Our heartfelt condolences to R’ann Herpreet Gill on the sad demise of PP Rtn Col AJS Gill on 5th January 2019. Col Gill was President of our Club in 1995-96 and received the Best President Award from the District Governor. He was also the Member of Paul Harris Society. May God grant eternal peace to the departed soul and solace to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.

All our Bulletins and photos have global viewing through our website, our Facebook page and also on Whatsapp.

Felicitation of 4th Indian to lead the Rotary World RIPN Sushil Gupta & Mrs Vinita – Intercity Cancelled

We had to cancel Susswagatham District Intercity scheduled for February 09, 2019 by our Club at Hotel Hyatt Regency, Chandigarh to felicitate the 4th Indian to Lead the Rotary World, Rotary International President Nominee 2020-21 Rtn Sushil Kumar Gupta and the World First Lady Vinita Gupta, because RIPN Sushil Gupta had fallen ill and has been advised complete rest for two weeks. We wish him a speedy recovery and good health. The Counselor of the event PDG Shaju Peter said, “Let me use this opportunity for thanking everyone for the time and effort put in towards a flawless execution.”

Chief Guest of the meeting on February 01, 2019 Rtn Dr Ravi Bansal, a member of Rotary Club of Buffalo, New York (USA) and other guests with President Rtn Ashok Puri, First Lady R’ann Sudha Puri and PP Rtn Dr VJS Vohra
Pradhan mantri scheme

Pradhan mantri surakshit matritiv suraksha on 9th of every month all antenatal women are given holistic counselling on nutrition hygiene yoga immunization breast feeding etc. to prepare them for the safe delivery and care of new born. Nutritious and high protein refreshment is served in collaboration with NGO.

Brazil Rotarians respond to drop in polio immunization rates

By Luiz Renato Dantas

Rotary clubs in Brazil mobilized to help stave off a potential polio outbreak after dangerously low vaccination rates were reported by health officials last year. More than 11 million Brazilian children were inoculated during a massive two-month vaccination campaign, reversing a trend of plummeting immunization coverage.

The government said more than 300 cities in the country had low rates of vaccination against diseases such as influenza, measles, and polio. The Ministry of Health called the situation “extremely serious.”

More than 11 million children were vaccinated during the initiative, reaching the government’s goal of 95 percent coverage, the target recommended by the World Health Organization.
Visiting Rotarians from USA participate in pulse polio drive

Visiting Rotarians from USA took part in the pulse polio drive specially arranged for them on Sunday 3rd February 2019. Since the scheduled NID was postponed by the government, Rotary Club Chandigarh organised the required vaccine from SMO, Civil hospital Panchkula, through IPP Dr Rita Kalra who was present with her team from the hospital. Members of the Friendship Team gave those two drops each to over 100 children. They felt satisfied to have participated in the exercise. Rtn. Dr. Seema Gupta was present to oversee the arrangements. President AP Singh, PDG Madhukar Malhotra, PP Vijay Wadhawan, Rtn. Parveen Agarwal, PN Sukhjit Gill and his wife, PP Maj. BM Singh were present among others. They were grateful to PP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra to arrange for the vaccine and leading the exercise.

Female surveillance officer for WHO pushes through gender-related obstacles to help end polio in Pakistan

By Ryan Hyland

Dr. Ujala Nayyar dreams, both figuratively and literally, about a world that is free from polio. Nayyar, the World Health Organization’s surveillance officer in Pakistan’s Punjab province, says she often imagines the outcome of her work in her sleep.

In her waking life, she leads a team of health workers who crisscross Punjab to hunt down every potential incidence of poliovirus, testing sewage and investigating any reports of paralysis that might be polio. Pakistan is one of just two countries that continue to report cases of polio caused by the wild virus.

In addition to the challenges of polio surveillance, Nayyar faces substantial gender-related barriers that, at times, hinder her team’s ability to count cases and take environmental samples. From households to security checkpoints, she encounters resistance from men. But her tactic is to push past the barriers with a balance of sensitivity and assertiveness.

“I’m not very polite,” Nayyar said with a chuckle during an interview at Rotary’s World Polio Day last year in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA. “We don’t have time to be stopped. Ending polio is urgent and time-sensitive.”

Women are critical in the fight against polio, Nayyar says. About 56 percent of frontline workers in Pakistan are women. More than 70 percent of mothers in Pakistan prefer to have women vaccinate their children.

That hasn’t stopped families from slamming doors in health workers’ faces, though. When polio is detected in a community, teams have to make repeated visits to each home to ensure that every child is protected by the vaccine. Multiple vaccinations add to the skepticism and anger that some parents express. It’s an attitude that Nayyar and other health workers deal with daily.

“You can’t react negatively in those situations. It’s important to listen. Our female workers are the best at that,” says Nayyar.

With polio on the verge of eradication, surveillance activities, which, Nayyar calls the “back of polio eradication”, have never been more important.

District Conference - Prerna

Date: 23rd & 24th February 2019
Venue: Indradhanush Auditorium
Sector-5, Panchkula
Host: Rotary Club Chandigarh
Birthday of Spouses
R’ann Shashi Gupta
February 19

Birthday of Rotarians
Rtn Parveen Setya
February 15
Rtn Lalit Kumar Azad
February 19
Rtn Rajiv Gupta
February 21

Wedding Anniversary
R’ann Brij Bala & Rtn MK Handa
February 18
R’ann Ranjeet & Rtn Srinanbir Sandhu
February 20

President Rtn Ashok Puri’s Thought of the Week
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