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Fluvanna Rotarian Beck Administers Polio Vaccine In India

For more than a decade, Rob Beck had been an advisor to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. After years in the policy end of vaccines, he decided to participate in a hands on program available to him as a member of Rotary. In February, Rob traveled to India where he administered the polio vaccine with other fellow Rotarians from around the world. Join Rob as he describes his National Immunization Day (NID) experience.

"Picture if you will, each vaccination team walking through dense slums, across garbage troths, through drain pipes and all manner of debris, animals and structure to vaccinate needy children. Add air thick with dirt and pollutant so that we often could not see the end of the street. Then include the smells of decay, garbage and insects and you have what each team encountered throughout each day.

However, one must also draw into that picture the smiling faces of beautiful people and especially children, mother and children dressed in colorful native clothes, their offers of food and drink, and their sincere thanks for our efforts. Only then can you see why we went back each day. We really believed we were making a difference, even if it was only child at a time.



Rob Beck Gives Polio Vaccine In India

I am advised that our 43 volunteers administered some 1,000 vaccinations during this NID experience. Along the way, we were each touched by the people and events and will carry those images with us for the rest of our lives. In addition to our experiences in the slums, we also visited a number of other Rotary sponsored projects which are making a major difference in the lives of and health of the people of India."

So what has this all meant to Rob? He concludes, "This PolioPlus experience gave me a profound appreciation for what it means to be a Rotarian. Rotary programs are empowering local people, communities and governments to create local solutions in which all may derive pride. Rotary is truly a win/win proposition and represents one of the finest humanitarian, good-will efforts associated with the USA that I have encountered. Bottom line - PolioPlus and my fellow Rotarians have made me proud to be a Rotarian."

District Selects Two Ambassadorial Scholar Candidates

Ambassadorial Scholar Interviews were conducted on Saturday, May 16th. The selection committee of 5 District Rotarians interviewed 6 nominees. After careful deliberation, the committee proposed that 2 candidates be submitted to Rotary International for consideration.

They are Morgan Darr of Virginia Beach and Hope Foerster of Richmond. Morgan is a 2009 graduate of Old Dominion University where she majored in International Studies. She would like to continue her studies in France, Switzerland or Belgium. Hope graduated from Guilford College with a B.S. degree in International Studies and History. For the past year, she has been a Domestic Violence Advocate with Project Hope at Quin Rivers, Inc. She would like to study in Uruguay or Chile.

Thanks to their sponsoring Rotary Clubs of Virginia Beach and Bon Air.

District Simplified Grant Funds 13 Cribs



Hampton Roads Rotarians Use Grant To Provide Safe Cribs

Rotarians from Hampton Roads responded to President D.K. Lee's challenge to reduce childhood mortality when they decided to give safe cribs to needy expectant mothers in their community. The members determined they could reduce infant deaths due to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and positional asphyxiation by assuring safe sleeping environments for babies.

The Rotary Club of Hampton Roads partnered with 4 local community agencies to develop a distribution process. Community Resource-Mothers-Program managers notified the club whenever a new mother could not afford a crib for her baby.

Hampton Roads Rotarians applied for a District Simplified Grant to help with the purchase of 13 crib and mattress sets which were discounted by a local Wal-Mart. A Rotarian stored the cribs until they were needed.

When one of the agencies notified the club that a crib was needed, a team of Rotarians would pick up, deliver and set up the crib. Club members estimate they contributed 310 service-above-self hours in delivering the cribs. New mothers and their infants from all four local communities of Virginia Beach, Portsmouth, Norfolk and Chesapeake benefited from this program.

Changing Lives- One Bridge At a Time



Completed Foot Bridges To Serve As An Example for Others

Ned Carr, Rotarian

Three bridges have been completed in El Salvador with contributions of \$5,000 from the Rotary Clubs of Newport News and Warwick and a Humanitarian Matching Grant. In October 2008, I traveled to El Salvador in October of 2008 to secure support from the Cuscatlán Rotary Club of San Salvador and the Cuscatlán Rotaract Club to build these demonstration bridges.

The bridges were constructed under the guidance and technical expertise of Ken Frantz and Bridges to Prosperity. We hope that these 3 bridges will serve as models and provide incentive for communities to continue to build additional bridges on their own. More bridges will help communities gain access to health care, education, and economic markets.

Our Warwick Club hopes to be a catalyst for continued bridge building in El Salvador. We appreciate very much the support of our District in these bridge building projects.

"When good people care, good things happen."



Bill's BHAGS

\$150 Per Capita Annual Fund

300 Benefactors (5 Per Club)

\$1000 Per Club PolioPlus Grant

Did You Know?

- ◆ 9 more clubs under the leadership of their Foundation Club chairs became 100% APF Goal Achievers: **Bon Air** (Lee Harris & Jeff Raihall), **Cape Charles** (Norma Spencer), **Churchland** (Timothy Little), **Mechanicsville** (Norman Sklar), **Norfolk-Sunrise** (Maxwell Dale), **Princess Anne at Towne Center** (David Rosmer), **Short Pump** (Lawrence McKoy), **South Richmond** (Megan O'Neill), and **Suffolk** (William Chorey) in May.
- ◆ Congratulations to **Northside Norfolk** on becoming 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club in May.
- ◆ \$150 per capita member giving clubs: **Bon Air**, **Churchland**, **Hampton Roads**, **Hanover County**, **Henrico East**, **Innsbrook**, **James City County**, **Mechanicsville**, **Midlothian**, **Newport News**, **Prince George County**, **Princess Anne at Towne Center**, **Smithfield**, **Suffolk**, **Warwick**, **West Richmond**, and **Yorktown**. Congratulations to these 17 Club Presidents.

Thank you!