyone, irrespective of social class, age or gender.

Globally, an estimated 100 million people require a prosthetic limb. However, around 80% in low and middle-income countries lack access to appropriate support.

Prosthetics are to be seen not as a medical product, but a tool for independence. Every person who receives a functional, well-fitted limb, regains the ability to contribute to their family, economy, and society.

But this only happens when the right systems, people, and values come together. A person with limb difference must be accepted as an equal part of society.

Following this, The Honorary Secretary first welcomed guests attending this meeting. Birthday wishes were then extended to Rotarians Arshad Anis and Samina Faisal for 1st August and Zafar Tapal for 3rd August.

Weekly updates of artificial limbs, mental health awareness and dialysis projects were given. Brief information was also given about MoU signed between RCK and Sindh Police, District South Karachi, reported separately in this issue of Karachi Rotarian.

The President then introduced the guest speaker and invited him to deliver his talk. At the end of this, the Q&A session took place, with questions asked by members Dr. Imran, PP Anjum Pervez, Asma Zeeshan and Noman Saigal, and guest Farhat Rasheed.

The meeting ended with presentation of memento the guest speaker by the President, accompanied by Trustee Aziz Memon, Masood Sheikh and Irfan Qureshi.



Guest Speaker

Arshad Mahmud

Composer, Musician, Singer, Songwriter and Actor



Meeting #	Date	Topic	Participants
06 of 2025-2026	Tuesday, August 12, 2025	-	74

Renowned Pakistani composer, musician, singer, songwriter and actor, Arshad Mahmud, was our guest speaker at the weekly lunch meeting on August 12.

Arshad Mahmud’s career started with composing music for PTV in 1972. Then, at EMI Pakistan, he took under his fold and groomed leading classical and ghazal singers, working closely with many prominent singers like Tina Sani, Nayyara Noor, Tahira Syed, Alamgir and others.

His music has featured in notable PTV shows, as Such Gup, Ankahi, Aangan Terha, and Dhoop Kinare. He has also acted in TV drama series, and has appeared in films such as Allahyar and the Legend of Markhor and Ho Mann Jahaan.

In 2006 he received the Pride of Performance Award, and was honoured with PTV Award for "Best Composer" in 2022. He has been a significant figure in nurturing the future talent at NAPA Karachi.

The meeting started with President Naila Masood calling upon Rtn. Khaled Abdullah to invoke the meeting, after which the national anthem was played.

The Honorary Secretary then welcomed some members’ guests attending the meeting. Birthday wishes were then extended to Rotarians Abdullah Feroz and Ayaz Rafique for August 10 and Habib Paracha for August 11. Wedding anniversary greetings went out to Rotarian Raza Tabish for August 10 and IPP Shoaib Ismail for August 11.

Weekly updates of ongoing projects followed. Brief information was also given about MoU signed between RCK and Sindh Police, District South Karachi, reported separately in this issue.

Following this, induction of new members Adil Mushtaq and Mohammed Aslam Khan too place.

The President then introduced the guest speaker and invited him to deliver his talk. The talk was given in Urdu, making it a welcome change from the usual. The meeting ended with presentation of memento to the guest speaker.



Key points from the speaker’s talk:

As individuals and as a nation, we need to reorganize ourselves again. If we do this, and first understand ourselves, then we can truly understand the world also.

To be really good in any field, we need to add our unique elements to the field. This is the way we can stand out.

The belief of Sufi poets and philosophers is that people are generally imprisoned by their own desires. We have to overcome this.

Compassion for the pain and suffering of others is your real wealth. If we have this, then only can we do real good.

It is necessary to learn English of course. But it is a must responsibility to learn and understand our own language too.

Guest Speaker

Cemal Sangu

Consul General of Republic of Turkiye in Karachi



Meeting #	Date	Topic	Participants
07 of 2025-2026	Tuesday, August 19, 2025	1,000 Years of Brotherhood	84

The weekly meeting on August 19 was a special meeting, as it was dedicated as a farewell lunch for the outgoing Consul General of Turkiye in Karachi, the Honourable Cemal Sangu, who finished his term of service at the end of August.

Mr. Cemal Sangu has been the Consul General of the Republic of Turkiye in Karachi since December 2021. He is a career diplomat who joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1988. In addition to various departments in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he has worked in Turkish missions abroad, in Dhaka, Jakarta, Rome, Astana, Marseilles and Dublin.

Mr. Sangu graduated from Ankara Hacettepe University in 1988. He then obtained his master degree in Physical Anthropology from Ankara University. And now, he has recently completed his Ph.D degree in international relations from Greenwich University, Karachi.

Mr. Sangu is now about to retire after completing his tenure in Karachi at the end of August.

The meeting commenced with a recitation from the Holy Quran by Rtn. Farooq Afzal, followed by the national anthem being played. Birthday greetings were then extended to Zahid Usman Jamil for August 13,

Anjum Pervez Qureshi, Zafar Iqbal Allahwala and Arjumand Qazi for August 14, and Rashid Rauf for August 15. Wedding anniversary greetings this week went out to Jamil Akbar for August 16.

Weekly updates of various ongoing projects were then given. The President then invited the guest speaker to the head table and introduced him.

District Governor Elect Shahzad Sabir then talked about the Rotary Foundation Seminar to take place on August 21, urging Club members to register for this important event and participate actively.

Then, Shahzad Sabir, followed by Farooq Afzal (in his capacity as President of Pakistan Turkiye Business Forum) spoke about the Guest of Honour, and his great contributions to promoting the brotherly relations between Pakistan and Turkiye.

The Guest of Honour then came to the rostrum and delivered his talk on '1000 years of brotherhood'.

Key points from the speaker's talk:

Turkiye recognized Pakistan soon after its independence. As such the diplomatic relations go back 78 years.

But in reality, the contact between the peoples of Turkiye and South Asia goes back a thousand years

Turkish influence historically extends down from Siberia into Central Asia, Middle East, South Asia and even parts of Western China, covering administrative practices, language, religion, and architecture.

The rulers of Turkic origin were also renowned for their patronage of art, architecture, literature, and religion.

Urdu is considered a "Turkic cultural language" in terms of its origin, formation, and development.

At the end the customary memento was presented to the Guest of Honour and the meeting ended.

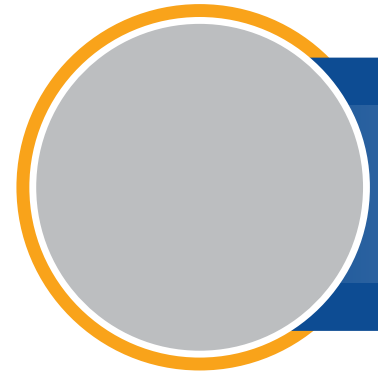


Guest Speaker

Sameeta Ahmed

Chief Operating Officer, National Academy of Performing Arts (NAPA)

Meeting #	Date	Topic	Participants
08 of 2025-2026	Tuesday, August 24, 2025	00	68



Rotary Foundation Seminar

August 21, 2025

On Thursday, 21st August 2025, the Rotary Club of Karachi had the distinct honor of hosting one of the biggest annual gatherings of the Rotary family - The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Seminar, at the prestigious Aquarius Hall, Beach Luxury Hotel, Karachi.

Despite the city being lashed by heavy rains and stormy winds, the true spirit of Rotary prevailed. Over 220 Rotarians and spouses braved the weather to attend, turning the evening into a remarkable display of commitment, fellowship, and celebration. This resounding turnout reaffirmed that when Rotarians come together to Unite for Good, no force of nature can deter their dedication to service.

The seminar was graced by Rtn. Holger Knaack, Chair of The Rotary Foundation, and Rtn. Michael McGovern, Chair of the International PolioPlus Committee (IPPC). Their presence elevated the event to an international standard, offering inspiration and recognition of the pivotal role Pakistan plays in Rotary's global humanitarian initiatives. Among the distinguished guests were Past Trustee TRF Aziz Memon, Past RI Director Faiz Kidwai, esteemed PDGs, the current DG, DGE, DGN, senior Rotarians, Past Presidents, and the President of the Rotary Club of Karachi, the proud host of the evening.

The evening commenced under the stewardship of Raza Tabish Farooqui as Master of the Ceremonies. The program began with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, followed by the national anthems of Germany and Pakistan. Rtn. Naila Masood, President of RC Karachi, extended a warm welcome, setting the tone for the evening. A Foundation video on Paul Harris was then showcased, leading into DG Shakeel Kaimkhani's address on "Supporting Rotary Foundation."

A highlight of the seminar was the panel discussion on "Changing Lives with Global Grants," moderated by DRFC PDG Ovais Kohari, with panelists PDG Adnan Rafiq, PDG Abdul Latif, and PP Uzma Sheikh sharing impactful insights. PTRF Trustee Aziz Memon followed with his talk on "Art of Giving," and a smart village video presentation was screened. PRI Director Faiz Kidwai spoke on "Why Give to The Rotary Foundation," followed by IPPC Chair Michael McGovern's address.

DGE Shahzad Sabir then introduced the Chief Guest, after which TRF Chair Holger Knaack delivered a motivational speech. The evening drew to a close with pledges and recognition, followed by a vote of thanks delivered by DGN Fahad Sikander. Insightful presentations and discussions served as a reminder of how deeply embedded TRF is in advancing Rotary's mission of Service above Self.

The evening concluded with a soulful live concert by renowned singer Narodha Malni, whose performance added vibrance and joy, turning the seminar into a memorable blend of learning, fellowship, and cultural celebration.

The Rotary Foundation Seminar 2025 will be remembered for its distinguished speakers, inspiring sessions, and above all, as a testament to Rotary's resilience and unity—a reminder that Rotary is not just an organization, but a movement powered by compassion and the shared belief in building a better world together.



RCK Signs MoU with Sindh Police, District South

On Saturday, August 2, 2025, the Rotary Club of Karachi (RCK) formalized a strategic partnership with the Sindh Police, District South Zone, through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), aimed at combating drug abuse through awareness, prevention, and rehabilitation initiatives. The MoU was signed by Rtn. Naila Masood, President RCK, and Syed Asad Raza, DIG Sindh Police, South Zone, in the presence of senior Rotarians and police officials.



Under this MoU, RCK will serve as the primary implementing partner, working closely with the Police Department, South Zone, to design and execute impactful community-based programmes. The campaign, set to launch on August 20, 2025, will include awareness sessions in educational institutions, public seminars, community-level engagement such as corner meetings, and targeted outreach programmes to highlight the harmful effects of drug use and the importance of rehabilitation.



The initiative will also explore fundraising campaigns, CSR-linked projects, and participation in Rotary Global and District grants, ensuring alignment with Rotary's key areas of focus. Other planned collaborations include public service projects such as blood donation drives, breast cancer awareness programmes, tree plantation, and health initiatives.



Present at the signing ceremony were Rtn. Shafqat Ali (Joint Secretary, RCK), Rtn. Shoaib Ali Khan (Member, RCK), and Rtn. Salman Javed (Member, Rotary Club Karachi Nexus). Speaking on the occasion, both parties reaffirmed their mutual commitment to strengthening community well-being, tackling drug abuse at its roots, and fostering a healthier, more aware society through sustained, collaborative action.



A Celebration of Humanity's Most Powerful Investment

International DAY OF CHARITY

SEPTEMBER 05

In a world often divided by borders, beliefs, and circumstances, charity remains one of the purest expressions of our shared humanity. It is more than the act of giving; it is an investment in dignity, resilience, and the belief that we all hold responsibility for one another's well-being. Whether through direct assistance, volunteerism, or collective action, charity has the power to dismantle barriers, strengthen communities, and address the root causes of poverty and inequality.

The International Day of Charity, observed each year on September 5, was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 2012, and first observed in 2013. The date was chosen to honor the legacy of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who passed away on this day in 1997. Born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in 1910, Mother Teresa dedicated over 45 years of her life to serving the poor, sick, orphaned, and dying, first in India, then across the globe, through the Missionaries of Charity, an order she founded in 1950. Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, her tireless work remains a timeless example of compassion in action.

The day serves as a global call to action, urging individuals, organizations, and governments to work together to address humanitarian crises, foster solidarity, and uphold the dignity of those most in need. It is also a moment to recognize the countless charitable organizations and individuals whose everyday acts of kindness quietly change lives.

For Rotary, the connection to this day is profound. For over a century, Rotarians have translated generosity into measurable impact, working to create lasting solutions in health, education, peace, and economic development. As Rotary International affirms:

“As a global organization that operates in nearly every country in the world and deals in 29 currencies, Rotary takes stewardship of its funds seriously. Our money is spent on life-changing, sustainable grants, as well as programs and services that support our members’ transformative work. We have invested \$3 billion in thousands of projects over the past 100 years. The Rotary Foundation is organized as a public charity operated exclusively for charitable purposes and governed by a Board of Trustees. The operations of Rotary International, a member organization, are overseen by its Board of Directors.”

In commemorating the International Day of Charity, we are reminded that charity is not confined to grand gestures, it often begins with small acts of compassion that ripple outward to change communities and futures. For Rotarians, this is not just an annual observance; it is a lived commitment, embedded in our motto of “Service Above Self.”

As we mark September 5, let us reaffirm our pledge to be stewards of hope, architects of opportunity, and champions of compassion, continuing the work that unites us in purpose and humanity.

Strengthening Rotary Bonds in Japan



By Shahzad Sabir
DG 2026–27, RI District 3271

On 25th June, I had the honour of attending a luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of Tokyo - one of the oldest and most distinguished Rotary clubs globally, founded in 1920, and meeting weekly at the Imperial Hotel, Tokyo.

Invited and hosted by Rtn. Kimihide Ando - former CEO of Mitsubishi Corporation in Karachi, and Pakistan's Honorary Investment Counselor in Japan - the experience was marked by warmth, protocol, and remarkable attention to detail. In advance, Rtn. Ando had kindly briefed me on the club's dress code and decorum - jackets were required, ties recommended - reflecting the club's emphasis on tradition and formality. At registration, my name and the flag of Pakistan were displayed; a thoughtful gesture signifying my official attendance. Seating was pre-assigned - a practice the club rotates weekly to foster stronger fellowship.

Another notable observation was the use of personalized name badges worn by all members, prominently displayed on their coat pockets. This allowed everyone to be addressed by their first names, fostering a culture of openness and familiarity. A name badge was also prepared for me and placed on my coat, making me feel immediately included in the circle of fellowship.

A highlight was the cultural sensitivity shown throughout. I received a name badge, a green sticker to indicate halal dietary preference, and an audio translator to follow the Japanese-language proceedings. I was graciously acknowledged during the meeting, and witnessed a unique Rotary tradition: birthday wishes presented with live orchestral music.

Photography is not permitted during meetings, but during the fellowship hour I had the opportunity to exchange flags with the Club President. Both Pakistani and Japanese flags were placed on the table - a dignified symbol of international Rotary friendship.

I am deeply grateful to Rtn. Ando and the Rotary Club of Tokyo for their hospitality and for exemplifying the values of Service Above Self across cultures.



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