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Aug 13 2010

Carlos Machuca Mid Town Club

"International Water Project and Rotary Program"

Upcoming Events

Gateway Rotary Park Clean Up

Aug 19 2010 - Aug 19 2010

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President's Corner

by Vittorio Montemezzani

Regular meeting 07/30/10



President's comments, notes and announcements.

It was a very exciting and happy meeting!

The Club presented a Certificate of Scholarships to 6 of the 8 recipients (2 students were absent) of our Scholarships Distribution. The six young women introduced themselves and explained their study goal and hopes in their all different vocational fields. It was emphasized that one of the goal of our Club is to be able to follow our sponsored students along the way toward their graduation. Hopefully some of these students will successfully apply again marking their way to success with our Club small help.

No words are enough to express my gratitude to the extenuating work performed by the Scholarship Committee. **A big "Thank You" to Dru, Sylv, Chris, Linda.**

Dru has graciously accepted to keep the chair for one more year!

Club Survey.

Summary Results of the Club Survey were presented. 14 Members have participated (a slight majority of Members), and based on their response the BOD will try to implement proper actions to make our members happier.

The "**Trivia Game**" was the first change implemented. We play now with 5 questions instead of 10 and, if **We** win, instead of "spreading" the purse between all the members in attendance, I will draw names of active members (in multiple of \$100 ea, left over amount after the multiple of \$100s will stay in the game) for a donation in their behalf into the Rotary Foundation. Basically the same as we do with "Empty Your Pocket" jar. When we run out of names, we will start the process anew.

Speakers: At the District Presidents Meeting I received a wealthy supply of references from a friendly Anchorage Club. Dana and Jim volunteered to sort thru the list and setting up our weekly programs.

Thank you to these two active members.

New Member: Ken Miller was approved as a proposed new member at the last BOD meeting. Membership at large was informed and I have asked if there is any appeal to this decision. If none is received Ken could be inducted either on the 08/6 or 08/13 Meeting.

Park Clean up: On Tuesday 08/03 there was a gathering of members to proceed on "our" Park clean up. I was overwhelmed by the huge numbers of members who decided to put "elbow's grease" on their Rotary hat. Here are their names, with my most sincere gratitude: **Jim C, Linda K, Chris S.** with the moral support of Loredana and her mother. Our past president Jay has provided lawn mowing service during the week-end. **Thanks Jay!**

Governor Jane Little: Our new Governor is still touring the Rotary Clubs in Russia. I have been told that she will begin visiting Alaska local Clubs sometimes in September. The message is: She did not forget us; she is just running a different schedule than what the previous Governors were doing.

Upcoming events: Don't forget to check the site page of the bulletin for listing of upcoming events (including next Park clean up). Please SIGN UP right on our web site under "Event Registration".

Club Member Happy notes

by Loredana Di Cecco

MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPY MOMENTS.

Jay paid "large" happy dollars to share the adventures of the trip with his daughter, mixing sport's accomplishments (not his) in Minnesota, with lakes scenery description, visit with relatives and a sad, sobbing story of a car broken down near Whitehorse. Even with tears in their eyes, members really enjoyed the story altogether.

Dru happily announced her 20 years anniversary with First National Bank.

Ron happily (or maybe not so happily) announced that his bout of Fridays off as fishing vacation is over. He also shared the news that a Farmer Market (to shop for local fresh produce) is in full swing each Saturday at the Northway mall.

Chris shared happy dollars because even though she is still few weeks away from moving to Valdez United Way of Valdez has

already enrolled her in their "free from payroll" system.

BEST WISHES TO OUR MEMBERS :

Birthday & Anniversary Report

Date Range : **July 31 to August 06**

Birthdays

Member Name	Birthday
No member(s) have birthdays within this range.	

Anniversaries

Member Name	Anniversary / Spouse Name
No member(s) have birthdays within this range	

NEW YEAR WISHES Paul Harris

by Loredana Di Cecco



Wishes for the new Rotary year from Paul Harris

Rotary International News -- 27 July 2010

In 1916, Rotary founder Paul Harris shared his thoughts about the organization in an article titled "The Future of Rotary," published in *The Rotarian*.

Addressing the Rotary world, Harris concluded the short piece with wishes for the new year. As the 2010-11 Rotary year begins, consider his words:

I wish you all of the prosperity which your good deeds merit.

May all things you ought have be yours.

May your charities rank among your necessary expenditures.

May you not fall into the popular error of thinking that happiness is to be found in outdoing your neighbors.

May it always be yours to look beneath the veneer of life to the solid substance which lies beneath.

May you be builders, not mere climbers.

May you be able to appraise life's blessings at their real worth.

May you be free to act in accordance with the dictates of your own conscience and good judgment.

May you not be slaves to meaningless customs, social or otherwise.

May you shun the groove followers.

May you have vision to discern the right and health, strength and will to do it.

That is to say, I wish you a happy New Year.

For more information:

- Read the [full article](#) in *The Rotarian* on Google Books.
- See [Rotary History and Archives](#).
- Learn more about the founder of Rotary in "[The Life and Times of Paul Harris](#)."
- See the [Rotary Global History Fellowship](#) website.

Nigeria progress against polio

by Loredana Di Cecco



Nigeria making impressive progress against polio

By Arnold R. Grahl

Rotary International News -- 28 July 2010

A child receives oral polio vaccine in Kano, Nigeria *Prashant*

Panjiar/Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

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, cochair 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, are 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."

For more information:

- [Learn more about Rotary's work to eradicate polio.](#)
- [See a timeline of the history of polio and Rotary's role in the eradication effort.](#)

[Visit the Gates Foundation blog.](#)