



Rotary Club of Sonarpur

Rotary District : 3291



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Rotary's role in India's success against polio draws global media coverage

Rotary International News -- 5 April 2012

The role played by Rotary International in helping India stop transmission of the wild poliovirus generated strong media coverage worldwide. News of India's milestone achievement of going one year without polio in January garnered more than 100 media placements that featured Rotary, representing nearly 250 million online visitors and a print circulation of over 10 million readers. Nearly 95 percent of the coverage of the milestone – by the Associated Press, The Economist, Financial Times, New York Times, Reuters, and other major media – mentioned Rotary's leading role in the achievement.

In February, the BBC featured a news story that highlighted Rotary's role in India. The BBC also carried several news stories, blog posts, and Twitter feeds related to Rotarians participating in the country's National Immunization Days. India's removal from the list of polio-endemic countries by the World Health Organization was announced at Polio Summit 2012 by Ghulam Nabi Azad, the country's minister of Health and Family Welfare.

Anticipating India's milestone achievement, the RI Communications Group launched an aggressive communications campaign to increase understanding of Rotary's leadership role in the country's success against polio and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, working with the GPEI partners, Rotary public image coordinators, and others.

Rotary International Events

6th -9th May 2012

Rotary International Convention at Bangkok

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

Important schedule changes for the 2012 RI Convention

Rotary International News -- 27 April 2012

On Sunday, 6 May, the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, will welcome Her Royal Highness Princess Chulabhorn Walailak Akra Rajakumari.

To accommodate the necessary security arrangements for her visit, the RI shuttle system will begin transferring registrants from hotels at 06:30, RI registration will open at 07:00, and the House of Friendship will open at 11:00 instead of 09:00.

All attendees who are assigned to the first seating of the opening plenary session must be seated in the plenary hall prior to Her Royal Highness entering the hall. If you are assigned to the first seating and are not in the Challenger Building by 09:30 you will not be able to attend this seating, but you are welcome to participate in the second seating.

The first seating of the opening plenary session is full to capacity and RI is unable to honor requests to switch tickets from the second session.

Those who are assigned to the second seating will be unable to gain access to the Challenger Building until 11:00; therefore it is strongly recommended that you plan your arrival accordingly to avoid any inconvenience. We appreciate your understanding of these changes to the program.

DISTRICT 3291 UPCOMING EVENTS

1. May 20: District Assembly 2012-13 at The Hyatt Regency, Kolkata.
2. May 26: Inter City Meet on Future Vision at Rotary sadan at 3pm. Major changes in TRF funding to be discussed.
3. May 26: District Drama at Gyan Manch from 6.30pm
4. 9th June : Rotaquiz at Rotary Sadan from 3 to 6.30pm

Minutes of the Meeting

Meeting no 1050

Dated 27.04.2012

In the absence of the President, PP Rtn. Samir Kr. Ray called meeting no. 1050 to order.

National Anthem led by Rtn. Amal Bhattacharya.

Minutes of the last meeting confirmed.

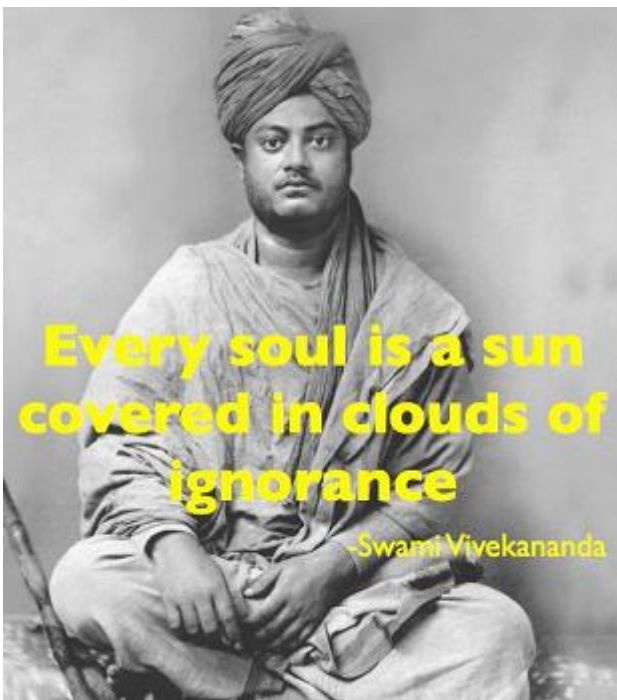
Discussions:

- Acting President PP Rtn. Samir Kr. Ray discussed about the award of scholarship for vocational training. The members agreed to award the scholarship as decided earlier but showed their interest to have an interactive session with the beneficiary candidate.

Acting President handed over the business to the Secretary. Secretary Rtn. Sajal Kr. Dutta announced the receipt of bulletins from neighboring clubs, and upcoming District events before handing back the meeting to the President. Having no other business, President terminated the meeting.

Members Present: 10 Sunshine Collected : Rs. 200/-

Thought of the Day



Anti-poverty crusader Hugh Evans to join Rotarians in Bangkok

Stephen Yafa

The Rotarian -- March 2012

By the age of 12, Hugh Evans had figured out what his life's work would be: ending global poverty.

Two years later, seeking an experience that would help him empathize with the 1.4 billion people who live on US\$1.25 or less a day, he participated in a World Vision trip to the Philippines, financed in part by Rotarians in his hometown of Baldwin, Australia. He shared a tent in Manila with a family living in a slum built on a garbage dump.

Now 28, Evans oversees a team of activists around the world as CEO of the Global Poverty Project. He was named Young Australian of the Year in 2004, and two years later engineered a campaign that brought Bono to Melbourne to perform in a concert to raise awareness about poverty.

The publicity surrounding that event led to a commitment by the Australian government to increase its foreign aid budget, resulting in an additional A\$4.3 billion annually for the world's poorest. This past October, a day after the

Global Poverty Project staged a concert in Perth as part of its End of Polio campaign, Australia committed A\$50 million to the polio eradication effort.



Evans will be a keynote speaker at the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, 6-9 May.

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 ?

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