



ROTA NEWS

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District 7030



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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity
R.I. Theme 2011-2012

The Four Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Weekly meetings on **Thursdays** at
Hilton Barbados
Needham's Point, Aquatic Gap,
St. Michael at 12 noon

P.O. Box 148B, Brittons Hill,
St. Michael, Barbados
www.clubrunner.ca/barbados

The Art of Living and Stress Management



Mr. Dushant Savadia

Special thanks to Mr. Dushant Savadia, who was the guest speaker at last week's meeting for his informative presentation on ***"The Art of Living and Stress Management"***.

Mr. Savadia is an international teacher with the Art of Living Foundation and a dedicated disciple of His Holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shankar.

The Art of Living is a not for profit educational and humanitarian organization engaged in stress management and service initiatives. It has worked in 155 countries and reached 300 million people in selfless service.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Rotary Club of Barbados President's Installation

June 30th, 2012

Hilton Barbados



Upcoming Webinar: Creating a Diverse Club



Strengthen Your Membership: Opportunities For The Growth & Future of Your Club

Join two Rotarian club experts to learn how to strengthen your club membership, including identifying opportunities for growth and how to capitalize on them, including discussions on:

- Conducting club assessments
- Identifying target groups
- Multi-year Planning
- Achieving successful growth
- ...and much more!

During this 60-minute webinar, panelists will also share tips to enhance member engagement.

The listed times are Central Time; check for your local time.

Tuesday, 12 June, 7:30 - 8:30 (EN)

Wednesday, 13 June, 13:00 -14:00 (EN)

Thursday, 14 June, 18:00 - 19:00 (EN)

To register for any of the above webinars visit:
learn.rotary.org

"On the Lighter Side"

One Letter Makes A Big Difference

An Illinois man left the snow-filled streets of Chicago for a vacation in Florida. His wife was on a business trip and was planning to meet him there the next day.



When he reached his hotel he decided to send his wife a quick email. Unfortunately, when typing her address, he missed one letter, and his note was directed instead to an elderly preacher's wife whose husband had passed away only the day before.

When the grieving widow checked her email, she took one look at the monitor, let out a piercing scream, and fell to the floor in a dead faint.

At the sound, her family rushed into the room and saw this note on the screen:

Dearest Wife,

Just got checked in. Everything prepared for your arrival tomorrow. P.S. Sure is hot down here.

Polio Eradication Shifts into Emergency Mode



A child in Chad who has been immunized against polio.
Photo by Jean-Marc Giboux

Despite the dramatic drop in polio cases in the last year, the threat of continued transmission due to funding and immunization gaps has driven the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) to launch the Global Polio Emergency Action Plan 2012-13.

The plan aims to boost vaccination coverage in the three remaining polio-endemic countries -- Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan -- to levels needed to stop polio transmission. Health ministers meeting at the World Health Assembly in Geneva adopted a resolution on 25 May that declared "the completion of polio eradication to be a programmatic emergency for global public health."

Polio eradication activities have resulted in several landmark successes since 2010. India, long regarded as the nation facing the greatest challenges to eradication, was removed from the list of polio-endemic countries by the World Health Organization (WHO) in February. Outbreaks in previously polio-free countries were nearly all stopped.

During that same time span, however, polio outbreaks in China and West Africa due to importation from Pakistan and Nigeria, respectively, have highlighted the continued threat of resurgence. Failure to eradicate the disease could lead within a decade to paralysis of as many as 200,000 children per year worldwide.

"Polio eradication is at a tipping point between success and failure," says Dr. Margaret Chan, director-general of WHO. "We are in emergency mode to tip it towards success -- working faster and better, focusing on the areas where children are most vulnerable."

Eradicating polio would generate net benefits of US\$40-50 billion globally by 2035, with the bulk of savings in the poorest countries, based on investments made since

the GPEI was formed, savings from reduced treatment costs, and gains in productivity.

"We know polio can be eradicated, and our success in India proves it," says Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee. "It is now a question of political and societal will. Do we choose to deliver a polio-free world to future generations, or do we choose to allow 55 cases this year to turn into 200,000 children paralyzed for life, every single year?"

Global emergency action plan

The GPEI's emergency action plan was developed in coordination with new national emergency plans. The plan builds on India's success and outlines a range of new strategies and initiatives to better support polio eradication efforts, including:

- Intensified focus on the worst-performing areas of Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan to increase vaccination coverage by the end of 2012 to levels needed to stop transmission
- New approaches tailored to each country to tackle persistent challenges and improve polio vaccination campaign performance
- Heightened accountability, coordination, and oversight to ensure success at every level of government and within every partner agency and organization
- A surge of technical assistance and social mobilization capacity

Full funding of new plan critical

Already, funding shortages have forced the GPEI to cancel or scale back critical immunization activities in 24 high-risk countries, leaving more children vulnerable to the disease and polio-free countries exposed to the risk of reintroduced transmission.

Full implementation of the emergency action plan is hindered by a funding gap of nearly \$1 billion through 2013.

Working in emergency mode

Since the start of 2012, the GPEI has moved its operations into emergency mode. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has activated its Emergency Operations Center, UNICEF has officially activated an Interdivisional Emergency Coordinating Committee operating directly under the deputy executive director, and WHO has moved its polio operations to its Strategic Health Operations Centre.

Such measures are reserved for responding to global health emergencies, such as the H1N1 pandemic and the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami -- and will generate a massive surge in technical capacity, real-time tracking of program performance and immediate implementation of corrective action plans as necessary.

Taken from Rotary International News -- 25 May 2012

MEETING SCHEDULE

Today, Thursday, May 31st

Fellowship Meeting

Thursday, June 7th

Fellowship Meeting

RI Update

Thursday, June 14th

Business Meeting

Year in Review

TODAY'S GREETERS

Today, May 31

Berkeley Blades
Carol Belgrave

NEXT WEEK'S GREETERS

June 7th

Norman Barrow
Donald Austin

UP-COMING EVENTS

June 23rd, 2012

Senior Citizens Concert

June 30th, 2012

President's Installation

July 28, 2012

*Caribbean Partnership
Celebration (CPC)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays

Kim Tudor

June 04

Wedding Anniversary

Jerome and Deidre Ishmael

June 04

Club Anniversary

Berkeley Blades

June 01

Robin Forde

June 01

Harcourt Lewis

June 01

Scott Oran

June 01

Roger Smith

June 01

GUESTS

GUEST

Sharon Carmichael

J. Chandru Thani

Patt Watts

ROTARIAN

Trevor Carmichael

Trevor Carmichael

Elvin Sealy

VISITING ROTARIANS

No Visiting Rotarians for the period.

Meeting Details

At our Fellowship Meeting held on **Thursday, May 24th, 2012.**

Sgt-at-Arms: **PP Tony Reece**

- Fines \$241.75
- Raffles \$118.00
- Attendance 67%

QUOTATION

*Perfection is achieved, not when there is nothing more to add,
but when there is nothing left to take away.*

-Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

ROTARY GRACE

O Lord and giver of all things good
We thank Thee for our daily food
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways
Help us to serve Thee all our days.



Have you
asked to join
Rotary?

Bulletin Editor
Kim Tudor