



The Four Way Flasher

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JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

TODAY: Fireside at Patrick O'Brien's home

NEXT WEEK: Who's Who - Angie Edmonds



Happy Birthday

Jan. 27: Sharon Kyle
 Jan. 30: Angie Edmonds

Jan. 24:

Invocation David Rempel
Note Taker David Riddell

Jan. 31:

David Riddell
 Angie Edmonds

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Jan. 24	6pm	Fireside Meeting at Patrick O'Brien's home	10328 276 Street, Maple Ridge
June 01-03		District 5050 Convention	Semiahmoo Resort, Blaine, WA

ROTARY CLUBS MEET US\$200 MILLION FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE

Rotary International News -- 17 January 2012

Rotary International has succeeded in meeting the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's US\$200 million match in funding for polio eradication, raising more than \$202.6 million as of 17 January.

"We'll celebrate this milestone, but it doesn't mean that we'll stop raising money or spreading the word about polio eradication," Rotary Foundation Trustee John F. Germ told Rotary leaders at the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA. "We can't stop until our entire world is certified as polio-free."

The fundraising milestone was reached in response to \$355 million in challenge grants awarded to The Rotary Foundation by the Gates Foundation. All funds have been earmarked to support polio immunization activities in affected countries where the vaccine-preventable disease continues to paralyze children.

"In recognition of Rotary's great work, and to inspire Rotarians in the future, the [Gates] foundation is committing an additional \$50 million to extend our partnership," said Jeff Raikes, chief executive officer of the Gates Foundation. "Rotary started the global fight against polio, and continues to set the tone for private fundraising, grassroots engagement, and maintaining polio at the top of the agenda with key policymakers." Raikes also addressed Rotary leaders at the International Assembly.

The new \$50 million grant from the Gates Foundation is not a challenge grant.

Since 1988, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99 percent, from about 350,000 cases annually to fewer than 650 cases reported so far for 2011. The wild poliovirus is now endemic in only four countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. However, India on 13 January marked a full calendar year without a case, paving the way for its removal from the endemic list.

But other countries also remain at risk for polio cases imported from the endemic countries. In Africa in 2011, Chad and the Democratic Republic of the Congo had significant outbreaks. Also in 2011, a small cluster of polio cases in China, which had been polio-free for a decade, was traced to Pakistan.

To date, Rotarians worldwide have contributed more than \$1 billion toward the eradication of polio, a cause Rotary took on in 1985. In 1988, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention joined Rotary as spearheading partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. More recently, the Gates Foundation has become a major supporter. In 2007, the Gates Foundation gave Rotary a \$100 million challenge grant for polio eradication, increasing it to \$355 million in 2009. Rotary agreed to raise \$200 million in matching funds by 30 June 2012.

Reaching children with the oral polio vaccine in the disease's remaining strongholds is labor- and resource-intensive due to a host of challenges, including poor infrastructure, geographical isolation, armed conflict, and cultural misunderstanding about the eradication campaign.

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$757.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 25 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Singing of O Canada led by Robert Campbell (with a hoarse voice)

Invocation provided by Lindsay Hendy who led the group in a prayer for safety in the cold weather

Jim introduced the guests at this lunch: Janis Elkerton, Deborah Hyslop, Donna Barnes, Irena Shantz and Steve DiCastrì of FRCC

Jim called for Happy/Sad speakers:

- Marco Terwiel announced that it has been a year since that last case of polio was reported in India
- Bob Shantz, in celebration of his wife's birthday, read a poem by "Kahlil Gibran" as originally read by a "Seer" expressing Bob's love for Irena, who we are led to believe was suitably impressed!

Seer –

- 1) One that sees
- 2) One that predicts events or developments (prophet)
- 3) A person credited with extraordinary moral and spiritual insight

Installation of a new member;

Bob Shantz and Mike Davies oversaw the installation of Janis Lynn Elkerton as a new member of our Meadow Ridge Rotary Club.



President Terry Becker introduced the speaker of the day;



Steve DiCastrì, Warden of two institutions, the Fraser Regional Correctional Centre in Maple Ridge, and the Ford Mountain Correctional Centre in Chilliwack

Fraser Regional Correctional Centre, a 450 bed correctional institution opened in 1990, originally with 278 beds increasing through double bunking to 450 inmates today.

They also accommodated the Boat People for a short time increasing the population to over 800 inmates. These additional people were housed in temporary sleeping trailers during their stay. The facility currently houses around 350 sentenced (2 years less one day) and 100 remanded inmates (inmates awaiting trial).

Inmates are held in one of three levels of custody Open, Medium and Secure, which is determined by each inmate's history and charges. The 80 or so inmates that we see in the community daily are open custody inmates (lowest risk)

Some of the programs that the facility operates are;

- 1) Violence Prevention
- 2) Core programming i.e. substance abuse
- 3) Essential skills i.e. getting along with others, opening a bank or hydro account and learning job skills

Medium and Secure inmates are not allowed outside so jobs are provided for them that can be done inside. In addition, these inmates are not permitted in any way to associate with the Open Custody inmates to avoid the potential of contraband coming into the facility.

The facility also provides basic vocational training and has had 16 inmates graduate this year. Forklift certification, first aid and 2x4 construction experience is also offered. The goal of the facility is to have the inmate able to integrate back into the community and be able to get an income producing job upon release.

All this is run on a budget of \$25,000,000 per year and a staff of 250

Ford Mountain Correctional Centre is a 125 bed facility of protective custody inmates i.e. can't get along with other inmates or are incarcerated for certain charges that also includes sex offenders.

Questions were asked by:

Ineke Boekhorst, Bob Shantz, Marco Terwiel and Lindsay Hendy

50/50 draw: Walter Volpatti drew the lucky number but lost on the card draw. (maybe next time).

Submitted by Peter Davies