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eradicate Guinea worm disease in Ghana and South Sudan through the implementation of clean water projects.

- Ann Lee Hussey, South Berwick, Maine. A member of the Portland Sunrise Rotary Club, Hussey has made the eradication of polio and the alleviation of suffering by polio victims her life's work. A polio survivor herself, she has led numerous Rotary volunteer teams to Nigeria, India, and other polio-affected countries to immunize children and provide assistance to people disabled by polio.
- Jeremiah Lowney Jr., Norwich, Conn. A member of the Rotary Club of Norwich, Lowney led the effort to establish the Haitian Health Foundation, now the primary health care provider in southwestern Haiti, delivering live-saving services to a quarter million people in 104 rural villages.
- Douglas McNeil, Monte Sereno, Calif. A member of the Los Gatos Morning Rotary Club, McNeil leads area Rotary members in programs that mentor and inspire young people, such as the Rotary Earth Day Project. He also helped establish Lighting for Literacy, a program which provides low-cost solar lighting systems for communities without electricity, promoting more at-home reading, a key tool in increasing literacy rates.
- Harriett Schloer, Bend, Ore. A member of the Bend High Desert Rotary Club, Schloer in 1999 enlisted Rotary support to launch the Shots for Tots program which provides free routine immunizations to any area schoolchildren, insured or not, through age 18. Deschutes County now has one of the highest immunization rates in the state.
- Bonni Sirower, Glenn Rock, N.J. A member of the Rotary Club of Patterson, Sirower organized and coordinated Rotary relief efforts in the immediate aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, which devastated the region in October 2012. As a result, truckloads of critically needed relief supplies were sent from Rotary clubs to communities throughout the East Coast.
- Neli Vazquez-Rowland, Chicago, Ill. A member of the Rotary Club of Chicago, Vazquez-Rowland and her husband in 1994 established Safe Haven, a comprehensive program that assists thousands of people dealing with homelessness, hunger, addiction, chronic unemployment and other issues.

Source : Marion Patch

Polio Eradication and End Game Strategic Plan developed

The 2013-18 Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan, developed by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), is expected to be finalized this month. Rotary International, along with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, are global partners in the GPEI.

In 2012, the World Health Assembly declared polio eradication a "programmatic emergency for global public health" and called for the development of a comprehensive polio eradication and endgame strategy. The plan is designed to interrupt transmission of the wild poliovirus by the end of 2014, strengthen routine immunization, lay the groundwork for securing a lasting polio-free world, and transfer the eradication initiative's assets to other public health efforts. It is estimated that polio eradication could save the world US$40-50 billion by 2035.

The new plan will cost about $5.5 billion. Therefore, increased support is needed from governments of donor and polio-affected countries, nongovernmental organizations, corporations, and the public, to ensure implementation. Every Rotarian can become an advocate by contacting elected officials, business leaders, friends, and the press to encourage support for eradicating polio.

Source : Rotary International

RI, Birla Group & MMC host 'Championing the Polio Eradication Drive' in Mumbai

Rotary International, the Aditya Birla Group and the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai recently hosted a special programme "Championing the Polio Eradication Drive" at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai. The programme was organised in collaboration with the Government of India's Health Department.

The Governor of Maharashtra, Shri Sankaranarayan and Rajashree Birla, chairperson, Aditya Birla Centre for Community Initiatives and Rural Development initiated drive by administering polio drops to children which will be carried out across the country.

Speaking on the occasion Rajashree Birla said, "For over two years now, we in India, have not reported a single polio case. It's a very happy situation. Imagine the world, at one time, looked upon India, as the epicenter of polio. To give you the context, before the polio eradication drive was launched, some 15 years ago, 2,00,000 children would be crippled every year! It has been a long and arduous journey. But we have managed it and there is therefore much to cheer."

Collectively the government machinery Rotary International and the Aditya Birla Group work to ensure that every single child is immunized. Every year more than 170 million children are given the pulse polio drops.

Birla further added, "We, at the Aditya Birla Group, have and continue to work with single-minded focus, in supporting Rotary International and the Government in the polio eradication drive. Our various establishments are actively involved, and our teams ensure that every child takes the pulse polio drops. Likewise, we set up booths in Mumbai, including several at railway stations and also undertook door-to-door campaign. In the last three years only, our teams have helped administer polio drops to over 18 million children through thousands of booths all over the country."

She informed that since two years there is not a single new case of polio and it is a message of great hope. But let me add a word of caution. Polio still exists in Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan. The virus can still travel to India as

people move from one country to another. “We have to be very cautious and pro-active to ensure that the virus is not allowed to re-enter our country.”

Birla added a word of caution averring that “there is no room for complacency. In India, we have to continue the momentum. In fact, the World Health Organisation (WHO) has advised India to maintain sensitive surveillance and ensure high childhood immunity against the wild polio virus. This is vital to ensure that no strain of polio is imported to our country, until eradication is attained worldwide. Another polio-free year and we hope the WHO will declare our country as `Polio-free’.”

Source : Pharmabiz.com

Jane Goodall to speak at Lisbon convention

Jane Goodall, a renowned primatologist and conservationist, will be a keynote speaker at the 2013 RI Convention in Lisbon, Portugal, 23-26 June.

Goodall, PhD, founder of the Jane Goodall Institute and a UN Messenger of Peace, will join explorer and filmmaker Céline Cousteau, the daughter and granddaughter of ocean explorers, and Craig Kielburger, co-founder of Free The Children and Me to We, as speakers on Wednesday, 26 June, in a program that will focus on promoting peace by protecting the environment.

In January, Rotarians adopted a “Green Path to Peace” declaration during the Rotary Global Peace Forum in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA. The declaration urges Rotarians to act as catalysts for peace through efforts to conserve and protect the planet, and to empower young people to perpetuate the values that will assure a peaceful future.

Goodall

Goodall, who was a speaker at the 2009 RI Convention, gained worldwide attention more than 50 years ago for her pioneering research on chimpanzee behavior -- research that transformed scientific perceptions of the relationship between humans and animals.

In 1977, she founded the Jane Goodall Institute to continue her research. Today, the institute is a global leader in the effort to protect chimpanzees and their habitats. It also is widely recognized for establishing innovative community-centered conservation and development programs in Africa. Jane Goodall’s Roots & Shoots, a global environmental and humanitarian youth program, has groups in more than 120 countries.

Cousteau

Céline Cousteau is founder and executive director of CauseCentric Productions, a nonprofit that produces and distributes multimedia content with an emphasis on short films. This content tells the stories of grassroots organizations and individuals working on solutions to environmental and sociocultural problems.

A member of the Council on Oceans for the World Economic Forum, Cousteau has also been an ambassador to the Clean Up the World Campaign since 2009. She is the daughter of marine conservationist and filmmaker Jean-Michel Cousteau and granddaughter of legendary ocean explorer Jacques-Yves Cousteau.

Kielburger

Craig Kielburger is a social entrepreneur, best-selling author, and syndicated columnist. He co-founded the Free The Children education organization in 1995, when he was 12 years old. Today, more than 1.7 million young people are involved in its programs. In North America, the organization provides comprehensive service-learning programs, including its We Day celebrations attended annually by more than 100,000 students from 3,000 schools. Internationally, Free The Children works in eight developing countries to provide a sustainable development model that includes education, health care, food security, clean water, and alternative income programs.

In addition to the speakers scheduled to address the convention’s larger assemblies, Rotarians will have a chance to hear from experts and exchange ideas during smaller breakout sessions.

Breakout sessions

Dr. Rudolph Tanzi, an expert on Alzheimer’s disease, will discuss the latest treatment developments during a breakout session on 24 June. Participants will learn how clubs in districts 7930 and 7950 are working with the Cure Alzheimer’s Fund research organization to educate local communities about the disease.

Also on 24 June, two executives from Coca-Cola Pakistan will participate in the breakout session PolioPlus -- Help Rotary Make History. Fahad Qadir is public affairs and communications director for Coca-Cola’s Pakistan and Afghanistan regions, and Rizwah Ullah Khan is the region’s general export manager.

Coca-Cola Pakistan has teamed with Rotary’s Pakistan PolioPlus Committee to build awareness for the polio eradication campaign and to promote immunization nationwide. Among other efforts, Rotarians, Rotary partners, and Coca-Cola employees joined forces on World Health Day last April for a cleanup campaign in an area of Karachi.

The annual RI convention brings together Rotarians and friends of Rotary from all over the world, providing an opportunity to exchange ideas, connect with old and new friends, have fun, and advance the work of Rotary.

Source : Rotary International

ROTARY-This Close

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Some Lovely Messages....

We never get what we want,
We never want what we get,
We never have what we like,
We never like what we have.
And still we live & love.
That's life...

The best kind of friend,
Is the kind you can sit on a porch and swing with,
Never say a word,
And then walk away feeling like it was the best conversation you've ever had.

It's true that we don't know
What we've got until it's gone,
But it's also true that we don't know
What we've been missing until it arrives..

Giving someone all your love is never an assurance that they'll love you back!
Don't expect love in return;
Just wait for it to grow in their heart,
But if it doesn't, be content it grew in yours.

It takes only a minute to get a crush on someone,
An hour to like someone,
And a day to love someone,
But it takes a lifetime to forget someone.

Don't go for looks; they can deceive.
Don't go for wealth; even that fades away.
Go for someone who makes you smile,
Because it takes only a smile to
Make a dark day seem bright.
Find the one that makes your heart smile!

May you have
Enough happiness to make you sweet,
Enough trials to make you strong,
Enough sorrow to keep you human,
And enough hope to make you happy.

Always put yourself in others' shoes.
If you feel that it hurts you,
It probably hurts the other person, too.

The happiest of people
Don't necessarily have the best of everything;
They just make the most of everything that comes along their way.
Happiness lies for
Those who cry,
Those who hurt,
Those who have searched,
And those who have tried,
For only they can appreciate the importance of people
Who have touched their lives.

When you were born, you were crying
And everyone around you was smiling.
Live your life so that when you die,
You're the one who is smiling
And everyone around you is crying.

Please send this message
To those people who mean something to you,
To those who have touched your life in one way or another,
To those who make you smile when you really need it,
To those that make you see the brighter side of things
When you are really down,
To those who you want to know
That you appreciate their friendship.

And if you don't, don't worry,
Nothing bad will happen to you,
You will just miss out on the opportunity
to brighten someone's life with this message...

Chinese technique for stopping hiccups

This is an ancient Chinese technique to stop hiccups.

It does not matter if you use either right or left hand.

Use the thumb of one hand pressing against the center of the other palm.

Several long hard presses and the hiccups will stop.

According to the Chinese accupunture book 3 minutes will stop hiccups, but from my experience 10 seconds will stop hiccups.

This is the Chinese acupuncture points.