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From Editor's Desk

As you know, "Polio eradication demonstrates how effective International organizations can be when they all come together with a common purpose and a common vision." Speaking at the Rotary Presidential Peace building Conference in Coventry, the Minister of State for both International Development and Africa, praised the stand which Rotary has taken for 30 years in its bid to totally wipe out the disease. In a Wall Street Journal editorial in 2005, marking the 50th anniversary of the Salk polio vaccine, poliomyelitis, and the influential newspaper stated: "Rotary's unsung polio effort deserves the Nobel Peace Prize." Now, speaking at the Ricoh Arena in front of 500 Rotarians drawn from 14 countries, Mrs Baldwin echoed that call. She said: "Rotarians you have been truly polio superstars. Your efforts do definitely deserve the Nobel Peace Prize." And the Minister added: "I want to say thank you Rotarians that humanity is on the cusp of eradicating polio. "We should take great comfort from the fact that little over 30 years ago there were 350,000 cases in over 100 countries and yet in 2017 there were just 22, proof that, working together, aid really has an impact." Mrs Baldwin pointed out that the UK has been the second largest sovereign donor to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

As suggested by Rtn AK Das please find part of some news about Stephen Hawking and you can follow it on Travel wire News, if interested. Do you know the word 'Queue' is the only word in the English language that is still pronounced the same way when the last four letters are removed. We are heading toward the last trimester of this Rotary year and those who haven't contributed towards Harmony, please make an effort!!!!

Gist of Minutes of the 3076th Regular Meeting of RC Shillong held on March 16 2018 at Rotary Corner:

The meeting was called to order by Debashish Das for their made to send volunteers. Dist contribution towards the project. Assembly will be held on May 19-20 rendered. President welcomed the DGN described the challenges of the at Tinsukia President Elect Rtn guests and .Rtn Elangbam was projects and sustainability of the Kailash Verma requested to take thanked for the fellowship Minutes of project but still doing yeoman charge. IPP Elangbam gave a power the previous meeting were service to the patients. Dist 3282 point presentation of Rotary Sohra confirmed. Rotary Dialysis Unit Bangladesh has requested to host the Marathon detailing its purpose, completed its one year which is Multi district Public Image Seminar organizers, route, finances, sponsors, running at Children hospital on April 18 or 19th at Shillong. RYLA water stations etc to the members. President complimented Rtns will be hosted at Siliguri on March Meeting was adjourned after Kishan, Elangbam and DGN 29 by RC Gangtok & request was secretary's announcement.

Incoming Club Project: Vocational Awards, Lecture in Gandhi Buniyadi School

Greetings:

Rtn Akash Chirania will be celebrating his birthday on the 28th of March. Wishing him the very best in life.



WALKATHON:

We have read about marathon in the Harmony's last week edition. Now RCS is taking up this project in the month of August 2018 as envisaged by the pres elect Rtn Kailash Verma, as I have come to know it is being held under the guidance of Mr James Perry and if I am not wrong, he is the son of Mr. D. E. Perry who was the member of RCS and he also served as the President. Rtn D.E. Perry had mooted the idea of Walkathon which was grasped from some Canadian Magazine. And thus the birth of Walkathon took place in Shillong by the RCS. The modus operandi of this fund raising project (walkathon) was defined very neatly by Rtn D.E. Perry

A runner or walker is sponsored by a number of people by paying him a fixed amount per Km of the run or a lump sum amount. The RCS Shillong took up this Walkathon and the first project through walkathon was for the children's ward of the present KJP Synod, Robert Hospital (the Welsh Mission) and a sum of Rs 20,000 was raised. Subsequently a number of projects by the idea of walkathon were taken up as follows:

1. Furnishing the children's ward and ICU unit at Nazareth Hospital.
2. A sum of Rs 1 lakh was raised for the

Mother Teresa's Leper Colony at Nongpoh. A sum of Rs 6 lakhs approximately for the Army Jawans in the wake of Kargil war, which was handed over to the GOC-In -C ,101 Area, Shillong.

The RCS never looked back and used to hold walkathon or run for various calamities in and around areas.

The term Walkathon first mooted by RCS has now become a country's household name, wherein, projects are held for raising money for humanitarian necessities.

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Hawking's final work could be key to unlocking parallel universes

Physicist Stephen Hawking has reportedly left behind a final research paper that could provide the key to finding parallel universes. The paper was completed on his deathbed, according to reports. The world-famous physicist died at his home in Cambridge earlier this week at the age of 76. He left behind a final scientific paper, which reportedly presents the theoretical basis for how a space probe could search the cosmos for evidence of a 'multiverse' – a theoretical multitude of universes that exist alongside our own.

"This was Stephen: to boldly go where Star Trek fears to tread," Thomas Hertog, a professor of theoretical physics at KU Leuven University in Belgium and the paper's co-author, told the Sunday Times. "He has often been nominated for the Nobel and should have won it. Now he never can."

The paper's title, 'A Smooth Exit from Eternal Inflation,' refers to an element of Hawking's 'no-boundary' theory, in which he proposed that our universe expanded from a tiny point after the Big Bang. His theory suggests the Big Bang that produced our universe was just one of an infinite number of Big Bangs, each producing their own universe.

This infinity, according to Hertog, made the whole idea impossible to verify through experiments. The new paper aims to make the multiverse easier to grasp, turning it into "a testable scientific framework." The research is now reportedly under review by a leading journal.

Hawking was considered a visionary in his field and made many startling predictions about the future of mankind, namely that humans could soon be replaced by artificial intelligence.

Hawking suffered from motor neurone disease since 1964. He was confined to a wheelchair for much of his life and was dependent on a computerized voice system to speak. His book, 'A Brief History of Time,' was published in 1988 and has since sold over 10 million copies.

Eldest marathoner

Fauja Singh, then 100, finished the Toronto Waterfront Marathon, becoming the first centenarian ever to officially complete that distance. Singh, a British citizen, finished the race on 16 October 2011 with a time of 8:11:05.9, making him the oldest marathoner. [92] Because Singh could not produce a birth certificate from rural 1911 Colonial India, the place of his birth, his age could not be verified and his record was not accepted by the official governing body World Masters Athletics.

Gladys Burrill, a 92-year-old Prospect, Oregon woman and part-time resident of Hawaii, previously held the Guinness World Records title of oldest person to complete a marathon with her 9 hours 53 minutes performance at the 2010 Honolulu Marathon.

Youngest marathoner

Budhia Singh, a boy from Odisha, India, completed his first marathon at age three. He trained under the coach Biranchi Das, who saw potential in him. In May 2006, Budhia was temporarily banned from running by the ministers of child welfare, as his life could be at risk. His coach was also arrested for exploiting and cruelty to a child and was later murdered. Budhia is now at a state-run sports academy.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

It has been the way of Rotary to focus thought upon matters in which members are in agreement, rather than upon matters in which they are in disagreement : Paul Harris