



Rotary Club of Sonarpur

Rotary District : 3291



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Help eradicate polio

Overview

Polio eradication is within our grasp. But if we don't eradicate the disease now, the risk of crippling and deadly polio outbreaks will continue to threaten the world's children. You can help Rotary get the job done by contributing to Rotary's PolioPlus program or creating awareness of polio.

Challenges to polio eradication

Health experts agree that these primary challenges must be overcome in order to reach the goal of polio eradication:

- Halting the spread of the poliovirus in the four remaining endemic countries (Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan), which continue to export it to polio-free areas
- Curbing the intense spread of the poliovirus in northern Nigeria and Pakistan
- Rapidly stopping polio outbreaks in previously polio-free countries
- Addressing low routine-immunization rates and surveillance gaps in polio-free areas
- Maintaining funding and political commitment to implement the eradication strategies

Four key strategies for stopping poliovirus transmission

1. Routine immunization

High infant-immunization coverage with four doses of oral polio vaccine (OPV) in the first year of life is critical. Routine immunization is essential because it's the primary way that polio-free countries protect their children from the threat of imported polio. Read more about the bivalent oral polio vaccine.

2. National Immunization Days

For decades, Rotary's PolioPlus program has been

one of the driving forces during National Immunization Days, or NIDs. Rotarians are involved in myriad ways before, during, and after an NID, by providing funds for millions of drops of vaccine, promoting upcoming campaigns in the community, distributing vaccine to local health centers, serving as monitors, working with local officials to reach every child, and participating in surveillance efforts.

3. Surveillance

Rotarians play an important role in working with health workers, pediatricians, and others to find, report, and investigate cases of acute flaccid paralysis in timely manner (ideally within 48 hours of onset). PolioPlus sometimes helps fund containers that preserve the integrity of stool samples during transport to laboratories. The program has also played a leading role in providing equipment for the global poliovirus laboratory.

4. Targeted mop-up campaigns

Rotary's support of mop-up campaigns is similar to NID volunteering, but on a smaller, often "house-to-house," scale.

Did you know that more than 10 million children will be paralyzed in the next 40 years if the world fails to eradicate polio? Embark on a virtual tour of "Whatever Happened to Polio?" an exhibit of the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History that chronicles the history of the disease and efforts to eradicate it. The exhibit is now on permanent display at the Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation.

CLUB PICNIC

Members remember Club Picnic is due on 12th February at RamMandir Garden Jagatballavpur, Howrah. Members alongwith Spouse and Children join in numbers. Contact PP Rtn Subrata for details.

We meet every Friday 7.30pm. at 'HARMONY', 20A, Kali Mohon Banerjee Lane, Kolkata 700025

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Minutes

Meeting no: 1037 dated 27.01.2012

President called meeting no. 1037 to order.
National Anthem led by Ann Anjana Sen
Minutes of the last meeting confirmed.
President welcomed Ann Anjana to the meeting.

Discussions:

- o President briefed the members about the visit to RCC, Usthi Janakalyan Samity and the survey of the School building for possible developmental work. President requested committee member Rtn. Gautam Ray to elaborate on the scope and financial implications. Members present had an elaborate discussion on the issue and discussed future actions.
- o President mooted the proposal of distribution of School kits to the poor students of the school managed and run by our RCC, Usthi Janakalyan Samity. Members agreed and Rtn. Gautam Ray expressed his willingness to sponsor the programme. Members applauded and welcomed the decision.
- o President discussed about the possible dates of organising a Health Check up camp at RCC, Usthi Janakalyan Samity.

Secretary Rtn. Sajal Kr. Dutta announced the receipt of Bulletins from the neighbouring clubs. Having no other business the President terminated the meeting

Members present: 9

Sunshine collected: Rs.180.00

Great Sayings

Thank God for giving you this world as a moral gymnasium to help your development, but never imagine you can help the world
Swami Vivekananda

News Basket

Ducks race to end polio

Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors in District 7680 (North Carolina, USA) organized a rubber-duck race at a marina on Lake Wylie in September that raised more than \$55,000 for Rotary's Challenge. Each participant "adopted" one or more ducks to compete for prizes. "Our sponsors underwrote our prize money and nearly all of our expenses," says Assistant Governor Ineke Van der Meulen, adding that the amount raised was more than double the proceeds from the 2010 event. "Kids in our district have big smiles on their faces when they see our ducks race," says Van der Meulen. "Just think about the smiles from those kids who will receive a world free from polio."

District Programme

The **Drive - out Polio** Car Rally will be held at Saltlake stadium on 5th February 2012 from 8.30 AM onwards. Car registration of the Rally is 1000/- for 2 persons. Free Lunch, breakfast and tea will be served.

Polio Summit 2012

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India and R.I. is organizing a 2 day Polio Summit 2012 in New Delhi on Feb. 25-26 to take the campaign further and eradicate polio.

DISTRICT SPORTS, RI DISTRICT 3291, 2011-12

February 12, 2012 at Eastern Railway KFR Ground, James Long Sarani Bypass, Near Taratolla, Roy Bahadur

Four Way Test

Is it the TRUTH ?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIP?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all **concerned?**

GLOBAL
POLIO ERADICATION
INITIATIVE



every last child