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Rotarian Concludes 650-mile walk For India's homeless children

On 1 July, a Canadian Rotarian took the final steps of a 1,000-kilometer. (650-mile) trek he began in April to raise money and increase awareness about the plight of homeless children in India. The walk brought Jim Thompson, a long time member of The Rotary Club of Guelph Trillium, Ontario, in a circle around Southern Ontario. Along the way, he visited Rotary Clubs, conducted interviews with local media, and Raised approximately C\$51,000 (about US\$37,417) for Streetkeepers International for children, an organization he co-founded two years ago to "to provide the fundamentals of life for homeless children in India". Thompson was in Katmandu under a Carl P .Miller Discovery Grant when he made a promise to himself to do everything he could for the countless children living on the streets. Although he had been to India before, once scene in particular on this trip sealed his commitment: "As the sun was just going down, we were walking down an alleyway only wide enough for one vehicle. I saw a tarpaulin and as I pulled it back, I saw three or four street children, huddled together like a litter of puppies." Back in Ontario, Thompson and other local Rotarians formed Streetkeepers as a way for Rotarians in developed countries to partner with Rotarians in India who are most familiar with local conditions and needs.

"This way we know the resources are being used where they are most needed," he explains.

Club brings meaningful new life to old bicycles

May be the kids have grown up. Or may be you've abandoned that exercise regime you launched a few years ago. Whatever the reason, odds are that there's a bicycle or two collecting dust somewhere in the corner of your basement, shed, or garage.

What if that old bicycle could help a child? in the Dominican Republic make the twomile trip back and forth to school each day? Or help a farmer in EI Salvador carry his goods to the market to sell? Or help a rural doctor make her rounds?

Thanks to the Rotary Club of Fair Lawn, New Jersey, USA, hundreds of old bicycles are experiencing just such a second life. For the past four years, the club has worked with a nonprofit organization called Pedal for Progress, to ship used bicycles to developing countries, where they are reconditioned, sold or donated to people in need.

Often teaming up with Rotary Clubs, Pedals for progress has provided more than 64,000 biks to adults and children in Latin America, Africa, Asia, and Islands in the Pacific since its mission began 12 years ago.

LAST YEAR IN RETROSPECT

Chartered in December, 01 our club was a infant when I took over from Rtn.Narender Gauri, our Chartered President. A very meticulous planner our club benefited from the vast experience and efficiency of our Chartered President in organizational matters and a firm foundation was laid for the club to grow and succeed.

Taking over and sustaining this growth while digesting and imbibing the various facets of the Rotary movement was therefore the most important agenda. The year was spent on building and strengthening individual and family bonds between all club members to enable us to perform as a focused and cohesive unit. This was achieved in good measure by having' club activities spanning club business meetings, varied and interesting speaker meetings and above all through unique and fun tilled fellowships.

To our club members the first full Rotary year has been a learning experience and we have to an extent succeeded in understanding the essence and spirit behind the movement and the various opportunities that the organization provides to contribute meaningfully to service activities.

For a club so young, we have made our mark in the Rotary World and the stage is now set to carry the good work forward. A special thanks to Rtn. PDG. A V Acharand Rtn. PP. C.Suresh for the timely help and guidance that our club received and for helping us understands the wonderful world of Rotary

For me personally, it has been a most gratifying year. It has been a privilege to lead a group of young, enthusiastic and dynamic professionals joined together by the common band of Rotary. My interactions at the club level, with the other clubs and as part of the President's forum has opened out vistas of learning and friendship and for this I shall ever be grateful to Rotary. To my club members a warm and sincere thank you for all the support that I have received and for making me a better person.

It is now the duty of all our club members to rededicate ourselves to our club and its activities so that we achieve the minimum goals that we have set ourselves for the current rotary year. Our president Rtn.Ajit Gandhi and his team will lead our club on its planned growth path.

We have begun the current year very positively by inducting eight new members taking our membership strength to thirty one. The programmes for the year have been discussed and action plans for achievement drawn up. The current year once again promises to be meaningful year.

OUTSTANDING ROTARACT PROJECT IN S.ASIA

A "City Cleanliness and Beautification Program organized by the Rotaract Club of Imphal, India, has been recognized as Outstanding Rotaract Project for South Asia for 2001-02. Because of the rapid increase in population in Imphal, land pollution is one of the area's biggest challenges. Garbage regularly piles up and stops drainage systems in and around the city. The Rotaract Club of Imphal, together with the Rotary Club of Imphal and the Imphal Municipal Council, developed a plan to clear all of the city's drainage ' systems. Club members soon found that it would take about 1.5 months to complete just one of the eight city zones.

Once the city drainage system is completely unclogged,- water will be able to flow freely throughout the city and flooding won't occur during rainstorms. To date, the Rotaract club and its Rotary counterpart have raised about US \$ 1,500 for the project. They also have gained the help of the local authorities and business owners. The Fire Service loaned the Rotaractors their vehicle to flush water out of the drains and to check water flow. Business owners have helped keep the streets and drains clean, despite the inconvenience caused by members blocking their storefronts during cleanup efforts.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

1. James Donald French (electrocuted in 1966). On his way to the chair, French turned to a newsman and helpfully suggested: "I have a terrific headline for your morning edition- 'French Fries'.
2. Sri Walter Raleigh (beheaded in 1618). Feeling the edge of the ax soon to be used on him, Raleigh said, "Tis a sharp remedy but a sure one for all ills".

3. Frederick Charles Wood (electrocuted in 1963). Sitting down in the electric chair, he said: "Gentlemen, you are about to see the effects of electricity on wood."

KERMIT SCHAFER'S FA VOURITE BLOOPERS

- 1 Golf Commentator: "The winner of the Ladies' 54-Hole Tournament, played on three separate courses, is Helen Douglass, the new State Inter-course Champion!"
2. Commercial: " Visit our Coin-o-Matic Laundry. All ladies who drop off their clothing will receive prompt attention
3. Games Show Contestant: "I'm a maid for a large family of four boys, three girls, one adult and one adulteress".
4. Local Commercial : " And Friday is Poultry Night.. All ladies present will receive a free goose."
5. Sportscaster: " Yankee catcher Yogi Berra was hit in the head by a pitched ball. X-rays of the head showed nothing."
6. Game show Contestant : " I work for the Pittsburgh Gas Company. At least 90% of the people in Pittsburgh have gas."

Miles Stones August 03 Birthdays

Rtn.Narender Gauri	-01st
Rtn. Ann.Shilpa Gandhi	-07th
Rtn.Lokesh Jain	-15th
Rtn.Vaman Rao	-18th
Rtn.B.S.Ravindranath	-20th
Rtn.Ravi Surana	-23rd
Rtn.Lokesh Jain	15th
Ann Seema Jain	Wedding Anniversary
Rtn. P.Vaman Rao	-22nd
Ann Rohini Vaman Rao	Wedding Anniversary

Programme for the month August,2003

Day:	Every Saturday
Venue:	Hotel Taj Tristar,Secunderabad
Time:	8-30 am (breakfast meeting)
3rd:	Cricket match with Rotary Club of Secunderabd
9th:	Business meeting
13th:	Joint meeting of Twin city clubs at Taj Krishna Secunderabad at 6-30 pm.
23rd:	Speaker meeting
30th:	Speaker meetin

THE FOUR WAY TEST **OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO**

- 1.Is it the TRUTH ?
- 2.Is it FAIR to all concerned ?
- 3.Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIP ?
- 4.Will it be beneficial to all

Laughter- The best medicine

* George Bernard Shaw was once invited to speak at a dinner where the speeches had been far too many and far too long for the patience of the audience. They waited expectantly for Shaw, who was the last to speak. When the roar of applause had subsided, he said: "Ladies and gentlemen, the subject is not exhausted, but we are," and sat down.

* A teacher asked her class the difference between "results" and "consequences". A bright young girl replied: "Results are what you expect; consequences are what you get".

*A teacher told her class of youngsters that Milton, the poet, was blind. The next day, she asked if any of them remembered what Milton's great affliction was. "Yes, ma'm," said one lad seriously. "He was a poet".

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