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JUNE - ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1661 - Isaac Newton admitted as a student to Trinity College, Cambridge
- 1783 - Joseph & Jacques Montgolfier make first public balloon flight
- 1907 - Automatic washer & dryer are introduced
- 1940 - First synthetic rubber tire exhibited Akron Oh
- 1944 - First British gliders touched down on French soil preparatory to D-Day
- 1945 - At the end of WW 2, USA, UK, USSR, France declare supreme authority over Germany
- 1959 - The first government of the State of Singapore is sworn in.
- 1972 - UN Conference on Human Environment opens in Stockholm
- 1975 - British population agrees to European Common Market membership
- 1981 - Aid Epidemic officially begins when US Centers of Disease Control reports on pneumonia affecting 5 homosexual men
- 1984 - Indira Gandhi orders 'Operation Blue Star'. Indian commandos stormed into Sikh's holiest gurudwara Golden Temple in Amritsar to flush out the terrorists and other anti-government elements. Over 325 people including Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale were killed.
- 2013 - Nawaz Sharif is sworn in as Prime Minister of Pakistan
- 2014 - The 2370th RWM of RC Behala at our regular venue and time.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 05-June : PP Rtn Amarjit Singh Thethi
 - 05-June : Rtn Soumajit Mukherjee
 - 05-June : Ann (Dr) Swati, W/o Rtn (Dr) Bikramjit Mukherjee
 - 09-June : PP Rtn Rita Das
 - 10-June : Debamalya, S/o PP Rtn Debabrata Joardar
- Wish you many happy returns of the day*

Happy Anniversary

06-June : Ann Leena & Rtn. (Dr.) Parimal Bhattacharya

A tale of two surgeons

A) The surgeon who inadvertently discouraged a boy.

The step-son of the wealthy Arkansas businessman had a dream. And a hero. He wanted to become a famous surgeon like Dr Michael DeBakey, one of the pioneers in the field of cardiac surgery. The adoring father, though, had other plans for him. Finally he had to relent to the son, but with a rider the boy must choose surgery as his speciality, and not deviate to any other one. The boy was ecstatic. Yes, he will follow his role-model. He will become a cardiac surgeon with all its pomp and glamour.



Within a few days, unfortunately, the aunt of the boy had an acute problem, and diagnosed to have Aortic Dissection a potentially lethal condition requiring urgent surgery by, well, a cardiac surgeon. Why not take her to Dr Michael DeBakey, asked the boy, confident about his hero. The father took his sister 500 miles away to Dr Michael DeBakey - the legendary surgeon at Houston, Texas - who was a pioneer of these surgeries (even today he has the highest series for this particular surgery), the young boy accompanying them. DeBakey took a liking for the boy and showed him around, even taking him to the operation theatre to show different surgical procedures. The aunt recovered after the surgery, and the team was returning home happily when the boy blurted out "No papa, I won't be a cardiac surgeon". "Why? What happened" asked the astonished father.

"Well, I saw *his* devotion, *his* fine craftsmanship, *his* empathy to the patients. God !! I can never be like him. Not in my life."

The boy did not enroll in a medical school. His name? Bill Clinton.

B) The truthful surgeon

At one point of time during the trial of Watergate scandal, deposition by a cardiac surgeon became essential. Dr Denton Cooley in general regarded as the 'wizard of cardiac surgery' - was summoned.



After a couple of introductory questions, the lawyer asked "Dr Cooley, do you think you are the best cardiac surgeon in the world?" Pat came the reply "Yes."

The lawyer didn't expect this. "Well, Dr Cooley, don't you think you should be a bit modest?"

"Perhaps. But I'm under oath".

[Michael Ellis DeBakey (September 7, 1908 July 11, 2008) was a world-renowned American cardiac surgeon, innovator, and medical educator. And Denton Arthur Cooley (August 22, 1920) is arguably the best cardiac craftsman ever produced. Both worked in the cardiac surgical team at Baylor College of Medicine, the former being the chief. Unfortunately they had a bitter feud from 1969 (over implantation of the first artificial heart) that lasted for decades. The two great men reconciled in 2007. Ed]

WATER PROJECT UNITES LEBANON CLUBS ACROSS ALL DIVIDES



A project to provide clean water to all of Lebanon's schools is uniting leaders from many of the country's diverse religious, cultural, and political divisions.

In 2011, Rotary members in northern Lebanon decided to install new tanks and water filters in a few nearby schools with the help of a Rotary Foundation grant. The idea caught on and a few other clubs followed suit.

Two years later, District 2452 Governor Jamil Mouawad and other district leaders saw the potential of creating one giant water project that could reach every school and involve all 24 of the country's Rotary clubs. They formed a committee to handle publicity and gather technical knowledge, while each club was asked to provide volunteers, contribute funds, apply for grants, and secure contributions from outside organizations. "Every student has the right to drink clean water. It goes without saying that clean drinking water leads to less diseases, healthier students, and consequently, better education," says Mouawad. "The bigger the challenge, the greater its positive impact on humanity."

While clean water is the main objective, the leaders also saw the effort as a means of helping heal Lebanon's long history of sectarian strife. A civil war divided the country from 1975 to 1990, leaving an estimated 120,000 people dead. In recent years, Lebanon's government is a shifting coalition of religions, political parties, and sects.

Lina Shehayeb, president of the Rotary Club of Aley, is a Druze by faith. Shehayeb says working alongside club members who are Catholic, Maronite, Greek Orthodox, Armenian Orthodox, and Muslim to promote the project has deepened her understanding of those with different religious or political views.

"We are building peace and understanding," she says. "There has never been anything quite like this in our country."

Even the distribution of club responsibilities is designed to foster peace. Each club is responsible for a certain number of schools, some in their area but some in a totally separate region. The clubs nominate a project coordinator, find qualified suppliers, arrange for sponsors, and allocate contributions from sponsors, district funds, and global grants to finance the installation of filters in the schools.

"For example a club from Jounieh, a Christian resort town north of Beirut, might be assigned schools in the southern mountains near the Israeli border, an area that is considerably poorer and primarily Shia Muslim," explains Mouawad. "After all, who - no matter what their political or religious views - could argue

with providing clean water for children?"

The effort could not have come at a better time. With the crisis in Syria, Lebanon's population is ballooning with refugees, including many school-age children. By improving the schools these kids attend, Rotary members are laying the groundwork for future peace in the region.

The committee is working in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, World Vision, UNICEF, and the Red Cross. Red Cross volunteers take water samples in each of the schools a few times a year and send those samples to the Lebanese Agricultural Laboratory Institute for testing.

According to the committee's technical team, it will cost roughly \$2,500 a school to install water tanks, filters, and provide ongoing monitoring. About 200 schools have been covered so far. The goal is to reach all 1,535 schools within three years.

By Arnold R. Grahl

Rotary News

31-MAR-2014

MINUTES OF THE 2369TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB OF BEHALA – A JOINT MEETING WITH RC CALCUTTA LAKE TOWN – HELD ON 29TH MAY, 2014 AT MP BIRLA PLANETARIUM AUDITORIUM, KOLKATA AT 6.30 PM

- ❖ Club President Rtn Anjan Kumar Bhowmick called the meeting to order.
- ❖ Meeting started with National Anthem led by PP Rtn Deepnath Roychowdhury.
- ❖ President Anjan welcomed Club members, visiting Rotarians from RC Calcutta Lake Town, and other guests of the day & Rotaractor to the Meeting.
- ❖ He informed members about upcoming events of the Club and the District, including
 - 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 of RC Calcutta Lake Town Rtn Subhas Sen called to order the RWM of his Club.
- ❖ On request from the Chair, Rtn Jayanta Chatterjee - the Speaker of the day - explained the nuances of Mutual Fund..
- ❖ Club Secretary of RC Calcutta Lake Town Rtn Rathindra Nath Banik conducted his Club business & Prez Subhas terminated his meeting.
- ❖ Club Secretary Rtn Jayanta Kr Mitra conducted usual Club business.
- ❖ After confirming the minutes of 2368th RWM of RC Behala as published in Maitree dt 29.05.2014 and declaring the attendance, President Rtn Anjan terminated the meeting.
- ❖ Attendance statistics - Members : 45, Members present : 17, Other Rotarians : 07, Guest : 01

BLOCK YOUR SCHEDULE

COTS and Assembly
22nd June, 11 AM
Saturday Club