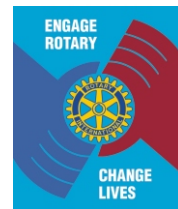




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MAY IS THE MONTH OF PEACE THROUGH SERVICE

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1761 - First life insurance policy in US issued in Philadelphia
- 1803 - 1st public library in USA opens (Connecticut)
- 1807 - Townsend Speakman first sells fruit-flavored carbonated drinks (Phila)
- 1856 - Violence in Senate, SC rep Brooks used a cane on Mass Sen Sumner
- 1868 - Great Train Robbery-7 men (Reno Brother) make off with \$98,000 in cash
- 1892 - Dr Washington Sheffield invents toothpaste tube
- 1900 - Associated Press organizes in NYC as non-profit news cooperative
- 1906 - Wright Brothers patents an aeroplane
- 1939 - Hitler & Benito Mussolini sign "Pact of Steel"
- 1961 - First revolving restaurant ('Top Of The Needle' in Seattle), opens
- 1972 - Ceylon becomes Republic of Sri Lanka as its constitution is ratified
- 1973 - President Nixon confesses his role in Watergate cover-up
- 1992 - India launches its Agni rocket.
- 2014 - The 2368th RWM of RC Behala at regular venue and time.

UPDATE YOUR DIARY

District Training Assembly on 24.05.14.

Joint RWM with RC Calcutta Lake Town on 29.05.14

Joint Board meeting on 30.05.14.

Installation Ceremony on 9th July.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 22-May : Amitava, S/o PP Rtn Sudhanya Kr Basu
 - 27-May : Neha, D/o Rtn Shamsir Singh Kapany
- Wish you many happy returns of the day*

Happy Anniversary

- 22-May : Ann Chandrani & Rtn Partha Pratim Ghoshal
- 27-May : Ann Manju & Rtn Vijay Kr Fatehpuria

A Report on District Assembly



It was the morning of the 18th of May, 2014. As our members enter the Hotel Hyatt Regency, each is welcomed by ever smiling President-Elect Rtn Prasunjit, Secretary-Elect Anirudha and the young and energetic Club

Service Director Rtn Debarshi the latter immediately digging into his bag to flash out the individual name-tag, receipt and most-important-of-all lunch coupon.

We enter the District Assembly, fully armed.

Following the beautiful invocation and lighting of the lamp, District leaders briefly dwell on the purpose of the Assembly. Guest of Honour PDG Rtn Dr Bharat Pandia delivers his address. The Chief Guest Shri Jahar Sirkar, CEO of Prasar Bharati then mesmerizes the audience with his keynote address on 'Leadership and Ethics'.

After a short break start the 'Breakaway Sessions' the group discussions on various aspects of functioning of a Rotary Club. Our members split and join the different groups.

A sumptuous lunch later, there were two very eminent Guest Speakers Shri Soumitra Chatterjee, who does not need any introduction and Shri Chandra Sekhar Ghosh, CEO & MD of 'Bandhan' the micro-financing giant who has acquired license for private banking.

Finally, there was expression of thanks by DGE Rtn Pinaki Prasad Ghosh and the Host Club President.

All 14 members of our Club returned home, seeped with new energy and vigour.



COME! LETS MAINTAIN POLIO-FREE INDIA

Hand of Friendship

We received a letter from PP Rtn Deborah Bowen (District Executive Secretary of RID 7680, USA) during whose tenure as Club President we became Twins.

The letter reads :

"Dear Mr Bhowmick,

We, at The Rotary Club of Top of the Lake - Mooresville, were pleased to have your Past President Avijit Banerjee here with us today as our guest and featured speaker. Avijit updated us of the progress your club and the RCC have been making in the Village Nalgora projects. The photos that we saw tell the story of the progress being made, and we are all very excited. In the future, we will welcome an update on the phases 2 and 3 of the building construction, and we will like to continue to partner with this and other Rotary Club of Behala projects.

Enclosed you will find two Twin Club Certification of Recognition forms, which have been signed by Top of the Lake - Mooresville's current club President, Brad Morris. Please sign both copies, retaining one for your club. We will appreciate your mailing the second copy back to me at the address above.

The Twin Club relationship we began in 2003-2004 is very important and strategic to us. We enjoy learning about your club, your members, and your activities. My husband and I hope to visit Kolkata one day and see your club in action.

Sincerely,

Sd/-

Deborah Bowen"



And attached was this "Twin Club Certificate of Recognition" signed by Rtn Brad Morris, President of The Rotary Club of Top of the Lake, Mooresville, USA (RID 7680)

Five things you need to know – WHO declares polio emergency

After receiving advice from an Emergency Committee of independent experts, the World Health Organization (WHO) has officially declared the international spread of wild polio virus to date in 2014 as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. WHO requires emergency action, precisely because there has been immense progress towards eradication which must be protected.

1. Why now?

This decision comes at a time when the world is better-positioned than ever to end polio.

However, from January to April this year - considered the low-transmission season for polio - the virus has been exported to three countries in three major epidemiological zones: in central Asia (from Pakistan to Afghanistan), in the Middle East (Syria to Iraq) and in Central Africa (Cameroon to Equatorial Guinea).

The imminent high transmission season for polioviruses (approx. May to Nov/Dec each year) drives the urgency of this decision. Preventing this spread from country to country as we move into high season will require a coordinated international effort.

2. What does this declaration entail?

Officially labeling it an emergency triggers a response that includes requiring travellers to and from affected countries to provide proof of vaccinations (Specifically -- Pakistan, Syria, Cameroon should ensure residents, long-term visitors receive a dose of polio vaccine at least 4 weeks prior to international travel, and receive documentation of their polio vaccination status to serve as proof of vaccination)

3. For how long will these recommendations by WHO be in place?

These temporary recommendations, effective as at May 5, 2014 will be reassessed by the Emergency Committee within 3 months.

4. Which countries are most at risk of polio re-infection?

As long as polio circulates anywhere in the world, all countries are at risk. However, at particular risk are those areas with close geographic, political and/or socioeconomic ties with polio-infected countries, and those with evidence of historical spread of poliovirus due to population movements (e.g. West Africa, Central Africa, the Horn of Africa, the Middle East).

5. How effective is polio vaccination?

Polio vaccines are among the most effective vaccines and their widespread use has led to a reduction of 99.9% in polio incidence worldwide since 1988. The disease is on the brink of eradication due to effective vaccination. As Global Citizens, we are reminded that the time is now to end polio and a coordinated international response is essential.

Read more at the **Global Polio Eradication Initiative and its recommendations here: <http://bit.ly/1iePm2l>**

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MIDNUTES OF THE 2367TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB OF BEHALA HELD ON 15TH MAY, 2014 AT MP BIRLA PLANETARIUM AUDITORIUM, KOLKATA AT 6.30 PM

- ❖ In the absence of Club President Anjan, Vice President Rtn Manika called the meeting to order.
- ❖ Meeting started with National Anthem.
- ❖ Actg President Rtn Manika welcomed Club members & Rotaractor to the Meeting.
- ❖ She informed members about upcoming events of the Club and the District, including
 - District Assembly on 18.05.14. She requested all to attend the same.
 - District Training Assembly on 24.05.14.
 - Blood Donation in association with Behala Trisakti Sangha on 18.05.14
 - Joint RWM with RC Calcutta Lake Town on 29.05.14.
 - Joint Board Meeting (Rotary yrs 2013-14 and 2014-15) of the Club at the residence of PP Rtn Deepnath Roy Chowdhury at 6.30 pm on 30.05.14.
- ❖ Installation Ceremony on 9th July.
- ❖ President-Elect Rtn Prasunjit informed members that 14 members of our club have already registered for the District Assembly, and requested others to sign up.
- ❖ Addl Secretary Of RID 3291, PP Rtn Indu Bhusan Das then demonstrated the wonderful memento received by the Club for co-sponsoring the District Drama on 11.05.14
- ❖ Club Secretary Rtn Jayanta Kr Mitra conducted usual Club business.
- ❖ After confirming the minutes of 2366th RWM of RC Behala as published in Maitree dt 15.05.2014 and declaring the attendance, Actg President Rtn Manika terminated the meeting.
- ❖ Attendance statistics: Members: 45. Members present: 10, Rotaractor: 01.