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October – Community Economic Development Month

"Utkraman wishes Shuvo Bijoya to readers and their family members"

RI President's message October 2024

With World Polio Day on 24 October, I'm proudly rooting for Rotary as we team up around the world to End Polio Now.

I had the honor of attending a Strike Out Polio event in July at PNC Park, home of the Pittsburgh Pirates MLB team. The Rotary Club of Delmont-Salem hosted the event, which raised \$1.3 million for PolioPlus.

Later in the summer, I joined members of our Rotary family in supporting the Más Millas Menos Polio (More Miles Less Polio) bike ride. Felipe Meza Chávez and his team rode all the way from Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, to One Rotary Center in Evanston, Illinois, to raise money and awareness. The ride took 12 days, and Felipe and his team collected more than \$100,000 to support the fight against polio. It was a joy to greet them as they arrived in Evanston.

And I was thrilled to see Team End Polio raise global awareness around the 2024 Paris Olympics. This world-class roster of athletes, global leaders, and polio eradication supporters came together to advocate for a world where no child has to live in fear of being paralyzed by polio. Some of the athletes on Team End Polio are polio survivors themselves, adding weight to their advocacy.

These are just a few examples of the many ways Rotary has teamed up recently to End Polio Now. It is vital that we continue to seek out and recruit teammates in polio eradication, especially after the challenges our eradication efforts have faced this year.

The Rotary world was heartbroken to learn about the tragic passing in August of Aidan O'Leary, director for polio eradication at the World Health Organization.

I knew Aidan and worked with him directly. He was a tireless advocate in the fight against polio and a kind, genuine man. We will remember him both for his advocacy and his warmth.

But where there is hardship, there is also hope. I feel hopeful whenever I consider the countless ways Rotary supports the fight every day to eradicate polio.

As people of action, we don't have the luxury of giving in to despair, even in the face of tragedy. The best way to honor

Aidan's memory is by teaming up and reaching our goal to End Polio Now.

We made a promise to the children of the world and their families. It is incumbent upon us, together with our global partners, to end this threat once and for all.

There are so many ways we can team up to eradicate polio. You can donate to the End Polio Now campaign, join or initiate a PolioPlus Society in your club or district, or take inspiration from the fundraisers I mentioned above.

I encourage Rotary members around the world to continue to seek out new teammates, so that together, we end polio.

Stephanie A. Urchick

President 2024-25

TRF Trustee Chair's October 2024 message

World Polio Day, on 24 October, is a time to celebrate progress and rededicate ourselves to finishing the job of eradicating the disease. Let's also honor the countless Rotarians and Rotaractors who have championed the cause. One such hero was John Sever.

Sever, who died in April at age 92, was a member of the Rotary Club of Potomac, Maryland. An infectious disease specialist at the U.S. National Institutes of Health, Sever recommended in 1979 that Rotary make polio eradication a global goal, expanding what began as a national vaccine campaign in the Philippines.

It is hard to imagine where we would stand today without Sever's decades of leadership, expertise, and advocacy. In August, I was honored to present his family with the International Service Award for a Polio-Free World and a crystal recognition piece in Sever's name.

What he helped initiate, PolioPlus, became an example of implementing an action plan in Rotary. Thanks to him — and the volunteerism and generosity of countless others — polio cases have decreased by more than 99 percent since 1988.

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Minutes of 1266th Regular Meeting of Rotary Club Of Calcutta Metro South held on Saturday, September 28, 2024 at Commune, 7B, Chowringhee Terrace, Kolkata 700 020 From 4:00 Pm

President Rtn. Debasish De Called the Meeting to order and requested all the members present to stand for National Anthem.

Members rose for the National Anthem

Matters arising from previous minutes:

- (A) Understood from IPP Rtn Anup Guha that the audit formalities of club account statement for the period 1st April, 2023 to 31.3.2024 and 1st April, 2023 to 31.3.2024 are now completed. Income Tax Return file of our club will be submitted to the Government Authority by 30.9.2024.
- (B) The Global Grant account for School Project is now closed. The uploading & authentication of Global Grant Account for Skill Development has also been completed.
- (C) The FCRA accounts has been settled and uploaded in the system. It is now a closed account.
- (D) The chairs have suggested to re-open the FCRA account and requested PP Rtn Anirudha Guha to discuss with the other clubs to explore the possibilities for re-opening the account.
- (E) In view of DIES authentication, Professional Tax for all the staff of Vivekananda School will be paid at the earliest. At present, the said tax has been paid for eight teachers. A joint discussion will be held with RC Mahanagar on 03rd October, 2024 regarding this issue.
- (F) Discussions regarding various Service Projects took place.
- (G) DG Rtn Krishnendu Gupta had requested our club for Co-hosting "SPARSH" The District Membership Seminar held on August 31, 2024. It had been decided that we would pay Rs. 5000/- to the District as our club sponsorship. The amount has since been paid through cheque.

With the above, the house accepted the MOM of 1265th RM.

- (*) The certificates on completion of Skill Development would be distributed to the students of our school at BMC by Ramakrishna Mission, Narendrapur on October 5, 2024 at our school at 11 am. Members were requested to attend the meeting to make it grand success.
- (*) Our RCC at Sashanpara has organized a dress distribution ceremony for coming Durga Puja at

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The path to our goal could not have been predicted and may take longer than expected. There are sometimes setbacks, as we experienced with increased cases in Pakistan and Afghanistan this year.

But we get back on our feet. This year, we ended an outbreak of wild poliovirus in Malawi and Mozambique that was caused by an importation from Pakistan in 2021, and we decreased variant poliovirus cases. Rotary and our partners stay flexible, developing new tactics while staying focused on the long-term goal, with optimism.

Delivering a polio-free world with stronger health systems and communities is not only right for humanity but also a smart investment in future generations. It will be Rotary's greatest gift to the world.

Countless heroes have followed Sever's lead — from the club president who organized her first End Polio Now fundraiser to the advocates, donors, and volunteers. We are all part of this story.

With your support, this year's World Polio Day will be the greatest ever. Donate to End Polio Now at rotary.org/donate. Your gift will be tripled, thanks to the 2-to-1 match by the Gates Foundation. Join or initiate a PolioPlus Society in your club or district. Raise awareness in your community about how we will eradicate a human disease for only the second time in history.

Whatever you do, do it for future generations who will live without this debilitating disease. Let us deliver on our promise to the world's children and end polio forever.

Mark Daniel Maloney

Trustee Chair 2024-25

Jetardeul on October 6 at 11am. Members are requested to attend the event to make it grand success.

(*) Easy School 3 project: Online coaching for English & Arithmetic has been started with our 34 students and a few teachers at BMC School. The first class was held on September 21, 2024. It would be conducted on each Saturday for next six months.

(*) "Sabujayan" – The project on Tree Plantation was organized on September 22, 2024 by Balak Sangha Club at Northern Park in Bhowanipur. We joined the programme and planted a few trees. RC Mahanagar was also invited there and joined the occasion.

The next RM will be held on October 19, 2024 at Commune at 4-00 PM.

As there were no other points to discuss, the President terminated the meeting with a vote of thanks proposed by Rtn Snehasish Bhaumik.

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