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Polio Campaigns launched in Niger and Central African Republic

Visiting Rotarians are among thousands of volunteers and health professionals working together to help kick polio...Out of Niger, which is one of four African countries and a total of seven worldwide where children still suffer from the crippling disease.

"Half of the world's population now lives in polio-free areas," said Dave Groner of the Rotary Club of Dowagiac, Michigan, who, together with wife and fellow club member, Barbara, is leading the team U.S. volunteers. "However, it is vital that we continue our efforts to reach every child with the vaccine if we are to achieve a polio free world. No child today should suffer from polio as an effective vaccine has made it totally preventable."

In order to stem the spread of the poliovirus, a global health strategy calls for mass immunizations in all polio-endemic countries and those countries that share borders with Nigeria, Pakistan, and India. "This strategy responds to the fact that no child is safe from polio until this crippling disease is eradicated worldwide".

Pakistan president, government officials pledge to eradicate polio

Government officials in Pakistan, including President Pervez Musharraf, are pulling out all the stops to ensure that their country is quickly rid of polio.

"As Pakistan is still one of only three remaining polio reservoirs, the importance of President Musharrafs commitment to polio eradication cannot be underestimated," said WHO Regional Director Dr Hussein A.Gezaury, who attended the 12 September meeting. "Although Pakistan's polio eradication program has made substantial progress since the early 1990s and transmission has dropped by 90 percent, now more than ever it is critical that every effort is made to reach every child in Pakistan."

RI general secretary joins Ethiopian Rotarians in SNIDS

At a 7 December press conference with representatives of Rotary's partners in the global polio eradication initiative, the RI general secretary noted that no new cases of polio have been reported in Ethiopia for two years - contrasting sharply with the situation in 2000 when 144 cases were

reported. " This decline is due to an intense vaccination program supported by Rotary International and its global partners including the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention."

The Rotary Foundation has contributed more than US\$5.7 million to Ethiopia's polio eradication efforts since 1985. On 2 December, 2003, R I President Jonathan Majiyagbe declared Carl Wilhelm Stenhammar to be the sole official nominee for president of Rotary International for 2005-06. A member of the Rotary Club of Goteborg, Sweden, Stenhammar will be formally Elected at the 2004 convention in Osaka.

For Some Rotary runs in the family

With the holiday spirit in the air, December Family Month on the Rotary calendar is a good time for the Rotary world to focus on the "Family of Rotary" initiative launched at the start of 2003-04. Aimed at encouraging clubs and districts to provide more opportunities for family members to participate in service and fellowship, the initiative also spotlights the many individual families that boast several generations of Rotarians.

Romanian children benefit from Rotarian initiative

A joint project by Rotarians in the United States and Romania is providing orphans in the eastern European country with real families, and those not yet placed into adoptive homes are finding that the family of Rotary has a large heart.

It all started in 1991 when Marvin Tieman of the Rotary Club of McMinnville, Tennessee, USA, traveled to Bucharest, Romania, with his wife, Diann, to adopt their son, Michael, now 15. He was saddened to find that the country has a huge orphan population with very few local families willing or able to adopt them.

"Unless you look at problem face-to-face lots of times you just look right over it," he says. "But once you look one of those kids in the eye, you can't get over the need to do something for them."

Not surprisingly, he kept going back. In 1999 he adopted a second child, Andreea, 8, and three years later Rachael, 9. "We've been blessed with these three kids," he says. "Whatever we've done for them and other Romanian kids, it was all done because of Rotary."

Six California clubs team up to improve community

Six Stockton Rotary clubs will work together to commit time, effort, and US\$ 60,000 to four centennial projects. The Rotary clubs of Stockton, North Stockton, Stockton Delta, Stockton East, Stockton Seaport, and Stockton Sunrise plan to finish the projects by February, 2005.

Aimed at improving the community, the projects include:

- * Improvements to the Rotary Club House, a double-wide trailer at San Joaquin General Hospital that provides temporary housing for family members of patients with serious or life-threatening medical conditions

- * Replacement of a fence around the playground of Lagorio Learning Center, a

facility operated by the Women's .Center of Joaquin County. The center provides counseling and support services for children who have been victims of domestic violence.

* A new shade structure for picnic. tables at the city of Stockton Weber Point Events Center.

* A playground for Walton Special Center, which provides education services to students ages 3 to 22 with severe mental disabilities who live within the Stockton Unified School District.

R I PRESIDENTIAL CELEBRATION ON WATERMANAGEMENT.

This two day programme held on the 9th and 10th of December, 2003 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi was inaugurated by Dr A.P.J .Abdul Kalam, President of India. The convention was attended by about 1,200 rotarians from India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Water Resources, Govt. of India, the programme deliberated on the very important subject of the looming scenario worldwide of the possibility of acute water shortage if immediate and sustainable steps were not taken for water conservation including water shed management and rainwater harvesting.

The discussions also included the important subject for providing safe drinking water for human consumption.

Several eminent speakers and experts on the subject drawn from the Ministry of Water Resources, FAO, UNESCO, CSE, New Delhi, ONGC, Pollution Control Board, The planning commission, and IIT, Roorkee, enlightened members present of the magnitude of the problem and deliberated on the possible solutions, both immediate and long term to tackle this issue.

Success stories of pioneering work done in rainwater harvesting in the states of Rajasthan and Gujarat were also presented.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2004

The District conference will be held at the APSR TC auditorium, Azamabad on the 24th and 25th of January, 2004. The conference is being hosted by the Rotary Club of Hyderabad East, who are striving very hard to make this event meaningful and participative by not only rotarians but their families as well.

JUGNU SINGH JOKES

Jugnu Singh with two red ears went to his doctor. The doctor asked him what had happened to his ears and he answered, "I was ironing a shirt and the phone rang but instead of picking up the phone I accidentally picked up the iron and stuck it to my ear".

"Oh Dear!" the doctor exclaimed in disbelief. "But... what happened to your other ear?"
"The scoundrel called back."

Miles Stones January,2004

Birthdays

Ann. Pratima Joshi Jan 1st
Ann. Tanvi pamnani Jan 2nd
Rtn. Monica Gossain Jan 6th
Ann. G.Nagini Jan 17th
Rtn. Asha Pai Jan 19th
Rtn. Dr.Kailash Gupta Jan 30th

Wedding Anniversaries

Ann Madhu &
Rtn. Mudit Kumar Jan 16th

Ann Subhashini &
Rtn. Murli Mukun Jan 24th

Programme for JANUARY,04

Jan 4th -Cricket Match
Jan 10th - Speaker Meeting
Jan 17th - Business Meeting
Jan 24th - District Conference
Jan 31st - Speaker Meeting

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

Variations of Murphy's Law

1. The Law of common Sense: Never accept a drink from an urologist.
2. The Law of Reality: Never get into fight with ugly people, they have nothing to lose.
3. The Law of Self Sacrifice: When you starve with a tiger, tiger starves last.
4. Wailer's Law: Nothing is impossible for the man who doesn't have to do it himself.
5. Law of Volunteer Labor: people are always available for work in the past tense.
6. Law of Drunkenness: You can't fall off the floor.

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