

## More than 150 US Rotary club members Help Immunize Millions of Children Against Polio

### *Part of Rotary's Global Effort to Eradicate Polio Worldwide by 2005*

(Evanston, Ill., USA — 4 December 2002) As polio still threatens children in parts of Africa and South Asia, Rotary club members worldwide have made eliminating this crippling disease their top priority.

In support of this global endeavour, Rotary club members from Seattle, Washington; San Francisco, California; and Grand Rapids, Michigan are traveling to Ethiopia, Ghana and Nigeria, respectively, to immunize local children against the poliovirus.

While overseas, the volunteers will help administer drops of oral polio vaccine, assist parents in getting their children vaccinated, transport health workers, deliver the vaccine to health clinics and recruit fellow volunteers during each country's National Immunization Day (NID). Their goal is to immunize millions of children under the age of five against polio.

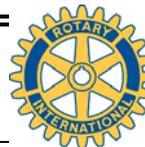
A highly infectious disease, polio can cause paralysis and sometimes death. As there is no cure for polio, the best protection is prevention. For as little as US .50 cents worth of vaccine, a child can be protected against this crippling disease for life.

Great strides have been made in polio eradication—as of June 2002 the Americas, the Western Pacific Region and European region had all been certified polio-free.

As part of its efforts to end polio worldwide, Rotary has contributed US\$182 million to eradicate polio throughout the African continent and committed US\$493 million worldwide.

In addition to raising funds, over one million men and women of Rotary have contributed both time and personal resources to immunize more than 2 billion children in 122 countries.

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



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INVOCATION Jan. 7: Rick Carruthers Jan. 14: Vladimir Cukor

### BINGO SCHEDULE BE ON TIME!

	3:30-5:00	5:00-6:30
<b>Dec. 19</b>	Peter Boekhorst	Dave Reekie
<b>Jan. 2</b>	Lindsay Hendy	Merlyn White

Call Peter at 604-465-3392 for assistance or e-mail [pboekhorst@telus.net](mailto:pboekhorst@telus.net)

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Christmas Party

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Kevin - Esteem team

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
<b>Jan. 7</b>	<b>After reg. Mtg.</b>	WineZest Meeting	Library
<b>March 12</b>	<b>6pm, dinner 7pm</b>	RI President Bhichai Rattakul	West Bayshore Conf. Centre
<b>April 5</b>	<b>tba</b>	District Assembly	Western Washington Univ.

### NO REGULAR MEETING ON DECEMBER 17, 24 AND 31



50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$98 + 1/2 of today's sales, 48 cards, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!



### LAST WEEKS BUSINESS MEETING

Annual General Meeting Held at Maple Ridge Library Tuesday Dec. 10, 2002 12:00pm  
Attendance: 26 Members

Our Assistant District Governor Mike McKone dropped by for a visit today which is always a pleasant surprise. Our Hockey Night out has now got 28 seats of the 31 available sold. The tickets are \$60 each and if you wish to go and bring a friend we need to sell 3 more to fulfill our commitment, so please call Brian Bekar.

The Wheelchair campaign got a big boost from the MeadowRidge Rotary club today. Our members, as individuals, chose to purchase 11 wheelchairs, and we will probably be able to purchase another 8 through club funds. Way to go everyone. If you were not at the meeting but wish to contribute to this worthwhile campaign, please call Brian and he will sign you up. You will receive a tax deductible receipt from the Meadow Ridge Foundation for this tax year.

Marco handed out tins to 15 members to collect change for the Polio Eradication campaign. Lets fill those up and get this project done.

The Year End 2001/2002 Financial statements have been prepared by Ken Paterson and will be available for club ratification at the next general meeting.

Today was our election day for the Board of Directors for 2002/2003. The election was conducted by Bob Shantz and 26 members were present to vote.

The following positions were elected by Acclamation:

President	Laurie Anderson
President Elect	Mary Robson
Vice President	Dave Reekie
Treasurer	Ken Paterson
Secretary	Kevin Nosworthy

The slate for Directors was as follows:

Craig Vernon	
Chad Reed	Elected
Dot Ralston	Elected
Peter Boekhorst	
Geoff Hancock	
Caro O'Kennedy	
Brian Bekar	Elected
Sharon Kyle	Elected

A motion to destroy the ballots was made by Dave Reekie and seconded by Marco Terwiel. Carried by all present and performed by Bob Shantz

Recorded by Debi Pearce



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 21: Skaron Bekar Dec. 22: Debi Pearce

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dec. 19: Zdenka & Vladimir Cukor

## Beggar's Rhyme

Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat,  
Please to put a penny in the old man's hat;  
If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do,  
If you haven't got a ha'penny, God bless you.

*--Traditional*

