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We welcome you to Morristown
Where freedom's wars were fought.
We welcome you to Morristown
Where liberty was wrought.
Come join our age old comradeship,
Break bread with us today.
In real Rotarian fellowship
Our greetings we convey.

THE 4-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?

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THE RAMBLER

January 11, 2005

In South Asia, Rotarians continue to immunize millions

By Vukoni Lupa-Lasaga
Rotary International News
Photos courtesy Bindi Rajasegaran
Rotary International Website

Although their resilience and resourcefulness were stretched to the limit by natural disasters over the last year, tens of thousands of Rotarians in South Asia continued to volunteer their time and money toward the effort to make the region polio-free.

During polio immunization activities in November alone, Rotary clubs in India and Pakistan brought their countries closer to the goal of ending the scourge of polio through massive mobilization and advocacy.

In Pakistan, more than 29 million children were targeted during the latest round of National Immunization Days (NIDs), held 22-24 November, says Pakistan PolioPlus Committee Chair Abdul Haiy Khan.

"Rotary clubs continue to promote NIDs by social mobilization activities, involvement in planning and evaluation of NIDs, monitoring of NIDs, and setting up of model routine-immunization centers," Khan explains.

Reported cases in Pakistan and neighboring Afghanistan (22 and 6, respectively) are down by at least 50 percent from a year ago, according to a news update on the Global Polio Eradication Initiative's Web site.

Cases of polio dropped by 63 percent in India during the peak transmission period of August to October, according to the update. Only 25 cases were detected in 2005, compared to 68 in 2004 and 79 in



Part of an army of volunteers, Rotarian Bindi Rajasegaran administers polio vaccine

2003. Most of the cases were confined to just two states.

"It is encouraging to note that in spite of all obstacles, the number of polio cases in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar is currently at an all-time low," says Deepak Kapur, chair of the India PolioPlus Committee. "These two states are crucial, as they hold the key to India finally reaching the zero-polio status by next year."

Overall, the drop in the infection rate is a result of the introduction of the monovalent oral polio vaccine and the level of commitment of respective governments and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners.

Rotarians from all over the globe have also continued to participate in immunization efforts in South Asia. For example, more than 70 Malaysian Rotarians joined
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Happening In Morristown!

The Christmas Drawings of Thomas Nast on Display

Macculloch Hall Historical Museum will exhibit more than twenty holiday images in *Nast's Christmas Drawings* from November 20, through January 16, 2006. Thomas Nast was America's most important illustrator during the nineteenth century. Beginning with the Civil War Nast created America's icon of Santa Claus. Santa Claus in Camp appeared on the Harper's Weekly front page on January 3, 1863. This elfish figure of Santa Claus was the first of its kind in the United States. By the 1880s Nast had evolved his image of Santa Claus to the present American icon with Merry Old Santa Claus. The earliest Nast images of Santa Claus are political rather than Victorian sentimentality. Defense of the Union soldiers and Congressional political posturing during this tumultuous period made Santa Claus a key public image in addition to his Republican Elephant, Democratic Donkey, and Uncle Sam. From the influential pen of Nast, Santa Claus evolved from a political figure to an image of Victorian America.

For more information, please call (973) 538-2404. ☺

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their local counterparts during the November Subnational Immunization Days in India.

District 3300 Governor Boo Khean Khoo led the delegation, which helped deliver the oral polio vaccine to children in the Indian cities of Agra, Delhi, and Jaipur from 14 to 20 November.

Bindi Rajasegaran, the district's World Community Service chair, had for long sought an opportunity to travel to India on an antipolio mission.

"Attending international (Rotary) conventions and understanding the worldwide effort to eradicate polio motivated me to do something more constructive, besides donating to PolioPlus," says Rajasegaran. "I dreamt of actually being hands-on and contributing to the eradication of polio physically."

The national PolioPlus committee chairs in India and Pakistan are optimistic that the efforts of local and visiting Rotarians will pay off in a big way in 2006.

"Rotarians, volunteers, and health professionals must ensure that the current momentum is sustained and each child is reached with the polio vaccine in the upcoming rounds so that India can also proudly claim its place amongst the long list of polio-free countries," says Kapur. ☺

Quote of the Week:

**"If you want others to be happy,
practice compassion.
If you want to be happy,
practice compassion."**

The Dalai Lama

10 Things You Did Not Need to Know, But Now You Do.

In Tokyo, a bicycle is faster than a car for most trips of less than 50 minutes.

There are 18 different animal shapes in the Animal Crackers cookie zoo.

There is one slot machine in Las Vegas for every eight inhabitants.

Tablecloths were originally meant to serve as towels with which dinner guests could wipe their hands and faces after eating.

When glass breaks, the cracks move faster than 3,000 miles per hour. To photograph the event, a camera must shoot at a millionth of a second.

A violin contains about 70 separate pieces of wood.

In the year 2000, Pope John Paul II was named an "Honorary Harlem Globetrotter."

A human fetus develops fingerprints at eighteen weeks.

Rice paper does not have any rice in it.

Of all the words in the English language, the word "set" has the most definitions. ☺

Want to Add a Great Start to Your Day?


The Breakfast Meeting is up and running, and would love your support! Meetings are every Wednesday morning, 7:30 a.m. sharp, at The Hyatt at Headquarters Plaza. This meeting is a great way to makeup for those times you just can't make the Luncheon Meeting; and an opportunity to invite prospective Rotarians who might not be able to make the Luncheon Meeting. Enjoy breakfast with us and help us build the Club! ☺

Morristown Rotary Bowling Tournament Fundraiser!

Sunday, January 29, 2006 - 2pm to 4pm

The Rotary Club of Morristown will sponsor a Bowling Tournament for all ages at Hanover Lanes (East Hanover) to benefit the Jersey Battered Women's Services organization.

- ❖ Unlimited Bowling
- ❖ Prizes for top scores in each division
- ❖ Lunch Included
- ❖ Cash bar

Tickets \$45 per adult (\$25 per child)
Please come for an afternoon of bowling and fun to benefit this important organization!
Please see Walt Taylor, Chris Flanagan or Gary Reppen for Tickets. 



SERVICE Above Self


Some Things to Ponder...


- ❖ Whatever happened to Preparations A through G?
- ❖ What's the speed of dark?
- ❖ Whose cruel idea was it for the word "lisp" to have an "s" in it?
- ❖ Why are there 5 syllables in the word "monosyllabic"?

Are You Resolving to Lose Weight this New Year?

Lose 10 pounds in 12 weeks! Join Gary Reppen for a Morristown Rotary Club New Year's Weight Loss Challenge!

The proposition is this; a Rotarian states their intent to lose 10 pounds in 12 weeks. The Rotarian then gathers sponsors who pledge an amount of money of their choice for each pound the Rotarian intends to lose. At the end of the Challenge, for each pound lost, the sponsor donates their pledge per pound to the club. For each pound **NOT** lost, the Rotarian must pay \$10 per pound to the club.

So everyone is comfortable, instead of a "weigh in," each participating Rotarian will be responsible on their honor to track results. Start date will be January 11th, contact Gary Reppen for details or join him at this Wednesday's Breakfast Meeting! 

- ❖ If "con" is the opposite of "pro", then what is the opposite of progress?
- ❖ If you're sending someone some Styro-foam, what do you pack it in?
- ❖ How much deeper would the ocean be if sponges didn't live there?
- ❖ Do Roman paramedics refer to IV's as "4's"?
- ❖ Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard? 

Help Fill These Pages!!

Please send stories, news, jokes, photographs, and gossip for *The Rambler* to:
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Calendar of Events

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| January 13 | Presidents/Foundation Ball, Hanover Marriott | January 29 | Rotary Bowling Event at Havover Lanes, East Hanover |
| January 17 | STAR Program Presentation - Evening Program 5:30 - 7:00pm - 95 Madison Ave, Ste 305. A light meal and drinks will be | March 7 | Intercity Meeting w/ Rotary International President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar. Details to follow. |

UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

This Week:
Allan Feehan, on the Gift of Life Program

Next Week:
Don Kuhn, on Habitat for Humanity

UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

This Week:
Allan Feehan, on the Gift of Life Program

UPCOMING STAR PROGRAMS

January 17:
Evening Program
5:30pm - 7:00pm
95 Madison Ave, Ste. 305. A light meal and drinks will be served.



Contributions to the Endowment Fund should be addressed to:

Morristown Rotary Endowment Fund
c/o Jonathan Taylor
2 Tulip Lane
Randolph, NJ 07869

Thanks to the club officers for their continued management of this fund. Balance as of 6/30/05 is \$86,631