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Rotary District : 3291



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Rotary news in brief from around the globe *The Rotarian — March 2012*

The Rotary Club of Mabalacat Clark and District 2680 (Japan), including the Rotary Club of Kobe-Suma, raised a total of US\$5,000 to donate a hybrid wind/solar energy system to Mabalacat College. Rotary clubs around the globe have many things in common, including a commitment to service. All year long, clubs are taking action to make a difference in their communities. Here's a roundup of recent club activities worldwide:

Canada

To help revitalize the commercial area of St. Catharines, Ont., and strengthen the local arts scene, the Rotary Club of St. Catharines donated C\$100,000 to a project that will relocate a performing and fine arts school to the city's downtown. The contribution is the largest single gift in the club's 91-year history. The effort, which will move Brock University's 500-student Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts, is expected to be completed in 2014.

USA

The Rotary Club of Aurora Fitzsimons, Colo., is partnering with the founder of the Guitars for the Troops program to provide deployed soldiers with guitars and packages of music supplies. The guitars are built to withstand the climatic conditions where soldiers are stationed, and the supplies include a padded travel bag and strap, extra strings, guitar picks, a chord book, and a play-along CD. The club has raised enough money to donate more than 125 guitars since 2010, delivering the packages to Fort Carson to be shipped to soldiers serving around the world.

Dominica

For 17 years, the Rotary Club of Dominica has worked with the Rotary Club of Eaton Rapids, Mich., USA, to provide eye care to island residents through Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity. During an average 10-day clinic, 1,700 people undergo complete eye exams, and patients who need them receive prescription glasses or referrals for medical care. Students and faculty of the Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University participate in the missions, which are also supported by the Dominican government. The most recent clinic was held in January.

England

The Rotary Club of Guernsey raised US\$15,700 in one year for Rotary's Challenge by selling End Polio Now merchandise



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in its own online shop. The club started out by selling a few items within District 1110 (part of England; Channel Islands), but demand from outside the district grew, and now anyone can visit the website to buy toys, apparel, and office supplies sporting the End Polio Now logo. All profits from the shop, at www.endpolionowguernseyshop.org, go to the polio eradication campaign.

Egypt

The Rotary Club of Alexandria Sporting is providing microcredit loans of about US\$85 each to 20 low-income entrepreneurs so they can start their own businesses. Under the revolving program, the loans are paid back in a year, then loaned back out. The club also funds workshops for women, including literacy classes that have helped 75 participants learn to read and write, and a sewing class that serves 45 women each month. Financial literacy classes provide loan recipients with advice on budgeting and saving the money they earn from their new businesses.

India

In August, 188 children with disabilities participated in a statewide swimming competition, the second organized by the Rotary Club of Pune Pashan. The president of the club, along with Bollywood producer, director, and actor Mahesh Manjrekar, gave out prizes. The success of the competition has led the club to start planning a national event involving all the Rotary districts in India.

Philippines

To promote renewable energy sources, the Rotary Club of Mabalacat Clark and District 2680 (Japan), including the Rotary Club of Kobe-Suma, raised a total of US\$5,000 to donate a hybrid wind/solar energy system to Mabalacat College in July. The new system can generate 600 watts of electricity per hour and will be used to power LED lights across the campus.

New Zealand

The Lego Olympics of Timaru in July encouraged children to use their imaginations and practice their Lego building skills. The competition, which was launched by the Rotary Club of Timaru South in 2008, includes an event in which the children build models according to a given design, as well as an anything-goes contest. The main event is a race between Lego cars that are propelled by gravity down specially built lanes.

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

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 three remaining endemic countries (Afghanistan, 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.

Great Sayings

The thought persisted that I was experiencing only what had happened to hundreds, perhaps thousands, of others in the great city ... I was sure that there must be many other young men who had come from farms and small villages to establish themselves in Chicago ... Why not bring them together? If others were longing for fellowship as I was, something would come of it

— Paul P. Harris, *My Road to Rotary*

Minutes

Meeting no: 1041 dated 02.03.2012

President called meeting no. 1041 to order.

National Anthem led by Rtn. Sanjib Kr. Ray

Minutes of the last meeting confirmed.

Discussions:

- President discussed the distribution of school kit to children of the school managed by our RCC Usthi Janakalyan Samity.
- President requested Treasurer Rtn. Gautam Ray to place before the club, the financial status of the club. The members present discussed on the status. President was urged to issue notices to the defaulting members. It was decided to issue reminders.
- President discussed the upcoming projects of the club.

President announced the receipt of Bulletins from the neighbouring clubs.

Having no other business the President terminated the meeting

Members present: 10

Sunshine collected: Rs.200.00

District Programme

March 10 (Saturday) : District Holi Meet – ABIR (Basantotsav) – Swabhumi Urban Zone.

Regn : @ 400/- with Dinner. Details with cards availability are being separately mailed. A Team from Santiniketan will perform Basantotsav.

March 31 (Saturday) : ICM on Literacy: Rotary Sadan: from 3.30 pm. : No Registration.

April 01 (Sunday) : President, Secretary AG, ZS, Coordinators, Secretariat Meet at Rotary Sadan from 6.30 pm. Registration : Rs. 300/- with Dinner

April 15 (Sunday) : Nababarsher Baithak – ADDA – at Town Hall from 6.30 pm. Registration @ 300/- with Dinner. Eminent Celebrities will take part.

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*?

