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Future Speakers

Sep 29 2010

BOARD OF DIRECTOR

"MEETING AT NOON (Denny's)"

Oct 15 2010

GOVERNOR JANE LITTLE

"District Governor visit"

Nov 19 2010

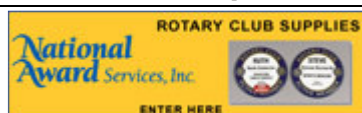
Christiana Flessner

"Wheelchair Foundation Canada"

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President corner 0903

by *Vittorio Montemezzani*

Regular meeting 09/03/10

President's comments, notes and announcements.

The meeting began with what it looked like an urgent request for help from our friend Rob Juettner, apparently robbed and in despair somewhere in London. Many of us have received the same email. Of course it turned out to be the most recent scam by email.

NO Fine button!

After few bids and counter offers Mary Belinger was able to get her September No-Fine button for \$35.

First \$100 draw: Larry Parker was the first name selected from all the active members to receive the first \$100 which will be donated in his name into the PHF. The "empty your pocket" jar went around as usual beginning the second collection.

Speakers: Gwen Lee from ARC was our guest speaker. Members were actually able to see on pictures the furniture ARC purchased with the money received (or soon to be received) from our Distribution award to ARC (\$10,000)

Gateway Weekly Moving activity: As usual I was looking for a volunteer willing to carry around our flag, banners and so for, during the month.. We went so far as being able to schedule future movers. September is for Ken M., October for Ron F., November will be carried by our PE Matt and our VP Jim will be in charge of December's moving activities.

Words of caution: The next 2 meetings (while I am out of town) will be under the tender care of our wonderful Vice President Jim.

Club Members Happy moments

by *Vittorio Montemezzani*

MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPY MOMENTS .

Ron was extremely happy about Alaska craftsmen because his boat, which was under repair, was given back to him way before the scheduled completion day.

Victor was happy knowing that finally the Vice President will have something to do during the next 2 weeks.

Jim was happy thanks to a convoluted story involving Larry. The bottom line is that Jim has received as "a gift"(?) TWENTY cases of toilet paper. Apparently some of the fine paper has his face printed on!!!! We would like to see same example, before making any comment.

BEST WISHES TO OUR MEMBERS :

Birthday & Anniversary Report

Date Range : September 4 to
September 10

Sort By: [Member Name](#) | [Date](#)

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

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

Club Anniversaries

Member Name	Induction Date / Number of Years (Effective the day of induction this year)
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No member(s) have club
anniversaries within this range.

Polio Out of Africa

by *Vittorio Montemezzani*

Kick Polio Out of Africa campaign comes to a close

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Rotary International News -- 24 June 2010

Football signed by Desmond Tutu receives a rousing welcome at Rotary International Convention in Montreal

MONTREAL/CAPE TOWN (June 24, 2010) - Rotary's promise to kick polio out of Africa and the world took center stage as a football signed by Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu and

dignitaries from more than 20 African nations received a rousing welcome at the humanitarian organization's annual convention, which was held in Montreal, June 20-23.

"Polio eradication is not optional - it is an obligation," said Marie-Èrène Richmond-Ahoua, Rotary's National PolioPlus Committee Chair and Outreach Advisor at United Nations Operation in Ivory Coast, as she presented the ball on stage to thunderous applause to RI President John Kenny. "We must commit to overcoming the remaining obstacles and free Africa, Southeast Asia, and the world from this crippling disease, which ruins the lives of children. As an African woman and mother, I will not tolerate it."

The arrival of the football culminates Rotary's Kick Polio Out of Africa Campaign -- a four-month, Pan-African public awareness drive tapping the continent's excitement over the 2010 World Cup and mobilizing the public for massive immunization rounds this spring targeting more than 100 million African children under the age of five. The ball passed through 23 polio-affected countries en route to Montréal. The Kick-Out finale event was held in Alexandria, on June 12. Egyptian National footballer Islam El-Shater kicked the ball toward the Mediterranean Sea - symbolically kicking polio out of the continent.

A virtual version of the ball (www.kickpoliooutofafrica.org) was launched in May and has gathered nearly 10,000 online signatures thus far. After the 2010 World Cup, the signatures will be formally presented to the other spearheading partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative: the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"While most of the world is polio-free, it still threatens children in parts of Africa, Asia and the Middle East," said Rotary International President John Kenny. "Kick Polio Out of Africa shows the tremendous resolve of the global community to come together to fight this disease. Rotary and its partners are committed to kicking polio out of Africa-and indeed-out of existence forever."

When former President Nelson Mandela launched the Kick Polio out of Africa campaign originally in 1996, almost all countries in Africa were still suffering from polio. Today, polio eradication sits at a critical juncture. Across Africa, 10 of the 15 previously polio-free countries re-infected in 2009 have successfully stopped their outbreaks. Nowhere is progress more evident than in Nigeria -- the last remaining polio endemic country on the continent - where case numbers have plummeted by 99 percent, from 312 cases at this time last year, to three cases in 2010.

In his keynote address at the Rotary Convention on June 22, Bruce Aylward, director of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative at the World Health Organization (WHO), encouraged the thousands of Rotary members in attendance to share the "terrific news" that polio is

on the run, and that Rotary's vision of a polio-free world is within sight.

"The stakes are now much higher, because in the past 12 months you have proved, without a doubt, that polio can be eradicated. The world has also learned the full consequences of failure," said Aylward, referring to a current polio outbreak in Tajikistan which is now showing signs of stopping.

Rotary's Kick Polio Out of Africa campaign organizer June Webber echoed Aylward's message in Cape Town. "During the last 12 months, the world has witnessed what Africa can do when they get determined to do so. Football is a team sport - a unifying global force, much like the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) which has so many players."

The polio eradication initiative is facing a US \$1.3 billion funding shortfall over the next three years, according to WHO. Calling for support from donor countries, footballers, and fans from the 32 countries represented at the 2010 FIFA Cup, Webber said, "We need your help to raise awareness and the much needed funds to finish the job. This World Cup is not just about the game. This World Cup presents a strong image of a united Africa to the world - and the profound power of the African *Ubuntu* spirit."

On February 23, when the Kick Polio Out of Africa campaign was launched, the V & A Waterfront in Cape Town and the Pyramid of Khafre, the second largest of the ancient Egyptian pyramids of Giza, provided a dramatic backdrop for an equally dramatic message: **End Polio Now**. This week, those words - *En Finir Avec la Polio* (in French) - were projected onto the exterior of Bonsecours Market in Old Montréal to celebrate the ball's arrival and re-affirm Rotary's determination to end this crippling childhood disease once and for all.

Beginning in 1985, when polio paralyzed more than 350,000 children in 125 countries every year, eradication has been Rotary's top philanthropic goal. Since then, polio cases have been slashed by 99 percent worldwide, with fewer than 1,700 cases in 2009. Just four countries remain polio-endemic: Nigeria, Afghanistan, India, and Pakistan. However, other nations remain at risk for infections "imported" from the endemic countries.

As the volunteer arm and top private sector contributor in the polio eradication initiative, Rotary has contributed more than \$900 million and countless volunteer hours to immunize more than two billion children in 122 countries.

To see the football's journey, go to

<http://kickpoliooutofafrica.wordpress.com> .

To sign and kick the virtual ball, go to www.kickpoliooutofafrica.org .

For video and still photos, go to:

www.thenewsmarket.com/rotaryinternational

