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Program Today

27.08.2020

**“Kerala Mural
Art”**

By

**Ms. Mini Mohan
Anns Invited**



In late 1914, Europe was divided by hundreds of miles of trenches. British and French forces on one side were within shouting distance of German troops on the other. The pope made a plea for a Christmas truce, but the shooting continued.

Then, on Christmas Eve, soldiers from behind British lines heard an unexpected sound — not gunfire, but singing. Next, they heard a single voice shout out, “English soldier, merry Christmas!” followed by “English soldier, come out to join us!”

Both sides cautiously emerged over the parapet into the no man’s land between the trenches. Before long, the soldiers realized that it was a real truce. They fraternized, singing Christmas carols, exchanging souvenirs and whiskey, and even taking up a friendly soccer match.

The cease-fire continued only two days before the troops returned to their trenches, resuming bloodshed for nearly four long years. But the story of the Christmas truce reminds us that peace is possible, if we choose to accept it. If peace can last a few days, could it not also last months or years? And how do we prevent conflict in the first place?



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In his Nobel Peace Prize lecture in 1964, American civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. said, “We must concentrate not merely on the negative expulsion of war, but on the positive affirmation of peace.”

With Positive Peace, our society’s structures, policies, and everyday attitudes and actions promote justice at all levels, sustaining a peaceful coexistence. It’s an answer to the calls for justice and peace we have heard on the streets in protests from Minneapolis to Paris this year.

Positive Peace, studied at our Rotary Peace Centers around the world, is not just an academic idea for the Rotary Peace Fellows. Through Rotary’s partnership with the Institute for Economics and Peace, the Rotary Positive Peace Academy offers free training to every Rotary member on how to wage Positive Peace in every project we do at the grassroots level, including Foundation grants.

Positive Peace resonates at all levels of The Rotary Foundation. Our literacy projects help children gain equal access to literacy, so opposing sides on an issue can understand each other better. Through our Foundation grants that provide clean water, communities gain stability, as more children stay in school rather than fetching water for hours on end.

Our role as civil society leaders who wage Positive Peace will continue to expand, not only through partnerships and more grants, but also through our hearts, minds, and hands as we offer our gifts to make the world a better place.

K.R. Ravindran, Trustee Chair 2020-21

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The World Health Organization's African region is officially certified free of wild poliovirus.



(Please click on the play button to watch the video)

Rotary and its GPEI partners celebrate a monumental achievement, say global eradication of wild polio is possible with the continued dedication and persistence of Rotarians

The World Health Organization (WHO) on 25 August announced that transmission of the wild poliovirus has officially been stopped in all 47 countries of its African region. This is

a historic and vital step toward global eradication of polio, which is Rotary's top priority.

After decades of hard won gains in the region, Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) — WHO, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and Gavi, the vaccine alliance — are proclaiming the milestone an achievement in public health. They offer it as proof that strong commitment, coordination, and perseverance can rid the world of polio.

The certification that the African region is free of wild poliovirus comes after the independent Africa Regional Certification Commission (ARCC) conducted thorough field verifications that confirmed no new



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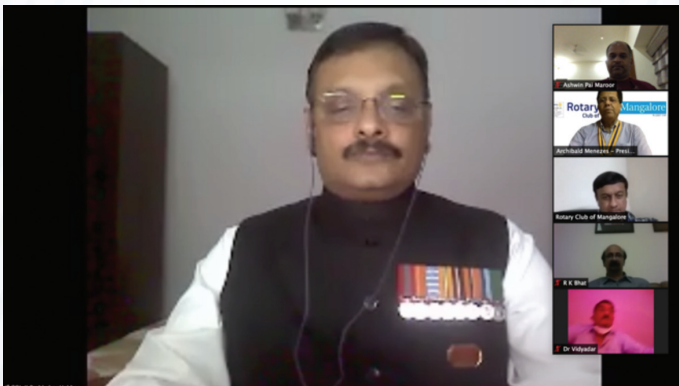
cases and analyzed documentation of polio surveillance, immunization, and laboratory capacity by Cameroon, Central African Republic, Nigeria, and South Sudan. The commission had already accepted the documentation of the other 43 countries in the region.

The last cases of polio caused by the wild virus in the African region were recorded in Nigeria's northern state of Borno in August 2016, after two years with no cases. Conflict, along with challenges in reaching mobile populations, had hampered efforts to immunize children there.

(Source: www.rotary.org)

Club Diary- 20.08.2020

“The Green Guardians.” Life of a soldier at normal times **By Col. Prabhakar Hebbar (Retd), Ex-Group Commander**



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The President Rtn. Archibald called the meeting to order and Rtn. Dr. Narendra Kamath rendered the invocation. He then wished the members celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries during the week. Rtn. Satish N Kamath contributed a sum of \$100 to The Rotary Foundation. President Rtn. Archibald thanked him for the generous contribution. He then congratulated Rtn. Naveen N for being the editor of a book called “A comprehensive guide to Alternative dispute resolution” which was written by our former Rotarian Prof. C.A. Lionel Aranha. President Rtn. Archibald thanked Rtn. Divakar Pai Kochikar for working tirelessly to keep our website updated and also the advertisers for their support. He requested members to register themselves on myrotary.org as most our members are yet to register. He also requested members to identify leaders in different vocations and invite them to join our club as the month of August is dedicated month for membership and new club development.

Rtn. Vishal Mallya introduced the speaker of the day Col. Prabhakar Hebbar (Retd). Col. Prabhakar Hebbar is a B.SC (Physics) graduate from Madras University and BTech (Electronics AND Comn.) from JNU. He was a part of Operation RHINO and Operation BAJRANG in North East, Operation PARAKRAM in J&K and Operation VIJAY in Kargil & Batalik sector. He served as Training Officer at NCC Group HQs. He was the COMMANDING OFFICER of Eastern Command Signal Regiment, at Fort William, Kolkata providing communication cover to the forces deployed in Northeast India. He was Awarded ARMY COMMANDERS COMMENDATION CARD for meritorious service.

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He spoke on “The Green Guardians.” Life of a soldier at normal times. With a help of a slide show he explained the external challenges faced by our defence forces. Our defence forces are completely starched along the entire border of our country. He explained the different verticals that are present in the Army and how they coordinate with each other. Our country has a diverse topography such as glaciers in the north, desert in the west and jungles in the northeast. Our Army has to work in these harsh conditions. He also spoke on how our army handled the recent war with China by showing ruthless aggression in hand to hand combat when a few of our soldiers including the commanding officer were illegally captured by them. He spoke on the bad state of affairs once they are retired from the army. Only a few State Governments in our country take care of them and most of them are not taken care off. He requested Rotarians to take care of Ex-Army men, war widows and their children in our district.

We are forever indebted to the entire INDIAN ARMY for protecting our life and liberty and keeping us and our family safe. Vote of thanks was delivered by Rtn. Ashwin Pai Maroor and the meeting was adjourned.

MEMBER MOMENTS

Rtn. Rajendra Kalbhavi was the resource person at Rotary Club of Bantwal on 23rd August 2020. The topic was “Together we join hands for preserving water in earth”.



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A Rotary Community Corps is a group of non-Rotarians who share our commitment to changing the world through service projects. RCC members plan and carry out projects in their communities and support local Rotary club projects. There are more than 10,000 corps in 100 countries. RCCs are active everywhere Rotary is present: in urban and rural areas, and in both developed and developing countries.

(Source: www.rotary.org)

Birthday wishes to



Rtn. S Umesh Mallya
22nd August



Rtn. Jayaprakash Rao
22nd August



Rtn. B. Ganesh Nagvekar
25th August

Club Pulse

20.08.2020

Club Strength	99
Present	59
Absent	40
Percentage	60%
% After Make-up	
13.08.2020	73%
06.08.2020	52%

Weekly Meeting

Thursday
At 7.00 PM
Online Meeting
(Zoom App)

Program Next Week

03.09.2020

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