



Service Above Self

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Special Occasions

by Edward Fisher



SPECIAL DAYS: Rotarians that have special days or occasions in AUGUST. Let's wish them well on these special days

Birthday & Anniversary Report

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Birthdays

Member Name	Birthday
McMurry, Chuck	August 24
Holden, Michele	August 26

Anniversaries

Member Name	Anniversary / Spouse Name
Richardson, Willetta	August 17 (Jim)
Richardson, James	August 17 (Willie)

Club Anniversaries

Member Name	Induction Date / Number of Years (Effective the day of induction this year)
Rogers, Bruce	August 1 2009 (1 years)
Flitcraft, George	August 9 2005 (5 years)
McMurry, Chuck	August 21 2008 (2 years)
Harrington, Arthur	August 23 1963 (47 years)
McCormick, John	August 25 1983 (27 years)
Merrill, Scott	August 28 1997 (13 years)

Close

Regatta

by Edward Fisher



RIVER REGATTA

Shirin McGraham and Stephanie Moore want to invite everyone who was involved in this year Ragatta that they along with the city are having a meeting his Thursday at Iquanas restaurant at 5:30 to go over plans and ideas for next years Regatta , if you can't make the meeting and have input on this send a e-mail to Shirin at buzzybee@bullheadcity-bee.com

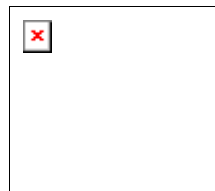
Interact makes a difference

Once again, our Mohave High School Interact Club members really pitched in to help our Rotary Club with this year's Bullhead City River Regatta. We had 46 Interact members working with us on Saturday to serve the hot dogs, and most of them were there all day.

Interact President Alyssa Folston reports that the club had 70 show up for their first meeting of the school year last week.

diamondbacks

by Edward Fisher



DIAMONDBACKS GAME:

Art Harrington has tickets for the Arizona Diamondbacks & Houston Astros on Sunday Sept 5, 2010 for \$35:00 each. Remember \$10:00 from each ticket sold goes to the Rotary Foundation for the End Polio Now effort. if you want tickets see Art Harrington.

SPECIAL AWARD

by Edward Fisher



NATIONAL AWARD

John McCormick a fellow Rotarian has been Awarded from the National Federation of High School Officials Association as Official of the Year Award for 2009-2010 for the State of Arizona. Also serving on his team is another Rotarian Randy Turner. Let's give them a big well done for a great job.

Great news from Bill Gates

by Arthur Harrington

Nigeria making impressive progress against polio



Bill Gates says he is impressed with the progress Nigeria has made against polio and urges partners in the fight to eradicate the disease not to let up.

Gates, co chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, shared personal observations from his June trip to Nigeria on his blog, [Gates Notes](#) . The post, along with others about polio, is appearing this week on the Gates Foundation blog, [Foundation Notes](#) .

In addition, the Gates Foundation website is highlighting two [videos](#) produced in June for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

"I was very excited to visit northern Nigeria in June, because the progress there since my last visit in February 2009 has been especially impressive," Gates writes. As of 20 July, only six cases of the wild poliovirus have been reported in Nigeria this year, compared with 346 during the same period in 2009.

The Gates Foundation has given Rotary US\$355 million in grants for its work to eradicate polio. In response, Rotary has committed to raising \$200 million. As of 30 June, Rotary has raised \$141.2 million.

On his blog, Gates says he spent most of his first day in the northern state of

Kano, which has been vulnerable to polio, meeting with community leaders, visiting a local health center, and stopping at a school where students were studying the Quran in Arabic.

"On the streets and most everywhere else we went, I noticed so many young children around," he writes. "Nigeria has more people by far than any other African country, and more than 40 percent of them are under the age of 15. That makes polio immunization a big challenge."

Gates adds that during his trip, he learned about creative approaches to inform Nigerians about polio immunization. Pro-immunization messages are being woven into the plotlines of popular TV shows, and one of Nigeria's major mobile phone service providers has agreed to send about 25 million free text messages about polio and health.

He also mentions the importance of engaging local leaders and says the 'commitment from Nigeria's leaders has been crucial' to the fight against polio in the country. While in the capital city of Abuja, he had dinner with the minister of health, and the next day met with the nation's new president, Goodluck Jonathan.

One of the videos on the Gates Foundation website praises efforts that have reduced the threat of polio by 99 percent but stresses the need to finish the job. "If you were an athlete, you would never only run 99 percent of the race," a voiceover on the video announces. "An astronaut wouldn't fly only 99 percent of the way to the moon, and a firefighter would never just put out 99 percent of a fire."

*By Arnold R. Grahl
Rotary International News -- 28 July 2010*

RI President Nominee Chosen

by Arthur Harrington



Tanaka chosen as RI President for 2012-13

Sakuji Tanaka, a member of the Rotary Club of Yashio, Saitama, Japan, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2012-13. Tanaka will become the president-nominee on 1 October if there are no challenging candidates.

Tanaka said he would like to see Rotary "continue its vital work as the force to improve our communities."

To do this work, Rotary needs active, involved clubs, he added. "We are fortunate to have our revised RI Strategic Plan to help build strong clubs that are vibrant, action-oriented, and relevant in the changing world."

For 32 years, Tanaka was president of Tanaka Company Ltd., a wholesale firm that went public in 1995 and later merged with other leading wholesalers in Japan. Currently, he serves as vice president of the Yashio City Chamber of Commerce and adviser to Arata Co. Ltd., an animal feed and pet food wholesaler. He also chaired the National Household Papers Distribution Association of Japan for eight years. Tanaka studied business at Nihon Management Daigakuin and Tokyo Management Daigakuin.

A past trustee of The Rotary Foundation, Tanaka chaired the 2009 Birmingham Convention Committee. His other service to Rotary includes RI director, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, district governor, and member of the Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force, the Permanent Fund Committee for Japan, and the Future Vision Committee.

Tanaka established an endowed Rotary Peace Fellowship, and he and his wife, Kyoko, are Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors of the Permanent Fund, and Major Donors.

He is a recipient of RI's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award.

Tanaka said that eradicating polio will "fulfill the promise we made to children in the world" and that "there is no doubt in my mind that the day of this success will be realized in the near future."

Tanaka and Kyoko have three children and five grandchildren.

By Arnold R. Grahl, Rotary International News — 28 July 2010