



# Rotary Club of Sonarpur

Rotary District : 3291



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## RI PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE - JUNE, 2012



By RI president Kalyan Banerjee  
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My dear brothers and sisters in Rotary,  
June is a time to reflect on the Rotary year that has nearly passed, and to look forward to the one that is soon to begin. We look back at what we have accomplished and measure our progress toward the goals we have set for ourselves. In Rotary, we may pause to reflect, but never to rest on our laurels – for as much as we have achieved, we are always aware of how much there is still to do.

The 2011-12 year has been a time of significant progress. Binota and I have been fortunate to have visited different parts of the Rotary world and seen the many ways that Rotarians everywhere Reach Within to Embrace Humanity. In South Sudan, we met with Rotarians who are determined to make a difference despite tremendous challenges. The humanitarian problems in that nation are enormous, and begin with the most basic: At the moment, South Sudan lacks a single functional hospital. I am confident that in the coming year, Rotarians around the world will reach out to our newest Rotary country with the support and help it will need.

In Uganda, I was delighted and heartened to discover how many government ministers and officials are Rotarians, and to see them bringing the ideals of Rotary to life in their service. In Kathmandu, I was overwhelmed as countries of South Asia – Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka – came together to vow to make the region 100 percent literate by 2017.

In Fiji and Vanuatu in the South Pacific, I was moved by Rotarians who are helping to lower child mortality and provide safe housing. In Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, I was delighted by the statement of Sheikh Nahayan Mubarak Al-Nahayan, minister of higher education and scientific research: "We are looking forward eagerly to Rotary starting its first club here." And in Valdivia, Chile, as close to the South Pole as Binota and I have been, we were moved by Rotarians' work with children who have mental disabilities.

But most of all, we found our hearts warmed by the welcome we received all over the world – and by the sight of so many Rotarians living the Rotary ideal, and choosing to Reach Within to Embrace Humanity. I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president, and look forward to working together to build Peace Through Service.

Kalyan Banerjee  
RI President

## Past RI General Secretary Herbert Pigman dies

Rotary International News -- 22 May 2012

Herbert A. Pigman, who served as RI general secretary and vice chair of the International Polio Plus Committee (IPPC), died 18 May in Ambia, Indiana, USA. He was 78.

Pigman, a member of the Rotary Club of Boswell, served as RI general secretary from 1979 to 1986 and from 1993 until his retirement in 1995. In 1985, under his leadership, Rotary launched the Polio Plus program, a public-private partnership created to assist international health agencies and governments in eradicating polio.

Pigman served as vice chair of the IPPC from 2000 to 2005 and director of the Polio Plus Immunization Task Force from 1986 to 1989. He worked with the spearheading partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) to help establish strategies and policies for ending the disease.

"The GPEI has lost a giant, and Rotary has lost someone who so clearly understood the willingness of Rotarians to finish the job," said Dr. Robert S. Scott, chair of the IPPC. "He was an architect of the Polio Plus program and worked tirelessly towards the goal of eradicating polio. I lost not only a very wise and knowledgeable Rotarian in every aspect of Polio Plus but also a friend who was never too busy to call on for advice."

As director of the Polio Plus task force, Pigman traveled widely, serving as Rotary's liaison to UNICEF, the World Health Organization, and the national health ministries of many countries. The task force helped launch Rotary's polio immunization operations throughout Asia, Latin America, and Africa.

"Right from the start, Herbert Pigman was an aggressive leader and advocate in Rotary's fight to eradicate polio," said RI General Secretary John Hewko. "His stewardship helped pave the way for Rotarians worldwide to help rid the world of this crippling disease."

Pigman began his career with Rotary in 1956 as an assistant editor of *The Rotarian* magazine. From 1964 to 1975 he was RI undersecretary, responsible for Rotary's program development, publications, and international meetings. He served as executive assistant to the RI president from 1976 to 1978. In 1979, he was elected general secretary, and he served in that post until 1986.

Pigman graduated from Franklin College in Indiana with a degree in journalism and received an honorary doctorate in the humanities. He also served as a trustee of the college. He pursued farming and newspaper publishing before his second term as RI general secretary began in 1993.

He was a member of The Rotary Foundation centennial book committee. Pigman twice received Indiana's highest civilian honor, the Sagamore of the Wabash Award, in recognition of his distinguished work for Rotary.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Betty; sons Thomas and Dan; and daughters Jenny, Sally, and Liz.

**RLI One Day Rotary Orientation Course** Date: 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2012

Venue: **Rotary** Prakash Bhavan, DD 18/3, Sector-I, Salt Lake Registration

Charges: Rs. 400/- only. **Time: 9am to 5-30pm**

**Climbing Kilimanjaro to End Polio Now**

Posted on April 24, 2012



*By Macon Dunnagan Jr., a member of the Rotary Club of Charlotte-South, North Carolina, USA*

In September, I will be leading a party of Rotarians from District 7680 (North Carolina, USA) up Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa, to raise money and awareness for Rotary's End Polio Now campaign.

I am not a stranger to the top of the mountain. Since 1999, I have reached the summit 20 times, on my own and as an expedition director for Zara Tours, based in Moshi, Tanzania. Since my first wife, Michelle, died of ovarian cancer in 2007, I have been climbing Kilimanjaro every September in support of cancer awareness.

Last May, a friend of mine who is a Rotarian invited me to speak to the Charlotte-South Rotary Club about my climbing experience. They must have enjoyed the talk, for they invited me to join their club!

A few months later, before I had even had a chance to follow through on the invitation because of my climbing schedule, I was attending another meeting when the discussion turned to fundraising ideas for the 2012-13 Rotary year. I piped up that I would be more than happy to lead a fundraising climb up Kilimanjaro. Well, five months later, more than 30 Rotarians are signed up to take part in the district's first climb to End Polio Now, where we hope to raise \$100,000 or more in pledges.

The fundraiser is especially important to me. Moshi is a town at the base of the mountain where I live while in Tanzania. In November 2011, Tanzania held a nation-wide immunization campaign, vaccinating 220,000 children against polio and measles, and delivering Vitamin A drops. But a shortage of funds prevented many of the children in Moshi from being vaccinated.

I have seen how important it is to keep raising money to fund eradication efforts. I am looking forward to leading a team of Rotarians to the summit in support of finally ridding the world of this crippling disease once and for all. I am also hoping to share the story with other Rotarians I meet at the 2013 RI Convention in Lisbon, Portugal.

We are truly "This Close" to ending polio. Let's do all we can to cross the finish line.

**Minutes of the Meeting****Meeting no 1055****Dated 01.06.2012**

President called meeting no. 1055 to order.

President welcomed members of RCC, Santyasree Ashram .

National Anthem led by Rtn. Pradeep Kr. Chowdhury

Minutes of the last meeting confirmed.

**Discussions:**

- President and the members of the club discussed with the members of the RCC about their probable projects and reviewed their activity throughout the Rotary Year.
- President informed the club that the application of Mr. Sambhunath Tarafdar for financial support for getting his 1yr. 4mth. Daughter, Baby Rikta Tarafdar has been sanctioned by Rotary India Heart Foundation and that the club will have to contribute for the cause. Members discussed and decided to go ahead.

President handed over the business to the Secretary, 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.

**DISTRICT 3291 UPCOMING EVENTS**

1. 9<sup>th</sup> June : Rotaquiz at Rotary Sadan from 3 to 6.30pm.
2. 16<sup>th</sup> June RCC district Award Ceremony from 3 to 6.30pm

**Club Programme**

**11<sup>th</sup> June 2012, 6p.m onwards:** Installation Ceremony to install Rtn. Rana Safui as President for the Rotary year 2012-13 followed by fellowship & dinner at Park Palace.

**Thought of the Day**

**Leaders aren't born they are made. And they are made just like anything else, through hard work. And that's the price we'll have to pay to achieve that goal, or any goal.**

**Vince Lombardi**



**6th June:**  
**Rtn. Samir Ray**  
**&**  
**Priti Ray**

**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**