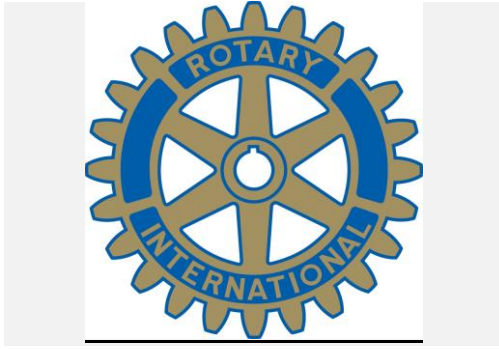


**BELLEVUE PAPILLION ROTARY CLUB NEWSLETTER**  
**July 2017**



Meetings: Mondays at Noon  
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**JULY SPEAKERS**

**July 10: Charles Adams, The  
Rotary Foundation**  
**July 17: TBD**  
**July 24: Bellevue Convention  
Center Update**  
**July 31: Shaun Benjamin, Gallup**

**GREETER**

*July*

Greeter.....Charles Adams

**FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**

**Rotary and the Bill &  
Melinda Gates  
Foundation announce  
\$450 million  
commitment to end  
polio**

**ATLANTA, Ga. (June 12, 2017)** –  
Today in Atlanta Rotary President  
John Germ and Bill Gates, co-chair  
of the Bill & Melinda Gates  
Foundation, announced a  
commitment of up to \$450 million  
to support the eradication of polio.

To an audience of nearly 33,900  
Rotary members attending the  
humanitarian organization's annual  
convention, Rotary and the Bill &  
Melinda Gates Foundation renewed  
their longstanding support for  
ending polio – a paralyzing, life-  
altering scourge on the verge of  
becoming the second human  
disease ever to be eliminated.  
Rotary committed to raise \$50  
million per year over the next three  
years, with every dollar to be  
matched with two additional  
dollars from the Gates Foundation.  
This expanded agreement will  
translate into \$450 million for polio  
eradication activities, including

immunization and surveillance over the next three years. This critical funding helps ensure countries around the world remain polio-free and that polio is ended in the remaining three endemic countries: Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan.

Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and RI President John Germ announce new pledges toward the polio eradication effort at the Rotary Convention in Atlanta.

“In 2016, fewer children were paralyzed by polio than ever before, thanks to the dedication of Rotary members and our partners,” said Germ. “The paralysis of even one child by a preventable disease is unacceptable, and I'm proud to see our members redoubling their commitment to ensure we reach every single child with the polio vaccine.”

In a partnership spanning a decade, Rotary and the Gates Foundation, along with the other **Global Polio Eradication Initiative** (GPEI) partners, have led the effort to end polio worldwide. This funding extension reaffirms a commitment established at the 2013 Rotary Convention in Lisbon, Portugal, when the Gates Foundation pledged to match Rotary contributions two-to-one, up to \$35 million per year through 2018. Rotary, including matching funds from the Gates Foundation, has donated more than \$1.6 billion to polio eradication.

“The vision of eradicating polio began with Rotary, and its support of that effort has been unwavering for more than 35 years,” said Gates. “Rotary’s commitment to raise \$150 million over the next three years to end polio forever is a testament to the compassion, generosity, and kindness of more than a million Rotarians around the world.”

Today’s announcement comes on the heels of the news that world governments and other donors have pledged to contribute US\$1.2 billion total to the GPEI for polio eradication efforts. The government funding—also announced today at the Rotary Convention—will substantially help to close the US\$1.5 billion funding gap, allowing partners to immunize 450 million children every year and support rigorous disease surveillance in both endemic and at-risk polio-free countries. While the government funding announced today makes considerable headway in the fight to end polio, continued support from donors remains vital to achieve a polio-free world.

The global eradication of polio has been Rotary’s top priority since 1985. Through the Global Polio Eradication Initiative – a public-private partnership that includes Rotary, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization, and UNICEF – the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases

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a year at the start of the initiative to just 37 cases in 2016.

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**THE FOUR WAY TEST**—of the things we think, say, or do:  
Is it the **TRUTH**?  
Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?  
Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?  
Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Silvester Schiele



### AREA MEETINGS

#### Monday:

**Omaha Millard**, Noon @ German American Society

**Omaha North**, Noon @ Eppley Airfield Conference Center

#### Tuesday:

**Omaha Morning**, 7:00 am @ Happy Hollow Country Club

**Northwest**, Noon @ Champions Run

**Southwest Omaha Rotary Night Club**, 5:15pm @ Millard Plaza Ballroom

#### Wednesday:

**Council Bluffs Centennial**, 7:00am at HyVee

**Downtown**, Noon @ Field Club

**Plattsmouth**, Noon @ Plattsmouth State Bank

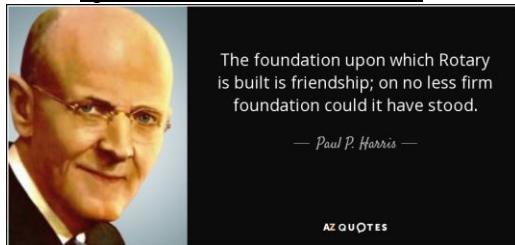
#### Thursday:

**Suburban**, Noon @ Anthonys

#### Friday:

**Omaha West**, Noon @ Champions Run

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH



### ROTARY TRIVIA

*(Answer in next month's newsletter)*

1. How many people attended the first Rotary meeting on Thursday evening, February 23, 1905?

### ROTARY TRIVIA ANSWERS FROM LAST MONTH

1. Who was the first president of Rotary?