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U.S. congressman introduces resolution to issue RI Centennial stamp. U.S.Congressional Representative Brad Sherman (Republican - California) on 25 February introduced a resolution urging. The United States Postal Service to issue a commemorative stamp in honour of Rotary's 100th Anniversary and the organizations, efforts to eliminate polio worldwide.

"Rotarians are volunteers who support thousands of humanitarian and educational projects that benefit each of our communities," said Congressman Sherman. "The commemorative stamp will recognize Rotary's first 100 years of public service."

"Rotary was founded 100 years ago in Chicago, and now its influence can be felt not only the United States, but also around the globe," said R I President Jonathan Majiyagbe, in response to news of the proposed resolution." It is fitting that the organization is honored in this way"

Relatives of Pakistani heart patients praise Rotarians for life-saving effort.

After recuperating from heart surgeries in India, two children sponsored by the host Rotary Club of Chandigarh returned home to Pakistan on 27 February. Afzal, 12, and Rohit, 10,were operated on at the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) Hospital in Chandigarh in the middle of the month.

In addition to providing much-needed medical care to needy children, the Rotary Club of Chandigarh undertook the initiative to promote goodwill and understanding between the people of India and Pakistan, whose governments are now talking peace after decades of hospitals and three wars.

"Had it not been for Rotary, my only son Rohit would not have crossed his early teens,he said. "Now the family an look forward to his promising life ahead.

RI BI Rotarians visit Malawi villa2es thirsty for clean water.

As in many parts developed world, women and children in Malawi walk up to 20 Kilometers (12.4 miles) a day to collect water from rivers and muddy holes. It is backbreaking work and the water often brings diseases to their families.

And Neil Rorie during a recent trip to Malawi, a country where health conditions have worsened as a result crumbling water infrastructure, widespread disease, and famine. The two Rotarians, who have voluntarily raised funds for the UK charity WaterAid for many years, returned from a two-week visit to Malawi at the end of January.

WaterAid is a project partner of Rotary International in Britain and Ireland (RIBI) in several African countries including Malawi, and Tanzania, where RIBI-area Rotarians are helping to establish sources of safe drinking water. In the last year alone, Rotarians in Britain and Ireland raised more than US\$342,184 to fund the construction of water wells in 22 Tanzanian Villages. The joint effort is now raising more funds to help provide clean water to rural Malawians. During their trip, Black and Rorie spent a day experiencing the life of a family in a typical Malawian village, where residents live without safe drinking water or basic sanitation facilities

Niger president receives polio champion award.

In recognition of his leadership in the global effort to eradicate polio, Rotary International presented Niger President Mamadou Tandja with the Polio Eradication Champion Award on 17th March.

Trustees approved roll out of Children's Fund

At the February, 2004 International Assembly in Anaheim Foundation Trustee. Chairman James Lacy announced that the Trustees. Had approved the creation of a new Children's Fund within The Rotary Foundation's permanent fund.

The Trustee Chairman reported that the Children's Fund "will be used to support projects that benefit children and offer them hope for a brighter future".

Also, he expressed the hope that this fund would encourage Rotarians to expand their help to children through the Foundation's humanitarian programs.

The guidelines outlined by the Trustees include the following:

1. The Children's Fund shall be established as a pooled sub-account of the permanent fund, with the spending portion available to the World Fund for humanitarian projects that address the needs of children
2. The spending rate of the children's fund will be determined by the live spending rate of the permanent fund.
3. In the future, Rotary Clubs and districts may apply for support from the Children's Fund only through the current foundation programme structure, such as individual Niger grants and matching grants.
4. Approved projects can be diverse in nature and scope, as long as they meet established foundation program policies and assist children.

Rotarians take to the road as peace envoys in Asia.

A bicycle rally team of Rotaractors from had approved the creation of a new Children's Chennai, India, recently traveled on a Fund within The Rotary Foundation's permanent goodwill mission to Malaysia, where they

Took their message of world understanding to residents in cities along an 800 kilometer (497 -mile) route.

All 10 members of the Ambassadors of Peace team flew on an Air India flight with their equipment to Singapore on 10 February. The following day, they crossed the causeway on the Johore Strait to Johor Baru in neighboring Malaysia. The visitors were hosted by the local Rotary Club.

A dream project of Governor Sv.Rm. Ramanathan, the rally was flagged off from the Malaysian city of Johor Baru on 12 February. The team rode during the day and stopped in a town for the night. At each rest location, Rotarians and Rotaractors came out to meet, greet, and offer fellowship to the cycling peace envoys.

"The rally promoted a lot of goodwill and fellowship among Rotarians and Rotaractors," says V .Krishnaswami, youth service chair of District 3230, who accompanied the team. "Many clubs agreed to the invitation of the team to return the visit at the earliest opportunity".

"The team rested for three nights in Kuala Lumpur, the Malaysian capital. On 18 February, the second day of their sojourn in the city, the Indian Rotaractors attended an inter-city meeting of Districts 3300 and 3230.

They also signed twin-club agreements with sister Rotaract clubs from the two districts.

On 23 February, the team rode in to Penang, the final destination, where local rotarians gave them a rousing welcome. State police outriders escorted them through the city. For three days, the visitors were the guests of the local Rotary Club of Tanjung Bungah.

The culmination of the rally on 23 February was significant, since it was the 99th birthday of Rotary," says Krishnaswami. "Our arrival at Penang on that day signified the spirit of Rotary and world understanding.

The team donated the 10 bicycles to the Rotary Club of Penang for use in a community project of the members's choice.

District Fellowship Meet

The Rotary Club of Ameerpet hosted the District Fellowship Meet on Saturday, 20th March, 2004 at Dreamland Gardens, Secunderabad. This well organized meet enabled the assembled rotarian couples to spend time together in an atmosphere of friendship and camaraderie and enjoy the ghazals and the cocktails & dinner. Our Congratulations to the host club for a wonderful job done.

Miles Stones April,2004

Birthdays

Rtn. Mudit Kumar	- 2nd
Ann. Asha Dhandhanian	-2nd
Ann. Madhu	-9th
Rtn Rajesh Pamnani	-11th
Sri Amarnath Gupta	-14th
Rtn.Shravan malani	-15th
Rtn.Shyam Joshi	-15th
Ann. B.Rama	-15th
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Sri Rajesh Gossain	-25th

Programme for the month April.04

- 4th April - Function at Swayamkrushi
- 10th April - Club business meet
- 17th April - Fellowship Nite
- 24th April - 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

Friends & Allies

Consult your friend on all things especially on those with respect to yourself. His counsel may then be useful where your own self-love might impair your judgment.

Seneca

One person caring about another represents life's greatest value.

Jim Rohn

My father always used to say that when you die, if you've got five real friends, then you've had a great life

Leen lacocoa

Blessed are they who have the gift of making friends, for it is one of God's best gifts.

Thomas Hughes

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