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Glimpses of Blood Donation, Health Check-up and Eye-Test Camp at Chetla Jagriti Club



Organized **Blood Donation, Health Check-up and Eye-Testing Camp** at Chetla Jagriti Club
95 patients had been serviced for Health and Eye Checkup, 72 Units of Blood collected and
10 requests for Spectacles processed

Rotary in India : An example to follow

Dear Rotary family,

Recently, I returned from a short but extremely busy trip to India. In eight days, we visited seven cities, held six Rotary Foundation seminars, hosted six dinners and four luncheons to raise funds, met with several potential donors, and inaugurated two projects and visited four others. Never did I imagine that we would accomplish what we did.

In Mumbai, I had the opportunity to meet an exemplary Rotarian and witness his personal donation of US\$1 million to our Foundation the first individual contribution of this amount made by a Rotarian from India. A few years ago, a donation of this magnitude would have been unheard of. As the result of our efforts during this trip, an additional \$2 million was received by The Rotary Foundation. What generosity! What a tremendous spirit of service!

Among donor countries in 2005-06, India ranks fifth in contributions to The Rotary Foundation. Who outside of this beautiful and enchanting country could have foreseen this level of fund raising success?

Rotary and Rotary Foundation activities in India should make us all very proud. The projects being carried out there are important, but what's most important is the personal commitment of the Rotary family in India to the ideals of our organization and to the work of The Rotary Foundation. Our friends followed the words of wisdom of Albert Einstein: "It is the responsibility of every human being to aspire to do something worthwhile, to make the world a better place than the one he found."

My sincere congratulations to our friends in India and to everyone who follows these principles and strives to achieve similar feats around the world. You make all of us proud to be Rotarians.

Sincerely,

Luis Vicente Giay

Trustee Chair, The Rotary Foundation, 2006-07

MIRACLES of the Foundation -- DRFC PDG Ravi Sehgal

Jhuma and Moloy would have to trudge along the slush & muddy path messing up their shoes & dress before reaching their school each morning. The only place where they could play with their ball was at the school compound in the short recess. Within a year a miracle happened the road was metalled, a side drain came by and the road was all lit up in the night. Jhuma & Moloy now walk with dignity to their school, have ample time to play near their own house and no longer have to feel ashamed with soiled shoes or socks. Rotary Club of Belur, Dist 3290 and clubs of Dist 7410 took up the project in the Bhagarbasti, Liluah where in the words of Rtn Tom Kurosky "no one would dare enter the area because of the slush, garbage, smell and nuisance". In October this year, when Tom came as an observer on behalf of his district, he was taken aback at the organized road and the widespread awareness of Rotary's good work done God's work done!

Yes my friends! This is but one of the miracles in our District Ask the Rotary Clubs of Budge Budge, Hooghly, Purulia and Sunderbans about how the elderly come & receive a new vision a new life in their hospitals. Ask Rotary Club of Metropolitan at how the inhabitants of the four villages have been transformed into citizens with dignity, with living standards that they could only dream of. Ask the Rotary Clubs of Nepal about the sparkle in the eyes of the patients who receive free orthopaedic treatment, eye care or cancer cure. The story goes on and on and the gravitational force behind all this, my friends, is The Rotary Foundation a silent force, a pro-active energy that provides impetus to the Rotary movement. Come November and we give a special salute to this wonderful Foundation a Rotary Salam.

Past Rotary International President Bill Boyd's visit to our District was very motivational and we saw the formation of Paul Harris Society members a group that commits to give individually a \$1000 per year and there were 25 such dedicated Rotarians who stepped forward. We witnessed the commitments of the Major Donors and the Paul Harris Fellows and as I write today over \$ 200,000 have poured into the Foundation's Bowl this year. PDG Tehmas Manekshaw and President Dr. Aruna Tantia deserve kudos for being the first ones to build the Foundation contributions. Isn't it so much of a pleasure witnessing Rotarians pour out their heart for a cause empty their pockets to strengthen the Foundation our very base to reach out to the needy.

In October end we had the good fortune of having Past R I President Raja Saboo at Kathmandu, Nepal at The Foundation Seminar and Rajaji moved the Rotarians, touched them deep inside and we saw the miracle of the Foundation in Rotarians giving and pledging over \$ 118,000. The Law of Pure Potentiality was proven the strength of our organization comes from the inner consciousness of individual Rotarians who seek expression to manifest that which is potential. In doing so, my friends, we align ourselves with that POWER, that God which makes world the place which Nature set out to make peaceful, serene and a temple of Sharing and Giving. Nature has its own laws and the law of giving are so strongly prevalent around us in Nature. Be it a tree giving oxygen, moisture, fruits, wood and the shade protection on a hot day or be it a river giving life to water beings and the daily living means to many Nature believes in the cycle of giving and with giving comes the automatic receiving.

In the words of the Management guru Deepak Chopra "The UNIVERSE operates through dynamic exchange....giving and receiving are different aspects of the flow of energy in the Universe. And in our willingness to give that which we seek. we keep the abundance of the Universe circulating in our lives"

Peace, Love and Happiness all these three facets are received by us only if we give to others and the more we give the more we get. So it is with Wealth Yes! Fellow Rotarians enjoy all that you dreamed of and begin with giving to let the laws of Nature do miracles on you too. Come Share the World of those who see God within you, who consider you as that boatman who will take them past their woes 'be a lighthouse in their lives 'show the world that we Rotarians can Lead the Way.

A small contribution from you dear Rotarians will go a long way to establish peace and understanding in our society in our world .