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Rotary chief hails India for polio work

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India has set an example to the world in polio eradication and other countries with incidence of polio could take a leaf out of its book, said Rotary International world president Ron Burton.

Interacting with the media here on Saturday, Burton, who is here to attend a two-day conference of the Rotary International, said this was not the situation 25 years ago. "When the RI decided to embark on polio eradication by assisting the government, we thought it will be done in five years, and then 10. It has taken 25 years to eradicate it." He also lauded the Indian government for releasing \$1.2 billion for the project.

Continuing with its commitment against disease eradication, the RI conducted a vaccination drive at the MGR Janaki College for Women, where nearly 3,000 women were vaccinated for Rubella - a viral disease that infects pregnant women, leading to children being born with several defects.

Burton added that the RI has "youth for the future" as its theme for the year. As part of the same, five conferences are being organised across the world, the first of which is being held in the city, a two-day event, on Saturday and Sunday.

Earlier, in an attempt to enter the Guinness Book of World Records, nearly 8,000 people assembled at the YMCA Grounds in Nandanam in the form of a human hand. They claim that this would set a new record.

RI director P T Prabhakar and Rotarian Satyan Bhatt were among those present on the occasion.

'Most impressive global health success'

– Bill Gates



Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates has described India's accomplishment in eradicating polio as the "most impressive global health success" he has ever seen.

In an essay titled 'What I Learned in the Fight Against Polio', the billionaire philanthropist lauds the extensive work undertaken in India by the "army" of more than two million vaccinators, who covered the length and breadth of the country in the effort to ensure every child is vaccinated against the disease.

Speaking Book launched by Unicef, Rotary

International THE NEWS correspondent, Sunday, October 27, 2013

Karachi: The Rotary International and United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (Unicef) have launched Speaking Book on Friday to mark the World Polio Day at the Indus Valley School.

The Speaking Book is an educational tool for community mobilisers to engage with women, children and fathers in telling the story of better environment, good sanitation and hygiene and imparting knowledge on the prevention of diseases including polio.

The easy to understand visualisation are mirrored with easy to understand voice over that connected with the listeners.

The story of health is narrated in Urdu and Pushto to bridge a wider communication gap in communities and within families. They present hopes and empowerment and enable communities to take the next step to keep their families safe. The joint development of the Speaking Book, a story of health, is a demonstration of creativity, technical expertise and innovation coming together to produce an educational tool.

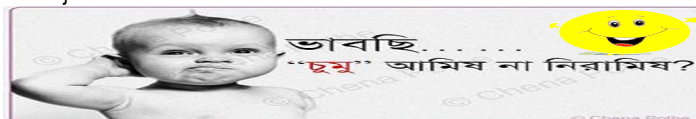
While speaking on the occasion provincial education minister, Nisar Khuhro who was the chief guest lauded this wonderful innovation which would help the common people. He said this would tell the children what was better for them. He said as the Sindhi language version of this book would also be launched so it would be very beneficial for the children of the province if this was gifted at least to each of the middle school.

He said even a single copy of this Speaking Book would be sufficient enough for five-six classes of a school. He said this would help to create awareness amongst the females in which literacy rate was very low.

He said there was very much need to keep the struggle alive to eradicate polio from the country. He said even in Sindh province polio cases were being detected.

Earlier Aziz Memon, National Chair, Pakistan Polio Plus Committee told the audience that there are 300,000 children of FATA who could not be administered polio drops for the past three years. He said 85 percent of the total polio cases of the country were detected from FATA and KPK. He said that was the reason why the Pushto version of the book had been launched to access the community. He said so far this year no case had been reported from Balochistan which was a good sign as in the past it was believed that if polio could be eradicated from Balochistan it could be eradicated from entire Pakistan.

Pir Ibrahim Shah on this occasion said in Karachi three polio cases had been detected in areas like Gadap and Bin Qasim where the Pushto speaking community live. He said one polio case was detected in Dadu as well. He said this commitment of Rotary International and Unicef was to eradicate polio from Pakistan. He said there was need of little more push to do the job.



Upcoming Club event

24th Nov., 10am: Mother & Child, Cervical Cancer, Life style Diseases awareness camp & SNID at Ashram ana Ashram Anandam, Sonarpur.

Health Point

Blackberries

An Authentically Nourishing Food

- ❖ Promote healthy skin with their content of ellagic acid.
- ❖ Contain both soluble and insoluble fiber to help promote regularity.
- ❖ Full of antioxidants to boost immunity.
- ❖ A heart-healthy berry due to the content of salicylic acid.
- ❖ Helps remove toxins from the gut.
- ❖ Contain anticancer substances.
- ❖ Helps lower blood pressure.
- ❖ Good source of vitamin C and Vitamin E.

Happy Birthday

Ann Soma
Chakraborty
on 21st
November

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
on 21st November
Rtn.
Proloy Majumdar

Happy Anniversary

On
18th
November

Ann Manisha & Rtn. Santanu Ghosh

Point to Ponder

If we do not feel grateful
for what we already have,
what makes us think
we'd be happy with more?

Golfing for a cause

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EMC India COE teamed up with Rotary Bangalore IT Corridor, recently with a mission to make a transformational and sustainable change in the quality of life in Whitefield. And how? With a Charitable Golf Tournament. The tournament titled EMC International Golf Tournament was held at the Champion Reef, Kolar. 50 C-level executives from Bangalore participated in this tournament.

In addition to being the title sponsor, EMC India COE contributed '3,00,000 for the event which will be used to provide infrastructure facilities like science and computer labs, library and books, specific sanitation facilities for the girl child, drinking water, mid-day meals at seven government schools in Whitefield covering approximately 5000 students.

Chandrasekar Krishnamurthy, VP - global services and executive sponsor for corporate sustainability, EMC India Centre of Excellence said, "We make a conscious effort to engage with the larger community to empower people and to give back to the society. Our teams work collaboratively with various stakeholders to drive programs which enable socio-economic enablement of local communities. We will continue supporting similar causes in the future as part of our constant effort to help the society."



Minutes of Meeting

Meeting no. 1206

Dated 08.11.2013

President Rtn. Gautam Ray calls meeting no. 1206 to order
National Anthem led by Rtn. Dipankar Sen
Minutes of the last meeting confirmed.

President Rtn. Gautam Ray wished all the members present for Subha Bijoya & Deepabali and thanked all members and Anne for their overwhelming participation in the 'cloth distribution' project at Ashram Anandam, Sonarpur on 2nd October 2013

Discussions

President & Members of the club discussed the District Grant and EIRWT projects. Members present unanimously assigned President, President Elect and Club Foundation Chair to operate the identified bank account for District Grant project. Members present also assigned President, Secretary and Rtn. Chandan Goswami to become joint signatories for the Bank account assigned for Helping Grant projects.

Members discussed the Club – bye laws and requested Rtn. Samir kr. Ray to share his views on the same in the next RWM. Members also discussed regarding COL representative name from club for the year -2016.

President discussed with member present regarding Financial Education & Wealth Management project jointly with IDBI Federal Life Insurance Co. Ltd. and requested Rtn. Chandan Goswami to summarise the proposal in front of club members. Members present principally agreed on the proposal.

President floated a proposal to arrange a day out at Nicco park for the less privileged children from RCC and the community. Members present decided to keep the proposal in abeyance and stressed for sustaining projects. In this regard members discussed 'Thalasemia Check up camp' and entrusted Rtn. Samir Kr. Ray to communicate with the Interact school and fix up a date for the project.

Members present discussed in details the 24th November 2013 programme of hosting an awareness seminar at Ashram Anandam premises on Life style diseases, Cancer awareness & mother and child care.

Member present discussed & agreed to sponsor the sports event for the less privileged youth of Usthi through RCC, Janakalyan Samity Usthi.

Members of the club discussed and decided to hold the AGM on 14th December 2013 and selected Rtn. Sanjib Kr. Ray as the Election commissioner for selecting the board for the Rotary Year 2014-2015. President also requested to submit the club accounts for the financial year 2012-2013 on the same day.

Rtn. Mridul Chanda shared his experience of RLI with member present and laid importance on sustainable projects.

Member present lauded President Rtn. Gautam Ray and Rtn. Sanjay Ghosh for their efforts to collect donations to run the club projects.

President handed over the business to the Secretary who announced the receipt of letters, bulletin from neighboring clubs and the upcoming District events before handing back the meeting to the President. There being no other business, President terminated the meeting.

Members present: 9

Sunshine collection: 260

