



## Editorial

The question looming large in the minds of the global population is when shall the COVID Vaccine see the light of the day, with so many conflicting news and views, there is confusion all-around. One pertinent question in the minds of many is whether enough time has been given to prepare an effective vaccine as it takes approximately 5-7 years or even more to develop one and the COVID vaccine is being fast tracked and hence a major question mark on how effective it shall be and what are its side effects? The World Health Organization calls vaccines "one of the most powerful and cost-effective of all health interventions." and the Copenhagen Consensus says that "vaccination may be the most effective public health intervention of all time". Only 22% of developed vaccines are successful, start to finish. A simple example easier for Rotarians to understand would be the time taken to develop and re develop polio vaccine and the incidents around the development. The process which started in 1949 culminated in 1961 with an intermittent incident in 1955 in the USA when the process was suspended due to an incident known as the 'Cutter Incident'. Though science and technology and the R&D behind it as developed by leaps and bounds yet results need to prove the efficacy of the COVID vaccine. Till then put your mask up covering the nose, those above 60 yrs or those with co-morbidities please stop attending even small gatherings, meetings as they have been termed as 'super spreaders'.

December brings with it the spirit of yuletide and of course an end to a bitter 2020 and the prospect of a new dawn in 2021, till then take care, stay safe and stay well!

*Subhojit Roy*

## TRF Trustee & PRID Hipólito S. Ferreira (2019-23) is No More



With deep regret we announce the sad demise of the Rotary Foundation Trustee (2019-23) Hipólito S. Ferreira of Rotary Club of Contagem-Cidade Industrial Minas Gerais, Brazil.

Hipólito Ferreira was an engineer and the president of a group of engineering and mining companies led by Paineira Engenharia. He was the director of SICEPOT, the State of Minas Gerais Heavy Construction Industry Association.

A Rotarian since 1970, Ferreira has served Rotary in many capacities, including as RI director, training leader, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, member of the Operations Review Committee, and chair of the Literacy Task Force for Latin America. During his term as president of the Brazilian Association of The Rotary Foundation, donations doubled.

Ferreira has received the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service and Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award. His three sons participated in Interact, Rotaract, and Rotary Youth Exchange, and two of them are Rotarians. Ferreira and his wife, Marilene, are Benefactors and Major Donors.



## World Toilet Day November 19

In 2012, the United Nations officially recognized November 19 as World Toilet Day as a way to bring awareness to the global sanitation crisis. It is estimated that 4.2 billion people live without safely managed sanitation and around 673 million people practice open defecation.

This year the theme is "Sustainable Sanitation and Climate Change." You can find some excellent resources in multiple languages at [WorldToiletDay.info](http://WorldToiletDay.info). In addition to posters and graphics there are toolkits and social media resources.

The UN Site for World Toilet Day has resources on World Toilet Day, but emphasizes the UN Sustainability Goal 6 which is targeting Clean Water and Sanitation for all by 2030.

Fun Fact - The World Toilet Organization was founded on November 19, 2001. The same day as the first World Toilet Summit and the first World Toilet Day.

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## ROTARY ON TWITTER

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Thanks @wallethub for naming The Rotary Foundation as the best charity to donate to for human services! <https://on.rotary.org/35Nahca>

## Rotary's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Taskforce

As one of Rotary's Core Values, diversity should be one of our great strengths. We should be proud that Rotary reflects so many cultures, generations, and lived experiences, and offers the potential for countless leaders to tap into those experiences to make a difference. As a sign of our commitment to creating an organization that sets the standard for valuing and living the principals of diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI), the Rotary International Board adopted Rotary's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion statement in January 2019.

While progress has been made, we need a concrete plan to make sure that DEI are ingrained into everything that we do as an organization and reflected in the actions Rotary takes as we engage with the communities we serve. In September 2020 we formed a DEI Taskforce that is charged with shaping a comprehensive action plan with achievable, measurable, and meaningful outcomes for Rotary.

We tapped into the expertise of Rotary participants around the globe for this taskforce. They will devise a plan that assesses the current state of DEI at Rotary and articulates a vision that incorporates regional differences, needs and priorities. And as key decisions are made and our plan takes shape, we will continue to share information with you.

# Polio Update

Country or territory <sup>3</sup>	Wild virus type 1 confirmed cases							
	Full year total					01 Jan - 17 Nov <sup>1</sup>		Date of most recent case
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2019	2020	
Pakistan	54	20	8	12	147	86	81	21-Oct-20
Afghanistan	20	13	14	21	29	21	54	14-Oct-20
Nigeria <sup>3</sup>	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	21-Aug-16
Iran	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA
<b>Total (Type1)</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>135</b>	
Tot. in endemic countries	74	37	22	33	176	107	135	
Tot. in non-end countries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
No. of countries (infected)	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	
No. of countries (endemic)	3	2 <sup>3</sup>	2 <sup>3</sup>	3	3	3	2	
Total Female	30	13	7	18	72	45	56	
Total Male	44	24	15	15	104	62	79	

## MetroCity SNID-Polio Vaccination





Rotary Calcutta Metro City conducted a very successful SNID in KMC Ward 61 on 22nd November 2020. The pre SNID door to door campaign through Mike announcements and individual household contact resulted in a very high footfall in the booth at the Mullickbazar site (adjacent to Park Street). As in the past decade and a half PP Rtn MD Firoz led, coordinated and implemented the campaign very successfully supported by the Club President Sunando Sen ( who kept tabs despite recovering from a health condition) along with Club Trainer and Zonal Coordinator PDG Shyamashree Sen. Incidentally PP Rtn Firoz immunized her daughter Junairah at the booth. PP Rtn Subhojit Roy was present at the venue to lend moral and hands on support to Md Firoz.

## Joint Meeting with RC Calcutta Metropolitan



RC Calcutta Metro City was invited for a virtual joint meeting on 21st November with Ramanjit Kaur as a Guest speaker on Theatre as a career and life options. Interspersed with audio visual clips Ramanjit, a highly acclaimed stage performer of International fame, was able to give the audience a fair idea about theatre being not merely a career option but also an outlet of creativity, self development tool and more. The talk was followed by an interesting Q&A and finally a touching expression of gratitude by PDG Shyamashree Sen. RC Calcutta Metro City thanks President Harsh Rungta and members of RCCM for the joint effort.

**Congratulations PDG Shyamashree Sen for your contribution of US\$250 to TRF designated for the Polio Fund!!!**

**Thank You RC Mayflower Bellaricay, RID 1240 for contributing towards our Club's "Project Sundarbans"!! We express our gratitude to Rtn Reeta Dasgupta for coordinating the partnership.**



**Congratulations Rtn Arundhuti Kundu for beginning a new chapter in her life, members wish her and PP Rtn Manish Nayak on their auspicious marriage and a very happy life together!!**



*Rtn Shamik  
Banerjee*

*21st November!*



*Rtn Chaity &  
Manas Ghosh  
18th November!*

*Moumita &  
Rtn Shubhankar Mandal  
23rd. November!*