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Rotarians leave Bangkok encouraged to fight poverty and finish the job of eradicating polio

By Ryan Hyland

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Left: RI President Kalyan Banerjee and RI President-elect Sakuji Tanaka during the closing plenary session. Right: Ron D. Burton, 2013-14 RI president, and his wife, Jetta, are introduced during the fourth plenary.

Rotarians and friends left the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, energized to keep up the fight against polio and to use their ingenuity to help reduce global poverty.

The four-day event, which drew to a close Wednesday, attracted more than 35,000 attendees from 181 countries and geographical areas and included a celebration of two major milestones in the global polio eradication effort.

Attendees were also treated to a preview of the next RI Convention, which will take place 23-26 June 2013, in Lisbon, Portugal.

In his closing remarks, RI President Kalyan Banerjee reminded Rotarians that "what's important in Rotary isn't what we say. It's what we do, and who we are."

"There dwells within you the power and spirit that can evoke the energy you may not realize," Banerjee said. "You have to be hungry enough to reach within and release the energy to help you embrace humanity. I believe this is the state we call happiness. I have just given you the prescription for it. Rotary can help you achieve happiness in life that you seek."

Peace through service

Incoming RI President Sakuji Tanaka outlined his plans for his term, which begins 1 July. Tanaka will ask Rotarians to achieve *Peace through Service*.

"Through service we learn that the problems that may seem large to us are really very small," said Tanaka. "We learn empathy for others. We come closer to people who seem very different from us. And we begin to understand how much we are all the same."

"Through our Rotary service, we know that cooperation is more productive than conflict," he said. "We know that every one of us has something to give, and everyone has something to teach."

Delegates elected nominee Ron D. Burton, of the Rotary Club of Norman, Oklahoma, USA, as the 2013-14 RI president during the fourth plenary session earlier in the day.

"I am both honored and humbled to accept the nomination of president of Rotary International," Burton said in his acceptance remarks. "I take a

tremendous amount of pride in being a Rotarian. To me, Rotary isn't just another service organization. It is something different, something special." Burton says the best years are still to come for Rotary. He emphasized RI's Strategic Plan as the tool to make that happen.

"The plan is a way to look clearly at who we are, where we are going, and how we should get there," said Burton. "It's a powerful reminder of our goals and priorities, which at their heart are the same as they've been since Rotary was founded."

Indian philanthropist commits another US\$1 million for Rotary's polio eradication efforts

By Dan Nixon

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Rajashree Birla, of the Aditya Birla Group, has committed an additional US\$1 million to The Rotary Foundation for polio eradication efforts.

Birla, of Mumbai, announced the donation on 8 May at the Arch C. Klumph Society dinner during the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand. Birla's contributions to the Foundation's campaign to eradicate polio, including this commitment, total more than \$6.2 million.

"Aditya Birla was one of India's foremost industrialists and an active philanthropist," said Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair William B. Boyd in introducing Rajashree Birla at the convention. "His widow has continued this work through the family's foundation, introducing education and health care initiatives that improve the lives of underserved populations in rural India. The Birla family is a staunch supporter of the End Polio Now campaign and has contributed generously to [Rotary's] US\$200 Million Challenge fund."

Continued support is needed to ensure that India and other countries remain polio-free and to stop transmission of the disease in the three remaining polio-endemic countries, Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan.

Birla, addressing the convention on 7 May, said, "Based on the success of Rotary International's initiatives in India — coupled, of course, with the admirable backing of the government's health departments and institutions like WHO, UNICEF, CDC, and the Gates Foundation — the day is not far off for us to envisage the elimination of polio in the other three countries where unfortunately its traces remain."

She added, "We owe it to ourselves and to humanity at large to ensure that in these three countries as well, polio becomes an affliction of the past."

An honorary member of the Rotary clubs of Bombay and Mulund, Birla also stressed the need for business accountability and community service. Her Giving to Living campaign encourages corporations to "embed giving into their DNA."

"When a corporation pushes its energies and helps resolve social sector issues through its engagement, it indirectly stimulates its own business development," Birla said. "There is much to be gained when business leaders take giving to heart, and set the mandate of making a difference by caring for people in their community."

Minutes of the Meeting

Meeting no 1052

Dated 11.05.2012

President called meeting no. 1052 to order.

National Anthem led by Rtn. Subrata Das

Minutes of the last meeting confirmed.

Discussions:

- President called upon Sri Madan Das who applied for Vocational training sponsorship, to the dais for interacting with the members present, after which the President handed over to him 100% sponsorship for 'Advanced wireman course – wiring and lighting' at Jadavpur University.
- President discussed about the progress in the case of financial support for getting his 1yr. 4mth. Daughter, Baby Rikta Tarafdar to be operated for a heart disease.
- President discussed about the registration for District Assembly for the year 2012 -2013 is to be held on 20th May 2012 at Hyatt Regency, Kolkata. President Elect Rtn. Rana Safui requested all members to register for the Assembly.
- President mooted a discussion on the Club Bye laws which was adjourned till our next RWM on 18th May, 2012.

President handed over the business to the Secretary Rtn. Sajal Dutta, who 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

Pain makes you stronger. Tears make you braver. Heartbreak makes you wiser. So thank the past for a better future.

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

Rare Disorder Causes Severe Head Rushes

By Amanda Gardner, Brightroom.com

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When Megan Kenny was five years old, she began to exhibit a strange and troubling symptom: Every time she stood up for more than two minutes, she collapsed.

The episodes were particularly bad after Megan had been sitting or lying down for prolonged stretches, such as when she woke up in the morning or walked between classes at school.

"Church was always a disaster," recalls Mary Kenny, Megan's mother. After sitting or kneeling for a time, Megan would stand up with the congregation and invariably fall down.

As Megan got older, other worrisome signs emerged. Her eyelids began to droop. She continued to wet the bed and suffered from constant bladder infections. And, about once a week, she experienced extreme hypoglycemic episodes—a sudden drop in blood sugar levels—that left her shaking and unable to function for the rest of the day.

The Kennys visited a parade of doctors and specialists who considered, and ultimately ruled out, a grab bag of diagnoses: epilepsy, diabetes, cancer, liver failure, kidney failure. One time, after testing Megan for epilepsy, a neurologist observed that she appeared to have a severe form of orthostatic hypotension, a not-unusual condition in which a person's blood pressure drops suddenly upon standing or sitting up, causing the sensation known as a head rush.

The doctor was only half right. Megan did have orthostatic hypotension, but the underlying cause was a far more exotic condition that wouldn't be diagnosed until she was an adult. In the meantime, she had to cope with having blood pressure that could dive from a relatively normal 110/70 when she was lying down to 50/30 upon standing.

"I've seen dead people with higher blood pressure," one nurse told her.

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