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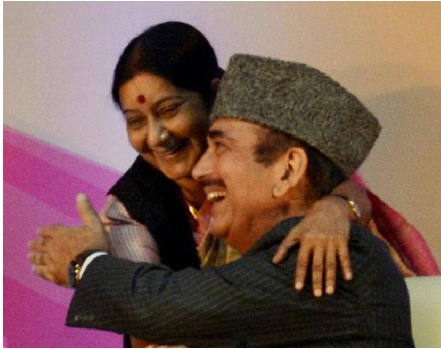
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"Polio-free India to get WHO certification

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As India celebrates its victory over polio — completing three years without any case of the debilitating infection — the nation becomes entitled to polio-free certification by the World Health Organisation in March.

On Tuesday, President Pranab Mukherjee

received Rotary International's highest award — Award of Honour — a recognition for heads of nations or governments who have rendered unique service to humanity and served their countries and people.

"After this historic victory of humankind where millions of lives have been saved through tireless efforts of many, we have to take care of neighbours also. We should commit ourselves to creating a polio-free world," Mr Mukherjee said at a function marked to celebrate the day.

Describing eradication of polio as an impressive achievement, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh attributed it to strong political will, assured financial commitment and a robust oversight of the strategy adopted by the government.

"Our success in eradicating polio has made us more confident of achieving our objectives of full immunisation against preventable diseases, universal healthcare and strengthening of primary healthcare infrastructure to address the needs of the most under-developed societies," he said.

Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad said this landmark achievement rode on the confidence generated by the strategic investments made under the National Rural Health Mission. Virtually every child in the country was reached with the new indigenously developed bivalent polio vaccine, he noted.

In 1995, the disease affected more than 50,000 children in the country every year. Soon the number of polio infections reduced but eradicating polio remained a distant dream.

In 2009, India had half the number of polio cases in the world. By 2011, in less than two years' time, India brought polio infections to the zero level.

This was achieved by involving over a million Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) and auxiliary nurse midwives and a 2.3-million-strong team of polio volunteers and 1.5-lakh supervisors in vaccination.

Sonia Gandhi, Chairperson, National Advisory Council, said the success was unmatched in scope and extent anywhere in the world. This had been made possible through teamwork and a highly creative communication strategy, which worked to dispel myths and fears and stimulated communities.

Margaret Chan, Director-General, World Health Organisation, said, "India has shown the world that there is no such thing as impossible. This is likely the greatest lesson, and the greatest inspiration for the rest of the world." She attributed this to world-class health surveillance systems in India.

White Oak Rotary, area students make school a 'shoo-in' for Nicaraguan kids

Jennifer R. Vertullo | Daily News

While it may be a struggle for some American students to decide which pair of shoes to wear to school each day, children in Nicaragua face a struggle far more serious.

McKeesport Area High School junior and Interact club volunteer Paige Jones, 16, said a rule in the Central American country means that simply owning a pair of shoes is a gateway to a brighter future.

"Children in Nicaragua can't go to public school without shoes and many can't afford them," said Jones. "And if they can't afford shoes, then they can't get an education."

That's why the White Oak Rotary Club, in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Pittsburgh, will be collecting gently used shoes of all types during February and March.

Local high school Interact clubs — a youth-level version of Rotary International — will do much of the collecting with drop-off points at McKeesport Area, Norwin and Serra Catholic high schools, the White Oak borough building and Banco Business Park in Irwin.

White Oak Rotary secretary Jim Sikorsky said the Pittsburgh Rotary has been participating in the Shoes For Nicaragua program for several years.

"Rotary is about helping people worldwide," he said. "Think of a child in Nicaragua who can't go to school because he or she doesn't have any shoes. We just take those sorts of things for granted here."

Casey Stapleton, a teacher and Interact moderator at Serra Catholic, said students will assemble drop-off boxes and the shoe drive will be mentioned to all students in class.

"Honestly, I'm hoping we can fill up at least a few large boxes of shoes," Stapleton said.

Rotary Club helps eye project

Members of Shoreham and Southwick Rotary Club and friends got together last Saturday for a meal and presentation by John Miles, from Leatherhead Rotary Club.

Mr Miles told the 50 people present about the work of the Guildford Eye Project, started in 1997 by Rotarian Sam Das, a consultant eye surgeon. He launched the project in and around Calcutta, with a personal ambition to restore the sight of 100,000 avoidably blind people.

Mr Das was aided by a generous grant system from the worldwide Rotary movement and went on to form partnerships with Rotary clubs in the areas of need, to help build and sustain eye hospitals there.

Dr David Gordon, from Shoreham and Southwick Rotary Club, said: "This wonderful project provides training for eye surgeons, microscopes and laser equipment, eye buses for hospital transport, mobile eye screening camps with facilities to deal with cataracts, glaucoma, retinal detachments and diabetic eye problems and so far has been responsible for sight restoring operations for about 250,000 people.

"This can only continue if the money is available, and thanks to the Rotary organisation and the generosity of so many people, Sam Das is confident that by 2015, 100,000 cataract operations will be carried out every year."

He said they enjoyed a delicious meal, added to by a donation from Brio restaurant in Shoreham, and, with the help of a raffle, raised £950.



Minutes of Meeting

Meeting no.1218 **Dated. 07.02.2014**
President Rtn. Gautam Ray calls meeting no. 1218 to order

National Anthem led by Rtn. Rana Safui.

Minutes of the last meeting confirmed

Discussions

In response to an electronic communication from Rotary Club of Calcutta, President requested all members to attend the Awareness programme on Lifestyle Diseases at 'Pushpanjali', Ganesh Ch. Avenue on 8th February 2014.

President and members discussed on the proposal from District Governor to form a Rotary Club Literacy committee (2013-16) and get prepared for District Literacy meet scheduled on 15th March in pursuance to their aim to make total South Asia literate at an early date. Members agreed to the proposal and proposed Rtn. Sanjib Kr. Ray to Chair the committee.

Members present discussed and resolved to organise Mass Thalassaemia Awareness and screening camp with the help of EIRWT Helping Grant.

President and members discussed on the RI citation for identifying the targets achieved / yet to be achieved

In reference to a letter from District 3291 President and members present briefly discussed on the impending DG's visit to our club on 21st March 2014. Members resolved to discuss the matter further in our next RWM.

President announced that the names of Proposers of new members has been sent to the District authorities for recognition.

President requested members to participate in District sports on 23rd February 2014 at Salt Lake, EC block Community ground.

President requested members to participate in the Car Rally organized by Rotary Club of Calcutta Old City.

President announced that the RCC Conference, 'Melbandhan' has been postponed in view of an Rotary Inter Country meet at Bolpur. New date is to be announced shortly.

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

Members Present: 8

Sunshine:160

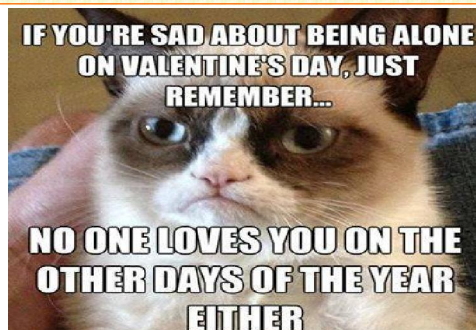


CLEAN YOUR KIDNEYS

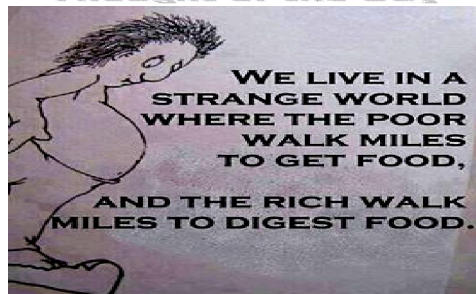
Years pass by and our kidneys are filtering the blood by removing salt, poison and any unwanted entering our body. With time, the salt accumulates and this needs to undergo cleaning treatments and how are we going to overcome this?

It is very easy, first take a bunch of parsley or Cilantro (Coriander Leaves) and wash it clean. Then cut it in small pieces and put it in a pot and pour clean water and boil it for ten minutes and let it cool down and then filter it and pour in a clean bottle and keep it inside refrigerator to cool.

Drink one glass daily and you will notice all salt and other accumulated poison coming out of your kidney by urination also you will be able to notice the difference which you never felt before.



Thought of the Day



Upcoming District Event

✚ **District Sports on 23rd February 2014** at Salt Lake, EC block Community centre.

✚ **Rotary Inter Country Meet**, named "MAITREE" to be held on **February 15 -16, 2014** at the **Gitanjali Auditorium, Bolpur.**

Upcoming Club event

✚ **Animal Health Check up camp** at Ashram Anandan, Sonarpur on **16th February 2014, 10a.m**

