

Rotary International President Rick King to launch national polio immunisation day in Abuja and celebrate Rotary's 40th anniversary in Nigeria

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Rotary International President Rick King will join Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo in launching a massive effort to immunise 40 million Nigerian children against polio on 11 January 2002.

Members of Nigeria's 153 Rotary clubs will also celebrate the 40th anniversary of Rotary in Nigeria with President King.

Significant progress has been made toward eradicating polio in Nigeria. So far this year, 27 cases of polio have been recorded, compared to 638 cases last year. Nigeria's 2,611 Rotary club members can take credit for much of this success as they have volunteered during National Immunisation Days (NIDs) for more than a decade.

In recognising these extraordinary volunteer efforts, King said, "This volunteer spirit is what enables Rotary to move toward its goal of polio eradication. Thanks to the dedication of Rotary volunteers in Nigeria and world-wide, there soon will be one less threat against the children of the world. I congratulate the Rotary clubs of Nigeria on 40 years of outstanding service."

Since Rotary made eradicating polio its main philanthropic goal in 1985, it has contributed US\$16 million to polio eradication efforts in Nigeria, US\$140 million to eradicate polio throughout the African continent and US\$462 million world-wide.

During the NID, Rotary volunteers will help administer the drops of oral polio vaccine to children, assist parents in getting their children vaccinated, deliver the vaccine to immunisation posts, transport health workers and recruit fellow volunteers to assist during the NID.

The NID will also coincide with Rotary's African Regional PolioPlus Committee Meeting in Abuja, where over 400 members from the region will gather to discuss the status of and next steps to eradicating polio in Nigeria, Africa and world-wide.

Polio eradication is extremely close to completion. In 2000, there were no more than 3,500 cases of polio reported world-wide, a 99 percent decrease from the 350,000 cases estimated in 1988. The poliovirus now circulates in no more than 20 countries, down from 30 in 1999 and 125 in 1988. Once eradicated, polio will be the second disease after smallpox to be eliminated world-wide.

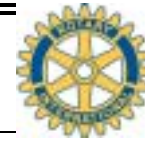
Rotary International is one of the world's first and largest volunteer service organisations with 1.2 million members in 163 countries. Rotary clubs are located in 52 countries in Africa, and there are more than 831 clubs in Africa with almost 20,000 members.

In 1985, Rotary International acted as the catalyst for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative by setting the goal to immunise all the world's children against the disease by Rotary's one-hundredth anniversary in 2005.

As the largest private-sector contributor and volunteer arm of the Initiative, Rotary's PolioPlus program has contributed US\$462 million to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries. These funds are providing much-needed polio vaccine, operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment and educational materials for health workers and parents. By 2005, Rotary's financial commitment will reach US\$500 million.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative is spearheaded by the World Health Organisation, Rotary International, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Rotary club members also initiate community projects that address many of today's most critical issues such as violence, AIDS, hunger, the environment and health care.



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INVOCATION Feb 5: Brian Bekar Feb 12: Ineke Boekhorst

BINGO SCHEDULE BE ON TIME!

	3:30-5:00	5:00-6:30
Feb 14:	Betty Levens	Laurie Anderson
Feb 28:	Ken Knuttilla	Eng Tan

Call Peter at 604-465-3392 for assistance or e-mail pboekhorst@telus.net

Notice the changed times!

Bingo proceeds for the month of December 2001 were \$2,388.97



TODAY'S PROGRAM: Val Patenaude, Maple Ridge Museum

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Tom Saare, President Alouette River Management Society

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Feb 1-4		Health Science Camp	
Feb 8		Haney Club Valentines Dinner/Dance \$75.= / Couple. See Fred Armstrong	Swan-e-Set Bay Resort
Feb 16	(see Dot)	Valentines Dinner-Dance \$30.00	Pitt Meadows Golf Course
Feb 19		Membership Development Lunch	Meadow Gardens
Feb 22	12 noon	WineZest Meeting	Pitt Meadows Tourist Inform.
Apr 20		50 th Anniversary of Haney Club	Meadow Gardens
May 11	7pm - 10pm	WineZest 2002	Maple Ridge Library

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$338 + 1/2 of today's sales, 32 cards, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEKS PROGRAM

Last weeks Fireside Meeting was held at Thomas Haney Senior Secondary School. This Fireside was dedicated to how we raise funds and how we spend the funds.

Some comments from the floor:

- Have a project designated in advance of fundraising efforts to make selling of event easier and give focus to membership
- Members sitting on committee of fundraiser should have more input into how monies are spent
- We should exercise "caution" when locking into long term commitments. We need clarity regarding these commitments that continues with the incoming executives.
- We can hold funds for more than one year if no "suitable" project is available
- We are heavy into "sports funding" and while this in itself is not a problem, we should diversify to support cultural events as well
- The Wine Zest funds could be designated for "cultural projects"
- We need "focus"
- We need to have some room for "flexibility"
- We should re-institute raising funds for the top up re RI donations

After some introductions on how we did it in the past and where we stand now, we had a brain storming session regarding the main topics: 'Fundraising ideas' and 'How to spend our money'

Fundraising ideas:

- Raffle for a car in mall
- Mardi Gras
- Rotary Calendar
- Use non Rotarian volunteers from organization we are raising funds for.
- Separate fundraiser for foundation
- Admin Fee of 10 or 20% use for general running of club
- Improve upon Wine Zest
- 100% participation from membership in fundraising
- Designate project prior to fundraising event
- Have another event ie fishing derby, casino night, Valentines roses, Lotteries for cruises or cars, Car Rally
- We need a 3rd fundraiser but should be an "easy one" ie. Attach to an existing event such as the fair.
- Follow up on Mary's idea re restaurant fundraiser for CT Scanner
- Sports Pools within club/community
- Raffles within club/community

How to spend our money:

- More focus, not necessarily on facilities
- Astro turf field
- Supplies for underprivileged children for school
- Focus on smaller groups

- Olympic athlete support
- \$10,000 For CT Scanner
- \$10,000 for Art Centre
- No more funds for community events ie Canada Day, Fair etc
- Dinner / golf tournament for CT Scanner
- To enhance community but following the Rotary Int'l guidelines
- Environment, Science & Tech, Social Awareness ie hands on project for needy Citizens/group

The following info will be forwarded and discussed by the Executive, thank you to all who have participated.

WINE ZEST

It is now official: WineZest 2002 will be held at the library May 11 from 7pm to 10pm.

The ticket price is set at \$35, a first increase since 3 years.



We need every Rotary Member to volunteer in order to make a success of this very important fundraiser. A list will be circulated where you can indicate how you can help; this can be as easy as set-up or wine serving up to organising one aspect of WineZest. Lets all help out: many hands make light work!

100% ATTENDANCE CLUB

These members are listed in the exclusive 100% Attendance Club for the month of January 2002:

Laurie Anderson	Ineke Boekhorst	Peter Boekhorst	Rick Carruthers	Mike Davies
Lindsay Hendy	Diane Kirkland	Ron Lepore	Betty Levens	Kevin Nosworthy
Debi Pearce	Dave Rempel	Dot Ralston	Dave Reekie	Gord Robson
Mary Robson	Andrea Vevers	Merlyn White		