

My fellow Rotarians:

The playwright George Bernard Shaw once wrote, "Imagination is the beginning of creation. You imagine what you desire; you will what you imagine; and at last you create what you will."

There is no shortage in this world of people able to imagine a better future. But in Rotary, we do not just imagine that future -- we will it, and we work to create it. This we do through our two great strengths: our Rotary clubs and our Rotary Foundation.

Over the years, I have been privileged to witness firsthand the fruits of the outstanding work carried out by Rotarians all over the world, supported by the programs of our Foundation. One thing that impresses me is how these programs focus not on short-term satisfaction or reward for the giver. The best Rotary programs and projects focus on building for the future – and making lives better for generations.

Two decades ago, we Rotarians made a promise: to make life better for the entire world, forever, by eliminating polio. It has always been an ambitious goal, but it has always been a realistic one. And now, thanks to our Rotary Foundation, we are closer than ever to reaching it.

It is my hope that with the help of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge, there will soon come a time when we will be able to say that we have made polio a thing of the past. For if we fail now, we will fail all those who have gone before us, and every child to whom we made a promise. If we fail, we risk our own good name, and the good name of all the Rotarians who came before us.

We will not fail. We can and we must succeed.

I know that each one of you recognizes that *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands* – and that the future of our Foundation is as well.

John Kenny  
President, Rotary International

**G**iving to The Rotary Foundation is a financially sound way for you to help others.

Here are just some of the ways the Foundation can use your contribution:

- US\$100 helps provide for one elementary school in Zambia
- \$500 helps provide a small watch-repair business for six disabled workers in the Philippines
- \$5,000 helps provide enough vaccine to immunize 10,000 children against polio



# The Four Way Flasher

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## November is Rotary Foundation Month

### INVOCATION

<b>Nov. 3</b>	Doris Gagel	<b>Nov. 10</b>	Maureen Goodrick
<b>Nov. 24</b>	Lindsay Hendy	<b>Dec. 1</b>	Lise Jinnah



**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** Installation of Ross Dunning  
Ken Funk – Rotoplast Presentation

**NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:** RI Foundation Presentation

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Nov. 9: Bob & Irena Shantz

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov. 9: Lila Jane Terwiel

**Next week: Lunch Meeting at Lava Dining & Lounge  
Nov. 17: Tour & Lunch at R.M. Hospital**

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
<b>Nov.14</b>	<b>6 pm – 11 pm</b>	Foundation Dinner	"The Pink Palace", White Rock
<b>Nov. 17</b>	<b>Noon</b>	Hospital Tour and Lunch	R.M. Hospital
<b>Dec. 8</b>	<b>Noon</b>	Annual General Meeting	
<b>Dec. 22</b>	<b>Noon</b>	Christmas Party	

**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$300.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 41 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**



### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Marco presents a Paul Harris award to Helen Ferris. For five years now Helen has donated her energy and talents, decorating for the wine festival. We at Meadow Ridge Rotary have a deep sense of gratitude for Helens contributions and are very pleased to honour Helen with this prestigious award.

### GORDY AND MARY AT THE LAHAINA ROTARY CLUB, MAUI, HAWAII



Gordy with President Rick of the Lahaina Rotary Club and a visiting Rotarian preparing for Parade Marshal duties for the Lahaina Halloween Keki (Childrens) Parade. It was a huge success and the kids' costumes were great!

### PROGRAMS OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Through Foundation grants and programs, Rotarians and other contributors can help change the world. They can finance a well for a village that lacks clean water, improve the environment, or provide scholarships to educate the next generation. The grants and programs available to Rotarians allow them to realize Rotary's humanitarian mission throughout the world, including its number-one goal of eradicating polio.

#### PolioPlus

To eradicate polio, Rotarians have mobilized by the hundreds of thousands. They're working to ensure that children are immunized against this crippling disease and that surveillance is strong despite the poor infrastructure, extreme poverty, and civil strife of many countries. Since the PolioPlus program's inception in 1985, more than two billion children have received the oral polio vaccine.



Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge is the Rotary Foundation's response to the two grants totaling \$355 million from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to help eradicate polio. Every dollar given to PolioPlus will be counted toward the \$200 million match, which must be completed by 30 June 2012.

#### PolioPlus Grants

Primarily applied for by National PolioPlus Committee chairs or a major partner agency, such as the World Health Organization or UNICEF. Support is available for eradication efforts in polio-endemic, recently endemic, and high-risk countries, including National Immunization Days, poliovirus transmission monitoring, and other activities.

#### **Humanitarian Grants Program**

##### Disaster Recovery

Allows Rotarians to donate money in response to specific disasters. Funds are distributed to local committees to support recovery efforts. The program was created in 2005-06, and the Foundation currently administers four Disaster Recovery accounts: Hurricanes Stan and Wilma (Guatemala and Mexico), Hurricane Wilma (United States), the Earthquake in India and Pakistan, and Solidarity in South Asia. Total contributions to the accounts were \$6.4 million.

##### District Simplified Grants

Support the service activities of districts locally and abroad.

##### Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants

Fund large-scale, two- to four-year projects, that improve health, alleviate hunger, or promote human development.

##### Matching Grants

Provide matching funds for the international service projects of Rotary clubs and districts.

#### **Educational Programs**

##### Ambassadorial Scholarships

The Foundation sponsors one of the largest international scholarship programs in the world. Scholars study in a different country, where they serve as unofficial ambassadors of goodwill. Since 1947, more than 47,000 scholars from 110 countries have received scholarships of more than \$476 million through The Rotary Foundation.

##### Group Study Exchange (GSE)

Annual awards are made to paired Rotary districts to cover travel expenses for a team of non-Rotarians from a variety of professions. Rotarian hosts organize a four- to six-week itinerary of vocational, educational, and cultural points of interest. Since 1965, more than 57,000 individuals (almost 12,000 teams) from 100 countries have participated at a cost of more than \$92 million.

##### Rotary World Peace Fellowships

Each year, up to 110 scholars are sponsored to study at one of the seven Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution for a master's-level degree.