



Rotary Club of Sonarpur

Rotary District : 3291



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U.S. Senate lauds Rotary International for its Leadership in Fighting Polio



EVANSTON, Ill. (June 28, 2012) — The U.S. Senate has unanimously approved a resolution commending Rotary International for its leadership in the global effort to eradicate the crippling childhood

disease polio. The resolution, introduced June 26 by Illinois Senators Dick Durbin, a Democrat, and Mark Kirk, a Republican, also encourages the federal government to continue its commitment to and funding for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. The U.S. Government is the largest public sector supporter of the international polio campaign, having contributed \$2 billion since the initiative was launched in 1988 by Rotary, the World Health Organization, UNICEF and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The measure urges "the international community of governments and non-governmental organizations to remain committed to the elimination of polio" and commends Rotary and its partners, including the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, "for their efforts in vaccinating children around the world against polio and for the tremendous strides made toward eradicating the disease once and for all." Since 1988, more than two billion children worldwide have received the oral polio vaccine, and the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99 percent, from more than 350,000 cases a year to fewer than 700 in 2011. The wild poliovirus now remains endemic to only three countries: Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. India, long considered an epicenter, was removed from the endemic list in February, a milestone due in part to the active participation of the county's 122,000 Rotary club members. In addition to raising awareness and advocating within the public and private sectors, Rotary members worldwide have contributed more than \$1 billion in support of polio eradication. In January, Rotary announced it had raised more than \$200 million in new money for polio eradication in response to a \$355 million challenge grant from the Gates Foundation, which then added \$50 million more to the total in recognition of Rotary's commitment. "Although polio was eradicated in the United States more than 30 years ago, there are still men, women and children in a few corners of the globe who are stricken with this preventable virus because they lack access to the vaccine," said Sen. Durbin. "(Rotary's) work is

literally saving lives. We are closer than ever to ending the scourge of polio and I commend the work of the Rotary and many others in advancing that goal."

Rotary Scholar to Denmark builds peace

By Gregory Rockson, Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar from District 6080, studying at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark
Posted on July 5, 2012 by Rotary International

Receiving a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship is one of the best things that has ever happened to me.

Just two months after I arrived in Denmark, I founded the Copenhagen Union, the first English-speaking debate society in Denmark. I was also able to arrange for top Israeli and Palestinian diplomats to speak with University of Copenhagen students at the same time in the same room.

Due to the attention the meeting created, I decided to do even more to encourage dialogue between youth in the region. During two weeks in the Middle East, I visited communities in Israel and the Palestinian territories, and helped form the Six Days of Peace, an Israeli-Arab initiative aimed at building a strong foundation of dialogue and cooperation between young Israelis and Arabs. The group held a benefit concert 5-10 June, featuring ten musicians from different cultural background who joined a classical violinist in performing music in support of peace in the Middle East.

My work in the Middle East also captured the attention of the World Economic Forum, and I was invited to attend this year's annual meeting in Davos, Switzerland. I had the privilege of speaking on a couple of panels on the role of my generation in shaping the world. While there, I met with several world leaders including Israeli President Shimon Peres, Jordan Prime Minister Awn Shawkat Al-Khasawneh, and Bekele Geleta, secretary general of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

In just nine months, I have grown in so many ways beyond what my traditional college experience could ever give me. I have my Rotary scholarship to thank.

Thought of the Day

If you want to make Peace, you don't talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies.

-- Moshe Dayan

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

Meeting no 1061**Dated 13.07.2012**

President called meeting no. 1061 to order.

National Anthem led by AG Rtn. Sushit Biswas.

President welcomed AG Rtn. Sushit Biswas and ZS Rtn. Harbhajan Singh Theti and requested them to join him on dias.

Minutes of the last meeting confirmed.

Discussions:

- President discussed about taking up mosquito net distribution project in the RCC area. Members agreed and decided to procure 50 nets in the 1st phase.
- President mooted a proposal to carry out Cataract operation for the residents of an Old age home situated in Golf Green. Members present discussed and decided to wait for a request letter from the Home.
- Rtn. Dr. Malay Chatterjee informed the Club that members of Ashram Anandam contacted him and were given application form for formal application as RCC. .
- President and members discussed Rotary District 3291 initiated 'City Beautification' rally and decided to take up Tree Plantation Project and acquire 200 saplings of fruit bearing plants.

President handed over the business to the Secretary Rtn. Gautam Ray, who announced the receipt of bulletins from neighboring clubs, and upcoming District events. Secretary handed back the meeting to President Rtn. Rana Safui who requested AG and ZS to conduct COTS.

AG Rtn. Sushit Biswas appreciated the club's activities and vision for the Year 2012-2013. He enlightened the Club officers about RI President and District Governor vision and goals. AG discussed about the probable 'Matching Grant' projects in which the club may become interested and stressed on formation of a Trustee body. Among other issues discussed, AG Rtn. Sushit Biswas emphasized on Membership Development and especially on Membership retention. ZS Rtn. Harbhajan Singh Theti also shared his opinion and urged the Club officers to entrust responsibilities with newer members and involve them in club activities thereby preparing future leaders and retaining members.

On completion of COTS, ZS Rtn. Harbhajan Singh Theti handed over the business to the President.

Having no other business, President terminated the meeting.

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

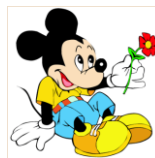
DISTRICT 3291 UPCOMING EVENTS

1. 21 July : Inter City Meet on Theme at Rotary Sadan, Registration from 6p.m.
2. 5th August : Workshop on Polio

Rotary International and The Global**FoodBanking Network partner to alleviate hunger.**

Rotary International and The Global FoodBanking Network, an international organization whose mission is to alleviate global hunger, jointly announced a service partnership to combine resources to combat the issues of hunger and food insecurity through food banking. Rotary, a humanitarian service organization, and The Global FoodBanking Network believe that their collaboration will enhance the ability of each organization to perform its mission by leveraging the resources that each can contribute. They will work together with Rotary clubs and districts to create new food banks in their local communities, coordinate service projects, and strengthen the capacity of existing food banks to feed more hungry people. "Partnering with The Global FoodBanking Network will help Rotary clubs contribute even more to the fight against global hunger," said Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee. "By working with a partner with a stellar and proven track record, Rotarians will be able to maximize their contributions, while helping to identify and assist the communities most in need of this critical service." Jeffrey D. Klein, the Chief Executive Officer of The Global FoodBanking Network, hailed their selection as a Rotary International service partner. "For more than a century, Rotarians have served selflessly in the communities where we are developing and expanding food banks. We want to connect Rotary clubs and districts not only to service projects and food distribution in more than 20 countries where we are currently engaged in food banking activity, but inspire them to take leadership in this generation's quest to end hunger."

Under its new Future Vision plan, **Rotary International** seeks to forge strategic partnerships with established organizations with expertise in any of Rotary's six areas of focus: peace and conflict prevention/resolution; disease prevention and treatment; water and sanitation; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and economic and community development. The Global FoodBanking Network is a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois, United States of America, and headquartered in Chicago, Illinois. GFN's mission is to alleviate world hunger by collaborating to develop food banks in communities where they are needed around the world and by supporting food banks where they exist.

**BIRTHDAY WISHES**22ND JULY: RTN. RANA SAFUI24TH JULY: RTN. SANJIB KR. 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