



This Week—Jan. 20, 2010

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How Occupational Medicine
Relates to Employers

Programs

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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM—

Dr. Mike Lockheart will inform us on Occupational Medicine and how it relates to employers.

Occupational medicine is a relatively recent phenomenon, and although work hazards were many in early America, injured workers had little access to medicine directed toward their specific problems. In the United States before the Civil War, the worst and most dangerous work was usually performed by enslaved people, although free people also performed some extremely dangerous work—for instance, the building of the Erie Canal and many other of the large-scale projects of the nineteenth century. Some occupational diseases began to be recognized as such in the eighteenth century; for example, Benjamin Franklin noted that typesetters suffered from abdominal cramps and wrist or foot paralysis from the lead used in their work. However, recognition did not bring treatment, for the most part.

Occupational medicine has made huge strides in the past century, and numerous workers have access to both protections and medical treatment that did not exist in previous times. At the same time, many workers remain without access to those protections and treatment, and, while scientific advancements have solved some old workplace hazards, they also have created new ones. Occupational medicine thus remains a crucial and rapidly developing field.

Answers.com - US History Encyclopedia: Occupational Medicine

ROTARY FOUNDATION-

Our intrepid Rotary Foundation leaders, Greg and Tony, have advised and cajoled us on the virtues of the Rotary Foundation over the past few months. This editor recently came across a listing on the RI Website of projects made possible by grants from the Rotary Foundation. This list is impressive, to say the least, and the following are just a few examples:

-In 1919, Ohio Rotarians established the Ohio Society for Crippled Children, the forerunner of the National Easter Seal Society.

-In 1929, Rotary helped secondary students ages 15-19 go abroad for the academic year or an extended period of time. Now 7000 students live overseas yearly under the auspices of Youth Exchange.

-In 1944, Rotarians in Sweden played an important part caring for 32,000 Finnish children uprooted by WWII.

-In 1952, Rotarians in Hiroshima, Japan built a community center in Atomic Bomb Memorial Park.

-Starting in 1964, matching grant funds to club and district projects began. Now more than 13,500 matching grants in 165 project countries have been awarded.

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THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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-In 1969, the Chicago Rotary club began an affiliation with the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago and now has a center within the institute. The center operates as an outpatient clinic for children disabled due to illness, accident, birth defects or abuse.

-Since 1975, a Long Island NY Rotary club has made possible life-saving surgeries in the U.S. for more than 2,000 children from countries where such surgeries are not available.

-In 1984, Rotary First Harvest (RFH) became a project for a Seattle club and District 5030. RFH gathers wholesome fruits and vegetable from farmers and food processors for food banks.

-In 1989, RotaCare was started in Santa Clara CA and now has free clinics across the US, providing care to the working poor.

-After the 1994 Oslo Peace Process, a Norwegian Rotary club 'Shalom-Salaam', a peace program bringing together Israeli and Palestinian youth to study and socialize for a six-week period.

-In 1999, the Toronto Rotary Club opened a transition center in St. Michael's Hospital which provided a place for homeless patients to recuperate after an emergency room visit and a Health Bus which brings health care to homeless people of that city.

-In 2000, two Georgia clubs raised \$700,000 to develop and open a special baseball complex designed exclusively for children with disabilities. The complex has inspired more than 50 similar fields across the country.

-Most recent is the Polio Plus campaign. By 2005, contributions of more than \$500 million and countless volunteer hours were put forth for the eradication of polio. Rotary developed a model for public-private partnerships respected by governments and nongovernmental organizations around the world.

Your yearly pledge is part of a powerful tool that is "beneficial to all concerned."

Article submitted by Editor, Jane Roberts

ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE—ESSEX ENGLAND

Clubs in District 6250 have an opportunity to take part in a Rotary Friendship Exchange with District 1240 of the United Kingdom. District 1240 is located in the southeast of England close to London. The exchange suggests our English friends visit us in the late summer of 2010 and we visit them in the Spring of 2011. The exchange will last ten days and visit three clubs in each area. Five to six hosts will be required in each city to host 10 to 12 visitors. If your club is interested in participating in the exchange please contact Bill Erickson at billjneteric@tds.net or (608)849-7445.

PROPOSED MEMBERS-

Barbara Lyon with the Dunn County News has been proposed for membership by Maltee McMahon.

Paul Bundy Wurtz with Principia Financial Group has been proposed for membership by Mike Fekete.

If you have any comments, contact Sandy Ott, Secretary