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ROTARY CLUB OF TRIVANDRUM NORTH

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September – Basic Education & Literacy



**President’s message**

My dear Rotarians

September was indeed a memorable month. We had our Onam celebrations 11th September in hotel Biverah. Thanks to the excellent effort put up by Rt Anil Kumar and a team of dedicated Rotarians the celebrations were appreciated by one and all. Special thanks to our Rotary anns and Innerwheel sisters led by Innerwheel president Rtyn Sunitha Menon who presented a number of scintillating programs. A special mention is in order about the charming girl Gopika Shankar daughter of Anjitha and Sudheesh. Our Rotarians also chipped in with vanchi pattu and Onam pattu led by Rtn Koshy and Dr Madhava Kaimal. Rtn M G Sreekumaran Nair was Maveli personified and his performance was superb and thanks to Rtn Sivankutty and Rtn Dr Easwara Pillai who hosted the Onam rehearsals.

On the same day the club admitted a former Rotarian Dr Ashok Kumar into our fold. Welcome Rtn Dr Ashok Kumar.

Being education and literacy month we presented the **Nation Builder Award** to a teacher Shyla Jasmine from the Govt. Upper Primary school, Poojappura in the school assembly on 30th September by District Chairman Rtn Shirish Kesavan. Thanks to all our members

**BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

Rotary supports activities and training to improve education for all children and literacy for children and adults.

**Area of Focus Statement of Purpose and Goals**

TRF enables Rotarians to ensure that all people have sustainable access to basic education and literacy by:

1. Involving the community to support programs that strengthen the capacity of communities to provide basic education and literacy to all;

2. Increasing adult literacy in communities;

3. Working to reduce gender disparity in education;

4. Supporting studies for career-minded professionals related to basic education and literacy.

**Parameters for Eligibility**

TRF considers activities targeting the following to be within the scope of the basic education and literacy area of focus:

1. Access to quality basic primary and secondary education;

2. Educating adults in literacy;

3. Providing training in teaching literacy, curriculum development and school administration;

4. Strengthening educational experience through improved materials and facilities;

5. Community management of education systems;

6. Vocational training teams supporting the above activities;

7. School desk purchases, when accompanied by a detailed and verifiable plan to improve basic education and literacy;

8. Scholarships for graduate-level study in programs related to basic education and literacy.

TRF considers activities targeting the following to be outside the scope of the basic education and literacy area of focus and as such are not eligible for global grant funding:

1. Projects that consist exclusively of equipment purchases;

2. Projects that provide tuition or school supplies without the means for the community to provide these in the future.

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**Elements of Successful Humanitarian Projects and Vocational Training Teams**

Global grants are:

1. Sustainable – communities are able to address their basic education and literacy needs after the Rotary club/district has completed its work;

2. Measurable – sponsors can select standard measures for their area of focus from the Monitoring and Evaluation Toolkit or use their own measures to show the good results of their work;

3. Community driven – designed by the host community based upon the needs they have identified;

4. Aligned with an area of focus – as defined in the policy documents.

**Elements of Successful Scholarships**

Global grants support graduate-level scholarships for career-minded professionals. TRF considers the following when evaluating global grant scholarship applications:

1. The applicant’s previous work experience in the field of basic education and literacy;

2. Academic program alignment with basic education and literacy. Examples of academic programs include education, literacy, curriculum development, special education, and school administration;

3. The applicant’s future career plans as they relate to basic education and literacy.

**23 October, Rotary’s World Polio Day event**

Celebrate our remarkable progress toward a polio-free world with the Rotary World Polio Day event, streamed live from New York City on 23 October.

Co-hosted by UNICEF, the event will highlight recent milestones: In July, Nigeria marked one year without a case of polio caused by the wild poliovirus, and in August, the entire African continent celebrated one year without a case. Jeffrey Kluger, health and science editor at Time magazine, will serve as moderator, joining other health experts, including UNICEF Executive Director Anthony Lake and polio ambassadors.

The event, which drew 23,000 viewers in 24 countries last year, will be available on social media and will be rebroadcast immediately on endpolio.org. Clubs can host their own activities to help raise awareness and funding for our final push to eradicate polio worldwide.

World Polio Day, which officially is observed on 24 October, was established by Rotary International more than 10 years ago. The timing in late October is in honor of the birthday of Dr. Jonas Salk, who led the team that developed the first polio vaccine.

**Rotary India Literacy Mission**

Rotary International's successful “End Polio” program that resulted in eradication of polio, totally from India and from nearly 99% of the world, has motivated the Rotarians in South Asia to adopt “Rotary's Total Literacy Mission”. In India, the Rotary India Literacy Mission wishes to achieve the literacy goals through its T-E-A-C-H program:

T–TeacherSupport

E–E-learning

A–AdultLiteracy

C–ChildDevelopment

H–HappySchool

Thus, the T-E-A-C-H “program” includes five “projects”, each with specific focus but inter-linked with the others in objective and content so as to contribute to the program goal of Total Literacy accompanied with improvement in learning outcome of primary education and spread of adult literacy in various parts of the country.

Understanding the enormity of the task, we have decided to adopt, in implementing T-E-A-C-H, a strategy of meaningful cooperation with all actors in the field, by forging strong partnerships with the government, corporate, national/state-specific non-governmental organizations as well as international organizations working in various segments of this country-wide endeavor.

This project aims to assist the central and state governments' on-going efforts, in accordance with the Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009, to improve the professional abilities and performance of teachers in selected primary schools through better training and use of modern teaching aids so as to enhance the learning outcomes of students.

Designing and implementing scheme of recognition and awards to outstanding primary/elementary school teachers at the level of revenue Districts and below is an important scheme under Teacher Support

*Our club has successfully implemented this program by presenting the Nation Builder Award to Smt Shila Jasmine a teacher in Govt. UP School in Poojappura. The guidelines for the award were strictly followed and the award was given to her on 30/09/2015 in the school assembly by Rtn Shirish Kesavan, District Chairman Literacy Mission in presence of school headmaster, teachers, students, AG, President and members of the club*

# The Rotary Foundation earns eighth straight 4-star rating

The Rotary Foundation earned a 4-star rating from [Charity Navigator](http://www.charitynavigator.org/), the largest and most prestigious independent evaluator of nonprofits in the United States.

This year’s top distinction is the [Foundation’s eighth in a row](http://www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm?bay=search.summary&orgid=4553#.Vei_jvlVhBc), which places the Foundation in the top 2 percent of U.S.-based charities. In a letter to the Foundation, Charity Navigator President and CEO Michael Thatcher wrote, “Receiving four out of a possible four stars indicates that your organization adheres to good governance and other best practices that minimize the chance of unethical activities and consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way.

“This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator differentiates The Rotary Foundation from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust,” Thatcher said.

# Nigeria goes one year without a case of polio

Today marks one year since the last case of polio in Nigeria, the only remaining polio-endemic country in Africa. This achievement – the longest period [Nigeria](https://vimeo.com/132868193) has gone without a case of the paralyzing disease – could signal the world will soon see a polio-free Africa, a significant global health milestone.

Nigeria's last polio case occurred on July 24, 2014, in southern Kano state, and the continent of Africa has not seen a polio case since August 11, 2014. The World Health Organization (WHO) may soon remove Nigeria from the list of polio endemic countries. When Nigeria and every country in Africa go three years without a case of polio, WHO will certify the region as polio-free. Most recently, WHO declared India and its [Southeast Asia region](http://www.searo.who.int/countries/en/) polio-free in 2014.

Experts caution that while today marks a noteworthy milestone, the world cannot take its sights off polio. The next two years will be critical to ensuring Nigeria remains on-track and prevent a resurgence of the disease. The support of donors, governments and partners is needed more than ever to ensure high-quality polio campaigns.

Last month, Rotary announced US$19 million in grants for continued polio eradication activities in Africa, including nearly $10 million for Nigeria. Over the past thirty years, the organization has given $688.5 million for polio eradication throughout Africa, and $207.4 million for Nigeria.

"Rotary's 1.2 million members around the world – including the 6,890 in Nigeria – have played an important role in this progress. Rotary has worked with partners to successfully pioneer unique and innovative solutions to the challenges facing polio eradication in Nigeria," said Dr. Tunji Funsho, Rotary's National PolioPlus Committee chair for Nigeria. Beyond Nigeria, only Pakistan and Afghanistan remain polio-endemic. According to experts, Pakistan will prove the biggest challenge to global eradication efforts, with the country accounting for nearly 90% of the world's cases in 2014. However, there has been recent progress in Pakistan, with the country reporting a nearly 70% reduction in cases in the first half of 2015 compared to the same time in 2014.

Rotary launched its polio immunization program [PolioPlus](http://www.endpolio.org/) in 1985 and in 1988 became a spearheading partner in the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](http://www.polioeradication.org/) with the WHO, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Since the initiative launched in 1988, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases a year to less than 400 confirmed in 2014.

Rotary's roles within the initiative are fundraising, advocacy, and social mobilization. To date, Rotary has contributed more than $1.4 billion and countless volunteer hours to fight polio. Through 2018, every dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication will be matched two-to-one by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation up to $35 million

**Ian Riseley is selected as 2017-18 Rotary president**



Ian Riseley, an Australian accountant and member of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, is selected as the 2017-18 Rotary president.

Ian H.S. Riseley, of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, Australia, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2017-18. He will become the president-nominee on 1 October if no other candidates challenge him.

Riseley says that meaningful partnerships with corporations and other organizations are crucial to Rotary’s future.

“We have the programs and personnel and others have available resources,” says Riseley. “Doing good in the world is everyone’s goal. We must learn from the experience of the polio eradication program to maximize our public awareness exposure for future partnerships.”

Riseley is a practicing accountant and principal of Ian Riseley and Co., which specializes in advising local and international businesses, and has a strong interest in international affairs. He received the AusAID Peacebuilder Award from the Australian government in 2002 in recognition of his work in Timor-Leste. He also received the Order of Australia medal in 2006 for service to the Australian community.

“Governments see Rotary as positive representatives of a civil society,” he says. “We should work with them to advocate for peace and conflict resolution, just as we are advocating for polio eradication.”

A member since 1978, Riseley has served Rotary as treasurer, director, trustee, RI Board Executive Committee member, task force member, committee member and chair, and district governor.

He is also a former member of the Australian Polio Eradication Private Sector Campaign and a recipient of The Rotary Foundation’s Service Award for a Polio-Free World. He and his wife, Juliet, are Multiple Paul Harris Fellows, Major Donors, and Bequest Society members.

4Th September Praveen annet of Rtn PP C K Mohan Kumar

8Th September – Rtn K P Thomas

16Th September- Advaith annet of Rtn Ashok P Menon

18Th September -Rohit annet of Rtn K I Koshy

26th September-Jyothish C S annet of Rtn Chandramohan

28th September Rtn Prathap Pillai



5Th September – Rtn Jacob K George & Mercy

7Th September Rtn G M Pillai & Radha