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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

TODAY IS

MEL NIELSEN DAY

We honor and congratulate Mel Nielsen who is speaking to us today because he has been a member of our club since 1948. In fact he has had a record perfect attendance ever since. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and is a Past President of our club. He was Club President 1954-1955.

Mel Nielsen exemplifies a dedicated Rotarian that has spent many hours of service above self.

Last weekend I attended the District conference in Woodland. They had some interesting speakers, one from the IRS and a representative from the international rotary from India. Our graduate exchange student Dave who spoke at our club a few weeks ago also attended the meetings which was a good thing for him to do. It showed a real interest in learning about Rotary before he goes to Italy this fall.

On Wednesday evening I attended the Chamber of commerce business fair and we sold a number of ads as well as raffle tickets. In addition last Thursday after the meeting several of our members canvassed the downtown area for ads for our program for the concert at the res. We need everyone to help promote this fund raiser event.

TODAYS SPEAKER :

MEL NIELSEN

Indian surgeon to receive highest Rotary humanitarian award for offering 'Jaipur Foot' to disabled

(EVANSTON, Ill., USA — 4 May 2001) Rotary International, one of the world's largest humanitarian organizations, announced today that its highest honor, the Rotary Award for World Understanding and Peace, will be given to Dr. Pramod Karan Sethi, a retired orthopedic surgeon from Jaipur, India. Dr. Sethi and his team developed the "Jaipur Foot," an artificial limb that has transformed the lives of millions of land mine amputees and polio victims in India and other developing countries. The award will be presented at Rotary International's annual convention on 26 June in San Antonio, Texas, USA.

The 73-year-old Dr. Sethi is a fellow of Britain's Royal College of Surgeons and worked for many years at Jaipur Sawai Man Singh Hospital, where his medical team collaborated with local craftsmen and designed new prostheses that are made from locally available materials such as rubber, wood and aluminum. They are light in weight and have great mobility. Those who wear them can run, climb trees and pedal bicycles. Unlike those prostheses in the West that can cost several thousand dollars, the Jaipur Foot costs US\$28 and is truly affordable for mass distribution to the physically disabled in rural India and other developing countries.

Considered a component of humanitarian service, the design of the Jaipur Foot has never been patented. Over the past decades, Dr. Sethi has worked with non-governmental organizations and set up training centers to help produce and distribute the prostheses to countries such as Cambodia, Afghanistan, Nicaragua and Kenya, where the largest population of war-affected amputees and polio survivors live.

"Dr. Sethi's work has provided inspiration and hope to the physically disabled who had to live a life of humiliation and degradation," says Rotary International President Frank Devlyn. "As fellow humanitarian activists, the members of Rotary greatly admire Dr. Sethi's dedication to helping the poorest of the poor."

With the best academic qualifications and the highest degrees in medicine and surgery, Dr. Sethi did not go for the practice that caters to the rich, says Devlyn. "To him, ethical and humane services have been the basis of the medical profession. He has consistently practiced and advocated values that keep the patient, particularly the poor, at the center of medical concern."

Every year, the Rotary Award for World Understanding and Peace is given to an individual or organization whose life or work exemplifies the Rotary ideal of promoting community service, as well as international understanding, goodwill and

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST 18, 2001

CAL EXPO ROTARY FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER.



THIS IS THE ROTARY FUN DAY AND ALL DAY EXPERIENCE AT THE STATE FAIR WITH FOOD AND PRIZES AND FELLOWSHIP OR ALL. WE NEED SILENT AUCTION IN THE \$250 - \$500 RANGE OR MORE FROM OUR CLUB, LAST YEAR WE DID NOT SUBMIT ANYTHING FROM OUR CLUB. LETS DO IT FOR OUR CLUB! ALL MEMBERS WILL BE GIVEN RAFFEL TICKETS TO BUY OR SELL.

peace. The award carries with it a grant of US\$100,000 for contribution to a charitable project, chosen by the recipient, that promotes Rotary's mission of world understanding and peace. Dr. Sethi plans to use the award money to set up a center in Jaipur to train technicians from remote parts of India and other developing countries such as Cambodia, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Mozambique and Bangladesh in preparing Jaipur Foot and other newly designed prostheses for polio and land-mine victims.

In the past, Rotary clubs and districts — often with the assistance of Rotary Foundation humanitarian grants — have supported the preparation and distribution of artificial limbs to amputees, especially for polio survivors across the world. With the help of the Rotary Foundation and Rotary members in Canada, the Rotary Club of Mumbai, India, has recently provided the Jaipur Foot to more than 19,000 people in Africa, Latin America and Southeast Asia.

Dr. Sethi received the Doctor B.C. Roy Award as the Eminent Medical Man of the Year 1999. His scientific research was recognized by the Guinness Award for Scientific Achievement in 1982. He was decorated as Padmashri from the President of India in 1981. The same year Dr. Sethi received The Ramon Magsaysay Award. Past winners of the Rotary Award for World Understanding and Peace include Nelson Mandela, president of South Africa; former US President Jimmy Carter; Pope John Paul II; President of the Czech Republic Vaclav Havel; and Dr. Albert Sabin, developer of the oral polio vaccine.

Rotary International, one of world's largest volunteer service organizations with 1.2 million members, is dedicated to helping people in need. Rotary is headquartered in Evanston, Illinois, USA.

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Ten Day Letter for Mike Robertson:

Mike Robertson has been in Lafayette 35 years. Mike will be married 10 years in October to his wife Kelli, and has two children, Derek and Kevin. Mike is in Business Insurance, and is a Vice President with California Insurance Center. Mike has been approved by the board of directors and this will serve as the 10 day notice to the club. If anyone has any objections please let the President know prior to the expiration of 10 days in accordance with our club's bylaws.

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

May 21

Lane Chris



May 8

Searby Ed

May 28

Harbarth Peggy

May 16

Wake Ron

May 17

Hart Harrison