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## Acquired Immunodeficiency

### Syndrome (AIDS)

AIDS, an acronym for Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome is the name given to group of potentially life threatening conditions caused as a result of progressive decrease in body's immunity consequent to infection by the Human Immune-deficiency virus (HIV).

Scientists at the Pasteur Institute in Paris detected the cause of AIDS as a retro virus from a person with enlarged lymph nodes in May 1983 which was later named as Human Immuno Deficiency virus (HIV). It has two serotypes, HIV-I & HIV-II.

Since it was appearance in the year 1981 it was reported from 100 countries in 1987 and now it has become world epidemic with approximately 14,000 infections occurring per day. About 34-36 million people are HIV positive and almost 8,000 deaths are occurring daily.

The period between infection and appearance of AIDS symptoms may range from 6 months to 10 years or longer. Most often infection with this virus does not lead to AIDS during the first few years. About two-third of those individuals who are infected do not develop any illness within the first 5 years. The remaining on-third develop AIDS Related Complex with symptoms as fatigue, low fever, diarrhoea and weight loss.

AIDS manifestations include opportunistic infections, neurological disorders and other types of abnormalities. HIV virus is transmitted only by blood and semen. It is transmitted by sexual contact, exposure to blood and blood products and from mother to child during delivery.

The risk of infection increases by having multiple sex partners, either homo sexual or hetero sexual. Maximum rate of infection has been observed in the age group of 20-40 yrs and most vulnerable groups are homosexual, bisexual, hetero sexual and intravenous drug users and blood and blood product receivers.

At present there is no definite cure for AIDS. Many anti viral



drugs are being used but it is only to prolong life. Prevention is the only method towards fighting this menace.

The first HIV positive case in India was detected in Chennai in May 1986 and today there are 6 million HIV infected people in India which has 11 % of the global population of the HIV positives.

An NGO like Rotary can play a very crucial role in combating the spread of HIV/ AIDS through public awareness programs at the grassroots.

PP Rtn Dr R.D.Dubey

## ROTARY'S MISSION

The Mission of Rotary International is to support its member clubs in fulfilling the object of Rotary by

- Fostering Unity amongst member Clubs
- Strengthening and expanding Rotary around the world.
- communicating worldwide the work of Rotary,
- Providing a system of international administration

## Some Rotary Informations

### 1. Who is Governor's special representative ?

The Governor appoints a Special Representative for organizing a New Club and to survey the locality to see the feasibility of starting a Rotary club.

### 2. Who is R.I.P. Representative ?

He is a representative of the President of Rotary International assigned to attend the District Conference. The R.I. President selects a knowledgeable Rotarian as his personal representative to attend and address each Conference and report back to the R.I. President all the details concerning the Conference.

### 3. What is Rotary institute ?

Rotary Institute offers a meeting for the past, current and incoming District Governors and other officers of R.I. from certain District which comprise a zone, area or region. These Institutes not only instruct and motivate but offers fellowship for its participants. They are conducted for approximately two to three days and are officially known as Regional Institute or zone Institute. It will mainly enable current and incoming officers with upto date information to know more about Rotary programme and their responsibilities.

### 4. What is the importance of "Classification Principle"?

The classification principle is necessary concept in assuring that each Rotary Club represents a cross section of the business and professional service of the community. Basically a classification describes the profession and recognizes business or professional service which the Rotarian renders to society.

### 5. What is the mission of Rotary Leadership Institute ?

The mission of the Rotary Leadership Institute is to provide an educational opportunity for Rotarians identified as potential leaders by their club presidents. Courses will be given for the nominees to foster Rotary knowledge and leadership skills. It is hoped that these courses will also motivate the participants to be enthusiastic, creative and dedicated Rotarians and help in the healthy growth & development of Rotary.

### 6. What Vocational Service subcommittees are recommended for clubs ?

- a. Career Development
- b. Vocational at Work
- c. Vocational Awareness
- d. Vocational Awards

### 7. What is the 4 Way Test ?

A convenient measuring stick for all human relations, consisting of four simple questions, as follows :

1. It is the TRUTH ?
2. It is fair to all CONCERNED ?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and better friendships ?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned ?

The 4 Way Test was conceived in 1932 by Herbert J. Taylor (RI President, 1954-55) of Chicago, as a step in saving a business on the verge of bankruptcy. It proved so successful that RI recognized it as an appropriate measure in Vocational Service.

### 8. What is meant by Community Service ?

Rotary's third Avenue of Service is comprised of varied efforts that Rotarians make sometimes in conjunction with others (e.g. a Rotaract or Interact club or a Rotary Community Corps), to improve the quality of life for those who live within their club's territory or municipality.

The community service club committee structure incorporates a wide range of community issues and needs under the following subcommittees, human development, community development, environmental protection, and partners in service.

### 9. What is Interact ?

Interact is a worldwide, Rotary - sponsored organization for young people dedicated to service and International understanding. Membership in an Interact club is open to students at the secondary school, or pre-university level, for ages 14-18.

### 10. What is RYLA ?

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) is a leadership training program for young people ages 14-30. Awardees attend an all expense-paid seminar of camp session, usually of three to ten days in duration, which focuses on leadership and professional development topics suited to their age group.

### 11. What is Rotaract ?

Rotaract is a worldwide, Rotary-sponsored organization for young adults (18-30). Its purpose is to provide an opportunity to enhance the knowledge and skills that will assist young men and women in personal development, to address the physical and social needs of their communities, and to promote better relations between all people worldwide through a framework of friendship and service.

### 12. What is Friendship Exchange ?

The Rotary Friendship Exchange program is designed to advance international understanding by arranging for Rotarians and their families to engage in reciprocal visits, living for a few days in the homes of Rotarians in other countries.

### 13. What is The Rotary Foundation ?

It is a not-for-profit corporation providing worldwide humanitarian grants to needy people and worthy projects, and educational awards for international exchanges of university scholars and teachers, and business and professional people. The objective of the Rotary Foundation is to further understanding and friendly relations among the world's peoples by funding educational and humanitarian programs.

### 15. What does NID & SNID stand for ?

National Immunization Day and Sub-National Immunization Day.

### 16. Was Paul Harris a PHF ?

No. He was made one posthumously in 1957.

### 17. How many consecutive Regular weekly Meetings can be cancelled by the Board ? --- Three

### 18. Can you Make-up by attending a Board of Directors meeting ? --- Yes

### 19. How long is an Honorary Membership valid ?

Till the Board decides to terminate.

### 14. True or False :-

A. A member of a Rotary Club can also be a member of another service club.

False. According to M.O.P. "No Rotarian should be a member of another service club".

B. A Rotarian must have served as a District Governor to become an R.I. Director. --- True.

C. A Rotarian must have served as R.I. Vice President to become R.I. President. ---- False.

D. When a person becomes a member of a Rotary Club he or she automatically becomes a member of Rotary International.

False. Rotarians are member of Rotary clubs. According to the language in the RI Constitution, only Rotary Clubs are members of RI.