

MAKING A DIFFERENCE, ONE CHILD AT A TIME

For more than a decade, Robert Beck has provided input to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as a public representative on the National Vaccine Advisory Committee.

Earlier this year, he fulfilled a desire to do something hands-on with vaccines.

An attorney and member of the Rotary Club of Fluvanna County (Palmyra), Virginia, Beck traveled to India to help vaccinate children against polio during National Immunization Days (NIDs) in February. He was part of a 43-member Rotarian team led by Noelle Galperin, 2008-09 District 6990 PolioPlus subcommittee chair and a member of the Rotary Club of Coral Gables, Florida, and Luis Ortega, then a member of the Rotary Club of Miami Dadeland-Pinecrest, Florida.



The team served at immunization booths in Chandigarh, where families brought their children to receive the oral polio vaccine. After this first phase of the NIDs, Beck and his team followed detailed, hand-drawn maps into the city's poorest areas.

"Picture each vaccination team walking through dense slums, across garbage troughs, and through drainpipes and all manner of debris, animals, and structures to vaccinate needy children," Beck says. "Add air thick with dirt and pollutants, 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 each day."

Beck is quick to add, however, that there was more to the scene. "One must also draw into that picture the smiling faces of beautiful people and especially children, mothers dressed in colorful native clothes, and their offers of food and drink and their sincere thanks for our efforts," he says. "Only then can you see why we went back each day. We really believed we were making a difference, even if it was only one child at a time."

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR -- FIGHTING POLIO WITH URGENCY AND HOPE

The Rotary year we have just begun will be pivotal in determining the course of our Foundation in this, Rotary's second century of service. There are new challenges before us – challenges that we must rise to meet in order to keep the promises we have made. The first of those promises, of course, is to eradicate polio. This is our number-one priority as an organization, and it will remain so until the job is done.

Last year, more than 1,600 cases of the disease were identified around the world. This is a great improvement from the worst days of polio epidemics, which many of us remember from decades ago. But it is not good enough, and it will not be good enough until the number is zero. We cannot pause or slacken our efforts. We know all too well what happens when we do not reach every child. We saw it in Nigeria in 2003 and have seen it again in the Horn of Africa.

In March, Rotary approved US\$500,000 in emergency grants to UNICEF and the World Health Organization to help contain the outbreak of wild poliovirus that had spread from war-torn South Sudan into parts of Ethiopia, Kenya, and Uganda. This funding allowed for increased immunization activities in the three countries affected by the spread, and separate rounds of immunization have continued in South Sudan to halt the source of the outbreak.

We are optimistic that this outbreak will be contained, and remain confident in the viability of eradication. These recent events only serve to highlight the importance of our continued work. It is not enough merely to keep the number of new outbreaks low. We must bring it to zero

Glenn E. Estess Sr. - Foundation Trustee Chair



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INVOCATION

July 28	Brian Bekar	Aug. 4	Anil Bharwani
Aug. 11	Ineke Boekhorst	Aug. 18	Robert Campbell



TODAY'S PROGRAM: Mayor Ernie Daykin – District of Maple Ridge

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July 31: Peter & Kelly Fry

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 30: Brian Bekar

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Aug. 1	3-5 pm	Heritage Day	Memorial Peace Park
Aug. 9	3-8 pm	Rotary Foundation Potluck Picnic	Patrick's home 10328 – 276 St. MR
Aug. 12	Noon	Executive meeting	Caring Place
Aug 29	11:45 am	"Ride & BBQ", Mustang Riding Stables	14729 Sylvester Rd, Mission
Sept. 1	noon	DG Larry Jubie's visit	
Sept. 19	7 pm	Wine Festival	Thomas Haney Rotunda
Sept. 26	3 pm	Frisbee Golf	Dave Rempel
Oct. 6	6 pm	Fireside, Heather Hill	

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$55.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 50 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guest today was Eric Vormer

Announcements:

Walter requested that Rotarians please pay their membership annual dues.

Wine Fest Committee desperately needs volunteers. The second largest fund raiser cannot depend on just a handful of organizers. You are not involved in any committee and are looking at how to become a real Rotarian? Here is your chance!



The August 29 Ride & BBQ is fully booked.

\$3200 Grant has been received from the District to assist in reducing child mortality.

Ineke advised that there will be a Rotary Fundraiser BBQ on August 9th at Patrick O'Brien's rain or shine. If attending please complete sign-up sheet and make sure you bring lawn chairs and cutlery. Also if you have a gift to donate for the silent auction it would be greatly appreciated.



Marco presented Liz Attarmigirian with a Paul Harris Fellowship for being Club President 2000/2001.

Maureen presented a Moment in Rotary, sharing a few facts about Polio Plus which was created by R.I. in 1985. To date Rotary has contributed more than \$800M U.S. plus countless volunteer hours to assist in the protection of more than two million children in 122 countries. This year World Polio Day will be held on October 24th and commemorates Jonas Salk who was born on October 28th. Jonas Salk was the Scientist who developed the original polio vaccine.

David Riddell introduced our Guest Speaker Bruce Ashton (Headmaster of Greybrook School). Bruce was born in New Zealand however obtained his Masters in the U.S and has taught in China, Italy and the Netherlands.

Bruce gave us a presentation on the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program which was created in English and French by teachers at the International School of Geneva. The program that led to the diploma consisted of a common pre-university curriculum and a common set of external examinations for students in schools throughout the world.

The I.B. does not own, operate or manage any schools; instead, they work in partnership with 2709 schools in 138 countries who offer the I.B. programs.

The International Baccalaureate has three educational programs: Primary Years (47 schools), Middle Years (131 schools) and Diploma Program (132 schools). The first school was authorized in 1974. The program is motivated by a mission to create a better world through education.

The I.B. Mission Statement:

The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.



To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programs on international education and rigorous assessment.

These programs encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

I.B. Learners strive to be:

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| - Inquirers | - Open-Minded |
| - Knowledgeable | - Caring |
| - Thinkers | - Risk-takers |
| - Communicators | - Balanced |
| - Principled | - Reflective |

Thank you Bruce for a very informative presentation.

Submitted by Maureen Goodrick

Ridge Meadows Heritage Days

SATURDAY AUGUST 1ST, 2009 - Schedule of Events

9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Haney Farmer's Market
10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Historical Displays by the Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Museums
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Vintage Car Parade
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Vintage Car Show and Shine
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Old Fashion Carnival Games
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Millennium Singers, MR Senior Dancing Stars, Line Dancers perform at the Bandstand
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Mayors past & present Free Hamburger BBQ (donations accepted for the Museum) - in front of the ACT
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Entertainment on the Bandstand - Alouette River Band, Karaoke Contest Winners, ROCA and the Lavalights
8:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Tiller's Folly free outdoor concert on the Bandstand
10:00 pm - 10:15 pm	Greighlan Crossing pipe Band
10:15 pm	Fireworks display - Memorial Peace Park

ROTARY FOUNDATION POTLUCK PICNIC

All proceeds to Rotary Foundation

Sunday August 9 3-8 pm Family Picnic at Patrick O'Brien's home.
Address: 10328 - 276 St. (272 St., East on 104 Ave, South on 276 St.)

Cost \$10 per family. Come one, come all! Acres of family fun! There will be swimming, pony rides, toonie toss, bocce ball, putting contest, silent auction and lots of kids' activities. Bring your own plates, cutlery and lawn chairs. Rain or shine (in case of rain, lots of covered area).

This is a Foundation fundraiser; we depend on your generosity. Looking for silent auction donations and a menu dish, choose from appetizer, main dish, hotdog/hamburger, salad or dessert.

This promises to be a great family event!

Call Patrick O'Brien at 604-476-0931 or contact patobrien@shaw.ca for more information.