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## **Majiyagbe becomes first RI president to address National Press Club**

RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe addressed the National Press Club in Washington, DC, USA, on 10 May at the weekly lunch on broadcast to millions on public affairs television C-SPAN and National Public Radio and their affiliate stations across the United States. The RI president also drew a live audience of Press Club Members, diplomats, journalists, Rotarians, and business executives.

"Today for the first time in Press Club history, we welcome to our podium a president of Rotary International, one of the world's oldest and largest humanitarian service organizations," said National Press Club President Sheila Cherry, while introducing the RI President. "Like the National Press Club, Rotary elects a new president every year, but unlike the National Press Club. Rotary expects its president to be on the road for most of the year, visiting Rotary clubs' projects and conference throughout the world".

"We (Rotarians) come together with diverse and sometimes antagonistic views on issues," said the RI president. "Through volunteer projects, we learn to get along better with each other and concentrate more on the things we have in common than on things that drive us apart, which of course is what we're all striving for."

## **R I honors U.S. lawmakers for supporting polio work.**

On 12 May, Rotary International honored select members of the U.S. Congress and Senate with the Polio Eradication Champion Award for their support in securing critically needed funds to achieve a polio-free world.

The Polio Eradication Champion Award was established in 1995 to recognize world leaders who have made outstanding contributions toward the goal of eradicating polio. Past honorees include former U.S. President Bill Clinton; former prime ministers John Major of the UK and Ryutaro Hashimoto of Japan; presidents Chen Shui-Bian of Taiwan, Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan, Olusegun Obasanjo of Nigeria, Mamadou Tandja of Niger, and Jose Eduardo dos

Santos of Angola; Queen Beatrix Wilhelmina Armgard of the Netherlands; UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan; Development and Cooperation Ministers Heidemarie Wiczorek-Zeul of Germany and Eveline Herfkens of The Netherlands; Sushma Swaraj, India's minister of health and family welfare; and Egypt's First Lady Suzanne Mubarak.

### **Botswana holds emergency polio immunization**

The southern African nation of Botswana is immunizing close to 200,000 children under age five against polio, following the reporting of a case of polio infection in February. Health Minister Lesego Motsumi launched the four-day emergency Campaign at a clinic in the national capital Gaborone on 10 May

"The government has given priority to the campaign and has committed both human and financial resources - a total of US\$1.2 million, of which \$71 0,000 is from the government," said Motsumi in a global polio eradication initiative press release. "I look forward to the day when no child in Botswana will bear risk from the life-long physical disability and mental anguish associated with this terrible paralytic disease."

"The massive effort being launched in Botswana today is testimony to Africa's commitment to getting polio eradication back on track and ending this terrible disease," said RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe in a nationally televised live address at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., USA, on 10 May. "Just eight years ago, in 1996, polio paralyzed more than 75,000 children across the continent. Last year, fewer than 500 cases were reported in Africa."

### **The New Rotary Year - 04-05**

The new rotary year commencing 1st July,04 to 30th June,05, the Centennial year of Rotary is a matter of great pride for all Rotarians as this wonderful organization has completed 100 years of its being. During this 100 years Rotary has grown from 4 people to millions of active Rotarians world wide *who* are involved in contributing back to society in various forms. Hundreds and thousands of people have benefitted from the programmes of rotary. The world wide polio eradication programme, the single largest programme undertaken by any organization world wide is a stunning example of the commitment of rotarians to the cause of humanity.

We wish our incoming team headed by **President elect Lokesh Jain** all success in his tenure and on behalf of all the members of the club assure him our complete support in meeting the objectives we have set for our club.

# Opportunity

The other day I ran across the story of a man who had a great opportunity that he missed. His friend took him for a ride one day way out in the country. They drove off the main road and through a vast grove of trees to a large uninhabited expanse of land. A few horses were grazing and a couple of old shacks were all that remained of what appeared to be an old farm.

The friend, Walter, stopped the car, got out, and started to describe vividly the wonderful things he was going to build. He wanted his friend Arthur to buy some of the land grounding his project to get in on the ground floor.

But Arthur thought to himself, who in the world is going to drive twenty five miles for this crazy project? The logistics of the venture are staggering.

And so Walter explained to his friend Arthur, "I can handle the main project myself, but it will take all my money. But the land bordering it, where we're standing now, will in just a couple of years be jammed with hotels, restaurants, and convention centers to accommodate the people who will come to spend their entire vacation here at my park." He continued, "I want you to have the first chance at this surrounding acreage, because in the next five years it will increase in value several hundred times."

"What could I say? I knew he was wrong," Arthur related the story later. "I knew that he had let this dream get the best of his common sense, so I mumbled something about a tight-money situation and promised that I would look into the whole thing a little later on."

"Later on will be too late," Walter cautioned Arthur as they walked back to the car.  
"You'd better move on it right now."

And so Art Link letter turned down the opportunity to buy up all the land that surrounded what was to become Disneyland. His friend Walt Disney tried to talk him into it, but Art thought he was crazy.

Perhaps you and I did not miss that kind of opportunity, if we did, it probably seems too late for anything but regrets!

But that's not so. Yesterday's opportunities are gone, but so is its failure and disappointment! Every new day is an open door to possibility, and it is filled with hope and optimism.

## **Miles Stones June,2004**

### **Birthdays**

Ann Asha Tiberwal -05-6-04  
Rtn. M. Chandrasekhar-14-6-04  
Ann. Kavita Rathi - 16-6-04  
Ann. A.Subhasini - 18-6-04  
Rtn. Madhu Suresh - 28-6-04

### **Wedding Anniversaries**

Rtn.S.K.Verma & )  
Dr. Mridula Verma )06-6-04  
Rtn.Madhusuresh & )  
Rtn. C. Suresh )25-6-04  
Rtn.Sanjay Maheshwari & )  
Ann. Poonam )26-6-04  
Rtn.Vijay Rathi & )  
Ann. Kavita )27-6-04  
Rtn.Shrawan Malani & )  
Ann.shreya )28-6-04

### **Programme for the month June.04**

Speaker Meeting -5th  
Fellowship -12th  
Speaker Meeting -19th  
Business Meeting -26th

### **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

**My life shall touch**

**a dozen lives**

**Before this day is done**

**Leave countless marks**

**for good or ill,**

**Ere sets this evening's**

**sun**

**So this the wish I**

**always wish**

**The prayer I ever pray**

**Let my life help the**

**other lives**

**It touches by the way**

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