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ROTARY AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR FROM USA MR. EMRYS McMAHON VISITS OUR CLUB

Mr. Emrys McMahon, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar from R.I. District 7770, South Carolina, USA addressing our Club Members at our regular weekly meeting on Thursday 18th August 2011 said, Rotary's Ambassadorial Scholar Programme was founded in 1947, same year as your India's Independence. Approx. 700 students are sent every year under this programme as Ambassadorial Scholars to various countries. This programme is meant to foster goodwill and understanding between the various nations united by Rotary.

Talking about R.I. District 7770, Emrys said there are 78 Rotary Clubs in District 7770, in the "Low Country" of South Carolina, USA. The District programmes include Gift of Life, Rotary in Drug Deterrence Education (RIDDE), Fund raising for Polio Eradication initiatives, etc. Our District 7770 had raised over 1 million US Dollars for Polio Eradication and treated many patients under the Gift of Life programme for Heart and Cancer Critical ailments.



I have been sponsored by Rotary Club of Forest Acres which was Chartered in the year 1967. This Club has undertaken many development programmes, especially for low income families.

Talking about South Carolina, Emrys said, South Carolina is a State situated in the South Eastern part of USA. It has the American College Football and Baseball which are popular sports in USA. We have strong family values and people here tend to live close to their families. We have the Carolina Cup for the Baseball game competition.

Emrys further said, I have been in India since 21st July 2011, just 4 weeks only. I am studying at IIT, New Delhi doing Chemical Engineering. I am interested in sightseeing, food, travel etc. I want to see India as much as I can during my stay of one year here at IIT, New Delhi. I have already completed my 3 years of studies in Engineering in USA. This is my 4th year of studies.

I am planning to go to Jaipur during the forthcoming week end with a festival holiday on Monday 22nd July, 2011.

People here in Delhi are so much friendly. The attitude and behaviour of people here is really fantastic. You are very patient people. I enjoy the company of my fellow students at IIT, concluded Mr. Emrys McMahon and invited any questions or suggestions from the audience.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 25th August 2011

Ashok Hotel, New Delhi

Time : 6.00 p.m.

**Interesting and Interactive Session
on Membership Development
Growth and Retention**



ROTARY INDIA'S ROLE IN ERADICATING POLIO

1. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative was launched to eradicate Polio from the world, and at the same time strengthen health infrastructure. The Initiative has achieved significant progress toward both these goals. Polio is now gone from the Americas and Western Pacific region and showing no trace in Europe. There has been a dramatic decline in cases everywhere in the twenty three years since the target was set in 1988.
2. Rotary International, a voluntary organization comprising 1.2 million members working over 33695 Rotary Clubs across 209 countries, is fairly well known for its commitment for undertaking different humanitarian programmes that address today's challenging issues, Polio eradication being one of them. The dream of achieving a world free of Polio is perhaps one of the most ambitious projects ever undertaken by Rotary.
3. Rotary International is the spearheading member of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative and is the largest private sector donor. Till date Rotary has contributed nearly US \$ 1 billion (₹ 5000 crores) worldwide. In India alone Rotary's contribution stands at US \$ 141.2 million (₹ 706 crores). These funds are provided to UNICEF and WHO for Polio eradication activities. In addition, tens of thousands of Rotarians have partnered with various Governments, UNICEF, the World Health Organization, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and with health providers at the grassroots level in thousands of communities.
4. Its volunteers throughout the world have helped organize national immunization days, staffed health stations and given drops to children. In addition to their own record breaking financial contribution for Polio eradication besides countless volunteer man-hours, Rotarians have helped leverage a further US \$ 8 billion from the Governments the world over for this cause.
5. In India alone since its launch the disease incidence has reduced to 99%, with just remaining few endemic regions in the northern states where Polio is persisting. More than 40 lakh children have been saved from falling prey to Polio in India since the campaign was launched.
6. Indian Rotarians are also contributing to the program by donating large funds and in kind support. During every NID or SNID Indians Rotarians are seen volunteering by manning Polio booths and administering Polio drops to children.
7. So far in India Rotary's India National PolioPlus Committee (INPPC) has actively been involved in Social Mobilization, media management, and political, bureaucratic and religious advocacy to make Polio immunization widely acceptable. Successfully gaining access to children who have never been reached before is an integral component of Rotary PolioPlus commitment.
8. Consequent to the sustained advocacy efforts of Rotary's India National PolioPlus Committee, the Government of India adopted the National Immunization Days in 1995.
9. INPPC has garnered political support for the program by involving the President, the Prime Minister, Chief Ministers, Health Ministers and local politicians in the program.
10. Rotary also enlisted bureaucratic support by involving the Cabinet Secretary, the Chief Secretary, the Principal Secretary, District Magistrates and other health officials in the Polio campaign.
11. Rotary approached senior minority leaders such as the Shahi Imam of Jama Masjid and the President of All India Muslim Personal Law Board and was successful in enlisting their support. Further INPPC formed a Rotary Muslim Ulema Committee in the State of U.P., comprising of senior Muslim scholars and religious leaders to address issues of resistance amongst Muslim population and appeal to Muslim parents to immunize children against Polio.
12. Today this Ulema Committee that Rotary helped set up in the State is a vital resource that the U.P. Govt. and other social organizations seek intervention from time to time for their ongoing programs to bring about an overall improvement in the social-economic life of the minority community.
13. INPPC's Polio Corrective Surgery and Rehabilitation Camps for the Polio-affected children is one of the finest examples of its commitment towards Polio eradication and the overall welfare of the children. So far nearly 7000 Polio-inflicted children have been operated upon and rehabilitated through 82 camps held in different endemic states of the country. Similarly free health camps are being organized by Rotary in different districts to cater to the urgent health needs of the people including Polio immunization.
14. In 2010, with increasing threat perceived in Ludhiana, Punjab; Malegaon, Maharashtra; Murshidabad, West Bengal, U.P. and Bihar, Rotary Task Force Committee have been formed and the State Govts. are being supported with IEC materials: vaccine carriers, marker pens, caps, aprons, cold boxes, etc. and free general health camps in affected districts are being conducted.
15. Apart from advocacy efforts, Rotary also makes extensive use of various IEC materials, such as comic books, video vans, banners and posters, etc. to publicize the cause of Polio eradication. To keep the importance of Polio immunization alive in media and general, Rotary has organized different events involving celebrities from the sports and entertainment world and also hosted media briefings to promote the Polio eradication program.

16. Humanitarian organizations world over are partnering with Rotary International in their biggest humanitarian initiative to rid the world of Polio. In a major boost to the eradication campaign, the Gates Foundation contributed a whopping US \$ 355 million. Rotary International is raising funds to match US \$ 200 million against the Gates Foundation grant by 2012.
17. Google.org, inspired by Rotary's efforts donated a sum of US \$ 3.5 million to the Polio eradication effort worldwide to Rotary Foundation. In India, The Aditya Birla Group with its Patron, Smt. Rajashree Birla who is a Honorary Member of Rotary Club Mumbai has contributed US \$ 4.5 million. Ms. Usha Mittal (of Arcellor Mittal Group) has donated to Rotary a total contribution of US\$ 1.5 million towards Polio eradication fund and Rtn. Harshad Mehta, Chairman of Rosy Blue Diamond has contributed more than US\$ 2 million.
18. India's success against the disease so far is historic and its victory over the virus in the coming years is very vital towards achieving the global eradication goal and Rotary in the country is committed to the making of a Polio Free India.

**ROTARY SOUTH ASIA
CONFERENCE 2011
ON DEVELOPMENT AND
COOPERATION
AT COLOMBO, SRI LANKA**

The South Asian Region has close historical, religious, economic, ethnic and linguistics relationship amongst the countries involved. There are many common factors that naturally and logically must bind them together which could be an important force for growth in economic and human development.

Rotary as an International organization of business and professional people dedicated to world peace cannot overlook this opportunity.

It is a people to people diplomacy bringing the various influencing sections of society from South Asian Countries that Rotary proposes to bring together at this Conference of Development and Cooperation being held at Cinnamon Grand Hotel, Colombo, Sri Lanka from 4th to 6th September 2011 for critical objective and collective deliberations significant to the Region's development. The Conference will have leaders from politics, business and other profession from South Asian Countries to participate in three days interactive programs. Rotarians from India must take benefit of such an event when the World Leader, RI President Kalyan Banerjee happens to be from this region.

Registration forms with participation charges in this Conference are being sent directly to all Club Presidents from DG's Office. Please contact President Rtn. Rajen Mata or DG Asit Mittal for further details, if any member is interested in participating in this Conference.

R.I. President Kalyan Banerjee desires that Rotarians, leaders in the community, business and industry should take advantage of this unique Conference. Rotarians and non-Rotarians are welcome to participate. This meet will throw up the opportunities that can be tapped by influential individuals and opinion makers in the community who can re-script every aspect of the Development and Co-operation process in South Asia.

**SAHBHAGITA
DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR
R.I. DISTRICT 3010**

"The great thing in the world is not so much where we stand, as in which direction we are going".

— **Oliver Holmes**

Progress is the name of the game in today's world. Rotary has always been in the path of progress, ever since it came into existence. We drive towards progress as we thrive in success. The journey could have never seen the light of evolution without the consistent efforts to grow and develop the Membership, which is the life-blood of Rotary.

Let us create a powerful momentum that will win the trust and respect of society, that will attract more and more good people to join Rotary.

To support our vision, please join the Membership Development Seminar, being held, on 27th August 2011 at 3:00 pm. at PHD House, Khel Gaon Marg, New Delhi.

Paul Harris said, *"Rotary is the door to friendship. Let us throw it open to every people"*.

Club President, Secretary, Chairman Membership Development Committee must attend this Seminar, which will broaden their horizon of the essential need of growth in Rotary membership. All members, specially all new members, are invited to attend this Seminar.

Let us be together, to do our best.

The Seminar is being organised and hosted by Rotary Clubs in Zone-10 and Zone-15. The meeting will be followed by High Tea. There are no registration charges.

ROTARY AT A GLANCE

Rotarians	: 12,21,610
Rotary Clubs	: 34,244
Rotary Districts	: 530
Rotaractors	: 2,00,169
Rotaract Clubs	: 8,703
Interactors	: 3,11,788
Interact Clubs	: 13,556
Community Corps	: 1,64,266
Corps Members	: 7,142

**Data as on July 1, 2011
Source: RI South Asia Office**

POLIO RAVIVAR

Sunday 21st August 2011

On last Polio NID on Sunday 21st August 2011 the vehicle support was provided by following members.

1. President Rtn. Rajen Mata
2. PP Rtn. Sanjay Kapur
3. PP Rtn. Daljit Bhatia
4. Rtn. Sangita Bansal
5. Rtn. Anuj Khurana
6. VP Rtn. Surendra Singh

In the evening our area Medical Co-ordinator, Dr. Madan Narain informed that a total of 4602 children were administered the two life saving Polio drops in the area allotted to our club on 21st August 2011.

Reporting Courtesy: Rtn. Surendra Singh

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Since President Rtn. Rajen Mata got involved in a traffic jam on way from Gurgaon to Ashok Hotel he informed he would be delayed but requested that the meeting should start on time and one of the Past President present be requested to preside the meeting.

1. PP Rtn. Madhumati Singh was requested to be the Presiding Officer and conduct the proceedings as Officiating President.
2. Officiating President and Presiding Officer, PP Rtn. Madhumati Singh called the 310th regular weekly meeting to order.
3. National Anthem was sung by all present jointly.
4. Rtn. Kashish Chandan was invited by Presiding Officer to introduce the speaker of the evening, the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar from USA, R.I. District 7770, Mr. Emrys MacMahon.
5. Mr. Emrys McMahan made a beautiful PowerPoint presentation about himself, his sponsoring Rotary Club and Rotary District 7770 and also informed about the Rotary's Ambassadorial Scholarship programme. The presentation was followed by interactive question—answer session.
6. PP Rtn. Satinder Narang proposed the formal vote of thanks to the Guest Speaker.
7. Presiding Officer and Officiating President, PP Rtn. Madhumati Singh made the following announcements about forthcoming programmes in the coming week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FORTHCOMING PROGRAMMES

- a. On Sunday 21st August 2011 we have the Polio NID. Members were requested to assist Rtn. Surendra Singh in providing vehicle support for transporting Polio Vaccine.
 - b. On Thursday 25th August 2011 at our regular weekly meeting we have planned a very interesting programme on Membership Development, Retention and Growth.
 - c. On Friday 26th August 2011 the Installation and Investiture Ceremony of New Team of Interact Club at Maharaja Agarsain Public School, Ashok Vihar will be held at 9.30 am in School premises. All members are invited to attend the programme.
 - d. On Saturday 27th August 2011 we have organised a Blood Donation Camp at Adarsh Public School, Bali Nagar from 8.30 am to 2.00 pm. Members are requested to lend their hand of support.
 - e. On Saturday 27th August 2011, the District Membership Development Seminar, "SAHBHAGITA" will be held at PHD House, New Delhi at 3.00 pm. There are no registration charges. Meeting will be followed by High Tea. All members, especially all new members, are requested to attend.
8. The Officiating President extended Birthday Greetings, in absentia, to both Rtn. Radhey Mohan Aggarwal and PP Rtn. B.P.S. Puri.

THE BOARD 2011-12

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Many Happy Returns

NO BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Rtn. P.K.D. Nambiar **Aug. 31**

9. Meanwhile President Rtn. Rajen Mata had arrived and joined the head table. The meeting was then handed over to President for carrying further proceedings.
10. President Rajen Mata appreciating Madhumati's efforts said she conducted the meeting very well and thanked her for officiating as Presiding Officer.
11. President invited Rtn. Prashant Sahgal to be in the Hot Seat to answer questions from members. Prashant did a fairly good job and answered all the questions that were posed to him.
12. A memento was presented to the speaker of the evening, the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, Mr. Emrys McMahan as a token of our appreciation.
13. Sunshine of ₹ 610 was collected by Rtn. Kashish Chandan.
14. Next Meeting on 25th August will be devoted to Membership Development.
15. Meeting was then declared adjourned by President Rtn. Rajen Mata.

With Best Compliments from:

Rtn. Umang Das & R'ann Ritu Das

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