





#### **ROTARY FOUNDATION** MONTH THE



#### WHERE WE ARE

North America and the Caribbean 359,667

**Central and South** America 95.997

Europe 310,916 South and **Southeast Asia** (including India) 197.390

Africa and **Southwest Asia** 36,445

**North Asia** (including Japan and Korea 147,886

Australia, **Philippines, and Pacific Realm** 61,190

# **FOCUSING AND INCREASING HUMANITARIAN**

We are increasing sustainable service to communities locally and globally, focused on programs and activities that support youth and

**Rotary grants boost our** capacity to serve communities worldwide through expanded support for our six areas

**HOW FUNDS FLOW INTO** 







District Governor Scott Dudley with Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair, Kalyan Banerjee .

#### **District Governor's Message**

# **November is Foundation Month!**

Since November is Rotary Foundation Month in Rotary, I wanted to just remind you that our District is here to assist. What I mean by that is we have 57 Rotary Clubs in our District but those that wear different hats at the District level do so to help our Rotary Clubs with whatever it is they need help with.

This month, since it is Foundation Month, it gives us an opportunity to learn more about our Rotary Foundation as well as how we can utilize it better as a Rotary Club and also learn how we can contribute more to such a great foundation.

If you have not done so recently, I am going to encourage you to see what others say about the Rotary Foundation. One of the things we do not do much of is "toot our own horn" and we have a lot to "toot" about

#### Monday, October 24 is World Polio Day



Governor Scott interviews a polio survivor

when it comes to our Rotary Foundation. Take a look at what those at Charity Navigator say about the Rotary Foundation and I think you will be impressed. See for yourself at:

#### https://www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm? bay=search.summary&orgid=4553

I am also going to encourage you to join us at our District's Foundation Dinner on Saturday, November 12th in Mount Vernon, WA.

Not only will this be a very special evening but we will be hearing more about our Rotary Foundation from those who work for our Rotary Foundation but we will also be hearing from Dr. Ananda Bandyopadhyay who spearheads the Polio Eradication efforts at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. You will be impressed and moved by his comments as well as his passion for eradicating Polio. If you have not registered for this phenomenal event yet, you will not want to miss this one, so register now at:

#### https://www.crsadmin.com/EventPortal/Registrations/PublicFill/ EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=3323071e-3004-41fc-ac6a-06f11dc23e96

Since our Rotary Foundation does so much good in the World, if your Rotary Club has not had a program lately on the Rotary Foundation, I would urge you to reach out to your Assistant Governor and see if you could find out not only all of the great things the Rotary Foundation is doing but how you and I can assist the Rotary Foundation by contributing to such a great cause.

I recently had an opportunity to sit down with our District's Foundation Chair, Past District Governor, Jane Helten and she had quite a bit to say on what we can do this month. See what she had to say by clicking on the following link:

https://vimeo.com/189136724

#### Thank you for all that you do for Rotary, and...



Every year we celebrate Thanksgiving but everyday we could and should be thankful for all that we take for granted. There are so many in this World who would love to trade places with us and as Rotarians, we continue to try to improve the lives of other throughout the World. This Thanksgiving be especially thankful for the opportunities you and I have to serve others through Rotary. Meanwhile, I will thank you for all that you do in Rotary!







#### Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Looking back at the momentous 1917 Rotary -Convention in Atlanta, it is difficult to see what could have been -contentious about the words of then-President Arch C. Klumph: "It seems -eminently proper that we should accept endowments for the -purpose of doing good in the world." Yet, at the time, support for the idea was far from unanimous. Some thought an -endowment fund would create more trouble than it was worth. But Klumph's idea received the support it most needed in the form of an -initial donation of \$26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri.

**Message from** 

**John Germ** 

Revolution

**President** 

**Rotary International** 

**Arch Klumph's** 

Nearly 100 years later, we recognise Klumph's idea as not only visionary, but revolutionary: It set in place the mechanism that allowed Rotary to become the vast force for "doing good in the world" that it is today.

In many ways, our Rotary Foundation is the foundation of Rotary as we know it. It has created a mechanism for -cooperation and partnership among clubs and between Rotary and other organisations; it has enabled us to be ever more ambitious in our work and to reach for goals of historic proportions, such as the eradication of polio. It is impossible to quantify the good that has been done over the last century as a result of The Rotary Foundation. All we can know for sure is that Arch Klumph, if he could see it, would be proud.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our international convention in Atlanta: the city where our Foundation was born. I hope a record number of Rotarians will be there to celebrate the centennial of our Foundation. In the meantime, there are plenty of other ways to celebrate! I encourage you to read more about the Foundation centennial at centennial.rotary.org. There, you'll learn about the history of our Foundation and find ideas for events and projects in your clubs and your community.

One of the most important ways we are celebrating the -Foundation centennial is with a fundraising goal of \$300 million. Your gift to your Foundation is the best way of ensuring a strong second century for Rotarians Doing Good in the World and for Rotary Serving Humanity.

John F Germ President, Rotary International



Rotary

## Germ declares Owori President Nominee

On 1 October, RI President John F. Germ declared Samuel F. Owori Rotary International's president-nominee.

The Nominating Committee for President selected Owori, a member of the

#### **World Polio Day Live Videos**



World PolioDay discussion with Rotary International President John Germ, Rotary Polio Plus Director Carol Pandak, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Unicef Polio. Learn about the progress made so far, what we have left to do, and how you can help.



Chatting live with TIME Editor Jeffrey Kluger and A Plus on the history and myths about polio eradication.



As the world works to eradicate polio, we're here with Dennis Ogbe to hear how he overcame the disease and why he thinks it's vital we end it once and for all



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# THE **PEACE ARCH JOURNAL**

The Monthly Newsletter of District 5050 VOLUME 30 | ISSUE 05 | NOVEMBER 2016

# **Scott Dudley District Governor**

This monthly publication is a service to district club officers and members. It is intended as a source of news and opinion from throughout the district and beyond.

The mission of the Peace Arch Journal is to promote communication, understanding, fellowship and fun beyond club meetings, in a manner complementary to shared efforts at placing Service Above Self.

Please send news, articles and photographs to: editor.paj@gmail.com by the 25th day of the month for possible inclusion in the next issue.

Long articles may be truncated and all articles submitted may be edited before publication. Not all articles and photos submitted will be published.

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# November is **Rotary Foundation** Month

It takes only one Rotarian to change the world. And when that person is Arch Klumph, his idea in itself was to become a sure success.

Little did the Rotarians in 1917 knew that this one idea and an initial contribution of \$26.50 set in motion a powerful force for good that has transformed millions of lives around the globe.

Needless to say, this one idea and one contribution set pace to more contributions to come in the future - our progress toward raising \$3 billion for doing good in the world.

The mission of The Rotary Foundation - to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. paved the way for a rich history of doing good in the world.

The Foundation also leads the charge on worldwide Rotary campaigns such as eradicating polio and promoting peace.

Rotarians and friends of Rotary support the Foundation's work through voluntary contributions.

As much as the Foundation is proud of its achievements and status in the world, the Rotary International itself is proud of the membership of this organization. More than the number of its membership, Rotary International can boast itself of its quality membership - who are neighbors, community leaders, and global citizens uniting for the common good ... and continue to accomplish even more.

Rotarians do not dwell on the laurels of its accomplishments, and believe that success breeds success. One mission completed gives us the impetus to continue to do good in the

#### THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



<u> 1917 - 2017</u> 100 years of doing good

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#### **NOVEMBER 2016**

# **Celebrate Rotary Foundation Month**

Back in 1956, the Rotary International Board of Directors designated a week in November -urging all clubs "to devote a programme to The Rotary Foundation." In 1982, the Board determined that the entire month of November should be dedicated to the Foundation.

Since then our Foundation has grown and flourished in ways that few Rotarians could have imagined. In 1985, Rotary took on its first corporate project — a bold campaign to -immunise the world's children against polio and create a polio-free world.

Our humanitarian programmes grew so rapidly that the -Foundation could not process the volume of requests for grants efficiently. That led to the creation of a new grant model that supports global grants with greater and long-lasting impact and district grants which fund smallscale, short-term -activities. And we fulfilled Rotarians' long-held dream for a "peace -university" with the launch of the Rotary Peace Centres.

Rotarian financial support has skyrocketed as well. In 1982–83, contributions barely totaled \$19 million. Compare that with 2015–16, when the figure jumped to \$265.6 million.

This November, we'll celebrate not just Foundation Month, but also The Rotary Foundation's centennial. The Rotary -website offers many creative ideas for honouring this very -special occasion, but there are three activities that I especially recommend.

The first is to hold an event for the entire community that spotlights the Foundation's 100 years of Doing Good in the World. Second, plan and sponsor a project that addresses a -critical problem. It could be done from locally raised funds, or you might seek a global grant. There are so many options to choose from — from providing clean water, to ensuring basic education for girls in every part of the world, to tackling malaria or HIV/AIDS or any number of preventable diseases.

The third activity I recommend is for every Rotarian to make a centennial donation. Let's never forget that The Rotary Foundation belongs to all of us. You and I provide the funding for just about every bit of good that our Foundation is doing in the world — and has been doing for an entire century. Let's make sure we continue that tradition for the next 100 years.

Kalyan Banazie

Kalyan Banerjee Foundation Trustee Chair

Rotary has contributed **more than ~\$1.4 billion** to polio eradication since taking on the disease in 1979.

That amount got a significant boost earlier this week (prior to the World Polio Day on October 24) after **Rotary announced** 

it will provide an additional \$44.7 million toward the polio fight.





Over the 100 years of The Rotary Foundation, we have contributed more than \$3 billion to programs and projects, transforming millions of lives across the globe.





**Rotary Foundation Canada** Funding Model as applied to a small project where the district has allocated DDF on a 1 to 2 ratio.

\$10.000

A> Rotary Club Cash

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THE	BUTT	ERFLY	EFFECT

#### **Rotary Foundation Canada** Funding Model for a **larger project** where the district has allocated DDF at a 1 to 1 ratio.

	Total Available for the Project	\$65,000		
an	E> World Fund (100% of B)	\$10,000		
ion to	D> World Fund (50% of A + C)	\$15,000		
	C> GOC Funds (100% of A + B)	\$20,000		
d to	B> DDF (100% of A)	\$10,000		
	A> Rotary Club Cash	\$10,000		

B> DDF (50% of A) \$5.000 **Small actions can lead** C> GOC Funds (100% of A + **BIG RESULTS** \$15.000 B) See how even a small donati \$7.500 D> World Fund (50% of C) **The Rotary Foundation ca** \$5,000 E> World Fund (100% of B) change the world. **Total Available for the Project** \$42,500 AN EXAMPLE With a simple donation Your donation is matched by other donations, and a grant from The **Rotary Foundation** Villagers use the grant money to build a well. Bakers use water from the well to Local artisans use water to make and Kids no longer have to walk long make bread and open a food stand. sell pottery. distances to fetch water and can They grow up to be doctors, teachers, The pottery business employs more The food stand feeds the community people who can then take care of and leaders

Donate now to change the world

# **THE ROTARY FOUNDATION KNOWS HOW TO ... IN MORE THAN ONE WAY!**

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THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



YEARS OF DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD

# **History of the Rotary Foundation**

# 1917

Rotary President Arch Klumph proposes an endowment of doing good.

# 1928

The Rotary Foundation is formally named as such at the 1928 Rotary Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA and a Board of Trustees created.

# 1930

The Foundation awards \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children

# 1936

The first Institute for International Understanding illuminates global issues.

# 1947

Rotary members contribute #1.3 million in Paul Harris' memory.

Foundation creates first program: Scholarships for graduate study.

# 1957

Paul Harris Fellow recognition begins

# 1963

Marched District program is established.

# 1965

Matching Grants program is launched.

# 1978

Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) grants expand service efforts.

# 1979

Rotary begins immunizing 6 million children in the Philippines against polio.

# 1980

Rotary commits to "eliminate polio through immunization".

# 1981

The Foundation establishes the Endowment Fund.

# 1985

The PolioPlus program is launched.

# 1988

The multiyear Polio Plus campaign raises almost \$247 million.

Spurred by Rotary's success, the World Health Assembly launches the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

The Foundation holds Rotary Peace Forums

# 1995

The PolioPlus Partners program is created to support National Immunization Days.

# 1999

The Rotary Peace Centers are founded.

1999

Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) initiative is created.

Arch Klumph Society recognizes those who contribute \$250,000 or more

# 2007

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation issues \$100 million challenge

# 2009

Rotary and USAID launch the International H2O Collaboration

# 2013

Simplified grant model goes into effect. The model introduces two new grant types, global and district, and phase out 3-H, Matching and District Simplified grants; Ambassadorial Scholarships; and the Group Study Exchange Program.

# 2015

Number of polio-endemic countries drops to two.

Through decades of commitment and ceaseless work by Rotary and our partners, polio cases worldwide are down 99.9 percent since GPEI was launched in 1988.

# 2016

The Foundation's centennial year begins on 1 July. The celebration start the Rotary Convention in Korea. Rotarians make plans to share Rotary's achievements with their communities.

# 2017

Rotarians register now to join the centennial party at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, and help Rotary kick off the Foundation's next 100 years.

There's been an amazing organisation that's been behind this .... It was due to Rotary that the campaign was started.

Bill Gates on Eradicating Pa

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#### **ERADICATING POLIO**

A young mother waits outside a polio



vaccination clinic in Kassala Sudan for life saving drops for her child. The Polio eradication campaign in Sudan is supported by The Rotary Foundation's PolioPlus program, Rotary's partners and the generous support of Canadian Rotarians. *Photo by Chris Offer* 

#### **FIGHTING HUNGER**



Providing food and milk to orphanages and hospitals in Romania.

In one year Rotarians brought education and literacy training to 56 countries and taught 19,000 children, so that now they can grow become leaders and thrive.

They won't give up ... And neither will Rotary

# What does The Rotary Foundation do?

#### **REDUCING POVERTY**



Basket weaving in Uganda



Mat making using coconut fibre in Sri Lanka



A living wage, health insurance, and child care through training in embroidery in India

#### **EMPOWERING PEOPLE**



Rotary empowers educators to inspire more children and adults to learn.

#### **PROVIDING HEALTH CARE**



Health Clinic for all ages. In Kakau Daji, Nigeria

#### **TRAINING FUTURE LEADERS**



Peace studies and conflict resolution is high priority.

#### SAVING MOTHERS AND CHILDREN



A health care provider at the Children's Cardiac Center in Kiev, Ukraine,

#### **FIGHTING DISEASES**



Rotarian Florence Marc-Charles triages a patient at a clinic in Nan Semma, La Gonave, Haiti.



# **THE ROTARY FOUNDATION COMMITTEES**

#### **TRF CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

This committee develops a plan for celebrating the 100th anniversary of The Rotary Foundation through 2016-17 at the club, district, and international levels.

#### **TRF CENTENNIAL HISTORY BOOK**

This committee develops a plan for preparing and publishing a history of the first century of The Rotary Foundation.

#### **FUND DEVELOPMENT**

This committee guides and advises the Trustees on all aspects of fundraising. Members fundraise and financially support The Rotary Foundation.

#### **INVESTMENT**

This committee recommends investment policies and guidelines, including asset allocations and spending policies, to the Trustees. Members review and monitor investment results, and determine the hiring and termination of investment managers and consultants.

#### **PROGRAMS**

This committee guides and evaluates The Rotary Foundation's programs.

#### **ROTARY PEACE CENTERS**

This committee selects the Rotary Peace Fellows and serves as a liaison with the Rotary Peace Centers.

#### **ROTARY PEACE CENTERS MAJOR GIFTS** INITIATIVE

This committee leads and coordinates efforts to raise \$125 million to endow the Rotary Peace Centers.

#### **ROTARY PEACE CENTERS HOST AREA COORDINATORS**

This committee serves as the primary contact between host Rotarians, Rotary Peace Fellows, and the Rotary Peace Centers. It also works with the Foundation to promote Rotary Peace Centers activities.

WATER AND SANITATION IN SCHOOLS

#### WATER AND SANITATION MAJOR GIFTS INITIATIVE

This committee provides leadership and coordination of efforts to raise \$25 million over three to five years for the water and sanitation area of focus.

#### **TRF CADRE OF TECHNICAL ADVISERS**

This committee helps ensure proper stewardship of Foundation grant awards, provides technical expertise in the grantmaking process and provides assistance to Rotarians who are planning and implementing projects.

#### **INTERNATIONAL POLIOPLUS**

This committee directs all regional and international PolioPlus committees, coordinates all PolioPlus elements, and develops policies and strategies to achieve polio eradication.

#### **POLIOPLUS HISTORY REVIEW**

This committee oversees the writing of the history of the PolioPlus program and provides assistance to the author regarding historical facts and accuracy.

#### **AFRICAN REGIONAL POLIOPLUS**

This committee advises the Trustees and the International PolioPlus Committee in prioritizing and proposing activities related to Rotary's participation in the polio eradication programs in the region, and coordinates activities of national PolioPlus committees in their regions.

#### EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN REGIONAL **POLIOPLUS**

This committee advises the Trustees and the International PolioPlus Committee in prioritizing and proposing activities related to Rotary's participation in the polio eradication programs in the region, and coordinates activities of national PolioPlus committees in their regions.

#### **NATIONAL POLIOPLUS**

This committee assists The Rotary Foundation in achieving its objective to eradicate polio in the committee's country in accordance with the Trustees' established policies and goals.

**Click for Chairs by country** 

#### AFGHANISTAN NATIONAL POLIOPLUS

This committee assists The Rotary Foundation in achieving its objective to eradicate polio in Afghanistan in accordance with the Trustees' established policies and goals.

#### **PAKISTAN NATIONAL POLIOPLUS**

This committee assists The Rotary Foundation in achieving its objective to eradicate polio in Pakistan in accordance with the Trustees' established policies and goals.

#### **POLIO ERADICATION ADVOCACY TASK** FORCE

This committee leads and coordinates Rotary's efforts to inform national governments and other funding sources of the urgency and need for, and the benefits of, investing the funds required to eradicate polio.

#### POLIO ERADICATION ADVOCACY TASK **FORCE – USA**

This committee leads and coordinates Rotary's efforts to inform the U.S. government and other funding sources of the urgency and need

for, and benefits of, investing the funds required to eradicate polio. POLIOPLUS NATIONAL ADVOCACY **ADVISERS** 

This committee advises and assists the Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force.

**Click for Chairs by country** 

# **STARTS TODAY**











# District 5050 Public Image Boot Camp #2 **ClubRunner**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, FERNDALE, WA



# The ClubRunner Phobia is Eradicated

Thanks to our District Public Image and Communications chair the ClubRunner Phobia will never be heard of. Participants at the Public Image Bood Camp #2 on ClubRunner left the Silver Reef Casino, equipped with added tools to face the ClubRunner - heads on!

#### When Sean puts on his glasses, he means business!



# **District 5050 Assistant Governors' Training**





The Assistant Governors of District 5050 braved the weather to travel to Silver Reef Casino Hotel to attend their training on Saturday, October, 2016.

#### The meeting focussed on Membership... Membership... Membership....





The white marking on the floor is not the flip charts of the training session... it is the design of the carpet.

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The Rotary Club of Everett honored Everett students Forrest McCarthy of Sequoia High School and Ben Seaberg of Everett High as Rotary Students of the Month, on Oct. 18.

# **Everett Rotary Honors McCarthy and Seaberg as Students of the Month**

Walt Greenwood | Rotary Club of Everett | 19 October, 2016

The Rotary Club of Everett on October 18 honored Everett students Forrest McCarthy of Sequoia High School and Ben Seaberg of Everett High as Rotary Students of the Month.

Each month the club recognizes outstanding area high school students for their accomplishments and their promise.

McCarthy plans to study computer science and seek work in video game design. Seaberg is taking six advanced placement courses, engages in volunteer work and plans to seek a degree in biochemistry.

In May 2016 the Rotary Club of Everett provided \$180,300 in scholarships to students from the Everett area. In September the club kicked off its Centennial Year celebrations by committing \$100,000 in grants and other support for college-bound students in the Everett School District's AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program.



### NORTH DELTA ROTARY Children's Halloween Parade

On October 31, the North Delta Rotary club partnered with the Scottsdale Centre for the annual Children's Halloween Parade.

Hundreds of children in costumes descended on the mall to collect treats with donations going to the North Delta Community Policing Office.

# THE ROTARY FAMILY BEYOND YOUR CLUB

Rotary is made up of more than just our clubs. Service can start at any age, so we offer programs for teenagers and young adults who want to discover new cultures, develop leadership skills, and give back. We also provide opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds who want to help in their communities. Through clubs like yours, Rotarians organize and sponsor all of the following.

**INTERACT** is a leadership program sponsored by Rotary clubs for anyone ages 12-18. With more than 12,300 Interact clubs in 133 countries, Rotary is inspiring the next generation of socially responsible and globally conscious leaders.

**ROTARACT** is organized by Rotary clubs to promote leadership, professional development, and service among adults ages 18-30. With more than 8,000 clubs in 167 countries, Rotaract members are helping to lead change in communities around the globe.

**ROTARY COMMUNITY CORPS (RCCs)** 

are groups of non-Rotarians who work with Rotary to improve their communities through a variety of service projects. There are more than 6,800 RCCs in 78 countries, all organized and sponsored by Rotary clubs.

**ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE** offers students ages 15-19 the chance to travel abroad for cultural exchanges. More than 8,000 students participate in this immersive program every year. Through these experiences, which last from a week to a full academic year, students learn about new cultures, gain an appreciation for diverse perspectives, and foster global understanding.

**ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS** (**RYLA**) is Rotary's leadership training program for teens and young adults that emphasizes social responsibility, global citizenship, and personal development.

**ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIPS** offer students the opportunity to earn advanced degrees or professional certificates from universities that host Rotary Peace Centers. Rotary Peace Fellows focus on international studies and conflict resolution so they can advance their careers as promoters of peace.



# **Donates \$13,600 to local charities**

The San Juan Island Rotary Club recently presented checks to the recipients of proceeds from their annual Concurs d'Elegance held on August 28th at the San Juan Vineyard.

Mariluz Villa of Hospice and Jennifer Armstrong of Family Resource Center each received \$6300. Hospice will direct the funds to 2 of their programs: Medical Equipment Lending and Music & Memory program. Family Resource Center will continue providing valuable resources for island individuals and families.

The Rotary Club will donate \$1,000 to PolioPlus Fund of Rotary



International, dedicated to achieving a polio-free world in our lifetimes.

Pictured left to right: Mariluz Villa of Hospice, Jennifer Armstrong of Family Resource Center, Scott Dudley Rotary District 5050 Governor,



Chris Curtin of Car Club, Rotarians Steve Bowman and Thomas Sandstrom. *P h o t o* credit: Carla Wright

#### PORT COQUITLAM CENTENNIAL

# New member

inducted

On Thursday, October 13th, District Governor Scott inducted Norman Waunch to Rotary. Norman has been an associate member under the corporate membership and chose to accept full membership of the Club.

Make it





# SEMIAHMOO (WHITE ROCK) ROTARY ROUNDUP: A new cost-free charity

#### by Brenda Gibson

Have you ever heard of a fundraiser that raises funds without asking people for money?

If you were able to make a meaningful financial impact in your community without it costing you a cent, would you do it?

The five Semiahmoo Peninsula Rotary clubs have joined forces with Save-On Foods to make this a simple, yet effective reality.

Here's how it works: You purchase a Save-On gift card from the Rotary club and then use it to do your grocery shopping at Save-On Foods.

#### That's it!

It works because Save-On Foods has sold the cards to the club at an eight per cent discount, and the difference is donated to Sources Food Bank in South Surrey.

Even better... the Block family is matching all monies raised for one year, resulting in 16 per cent of the value of every food card sold going to the food bank.

This is an incredible opportunity for you to help, and it won't cost you a thing!

But hang on – why would the Block family do this?

In John Block's own words:

My father had been an avid supporter of the food bank for many years.

*His family came to B.C. in 1936, when he was 10. His parents had been homesteaders in the Prairies.* 

They came to B.C. looking for a better life for their six children. These were difficult times, as it was for many families in the 30s. At the age of 13, Dad had to leave home to find work to help support the family. He understood homelessness, hunger and loneliness.

As long as I can remember, Dad had a sensitive spirit for those in need; he always supported the local food bank.

Dad passed away in October of last year. I had a very special relationship with Dad – he was my mentor and my best friend.

As a tribute to Dad, our family made the decision to match monies raised for the food bank for one year beginning June 30, 2016.

As a result, 16 per cent of the value of every food card sold until June 30, 2017 will go to the food bank. All funds will be used to purchase food for people in need.

To date, the clubs have sold \$120,000 worth of cards, meaning \$19,200 for the food bank.

The clubs and the Block family hope to sell at least \$500,000 worth, resulting in \$80,000 to the food bank.

Please support this cause.

This fundraiser will have a major impact on the lives of many people that are struggling *in the community*.

Cards are available in denominations of \$25, \$50, \$100 and \$200 and make wonderful gifts. To purchase, contact John Block or Ozzy Crompton at raisingfundsforfood@gmail.com



#### PORT MOODY Rain, Hail or Storm the show must go on



Nine <u>VERY</u> brave Rotarians come out in the rain today to clean up Heritage Mtn. Blvd. Dedicated to do the job we said we would do, rain or shine.

Cleone and her 'gang of 3' young people also braved the weather and picked up 5 bags of trash along with some boards and planter boxes ... also a 'quarter' !

The event was so enjoyable that they are going to do it again on November 12. Brian will lead the "march"!

#### PORT COQUITLAM Teaming up with Tri-cities Rotaract for Thanksgiving



Here is our great team of Rotaractors and Rotarians, who served thanksgiving lunch to around 100 people, who would have otherwise gone without a reason to celebrate the day.

Our club have been providing this meal since its inception in 2005 and the Rotaractors from Tri-City Rotaract Club also gladly joins us ever since their inception.

The Rotaractors did all the cooking - budding chefs in the Tri-cities.

#### SURREY Paul Harris Fellowship Awarded to Marco Pasqua

At our Inclusive Employer Awards Night Sept 29th. we presented the MC Marco Pasqua with a Paul Harris Fellowship.

He is a great role model to persons with disabilities showing that they have many abilities and can be included.



President Lakhjit Sarang is pictured presenting the Paul Harris Fellow to Marco Pasqua.

#### **PORT MOODY**

#### **36** years Perfect Attendance



Dan Gallant joined Rotary in 1980 and has been in an incredible journey ever since. Dan's passion is the Rotary World Help, where he devotes more time, over an above attending meetings.

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flanked by her team that made it happen!

Port Moody got three awards,

# Best Park, Best Place to Walk the Dog and Best Festival – RibFest.

Port Moody's Mayor Honourable Mike Clay asked Ian to get Rotary members to come to the City Hall to give them the award.

RibFest was up against the Teddy Bear Picnic, Golden Spike Days and Coquitlam Fireworks so there is no doubt that RibFest is way above them all. Everyday people come up and say they were at RibFest and it was so much fun. The fact that 32 Rotary members can mobilize 500 volunteers really shows what Rotary is about. We can't do that as a City.

Patty Klassen, President of Rotary Club of Port Moody noted, that the Council is very smart in supporting RibFest. Port Moody has something special... not an "us and them attitude" but a "together we can do it attitude".





### Let's hear about our Outbound Students



#### COURTNEY HOOKS

is being hosted by the Rotary Club of Catania, Italy

"This past month has been a rollercoaster! When I first arrived I met a lot of people and I couldn't remember any of their names, the language was hard, and I feel asleep in school almost every day. Now as it's been 1 ½ month later I can understand a lot of what is said to me. If someone talks directly to me I usually understand all of it! In school, I finally remember everyone's names and I've been hanging out with my classmates outside of school. I also worked with my school and they let me create a schedule of the classes that I needed this vear!

I just recently got back from Rome and it was AMAZING! I was freaking out half the time because it's crazy to see the stuff I've learned about in my history book be right in front of me in real life. I went to Rome with my Host sister, Anita, and my host aunt (she is a Rotarian), Anna. My host sister and I have a lot of fun together and we are starting to become really good friends. I spend most of my time with another rotary youth exchange student from Canada named Julia. She lives just a 12-minute walk away so we see each other every day.

#### AVIANNA CLEMPSON She is hosted in Tarija, Bolivia

She is hosted in Talija, Bolivia

(a wonderfully expressive report home is attached)

"I just want to express how thankful I am to be here in Bolivia on exchange. My eyes have been and continue to be opened daily by the realization that the world is so much bigger than Canada... I am in love with everything about Bolivia... my family, friends, the food, the houses, the landscapes, my school... EVERYTHING. Thank you for making this experience possible for me.

I am keeping a Blog about my year here in Tarija Bolivia, I would love it if the link could be shared with any Rotarian who wishes to see photos and get more information about my year". The link is: aviannainbolivia.blogspot.ca





#### SAVANNAH ZULLO of the Anacortes/Fidalgo Club

"The support of everybody here has been amazing. I was welcomed in to a new home, school, and culture. I recently had a friend from back home commit suicide, and everybody here, from the students and teachers to my host parents, have been very understanding and supportive of me."



#### Dear Jason,

You have no idea how excited I was to receive your email... One: because I am very excited to have you for a councillor and two: because I have so much to tell you.

I cannot even begin to express how happy, thankful and grateful I am to here in Tarija Bolivia. The amount of incredible adventures I have already experienced in my first three months of living in Tarija, Bolivia could fill a novel :) But I will try my best to share a summary from these past 7 weeks.

Before I arrived in Tarija I was very blessed to stay two days and a night with a Rotary family in Santa Cruz, before continuing to my final destination in Tarija. The Cadario family opened their home and family to me. I have Mama and Papa (Federico and Denice) as well as my host siblings (Ferdy, Carolina and Tatiana). All three of my host siblings went on exchange, and they were wonderful for me to be with for my first 48 hours in Bolivia. To talk to about how I was feeling, to ask questions about Spanish and the culture, just to be with them and know that everything I was feeling and taking in was normal. Tatianna and I became really close off the bat and since August we have talked on Whatsapp and I had the opportunity to stay with them for another 2 days and night about a week ago when I attended the Orchid Festival in Santa Cruz. They have been so kind and are truly family to me now.

When I arrived in Tarija I was met my womderful counsellor Jamie and his wife Teresa, as well as my beautiful INCREDIBLE family (The Aguirres). Mama and Papa (Claudia and Jose), Coky (22), Nicholas (17) and Arianna (10). It was love and family at first sight and within 10 mins of knowing them, of trying to speak Spanish and knowing how understanding and patient they were being (as they always are)... I knew I was in the right place and I felt at home.

The first few days where exhausting but also some of the best and most life changing days of my life. From being introduced to a new way of living and culture, to being shown the city, to

speaking in a new language, to meeting new people constantly ... It was mind blowing how quickly I realized the world was so (and is so) much bigger than I imagined. My first day of school was one of my favourite days so far because, despite my class having 38 students, when I walked through the door with my brother, everyone and I mean everyone came rushing over to meet me, welcome me, and invite me to go hangout later in the day and week. It was literally insane seeing how everyone is friends, and despite the groups, people still hang out with each other.

I have attended one rotary meeting and a rotary lunch since my arrival. My father is the president of my host club and it is my understanding that Rotary is only for adults. I attended one with the other two exchange students in Tarija. We sat outside the meeting and talked in Spanish because the adults where only allowed in.

Despite having lots of new friends, I still spend a lot of time with my family. Arianna is literally my best friend ... we dress up as twins some days, we share a seat on the bus, we dance and sing together and make music videos in Spanish and English, I am so thankful for her and all the time we share. My brothers Nico and Coky are also my best friends. Despite Nico being in Canada now that hasn't stopped us from Facetiming and Texting, we ask each other questions about homework and laugh about the drama going on in our home countries. I can always count on Coky for a good laugh, his English is perfect so it has been helpful when I needed to know a sentence in Spanish. I bake cookies with mama and I talk about school and rotary with papa. We go on many family outings and I love our Saturday market excursions (where we buy all of our groceries from local vendors). I am very sad about having to change families in January. In fact my family doesnt want me to change either ... But my friends dad, is pushing for a change... But we will see when January comes. I am just thankful to be here, but I honestly will have a really difficult time switching families in January.

As for friends, I have two exchange students here in Tarija, Brandon and Parviz. They are both wonderful, but I wouldn't say we are all super close because we are all trying to speak only in Spanish, so even though we hang out, we still all have lots of other friends. I am trying my best to be friends with everyone, moving every few days at lunch with a new group. But I still have my really close friends I hang out with after school and on weekends. The people here are so warm and welcoming, it has been so easy to make friends and for that I am SO thankful.

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#### Dressed with GrATITUDE

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participated in my schools annual Festival de Danza (Dance Festival), this year it was "La Salle en el Mundo" (La Salle in the WORLD). I learnt a traditional Bolivia dance called the CUMBIA. I had the life changing opportunity to dance in front of 3,000 people with my fellow classmates. It was one of the most exciting and beautiful experiences of my life. I

am currently auditioning for my schools choir, and am very hopeful to be accepted. I have been going for runs and working out at the gym to help my mental and physical health stay relaxed and happy. I found out 4 weeks ago that one of my best friends here Nicolas Merino, is a guitarist and singer and we have been rocking out with our friends for 3 weeks now. Tomorrow we are actually performing for our school in a festival. I am really excited.

I have gone on one trip with all the exchange students in Bolivia thus far, the Orchid Festival in Concepcion, Santa Cruz. It was an amazing experience and one I will never forget. All 29 of us piled in two micro buses and travelled 6 hours out of Santa Cruz into the wilds of Bolivia. Concepcion is one of many small towns in what Bolivians call Chigitania. It is an attraction for many Bolivians and some lucky tourists, the festival only happens once a year and it is very sacred for the indigenous people and Bolivian culture. We visited one of the first catholic churches built in Bolivia (San Francisco Arce Inglesia) which is Catholic, but is very scared because the Catholics whom built it compromised with the indigenous people of Chiqitania. It is built and painted with wood and flowers and inside fresh flowers are kept everywhere to remind the people of the first people. Museums, Muy Rico (Very Delicious) Bolivian Food and lots of amazing memories with my fellow exchange students.

School is also going well. The first two weeks where pretty difficult because I didn't understand much at all. But as the weeks have gone on I have begun to understand what my teachers are talking about and have even been able to answer some questions. I gave a 10 min speech only in Spanish in Religion class and my whole class understood me. I attend private Spanish classes twice a week for one hour and am so thankful for how far I have come already. From not being able to say many words to being able to have a good conversation and give a speech that I wrote... Its been an amazing growth experience.

In a nutshell that has been my past three months. I am enjoying every moment of this experience and hope that I am being the best ambassador I can for my country. I am so thankful for this year and for everything my clubs back home have done and are doing for me to make this year the best experience.

Thank you for everything Jason,

I hope this finds you well and I look forward to talking soon.

Avianna

Rotary

# Meet our inbound Rotary Youth Exchange Students





We had orientation in Canada- spent the day wandering Vancouver taking the skytrain in the city, then the Aquabus around false creek to Grandville Island, then across again to downtown.

#### Left to Right

Nicolas Aguirre-Bolivia, Alberto Sobrero-Italy, Leo Marano-Italy, Charlotte Goller-Germany, Oliver Lauritsen-Denmark Marie Seguret-France, Sol BiceAo Loyola-Peru, Hugo Coutant-France, Verena Heidecker-Austria

#### WhatsApp!

This is how teenagers meet each other!



We had a photo opportunity at the stairs of the Art Museum. As you can see it was a gorgeous fall afternoon!



The next day we participated in Rotary Club of Coquitlam Sunrise Amazing Race





# **Rotarian of the Month**

President Sara Lawson presents Andrea Lingren with September's Rotarian of the Month Award. Congratulations Andrea!



**ABBOTSFORD-SUMAS** 

# **Literacy Matters!**

On Sept 21, 2016 some of the members of Abbotsford-Sumas club participated in Literacy Matters Trivia contest at the Phoenix restaurant. We had 2 teams entered and one of our teams tied for 1st place! In the tiebreaker it was close but the other team came out on top. A great time was had by all while supporting the programs and initiatives

#### of Literacy Matters Abbotsford.

Check them out at this link: http:// literacymattersabbotsford.com



### ARLINGTON Enhancing Communitybased Entrepreneurship

Paul met Anthony through the America's Best Community competition.

Arlington is the second largest industrial base in Snohomish County, second to Boeing. 2.2 jobs per household. Many jobs start up but fail. There is an opportunity to help those businesses start up and be successful. There is a Rotary club in Maine that has adopted a mentor program for businesses.



Anthony came to WSU Extension from Mercy Corp – a non-profit, managing a micro-fund supporting underserved entrepreneurs.

#### HANEY

### **2016 Bursary Awards**

These incredibly accomplished individuals are our 2016 Bursary Recipients. They were celebrated on August 17th 2016 during our

meeting at the Meadow Gardens Golf Course.

Thank you to all of you for being the individuals you are and making an impact on



others and the community through your active volunteerism, academics and trades.

It was an evening that will be remembered! LAKE STEVENS

### **Being Neighborly**

Being Neighborly Lake Stevens and the Unity Project were the topics of last Friday's meeting provided by Terry Myer. The mission of Being Neighborly is to facilitate the empowerment of neighbors so that they can create the needed processes, opportunities and projects to satisfy their needs within the framework of our vision and core values. Being Neighborly has filed the paperwork to be a non-profit organization. The organization is currently waiting for approval. They have about 1,100 members in less than a year.

Their core values are integrity, empowerment, community, kindness, helpfulness, generosity and inclusiveness. They strive to make it easier to connect by offering to help each other, lending things, enjoying the interactions about shared interests using online chat rooms encouraging open conversations, playing games, featuring neighbors and exploring ideas to help make progress in their goals.

### LANGLEY Oktober Fiesta *for* Langley lodge

The club's Oktober Fiesta & Auction on October 15th raised \$7,500 for the Langley Care Foundation, operators of Langley



# I thought I'd never walk again



Nancy Wright Beasley, who wrote The Little Lion, sits on one of the motorcycles used in the stage adaptation of her book during rehearsal at Swift Creek Mill Theatre. *Photo by Clement Britt* 

### I thought I'd never walk again, but I did.

I thought I'd never talk about polio either, but I've regularly shared my childhood memories of the disease since joining the Rotary Club of Brandermill in 2005. I had been invited to speak about my first book, Izzy's Fire. That's where I first learned about PolioPlus, and decided — that day — to join Rotary International's fight to eradicate the disease. I often say that I'm the only speaker who gave a speech then never left.

I contracted polio in the summer of 1952, in the middle of one of the worst epidemics in U.S. history.

Some 60,000 people nationwide were infected, killing 3,000 and paralyzing 21,000 others. My brother still remembers the summer day when he found me, the youngest of four children, unconscious under a snowball bush just beside our farm house in Christiansburg, Virginia.

A spinal tap at Roanoke's Memorial and Crippled Children's Hospital confirmed a diagnosis of polio. At 6, I had never spent a night away from my family, but I was isolated in a sterile room, seen only by medical personnel swathed in gowns and masks. I cried with joy the first time a nurse wheeled me into the sunroom where my mother placed her hand on a glass partition opposite mine. A prisoner of polio —I talked to her by telephone.

When I was released months later, my parents were told I'd never walk again. Mama refused to accept that. She chopped wood to heat the water she lugged uphill from the springhouse, lowering me into a steaming tub and exercising my body beyond exhaustion.

I'm fairly sure a home health nurse demonstrated the exercises, trying to stave off muscular atrophy in my legs. For months, Mama followed this routine twice a day, while acting as my substitute teacher; caring for my siblings, my father and grandfather; and helping with farm chores. With tears in his eyes, Daddy used to tell how Mama was so worried about me that he found her one day sitting on the bucket beside a cow and milking onto the stool.

Her hard work paid off — I eventually began to walk again, and though I had missed most of second grade except the last two months, I passed with flying colors.

#### My brother still remembers the summer day when he found me, the youngest of four children, unconscious under a snowball bush just beside our farm house in Christiansburg, Virginia.

I gleaned two important lessons from that experience: I never take walking for granted, and I approach difficult tasks as challenges to be overcome. When my third book, *The Little Lion*, was adapted for the stage by playwright Irene Ziegler, the world premiere was held at Swift Creek Mill Theatre in South Chesterfield, Virginia, in January. I approached Tom Width, director of the Mill, as well as the play's artistic director, and he agreed to assist in a fundraiser for PolioPlus. Brandermill Rotarians joined with me to "Fill the Mill for PolioPlus" on 20 February 2016. Students, friends and Rotarians purchased tickets, some coming from as far away as New Jersey to help support the project, raising \$4,512 for PolioPlus.

DeJa View, a Richmond, Virginia, club whose members are polio survivors, was one of the welcoming audiences. The vast majority of members are physically compromised, and some have been stricken with post-polio syndrome. That didn't' dampen their spirits, and one member managed to sell 13 tickets for the show. Several sent donations, even though they couldn't attend.

They, and the many individuals who helped, have inspired me to help carry RI's task to the finish line. After all, "We're this close."

Beasley is available to speak to Rotary Clubs about her experience with polio and the books that she has written. She donates a portion of proceeds from her books to PolioPlus. She can be reached at <u>nancy@nancywrightbeasley.com</u>



Nancy Wright Beasley with her favorite Muppet, Miss Piggy, spreading the word about polio eradication.





**ROTARY SERVICE** 

# Strengthening clubs through local

# **Partnerships**

By Quentin Wodon, Author of the Rotarian Economist Blog, President of the Rotary Club of Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., and Lead Economist at the World Bank

Most Rotarians are professionals with deep skills in their area of expertise, yet many club service projects do not make systematic use of their members' expertise. We see exceptions when Rotarians who are passionate and knowledgeable about a particular topic implement global grants. But in terms of the service work, my impression is that the great initiatives we undertake are limited in impact simply because they may not be truly strategic or may not make full use of Rotarians' areas of expertise.

One solution to increase the impact of our service work is the concept of Pro Bono Rotarian Teams. On 1 July, my club launched partnerships with a half dozen local nonprofits in our community as part of a pro bono initiative. These partnerships bring four benefits: better service opportunities for members and greater impact in the community; more visibility for our partners and our club; attracting new members; and strengthening teams. Let me briefly explain these four benefits in case they may inspire other clubs to adopt a similar model:

# Better service opportunities and larger impact

Rotarians in our club, as elsewhere, are professionals and/or business leaders. We are building on these skills by organizing pro bono strategic advising with small teams of 4-5 individuals (both Rotarians and non-Rotarians) that support local nonprofits in solving issues they face. This makes our club more interesting for our members in terms of the service opportunities we provide, and it also increases the impact that we have in the community because our engagement becomes more strategic.

More visibility for our partners and our club: Higher visibility is achieved in several ways. First, we are sharing our work on social media using the main community blog, The Hill is Home. We publish posts not directly about our club, but about the great work of our nonprofit partners and the fact that we are working with them. We also started writing short articles about our partner nonprofits in the main monthly community magazine.

#### **New members**

Our club has been losing members for several years, but since 1 July, we increased our membership by 50% from 18 to 27. Our pro bono initiative and our partnerships with local nonprofits is helping us recruit new members.

#### **Stronger service teams**

Our pro bono teams work for a period of three months with local nonprofits, and they include both Rotarians and non-Rotarians. We hope that some of the non-Rotarians working with the pro bono teams will become Rotarians, but this is not the main goal of combining members and others in our teams. The main goal is to build strong teams and benefit from the expertise of friends and colleagues who are ready to help, but may not be interested in Rotary. Think of this as our own model for a Rotary Community Corps, whereby we all work together to support and strengthen great local nonprofits.

About the author:

Quentin Wodon is a lead economist at the World Bank.



He holds PhDs in economics and in theology and religious studies, and has taught at universities in Europe and the U.S.

He is a member of the Rotary Club of Capitol Hill, in Washington, D.C., and is involved in several innovative global grants.

He is also author of the <u>Rotarian</u> <u>Economist</u> blog.



Shannon Rodeffer (center), of Snohomish, and other students learn from master tortellini makers in the Italian province where tortellini was created. The agricultural entrepreneurship course was one of several study abroad experiences for Rodeffer while she completed an agriculture and society degree at lowa State University.

# Agricultural Science student studies abroad

**Shannon Rodeffer**, of Snohomish, was awarded another Dean's Study Abroad Leadership Scholars Scholarship from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Iowa State University.

The former state dairy ambassador studied abroad several times while completing her degree at Iowa, with stints in the Netherlands, Scotland, New Zealand, Rome, Taiwan, northern Italy and Russia. The majority of the programs focused on local agricultural systems.

Shannon Rodeffer graduated over the summer with a degree in agriculture and society. She is completing a master's degree in food and agriculture law and policy at Vermont Law School. She hopes to work in agricultural policy with the USDA or a private firm. "I think it's important to make progress and to do it in a conscious and thoughtful manner," she said.

Shannon lived on a dairy farm until she was 7. She graduated from Snohomish High School in 2011.



Shannon Rodeffer, of Snohomish, visits a dairy farm near Cremona, Italy, that makes cheese and has a thriving farm store. The former state dairy ambassador studied abroad several times while completing an agriculture and society degree at Iowa State University.

(Photos from Herald Net)







Rotary members in Virginia, USA, deliver mobility equipment for a local hospital.

# 7 features of a highly effective service project

By Richard Cunningham, Rotary Club of James River, Richmond, Virginia, USA

We cannot expect to grow membership without engaging our members in service. RI President John Germ has stated this unequivocally and our club is taking that to heart.

Selecting the right project, therefore, is critical to the health of your club. Here's a few basic principles we've found to be true about service projects:

- Sweat equity is the single most vital aspect of our mission and one of our greatest strengths.
- Club leaders are responsible for both success and failure.
- Engaged Rotarians take responsibility for their own learning.
- Technology is important.
- Members should expect to serve.
- We need to recognize the volunteer resource represented by retirees, the selfemployed, and non-working parents with time to spare.
- One-off walk-away projects do little to cultivate longer term engagement with Rotary.
- Hands-on projects provide opportunities for members to develop their leadership skills.
- Fund raisers are an important part of what we do, but there is much more to being engaged in Rotary.
- Rotary is more than being a member of a single club.
- Our Rotary Foundation is one of the finest vehicles for giving in the world.

- Club 501(C)(3) s are important to capture individual tax free donations in the USA. Setting one up is not expensive, and within the ability of club leaders.
- Rotaract, Interact, RYLA, and Rotary Leadership Institutes are important to our present and future.
- Most of us learn by doing.
- We need to watch out for the threat of status quo and board inertia.
- We need to say "yes" to good projects promoted by one or more of our members.
- Our ability to serve is proportional to the number of available volunteer hours.

With this in mind, we suggest any great project should have these seven attributes:

- 1. Involve several of the six Areas of Focus. Our most recent project dealing with eye care for underprivileged children relates to basic education and literacy; maternal and child health, and disease prevention.
- 2. Be interesting to as many professions as possible. For example, our latest project is of particular interest to medical professionals, educators, and community and political leaders
- 3. Benefit as many people in the community as possible. The bigger the better, as larger efforts will attract more media interest. By collaborating, you can engage small clubs in bigger issues.
- 4. Be affordable and grant eligible and pursue international partners. Collaborating with other clubs on district or global grants opens up opportunities for members to step into leadership roles and experience Rotary on an international scale.
- 5. Involve multiple age groups, including Interact, Rotaract, RYLA participa nts, and all generations from Baby Boomers on.
- Address a major community issue and include a public image component that will stimulate local media interest and build relationships with media outlets.
- Involve a long range vision for sustainability and focus on long-term relationships. A series of related projects is a great way to develop ongoing relationships and retain membership interest. Small projects grow into larger efforts this way.

Rotary Club of James River believe doing all these things develops a "Service Centered Leadership" culture which results in a sustained and sustainable membership growth environment.



# Service Centered Leadership

Traditional leadership models usually wield power from the top of the organizational hierarchy. Power flows down through the organization not unlike the typical command and control structure found in the military. In contrast, a servant-leader empowers others within the organization and puts the needs of others first as they help staff develop and achieve optimal performance.

Further still, service centered leadership goes beyond the servant-leadership model and drives the "in service of others" philosophy through the entire organization, even to the customers or citizens they serve. It is not about one great servant leader at the top, but an army of leaders and employees all committed to a service mentality to achieve great results down the line. Unlike other leadership styles, service centered leadership is not about being at the top of an organization; it's about affecting those around you and contributing to an overall culture of service.

Significantly, you don't need to be a public service organization to find success with this approach. All of our organizations are working to serve stakeholders that are important to us. Whether its customers, citizens, shareholders, students or clients, a passionate commitment to service is often the life-blood of any great organization.

The traditional models of leadership no longer apply. Today's leaders must make service of others the priority if they are to empower and engage employees and stakeholders in new ways that will achieve great outcomes. Today's employees require more of their leaders if they are to stay engaged and continue with the organization long term.

Today's customers and citizens require more from their leaders as they seek to connect with and hold leaders accountable in ways they never have before. Today's leaders must use their influence to serve others both inside and outside of their organization. Only then will we achieve true service centered leadership that results in great service for all of us.



# District 5050 supports young leaders of today and tomorrow!

Rotary District 5050 sponsored 8 young professionals to the Rotary Now! program being held in Winnipeg at the Zone Institute gathering of Rotary leaders from across the continent. Thanks to Governor Scott, Governor Elect Lindagene and our District's leadership team for having the



vision to support our young leaders of today and tomorrow!

Pictured from front, then left to right:

District Governor Scott Dudley, Andria McAulay, Brooke Mandin, DG Elect Lindagene Coyle, Janice Kunkun (North Delta

### ABBOTSFORD Observing World Polio Day

World Polio Day was observed a little early by a few Rotary Club of Abbotsford members and friends on Friday night. Craft beer and farm-fresh fare were sampled followed by a tour through Fieldhouse Brewing Co. The evening concluded with a polio and Rotary trivia contest and over \$500 being raised for Polioplus.



A great night for a great cause, indeed!



Rotary Cub), Past DG Sean Hogan, Anna Becker, Arman Shergill, Jason Jenkins, Michael Seaman and Michaela Carter.

# 100% Paul Harris Club

On Wednesday Oct. 12, 2016 Assistant District Governor Brad Whitaker came to our breakfast meeting to present the Rotary Foundation 100% Paul Harris



Some of the District Governors from the class of 2012-13 at the 2016 Winnipeg Zone Institute





# **Rotary Friendship Exchange**

We have an additional Friendship Exchange opportunity. District 3350 which encompasses central Thailand, Cambodia and Myanmar and District 5050 would like to have a friendship Exchange. The team from Thailand would come to District 5050 in April 2017 and our team would go to District 3350 in the winter of 2018. Dr. Gloria Tyler from the Mission Morning club and her husband Dr. Bill Tyler have been on dental missions to Thailand and have experienced the warm Thai hospitality and brought this opportunity to us.

The Thai team would be here from April 11- 25 (those dates may change by a few dates). We are looking for two host clubs in Canada and two host clubs in the US.

The team would be a maximum of 8 people - a possible combination of 4 couples or a mix of couples and individuals, but 8 people total.

On a Friendship Exchange members from one district come to another and are home hosted by Rotarians. In our district, we have 2 clubs on the Canadian and 2 clubs on the US side as hosts during the 2 week visit. Each club has the team for 3-4 nights max., usually only 3 nights. The club sets their agenda for the time they are hosting. We like to show off our Rotary projects, tour our guests around the area and most of all have time or fellowship to get to know each other.

The individual host families will have either 1 person or a couple, or more if they wish, and are responsible for housing and breakfast and getting them to and from activities unless other travel arrangements are made by the club.

Visiting team members pay their own expenses for meals, admission to attractions, etc. Sometimes clubs pay these cost, but club are NOT required to do so. Some clubs pay the cost of the meal when the team is at their club meeting, but that is not required.

We try to schedule the team with each club at a time of their weekly meeting so that the team can be their program. The team usually has as PowerPoint presentation. The visiting team would



**Thailand**, officially the **Kingdom of Thailand**, formerly known **Siam**, is a country at the centre of the Indochinese peninsula in Southeast Asia. With a total area of approximately 513,000 km<sup>2</sup> (198,000 sq mi), Thailand is the world's 51st-largest country. It is the 20th-mostpopulous country in the world, with around 66 million people. The capital and largest city is Bangkok.

Thailand is a constitutional monarchy and was a parliamentary democracy until the coup in May 2014 by theNational Council for Peace and Order. Its capital and most populous city is Bangkok. It is bordered to the north be your club program that day. You should allow at least 20 minutes for their presentation.

The club then transports the team to their next club and the last team takes the team to the airport for their return home. The first club picks up the team, along with our RFE team, at the airport and transports to their first club. In the case of the team coming from Thailand, I am presuming they may wish to spend a night or maybe two in a hotel to rest from the trip. We will know more about that later. They would be responsible for the hotel costs. If they do not wish to rest before their first club, then we will ask their first host club to pick them up and take them directly home and allow them to rest with NO ACTIVITIES until the next day.

After we have enough clubs to host, I will schedule a meeting and each club sends a representative who will be the contact for that club and will be the one (with help from other club members) to set up the hosts in their club and plan the agenda for your guests while with your club. We try to coordinate so that we do not overlap on tourist things or visits to local areas. Usually our Canadian hosts make sure that the visitors see Vancouver and Victoria and sometimes they even get to Whistler. Our US clubs make sure the visitors get to Seattle, maybe a baseball game and visit the Boeing museum and tour and usually a trip to the San Juan Islands.

Sometimes visiting teams may want to see businesses related to their vocations.

I encourage clubs that are hosting to invite other local clubs to their meeting to meet the visitors and see their presentation.

As soon as the Thai team has been chosen, we will receive an application and photo from each team member (sample application attached) to help in the planning process. I will send you a form for the club's planning host information at a later date.

#### Please advise Danielle Mullen

District 5050 Friendship Exchange Chair, 360-428-8953, Travelady2@comcast.net, if your club would like to host by November 9. Please provide Danielle with the name, e-mail and phone number of the contact person from your club (or two people) who will be the coordinator for your club and obtain the hosts and plan the agenda for the team's time with your club.

**Pat Bond** | District Governor Aide North Delta | H: 604-585-9988 | patbond@shaw.ca

byMyanmar and Laos, to the east by Laos and Cambodia, to the south by the Gulf of Thailand and Malaysia, and to the west by the Andaman Sea and the southern extremity of Myanmar. Its maritime boundaries include Vietnam in the Gulf of Thailand to the southeast, and Indonesia and India on the Andaman Sea to the southwest.

The Thai economy is the world's 20th largest by

nominal GDP and the 27th largest by GDP at PPP. It became anewly industrialised country and a major exporter in the 1990s. Manufacturing, agriculture, and tourism are leading sectors of the economy.

It is considered a middle power in the region and around the world.

Thai culture has been shaped by many influences, including Indian, Lao, Burmese, Cambodian, and Chinese.







# **FOUNDATION GIVING 2016-17**

	28-JUL-16	29-AUG-16	28-SEP-16	<b>29-0CT-16</b>
Annual Giving	\$ 14,468.32	\$ 45,626.43	\$ 56,622.76	\$ 95,294.46
PolioPlus	\$ 3,206.24	\$ 5,415.95	\$ 8,736.68	\$ 32,533.48
Endowment	\$ -	\$ 78.13	\$ 1,078.13	\$ 2,078.13
Other Funds	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 8,297.62	\$ 8,297.62	\$ 8,297.62
Total combined giving	\$ 23,924.56	\$ 59,418.13	\$ 74,735.19	\$ 138,203.69

#### Annual Giving Honor Roll for clubs over \$100 per capita:

1 La Conner	\$ 161.81
2 Abbotsford-Sumas	\$ 103.80
3 Stanwood/Camano Island	\$ 101.61
4 Lake Stevens	\$ 100.81

#### No clubs are over \$100 per capita for PolioPlus.

I expect the numbers to improve, after the GOLFUN contributions are recorded by RI.

During the 2016-2017, the Rotary Foundation will have its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I would like to see every club achieve \$100 per capita for Annual Giving, in honor of the Rotary Foundation's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. If your club needs help setting or recording goals, please contact myself or our District's Rotary Foundation team. We would be happy to help your club in any area related to Rotary Foundation giving.

If your club needs help with encouraging members to contribute to the Rotary Foundation, Foundation paperwork, speaking programs or if you have members that contribute \$1,000 or more to the Rotary Foundation and would like to be recognized as Paul Harris Society members, please feel free to contact me.

In particular, by giving to the Annual Fund, you are empowering Rotary to carry out successful global and local initiatives. Supporting the Annual Fund means a teacher will have books and supplies for first graders, an expectant mother will receive prenatal care, and communities will enjoy their newly-constructed well. The Annual Fund is considered un-restricted giving and can go wherever the need is greatest, with half of the contributions going toward the World Fund and the other half coming back to our District 5050, in three years, which can be used for some of your club's local projects, under our District's grant program.

So, if you contribute \$100 to the Annual Fund, all \$100 goes toward Rotary programs and projects. Although, the reason that we give is to make a difference in the world and locally, Rotary also likes to recognize clubs that contribute over \$100 per member and if every member contributes something toward the Rotary Foundation, especially clubs in which every member contributes \$100 or more. I am looking forward to seeing every club being recognized, for having had every member contribute something, to the Rotary Foundation, and receiving the new TRF banner in November. For 2015-2016 term, we had 35 out of 57 clubs over \$100 per capita, including 7 100% Sustaining Member clubs. One, of my goals, is to improve our District 5050's Annual Giving statistics and that more clubs in our District are recognized for their contributions. We are one of the best Rotary Districts in the world and I think that it is wonderful, when our clubs are recognized by RI.

We hope that you will join us for the D5050 Rotary Foundation Dinner on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at McIntyre Hall in Mount Vernon, WA. We will be recognizing clubs and individuals who have done a fantastic job of supporting our Rotary Foundation. Our goal is to raise \$15,000.00 that night. DG Scott Dudley is generously donating a painting and the tickets will be \$26.50 each, representing the initial donation of \$26.50 that started the Rotary Foundation.

D5050 is offering a special challenge for Rotarians who contribute \$100 or more to the Rotary Foundation. D5050 is offering up to 500 Foundation recognition points to Rotarians who contribute or pledge to contribute to the Rotary Foundation at the event. Rotarians need to contribute at least \$100 to receive the recognition points.

Thanks again for everything that you do for Rotary and our Rotary Foundation,

#### Steve Morach

D5050 Annual Giving | D5050 Paul Harris Society Stephen.morach@ampf.com



#### Steve,

As always you are the engine that makes this all happen.

Thank you and well done.

### **H. DEAN ROHRS**

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# **DISTRICT 5050 MEMBERSHIP AT A GLANCE**

	# Members	Change
July 2013	2,604	•
July 2014	2,635	
July 2015	2,565	•
July 2016	2,575	
Aug 2016	2,569	•
Sep 2016	2,584	
<b>OCT 2016</b>	2,575	$\bullet$

# Congratulations to the following clubs with a net increase in membership in September.

- Abbotsford-Sumas
- Arlington
- Burlington
- Cloverdale
- Coquitlam
- Everett
- La Conner
- Lake Stevens
- Langley Central
- North Delta
- Port Moody
- Skagit
- South Everett Mukilteo

Lindagene Coyle, DG Elect District 5050 604-220-6856 + lindacoyle5050@gmail.com

Rotary's worldwide membership is 1,222,465 as of 31 August 2016 This represents growth of 14,552 above the 1 July start figure.



# **TOP 10 FOR ATTENDANCE**

1.	<b>Everett-Port Gardner</b>	100.00%
2.	<b>Rotaract Surrey-Newton</b>	100.00%
3.	Surrey Guildford	93.44%
4.	Abbotsford Sumas	93.06%
5.	Langley Sunrise	89.00%
6.	Meadow Ridge	88.11%
7.	South Whidbey Island	81.16%
8.	Coquitlam	78.64%
9.	Port Moody	78.35%
10.	Chilliwack	78.00%

#### How Rotary spent the Membership Dues

Rotary International's operating expenses are funded principally by dues and supplemented by net investment returns.





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**SPECIAL MENTION** 



*"I hugged the wrong woman at the Rotary Zone Institute in Winnipeg."* 

- says PDG Sean Hogan

*"I saw her from behind and thought she was Jane F Helten. So I introduced them.* 



**•** Here are the comparisons from behind and in front. **•** 



The other woman's husband was very nice to meet also."

One of the ceremonies at the Zone Institute is the presentation of the Governor's-Elect by the District Governor.



Here

DG DeVere Scott Dudley escorts incoming DG Lindagene Coyle for her formal introduction ...

... and welcome by dignitairies including Rotary President John Germ and our own Director Dean Rohrs







MITTY CHANG Web Designer, Inspirational Speaker, and Non-profit Consultant, Oakland, CA

I had an amazing time this weekend sharing my Rotary story at the Rotary Zones 24 & 32 Institute in Winnipeg, Canada! Specials thanks to Jackie Hobal and Director Dean for the invitation to speak, and for all of the Rotarians who made me feel so welcomed, despite being over 3,000 km from home!

I'm also very grateful to have been part of Zones 24 & 32's first zone-wide young professionals summit called "Rotary Now!" So excited for what the young leaders of Zones 24 & 32 are going to do!

P.S. The Human Rights Museum in Winnipeg is epic! Would definitely recommend it to anyone who ever visits Winnipeg!



#### Rotary Youth Exchange Changing Lives

DIANE LOPEZ had a life changing and eye-opening experience during her Rotary Youth Exchange year.



**Rotary Scholarships** 

Without Rotary, I wouldn't be where I am today. I thank my scholarship and my Rotary Swiss Family for helping make me the global citizen I always dreamed I'd be." - Mikah Meyer.



Rotary Zone 24 & 32 Rotary Now Leaders Class of 2016



Rotary International President John Germ, middle, Mignon Visser and left Nicole Ternowesky, also of Vincent Massey High School, Brandon, MB.

#### **MIGNON VISSER**

Vincent Massey High School, Brandon, MB.

"I really enjoyed attending the youth component of the 2016 Rotary Zones 24 & 32 Institute in Winnipeg, Manitoba. I learned a lot, not only from the keynote speakers, but from my peers as well as Rotarians that I met over the course of the weekend.

They all taught me that no matter how small your impact, and even if you can only help one person, it's all worth it because you did SOMETHING.

I've taken this advice to heart and am now determined to get my parents involved and convince them to start a project with me, when I graduate from medical school, to provide medical relief to people who are not receiving any."



Rotary International President-Elect <u>Ian</u> <u>Riseley</u> and <u>Juliet Riseley</u> (herself a Past District Governor) from Australia are introduced to the Canadian toque.



PDG District 5050 Bill Robson with Rotary International President-Elect Ian Riseley and Lyn Stroshin.



"Top Brass" at the Round Table



# **Membership Matters**

# The Good that we do lives on...

#### By Michael Liddicoat, Rotary Club of Yakima, District 5060

As District Governor, Vern Nielsen has spent the last two years preparing to motivate and guide the 60 clubs in District 5060. The news of his cancer should have changed Vern's plans. After all, his is a particularly aggressive form of pancreatic cancer. The survival rate for this disease is about 20 percent within 12 months. Vern is in month five.

When Vern Nielsen stood in front of our Rotary club as District Governor and announced that he has pancreatic cancer and will probably not see the end of his term and then said he had an "ask," you expect this to be the mother of all asks. In Vern's case, he asked us to talk. No back-breaking projects, no huge fund raisers, no world unity events. Vern asked that we talk with our friends about what we do as Rotarians.

Vern believes that Rotarians don't talk enough about what we do. Rotary International partners with some of the largest organizations and non-profits in the world. Rotarians have raised millions of dollars to do the work we do. Tyrants and governors in war-torn countries have called ceasefires to allow Rotarians to bring aid to their people. Despite all this, Rotarians have been a dying breed for the last few decades. Each year there are fewer and fewer Rotarians in our communities. And Vern Nielsen believes that Rotarians don't talk enough about what Rotarians do.

All Rotary clubs meet once a week. Guests are always welcome but few come for more than one or two visits. There is a disconnect between the weekly gatherings and the work Rotarians do. It's difficult to describe how your Rotary club has impacted your community. We don't like to boast about the work we've done. When we build a bus stop for those that need shelter, we don't ask for a thank you. We know that it's being used and that's enough for us.

It's friends who often help us reach understanding. In the time leading up to Vern's role as District Governor and before his diagnosis, he went to many trainings and events. Before one of these a very good friend of his approached him and said, "So Vern, I hear you're going to be the grand pooh-bah of Rotary." This friend had watched Vern leave many evenings to volunteer, go to trainings, and fly out of the country all in the name of Rotary. This friend looked at Vern and said,



The most emotional and inspirational moment of the Rotary Zone Institute in Winnipeg was when Vern Nielsen took the stage. Vern was diagnosed in April with pancreatic cancer and told he may have only months to live. Vern is beating the odds and began serving as a Rotary District Governor in July. - PDG 5050 Sean Hogan

In the picture Vern's Governor classmates joining him on stage to support him and an article written about Vern by a Rotarian he inspired on a club visit.

"What is Rotary, anyway?" Vern was speechless. His friend didn't know about the most influential activity in Vern's life! The group that had demanded so much of Vern but provided him with innumerable opportunities to better his community and himself was a foreign word to this friend.

"I knew in that moment that we Rotarians need to tell others about the good we do. We need to be our own public relations. We need to speak up about what we do. Not so that others will join us, but so that others will know."

At the end of Vern's speech, we stood and applauded. I applauded for his insight into what we as Rotarians should do to help our communities. How it was our small contributions could change the world economy or improve the lives of others. I applauded for a man who openly admitted that in four days the drugs that would be coursing through his body would make him into a different man. A man weak and debilitated. A man unable to carry the burden his title brought with it. A tear came to my eye. Before me stood a Rotarian. A member of a small group of individuals who are striving to make the community better. For years I, too, have called myself a Rotarian. I wondered how many of my friends know what Rotary means to me.

Should I walk into the doctor's office tomorrow and be informed that I too had stage-4 pancreatic cancer, would I behave like Vern Nielson? The motto of "Service Above Self" is a very nice thing to hang on our meeting wall. Would I be able to live up to that motto if I faced Vern's choice? I don't know.

I do know that before me on that day stood a man who was happy. He has had a full life that is potentially being cut short by a terrible disease. What else would Vern have accomplished if he were given more time? That thought is not on Vern's mind. Doctors cannot tell him how many days he has left. The treatments he receives are meant to make them as numerous as possible. The time he is given by this treatment will be spent doing the thing that means the most to him. Vern will tell others he is a Rotarian. He is the man who built toilets in countries you haven't heard of so that little girls wouldn't be embarrassed by their periods and could continue to stay in school. He is the man who helps put jam on toast so students can have a meal before school starts. Vern Nielsen is a Rotarian. His personal motto is the same as every Rotarian,

Article from "Beyond Borders" the Newsletter of Zones 24 & 32/October 2016/page 11





What is Positive Peace? "We Need to Look Beyond the Causes of Conflict",

#### Says John Heiko, General Secretary of Rotary International and Rotary Foundation

One hundred years ago, much of Europe was embroiled in what was optimistically being hailed as "the war to end all wars." Except that it wasn't. Instead, "the Great War" created conditions for an equally deadly world conflict just 20 years later, with new and even more dangerous repercussions.

Since then, we've experienced what has been called "the long peace," marked by an overall reduction in violence. Intrastate and regional conflicts have fortunately not ignited a third global war. Our 60-year containment of war is progress, of course, but the level of conflict has begun to creep up again, creating a mounting death toll and a refugee crisis of unsustainable proportions.

Clearly, containment is not the best solution, given the soaring human, social, and economic costs. It's time for new approaches in our work for peace solutions based on crafting the conditions that contribute to a peaceful society, rather than simply focusing on the causes of war. The Global Peace Index offers us a valuable tool that can make our work to develop peace both more realistic and more enduring.

# Is it 'Peace Studies' or 'Conflict Studies?'

The concept of positive peace seems so simple, and yet it's actually quite revolutionary. For centuries, we have looked at peace as the absence of violence, without fully considering that other drivers are in play. Positive peace turns this definition on its head and lets us reframe the question. Instead of examining the causes of war, we can explore the attitudes, institutions and structures that build a more peaceful society, and work to create those conditions in vulnerable areas before conflict even occurs.

Working for peace has always been a top priority for Rotary—so much so that we had a seat at the table at the 1945 UN charter conference. In fact, more than 40 Rotarians were present at the UN conference in San Francisco. But most of our work for peace doesn't happen at conferences or in diplomatic circles. It happens through personal relationships that are developed over time and across national borders and disparate cultures.

#### Positive Peace is More Than the Absence of Violence

Our members have always been passionate advocates for international understanding. We created professional and student exchange programs that promoted international travel many years ago at a time when it was both costly and rare. In fact, Rotary sends 9,000 students every year on various exchanges. Our scholarship programs have sent graduate students to opposite sides of the globe to act as ambassadors of goodwill. Our international service projects depend on

### From John Heiko with Peace

Rotary members from two different countries, often with very different cultures, working together to improve the quality of life in the host country.

Today, Rotary is taking on some of the world's greatest development challenges —from reducing poverty, to providing clean water and educating and empowering millions of people. If you look at these efforts as the spokes of a wheel, with peace and conflict resolution as the hub, you get a picture of how Rotary is working to create the social and economic conditions that encourage peace.

Will this approach succeed? Well, that depends on one key aspect — sustainability.

To be sustainable, our solutions can't simply be stopgap measures, such as installing a hand pump without teaching the community how to fix it if it breaks. Instead, we're looking for strategic interventions that will provide training and maintenance plans to keep the water flowing for years to come. This requires detailed program monitoring, solid data collection, and field workers trained in the principles of Positive Peace.

Through sustainable solutions we can reduce the likelihood of conflicts to create a more peaceful world.

General Secretary John Heiko addressing peace advocates at One Rotary Centre to discuss pathways to peace.







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### From John Heiko with Health

# What can we achieve within our children's lifetime?

Earlier this year, the new <u>Chan Zuckerberg</u> <u>Initiative</u> (CZI) stated its ambition to "advance human potential and promote equality in areas such as health, education, scientific research and energy."

While some quibbled over the unconventional structure of a limited liability company, many (including the author) were encouraged by the creation of the CZI, knowing that it has the right elements of risk-taking, innovation and audacity to make a positive global impact.

This week, the optimists were vindicated, when Mark Zuckerberg and Dr. Priscilla Chan outlined the first specific project of their Initiative, to "cure, prevent or manage all diseases by the end of the century."

Chan and Zuckerberg stated three core goals toward which they will direct \$3 billion of investment over the next decade:

- Bring scientists and engineers together
- Build tools and technology
- Grow the movement to fund science

This emphasis on research and development is predicated on the belief that major scientific breakthroughs throughout history have been inspired by the creation of new tools that offer new perspectives, such as DNA sequencing, which is now changing the way we fight cancer and genetic disorders.

Much like the reaction to the initial CZI announcement, critics see the CZI as more of an ambitious "upstart" than a promising 'startup' with real potential for global human development. They say many other organizations, such as the National Institutes of Health (NIH) or the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), focus full-time on improving public health, and do so with a much larger budget (NIH spends 10x the CZI health budget every year) yet still see the dream of curing all diseases as just that—a distant dream.

This reminds me of the naysayers who laughed off Rotary's intention to rid the world of polio in 1985. They said that a nonprofit based in Evanston, Illinois could never have the expertise or staying power to make a serious impact on global health. Yet, today we're 99.9% of the way there, after spearheading the most successful public health partnership in history, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) with the help of the World Health Organization, the CDC, UNICEF, and the Gates Foundation.



So, is this precedent enough to counter those who doubt we can cure, manage or prevent all diseases by the end of the century? I think it is, for two reasons.

# THE ECONOMICS OF ERADICATION & THE VIRTUES OF BOLDNESS

First, judging new public health initiatives by comparing the amount of initial investment is the wrong way round. We should look at the amount we will save both in human lives and healthcare costs as a *result* of these investments. For example, we know that a polio-free world will reap financial savings and reduced healthcare costs of up to US\$50 billion through 2035. In fact, we've already saved \$27 billion since the GPEI's inception, and low-income countries account for 85% of the savings. Imagine the benefits of a world free of other devastating diseases, such as HIV or malaria.

Secondly, most transformative public health initiatives require an audacious vision to get off the ground, or beyond the boardroom. This was certainly the case with the GPEI, and I think the same applies to the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative. By stating a compelling vision for the future of disease prevention, the CZI will raise awareness and inspire others to take up the cause. As the economics of polio eradication prove, presenting the case for eradicating a disease often makes more economic sense than attempting to merely control it. To inspire long-term public engagement in the field of public health, it's better to be bold and present a transformative vision, than to understate what is possible.

# GLOBAL HEALTH REQUIRES GLOBAL COLLABORATION

However, ending diseases is more than the sum of innovation through scientific research. Once an effective cure for a disease is discovered (particularly a vaccine for an infectious disease) it needs to transcend the world of the laboratory, and reach communities across the globe, often in remote areas or conflict zones. This requires dedicated health professionals and volunteers who live and work in these communities; who toil day in, day out, to ensure all children are protected. Disease eradication is also a social, cultural and logistical challenge, and this is where the operational experience and reach of more established nonprofits will help.

So the framework for effective partnerships must be built into the CZI's global health plans as they take shape. Zuckerberg acknowledged this when he observed that partnerships are "more effective for the mission than trying to lead efforts ourselves."

The success of the polio eradication effort has taught us that initial doubts should not detract from the bold and inspiring entrance of a new player in the field of human development. We expected ambition from the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, and now it's coming to life.



#### The Chan Zuckerberg Initiative (CZI)

The Chan Zuckerberg Initiative (CZI) is a limited liability company founded by <u>Facebook</u> founder Mark Zuckerbergand Priscilla Chan with an investment of "up to \$1 billion in [Facebook] shares in each of the next three years". Its creation was announced on 1 December 2015, for the birth of their daughter, Maxima Chan Zuckerberg.

The aim of the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative is to "advance human potential and promote equality in areas such as health, education, scientific research and energy".



# New Englanders, Nigeria clubs aid Boko Haram refugees



#### By Marty Peak Helman, District 7780 Foundation Chair

#### Children in a refugee camp in eastern Nigeria.

The American University of Nigeria (AUN) was co-founded by Rotarian Felix Obadan in 2000, and 12 years later, when Felix was governor of Rotary's District 9125, which covers a large portion of Nigeria, he chartered the Rotary Club of Yola-AUN on campus. Their strong influence on campus makes it not surprising that many University professors and senior staff are Rotary members, and that the University prides itself on its work toward peace, entrepreneurship, and economic development as well as its strong academics.

The University's mission is to graduate students prepared to take on the challenges in Nigeria and throughout West Africa – challenges of climate change, development, and peace building. And peace is not an abstract concept at the university. After all, it is located in Yola, the capital of Adamawa State, in the region where Boko Haram is most powerful. In fact, those few dozen Chibok schoolgirls who escaped from being kidnapped by Boko Haram are now safely living at the University, where they are receiving social services and education.

Boko Haram has brought me to the American University of Nigeria as well. I am here as part of a team from Rotary's District 7780 in New England to meet with the two Rotary clubs in Yola, and to visit Rotary projects including a camp for internally displaced families in flight from Boko Haram. It is our intention to see what we can do in terms of a global grant to help them.

# Putting together a global grant will not be easy.

The needs of the people living at the camp are immediate, and it is hard to think in terms of long-term sustainability. Food, for example, is a continuing problem. The men are agricultural workers and are eager to get back to working the soil, but even if they could rent land near to the camp, it's hard for them to think ahead to next year's crop. One non-governmental organization gave the men seed for planting, we are told, but because their children are hungry, the seed was promptly cooked and eaten.

> The families at the camps – who are there because they have fled their villages for their lives – are living testimony of the need for us, their neighbors, to strive for peace.

Meanwhile, while they wait for political change, the women weave craft items to sell out of the plastic bags that litter the sides of the road, and the children – many of whom have been out of school for several years while their families have been on the run – attend a government school near the camp.

Still, I find myself very optimistic about being able to craft a global grant to help these families. After all, the Yola clubs know the camps intimately, and have both the contacts and the resources to understand what will work best. Our Districts – 9125 in Nigeria and 7780 in New England – have worked together for over a decade, with National Immunization Days, a Group Study Exchange, and both matching and global grants to our credit.

This is what Rotary is all about – developing relationships that span the globe and make possible long-

term humanitarian change. And the families at the camps –

who are there because they have fled their villages for their

# **ROTARY NEWS**

# **Sad, but true!** Nigeria Reclassified as Polio Endemic

Nigeria reported three cases of wild poliovirus in the north-eastern state of Borno in August of this year. Following the World Health Organization's confirmation of these cases, the country returned to the list of polio-endemic countries. The other polio-endemic countries are Afghanistan and Pakistan.

These are the first cases detected in the country since July 2014, and while this news is disappointing for all Rotary members, we are confident that Nigeria can defeat polio. Rotary provided \$500,000 to assist immediately with the outbreak response, and an emergency response plan has been put into action in coordination with our partners. Large-scale vaccination campaigns are ongoing across five countries in the Lake Chad basin to counter the outbreak.

Despite these new cases, there has been significant progress toward ending polio in Nigeria, the rest of the African continent, and globally.

As recently as 2012, Nigeria accounted for more than half of all polio cases in the world; however, thanks to quality vaccination campaigns and surveillance, as well as political commitment, the country has made significant progress. Furthermore, the new cases were detected due to ongoing efforts to strengthen surveillance, especially in insecure areas.

We have proven strategies to stop new outbreaks quickly, even in insecure regions or areas made vulnerable by conflict, such as South Sudan and Syria. These strategies will also overcome the outbreak in Nigeria.

Rotary is committed to the eradication of polio, and we will continue to support our members, particularly those in Nigeria who have worked so hard to help the country end polio. With your help, we can ensure that there is no remaining home for the virus.

Michael K. McGovern, International PolioPlus Chair 29-Sep-2016



# **MILES TO END POLIO**

# **Combining a passion for**



# cycling, service

By Robson Duarte, Rotary staff

For the past two years, I have been a part of a volunteer group called "<u>Atitude Certa</u>." Our



Robson Duarte and friends visit an orphanage as part of the volunteer group Atitude Certa.

mission is to visit orphanages and help with whatever we can, bringing joy and comfort to



Robson Duarte and bike in front of the São Paulo Cathedral.

children even if it's only on weekends. This is very gratifying, because we can see the joy stamped on the face of every child.

As a staff member in Rotary's International office in São Paulo, Brazil, I take pride in helping Rotary members turn their project ideas into reality. I am proud of each project developed by Rotary. This is more than a job for me, it's a mission and vision that is aligned with my own life values.

That is why I am also excited to be part of the Miles to End Polio team as we join Rotary members from Arizona and elsewhere in cycling up to 104 miles in El Tour de Tucson 19 November. I am a frequent cyclist, using my bicycle to get around the city and also to stay healthy. It is one of my hobbies, along with hiking and sports. Taking part in the team allows me to combine my passion for cycling with a desire to contribute in a new way to ending polio.

I am motivated by the fact that we are "this close." So many lives have been devastated by this disease. I feel Rotary is not just immunizing children, but bringing renewed hope for a better future, one in which no child has to fear being crippled by polio. There is no greater satisfaction in life than being a part of making the world a better place, and we are doing just that every time we administer precious drops of the polio vaccine, or when we raise the funds that allow others to administer those drops. As a member of the Miles to End Polio team, I look forward to working hard to train for the ride and raise funds and awareness for polio, creating memories with my teammates that I will treasure forever. Thank you for supporting our team.

Robson Duarte works at Rotary's Brazil office in São Paulo and is one of several Rotary staff members who will join General Secretary John Hewko in biking El Tour de Tucson in Arizona to raise money for polio eradication. Check back for posts from other team members leading up to the 19 November event and learn how you can <u>support the team</u>.

# Want to join the effort?



"A world without polio is within our grasp more than at any point in the past," said Tom Frieden, director of the CDC, during a video message to the audience.

"The poliovirus continues to lose ground. Next month we will mark two years since the last case of wild poliovirus type 3, giving every appearance of eradication, and leaving only type 1 in the world."

# District 5500 Ride to End Polio

Rotarians Cycling So Others May Walk





# **Skydivers raise thousands for Polio Eradication**



Preparing to skydive at the Tecumseh Skydive are<br/>thousands of dollars for Polio Eradication.Trenton Rotarians who raised<br/>Photo courtesy of Noel Jackson

The first time Noel Jackson jumped out of a plane at 14,000 feet, it had nothing to do with raising money for polio eradication.

The Michigan dentist had received a gift certificate to go skydiving from his staff because they knew he was into adventure.

"It is definitely a defining moment," says Jackson, a member of the Rotary Club of Trenton, Michigan, USA, of that first jump, done in tandem strapped to a professional skydiver. "The rush of the free fall is beyond anything I have ever experienced before. Just the speed and acceleration is unbelievable. You don't even have time to figure out if you are enjoying it or not -- it's just a sensation that happens."

But Jackson did enjoy the sensation. So much so that he agreed to do another jump, with Shiva Koushik, a Rotarian friend in nearby Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

The two men were waiting for this second jump when their wives came up with the idea of enlisting other jumpers and raising pledges for polio eradication.

So, in August 2014, a jump in the skies of

northeastern Michigan raised \$15,000 for Rotary's polio eradication campaign. Matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the effort contributed \$45,000 to the cause.

Since 1985, when Rotary committed to polio eradication, the organization has contributed more than \$1.5 billion and countless volunteer hours to immunize children against the disease. In that time, the number of polio cases has dropped 99.9 percent, and only three countries remain where the virus has never been stopped: Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. While World Polio Day, 24 October, serves as an important opportunity to remind the world of the need to finish the job, raising money and awareness is a year-round effort for many.

#### Late-night recruiting

Julie Caron, a member of the Rotary Club of Toronto Skyline, heard about plans for the Michigan fundraising skydive after being invited to speak at a leadership training event in Koushik's district.

"We were in one of those friendship rooms after the conference ... when Koushik began talking about the skydive," Caron says. "We all got really excited and

# **Polio Eradication**

#### signed up.

"I don't like to back out on things I say I'm going to do, even if it's the middle of the night," Caron says. So she began raising money and drove down to Michigan to do the jump.

She also took the idea back to her own club, whose members are mostly young professionals looking for fun things to do. This past July, 10 members from Toronto Skyline and surrounding Rotary clubs plunged earthward in their own tandem skydive, raising several thousand dollars for polio eradication.

Caron hopes to make it a yearly event.

"Polio eradication is definitely something I am passionate about," she says. "It's not a hard fundraiser to put together at all. You just call around and pick a place, and then you begin asking people if they would rather jump or pay up in pledges."

Jackson, who'd jumped out of the plane in his "Captain Rotary" outfit, says he personally raised \$4,700 for the Michigan skydive using Caron's approach.

"I would go up to people and tell them we were skydiving for polio and give them two options," says Jackson. "I would tell them I was paying \$180 out of my own pocket to jump, so if you are not going to jump, you have to pay \$180. Most people would say, 'OK, you got it.'"

#### Floating like a bird

Koushik and his wife are active in other ways to rid the world of polio. They have been on several trips with their Rotary district to immunize children in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India, and particularly enjoy showing off their native country, India, from which they emigrated to Canada about 30 years ago. They are planning to take part in another National Immunization Day in Pakistan next year.

Still, the skydive will hold a special place in Koushik's heart.

"This is one of the highlights of my polio eradication efforts," he says. "It's such a feeling of freedom. The first time out of the plane, you have very little idea what is happening; you are free-falling so fast. But once that parachute opens, you look around and say, 'Wow!' It's such a great feeling to be able to float like a bird."

### \$having Away the Eyebrow\$



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Si Burgher had some of the longest eyebrows in Indiana. They were so long that he had to brush them every day so that they did not obscure his vision or look like a wild hair do. They measured more than three inches in length. However, according to NBC News, the one thing that was even more important to him was the Bloomfield Rotary Club's campaign for the polio eradication. According to MSN.com, it started out as a light hearted joke in which his fellow club members said that people would probably pay to trim his eyebrows. After thinking about it, Burgher agreed, although at one point he admitted that he wanted to back out. However, he recalled the reason that he was doing this charity event in the first place and decided to stick with it.

Tickets for trimming Burgher's eyebrows started at \$ 100 for a swipe with the razor. The first person in line, according to NBC News, was his wife. With each eyebrow

taking eight swipes to finish it off, Burgher managed to raise \$ 1600 for the polio cure. His wife told reporters that she was delighted with the new look and that it made him look kind and handsome. Apparently, Burgher had never trimmed his eyebrows in his life. It was considered to be a wildly successful campaign, and the jokes continue about whether they can do it again the next





# ROTARY & SHELTERBOX ON THE GROUND IN HAITI

Even as parts of Haiti were still recovering from a catastrophic 2010 earthquake, Hurricane Matthew tore through the impoverished island country Tuesday, leaving hundreds dead and many more homeless.

The Category 4 storm has affected an estimated 330,000 people in Haiti, including 6,400 who have been moved to temporary shelters. Extensive damage to main bridges and other transportation networks have left some areas cut off and vulnerable. Torrential rains have resulted in flooding and landslides. And contaminated water supplies threaten to lead to a surge in cholera cases and other waterborne illnesses.

A ShelterBox response team of volunteers from Canada, England, New Zealand, and the United States is traveling to Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital, Friday to assess the damage and decide how best to help people left homeless. ShelterBox, an independent charity, is Rotary's project partner for disaster relief.

ShelterBox has limited supplies available in Haiti and is working with the Dutch navy to bring more from nearby storage sites. The charity is also exploring a partnership with ACTED, a French nongovernmental aid agency, which ShelterBox has worked with in the past.

With wind speeds reaching 155 miles per hour, Hurricane Matthew is considered the worst storm to make landfall in Haiti in more than 50 years.

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Learn how you can help at <u>ShelterBox</u>.

The <u>Disaster Network Assistance Rotarian Action</u> <u>Group</u> and Rotary District 7020 are collecting donations for Haiti relief.

Contact <u>relief@rotary.org</u> for information about how to contribute.

ROTARY NEWS | 07-OCT-2016 Miles to End Polio:

### **Ready for**



# the Challenge

By Courtney Drew, Rotary staff

When I first interviewed to work at Rotary International, I told my future manager I was looking for a place to dig my roots deep; to contribute to the bigger picture, and to feel like I was part of an extended family. That, so far, has exactly been my experience here at Rotary and I am incredibly grateful.

Taking part in El Tour de Tucson as a member of the Miles to End polio team will provide a new level of depth to my roots; and bolster my connection to the Rotary family.

I have been fortunate enough to play a support role at two International Conventions (2015 and 2016), and one International Assembly (2016). I have met several hundred Rotarians and Rotaractors, all of whom are committed to doing good within their communities and throughout the world. I love listening to their stories as they tell me how and why they've come to be a part of the Rotary family and why it's such a huge part of their lives. Their energy, their passion, their wisdom inspires me to do more, to work harder, to make a greater impact.

I also realize how privileged I am to be able to say I have no personal connection to polio. In a world that's full of a million things to worry about, I never have to think about contracting this debilitating disease. Wouldn't it be awesome if everyone in the world had that same luxury?

Now, through the El Tour de Tucson ride and the Miles to End Polio team, I have the opportunity to make an impact directly. And I'm ready for the challenge.

In a world that's full of a million things to worry about, I never have to think about contracting this debilitating disease. Wouldn't it be awesome if everyone in the world had that same luxury?

As a long-time athlete, I'm no stranger to training programs, distance cycling, or fundraising. I've trained for two marathons (and several half-marathons), and I've done the Ride for AIDS Chicago twice. I know that training will be exhausting, but also invigorating. Distance cycling will push my physical body and mental state, and I will learn and grow and become holistically stronger throughout the process.

Fundraising will be difficult. But it will also allow an opportunity for me to strengthen connections with friends, family, Rotaractors, and Rotarians throughout the world. I look forward to sharing experiences together with the Miles Team, and sharing stories with my network of family and friends through my favorite social media sites. I hope my energy, enthusiasm, and dedication will inspire others to commit to End Polio Now.

Courtney Drew is an analysis and preconventions specialist, focusing on Rotary's Youth Exchange program, and one of several Rotary staff members who will join General Secretary John Hewko in biking El Tour de Tucson in Arizona to raise money for polio eradication. Read posts from other team members leading up to the 19 November event and learn how you can support the team.





# How do you create stronger connections in your community?

#### By Michael Bucca, president of The Central Ocean Rotary Club of Toms River, New Jersey, USA.

Rotary clubs are always looking for ideas on how to increase membership and develop meaningful service projects. Sometimes, the answers lie outside our own club or organization.

Partnering with other local charities, or joining a service project already in progress, are excellent ways of furthering our mission of Service Above Self. Look around for organizations that share similar goals as Rotary. Invite someone from their group to come and speak to your club. In doing so, you develop an immediate contact that can be built into a deeper relationship.

The Central Ocean Rotary Club of Toms River, New Jersey, USA has been doing this long before I was a member. Directors and board members of about two-dozen organizations are on a first name basis with at least one of our members. About half of our club members either run a local non-profit organization or serve on a charity's board. Some of this has evolved organically over time, but this year it has been a focus of our club.

The opportunities for service this has opened up are outstanding. We have plenty of activities to choose from for service. We also participate in

# **Ending Polio**



# Nigeria's top health official visits Rotary to discuss country's response to Polio outbreak

#### By Ryan Hyland | Rotary News | 7-Oct-2016

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Nigeria's health minister, Isaac Adewole, said on Friday that his government is determined to rid the country of polio again. New cases recently landed Nigeria back on the list of countries where the about a dozen or more events, which continually puts Rotary front and center in the community at large.

# How can you go about creating service connections in your community?

Contact non-profits in your area about opportunities to serve them. Assign one of your members to create a relationship with a representative from their organization, and invite them to speak to your club.

Ask your club members to participate as board members for other charities that they feel passionate about. This creates a link between the two organizations and makes the member feel engaged by acting as liaison for Rotary and the other non-profit.

Co-sponsor a fundraiser or event with a local organization. By sharing the event, the public relations opportunities for Rotary become more far reaching, especially if the charity is widely known.

This is by no means an overnight process. But in time, you will find community leaders coming to your Rotary club looking to get something accomplished. Your Rotary club can become the hub of community activity, maximizing the potential to perform Service Above Self.

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# **Community Image**



# Michael Bucca addresses a club about raising its profile in the community.

disease is endemic.

Adewole met with Rotary leaders at Rotary International World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, to discuss Nigeria's recent efforts to stem the outbreak.

All three of the country's cases were detected in the northern state of Borno, which was under the control of Boko Haram militants until recently. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that the virus has been circulating in the region for five years.

"The new cases devastated us. Even one case is unacceptable. It's very unfortunate we are in this position, but we are recalibrating our efforts to end this disease," Adewole said. "We consider this situation a national emergency."

Shortly after the outbreak, the minister sent an emergency response team to Borno for an immediate and robust vaccination campaign targeting about 1 million children. More than 850,000 were immunized in the first five days of the campaign, according to Adewole. To reinforce the effort, the country is using both oral and inactivated polio vaccines.

Moreover, Nigeria established a task force to tackle other issues in Borno, including lack of clean water, sanitation, health, nutrition, and psychosocial disorder stemming from Boko Haram's occupation. "Rebuilding Borno is a national priority," he added.

Nigeria, with the help of Rotary and its <u>polio</u> <u>partners</u>, has already begun additional large-scale immunizations aimed at reaching 60 million children by December. Rotary released \$8.5 million to support the response in high-risk areas and parts of the Lake Chad Basin.

Nearby countries including Cameroun, Central African Republic, Chad, and Niger are also coordinating vaccinations to protect their polio-free status.

Together, the five countries are conducting what Adewole called a "ringed fence" immunization. Inoculations take place along the countries' borders.

#### "We can't do this alone. Working with the other countries is crucial to the overall polio eradication in Africa," he added.

In 2015, after Nigeria passed more than a year without any cases detected, WHO announced that it was polio-free and removed it from the list of countries where polio is endemic. Adewole admitted that the country stopped focusing on polio after the achievement. "We started the celebration too early. But these cases have awakened us, and we are now redoubling our efforts so this doesn't happen again," he said.

Adewole added that it will take sustained effort to be removed from the list again, including domestic and international financing, the commitment of thousands of health workers, and strategies that reach missed children.

The government has allocated \$300 million for the emergency response.

"Polio eradication is about national pride and honor," he says. "We will not let our citizens or the world down."



# **ROTARY IN THE NEWS**

# News & Observer



Nathan Thomas, center, during a trip to Uganda. (Photo courtesy of Nathan Thomas.)

### Through nonprofit, Raleigh man works to light Uganda's schools.

Nathan Thomas wants to bring light to schools in Uganda.

Three years ago, Thomas, 24, founded a nonprofit that works to bring sustainable and cost-efficient projects to schools around the world. He moved to Raleigh last year, and he now serves as president of the Midtown Rotary Club.

He also continues to run his nonprofit, All We Are.

"We want to provide Uganda's youth with the tools they need to change the country," Thomas said.

Last year, **All We Are** launched Solarize Uganda Now in an effort to install solar lighting systems in schools in the African nation of about 39 million people.

It costs between \$2,000 and \$10,000 to light a school, Thomas said. The non -profit's goal is to provide lighting for 50 schools by 2025.

As part of the group's first project, completed in 2014, workers installed a rain catchment system to provide clean water at a Ugandan school. In 2017, it hopes to provide clean water for 500 people using the same system.

Some organizations drill wells to provide clean water, which can be expensive and time-consuming, Thomas said. He wanted a faster, cheaper alternative.

Many of **All We Are**'s projects have an engineering component. Thomas, who graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering in 2015, leverages his skills and expertise to come up with creative solutions.

"The most important part of this is a needs assessment," he said. "Figuring out, 'These are the needs of the community and this is the best way to solve it.'"

For every project, **All We Are** partners with local companies and businesses in Uganda, hiring local laborers to build projects and keep them running.

"Locals can go on to change the country, because they know it best," Thomas said.

All We Are works with Rotary clubs throughout the United States and abroad and has received grants from the Rotary Foundation. A Rotary club even sparked Thomas's idea to start the nonprofit.

Thomas worked with his local Rotary club as a high school student in Findlay, Ohio. He began collecting computers in his community, fixing them and sending them to schools overseas.

"I wanted to do something that was service, but meaningful," Thomas said. "I wanted to use my talents to benefit people."

The summer after his freshman year in college, he traveled to Uganda, supported by the Findlay Rotary Club, to teach computer classes.

He planned to teach the basics of Microsoft Office Word, but his students didn't know how to turn on their computers or use a mouse.

"It really taught me a lesson about how necessary it was to do things on a smaller scale,



touching issues that are more necessary to one's existence than having a computer," Thomas said.

When he started the work that would become **All We Are** in 2009, he brought several of his classmates and fellow Rotarians on board.

Mike Harris, former president of the Midtown Rotary Club in Raleigh, said he was "immediately drawn" to **All We Are**'s story when Thomas spoke during a club meeting several months ago.

"This is a charitable organization that really doesn't have overhead," Harris said. "It's obvious how beneficial and cost-efficient it is."

Through a grant, **All We Are** is working with five clubs in North Carolina, including the Midtown Rotary Club, as well as other clubs in Florida, Oklahoma, Ohio and Kentucky to light the next five schools in Uganda.

Every year, Thomas flies to Uganda to check on the status of **All We Are's** projects.

"This has become so embedded in my life and who I am," Thomas said. "I can't imagine life without **All We Are**."





Rotary member Nathan Thomas and his nonprofit ALL WE ARE wants to bring light to schools in Uganda and provide youth with the tools they need to improve their country.



# Polio survivors say 'Thank you!'



Carol Ferguson, right, presents the Collage of Gratitude to Carol Pandak, Director of PolioPlus for Rotary International.

#### By Rotary staff

On 9 September, we received a visitor at Rotary International World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, who reminded us just how important the fight to eradicate polio is.

Every year, fewer and fewer cases of polio are reported, bringing us onestep closer to a polio-free world. Before Rotary launched the PolioPlus program in 1985, some 350,000 people a year were infected with the disease worldwide. Carol Ferguson was one of those people.

She is also the founder of the Pennsylvania Polio Survivor's Network, an organization that provides resources for people living with postpolio syndrome, an illness that can affect polio survivors 10-20 years after being infected with the virus, and which also impacts their families.

As Ferguson built her organization, she often turned to Rotary for information about polio and ongoing eradication efforts. She soon discovered how much work Rotary, along with its partner organizations in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, have done. Knowing firsthand the effects polio can have, Ferguson set out to create a Collage of Gratitude to show Rotary how much she and other polio survivors appreciated the work of the End Polio Now campaign.

One grandmother, who included a

picture of her grandson, said, "Thanks to Rotary, he will never know the pain of this disease."

What started as a small initiative to gather submissions from those the network serves in Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey quickly went global. Ferguson received stories from survivors all over the world, along with images of their leg braces, iron lungs, and ventilators. One grandmother, who included a picture of her grandson, said, "Thanks to Rotary, he will never know the pain of this disease."

Ferguson visited Rotary headquarters to present the Collage of Gratitude to Carol Pandak, Rotary's director of PolioPlus, on behalf of the network and polio survivors everywhere.

Along with it came a letter that read in part, "Without question, we all share the prayer that with worldwide vaccination, death and disability from the polio virus will soon be gone... forever."





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# Membership Minute From prospective to active

A positive member experience begins long before someone joins a Rotary club. Start by introducing prospective members to Rotary with the <u>Impact Begins With</u> You\_brochure. When someone wants to get involved with Rotary, they can express interest directly to the club or they can visit <u>www.rotary.org/join</u>.

Taking the time to get to know potential members and to determine whether your club is a good fit for them increases the likelihood of membership longevity and engagement. Gina Crumbliss, past president of the Rotary Club of Hamilton Place (Chattanooga), in Tennessee, USA, connected with a prospective member through Rotary's membership leads resource. He was new to the community, so she presented a variety of membership options — a small, mediumsize, or large club, each with a different meeting time — and he was able to find the right fit. Thoughtful planning and a big -picture approach made the transition from prospective to active easy. Learn more tips for Creating a Positive Experience for Prospective Members.

As new members join your club, be sure to engage them right away. Read Introducing New Members to Rotary: An Orientation Guide for tips and tactics to inspire your new members to be active and engaged right from the start. Visit our membership page for other valuable resources.





# **Peace Fellow internship builds connections**

financial management, consular, and public affairs. In financial management, I

learned how the embassy budgets for not only the State Department but also for the CDC, USAID and PEPFAR (President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief), all which have a huge presence in Mozambique. In the consular department, I learned how to process non-immigrant visas for Mozambicans who wished to study or travel in the U.S. And in public affairs, I saw how the embassy managed the press and media and how to host large events for the ambassador or for international visitors.

# Networking opportunities

But without a doubt, the biggest highlight and privilege of the summer was getting to know and spend time with Ambassador Pittman himself. Rotary's Peace Fellow program affords valuable opportunities to network with high -level individuals working within

their fields of interest and see first-hand what the work is like. I had lunch with the ambassador and talked about his past career, took part with him in different press meetings and photo shoots, and accompanied him on trips to different parts of the country. Some of the trips that we took included visits to peace corps volunteers' projects and schools, local NGOs that trained women in entrepreneurial and business skills, and events to celebrate marine research in line with Secretary of State John Kerry's oceans initiative.

Equally interesting was to spend time with Ambassador Pittman's partner, Chris Milligan, who previously directed the U.S. relief efforts in Haiti and was USAID mission director to Burma in 2012.

The ten weeks with the Foreign Service in Mozambique was an incredible chance for me to grow personally and professionally and I'm grateful to Rotary for making such an applied field experience possible.

#### **Rotary Peace Fellow Sarah Sanderson (second from right) and interns at the U.S. embassy in Mozambique with Ambassador H. Dean Pittman.**

Through academic training, study, and practice the Rotary Peace Centers program develops leaders who become catalysts for peace and conflict prevention and resolution in their communities and around the globe.

Graduates of the program are reintegrating refugees in Sudan, creating jobs for disadvantaged women in India, and supporting reconstruction in devastated regions of the world.

Each year, up to 100 Rotary Peace Fellows are chosen to participate in a master's degree or certificate program at one of our partner universities. Fellows study subjects related to the root causes of conflict and explore innovative solutions that address real-world needs.



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By Sarah Sanderson, Rotary

Peace Fellow, International

Christian University, Tokyo,

As a Rotary Peace Fellow, I had

been looking forward to my

summer applied field experience,

which is self-designed by the

peace fellow. So I was thrilled

when I was accepted for a

summer internship position at the

U.S. Embassy in Maputo,

The goal of a Department of

State internship is to expose

interns to a broad picture of how

a U.S. embassy works. Because

of this, over a ten-week period I

was able to rotate through three

different departments including:

Japan

Mozambique.

# Leaving University in the pursuit of peace

War survivor Nabi Sahak has a burning desire to change the world for the better, and he's well on the way to doing so as he graduates with a University of Queensland Master of International Studies (Peace and Conflict Resolution) this week.

Nabi is no stranger to conflict. He was born and raised in Kabul in Afghanistan, and lived with the terrors of war for 23 years before migrating to the United States in 2002.

The fact that he had borne witness to refugee crises, human rights violations, abuse of children and the full gamut or war horrors meant he had much to offer as a Rotary Peace Fellow Scholarship postgraduate student at UQ's Rotary Peace Centre.

Nabi's commitment to peace was forged while serving in the Afghan Armed Forces during the civil war. He spent two months in hospital recovering from gunshot wounds, where he saw hundreds of wounded men, women and children.

"Waiting in line for surgery, bleeding in my neck and chest, I promised myself if I survived these wounds then I would commit my life to the work of peace," he said.

"I believed then and I believe now that peace is everyone's natural right, and it's everyone's moral obligation to defend and protect it."

Nabi began his pursuit of peace by battling to help his entire family escape Afghanistan – where

# Financing polio eradication and development in Nigeria

**ROTARY VOICES | 24 OCTOBER 2016** 

By Quentin Wodon, president, Rotary Club of Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C., USA

As a lead economist at the World Bank, it has been exciting to see my organization step up to the plate and commit resources to the fight to eradicate polio.

While the World Bank is not one of the

spearheading partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), the organization does work closely with the GPEI, of which Rotary is a leading partner, as well as country governments to provide financing to help end polio. At the request of the Government of Nigeria, the World Bank has recently committed \$125 million for polio eradication in the country this summer. About half of these resources will fund oral polio vaccines and other operational requirements, while the other half will help fund routine immunizations.

In considering the World Bank's investments, I am struck by how intertwined the two issues of polio eradication and broader development are.

The World Bank program document notes multiple obstacles to eradicating polio, in large part due to the lack of security in the northeast caused by the Boko Haram insurgency. As a result, special measures are being introduced including "hit and run" interventions to immunize children and get out as quickly as possible in problem areas; building a "firewall" by ensuring

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they were targeted by the Taliban – and join him in the US.

"It took over 10 years but I finally managed to bring all 27 of them to the States through refugee and humanitarian parole programs," he said.

Nabi has worked in a range of challenging roles – from a BBC radio reporter to a senior cultural analyst supporting the US's global war on terror – and returning to university as a mature-aged student after 20 years was not without its own challenges.

"It was intimidating at first, but the culture at UQ promotes students from every age group, every nationality and every background, so I felt very comfortable in the environment," he said.

Nabi believes the world needs more peacekeepers and conflict study experts.

"I tell people that peace must be learned, must be spread, must be appreciated, otherwise the finite resources of the world are no match to the infinite greed of man, and conflicts are prone to happen," he said.

"I want to be an agent of change. The person who provides some insight that could potentially lead to the end of the conflict."

Nabi plans to complete a PhD, with an offer already in the wings from the King's College London Department of War Studies.



His long-term goal is to work for the Office of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees as a Case Protection Officer or to be a peace mediator between the US Government and Afghanistan, and to teach peace and conflict studies on part-time basis.

"Peace is beautiful and brings all the promises that humanity was destined to fulfill. In war, life becomes a burden, but in peace life becomes a blessing," Nabi said.

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immunity in areas surrounding these inaccessible villages; relying on local volunteers who won't draw attention as vaccinators; reintroducing the Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV) into routine immunizations; conducting bus stop and market vaccinations; and ensuring that all people in the displacement camps have been vaccinated.

In addition, the World Bank is providing another \$450 million to support development projects in Nigeria's northeast including:

immediate basic social infrastructure and psychosocial support to communities most affected by displacement;

labor-intensive work and skills development for youth, women and the unemployed as well as cash transfers for displaced families and individuals who return voluntarily and safely to

access to irrigation and drainage services, delivery of agricultural inputs, and other support for farmers in conflict-affected households, particularly women and youth;

financial incentives for teachers who have completed psycho-social training as well as grants to schools to address specific needs identified by schoolbased management committees;

health services with a focus on maternal, newborn and child health, nutrition, psycho-social support and mental health, as well as mobile clinics in communities in which health facilities have been destroyed.

The needs in Nigeria's northeast are enormous. Let's hope that the financing provided by the World Bank and other development partners will help eradicate polio, support development, and make



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A Canadian Rotarian immunizes a young girl against polio in Katsina, Nigeria.

Photo by Jean-Marc Giboux

their old communities;



Held for the first time at the headquarters of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, Rotary's annual World Polio Day event on 24 October will brought together the biggest names in the global fight to eradicate polio.



"Rotarians' continued support for global polio eradication efforts is critical," says Frieden, who will give a global update on the campaign to end polio. "Once polio is eradicated, we have to continue to apply the lessons learned from its eradication to get to the next public health victory."

<u>READ THE INTERVIEW</u> <u>in October issue of the</u> <u>Rotarian.</u> The event featured CDC Director Thomas Frieden, Time magazine senior editor Jeffrey Kluger, National Geographic writer Maryn McKenna, Rotary International President John F. Germ, Vice President Jennifer E. Jones, and other guests.

In am interview with The Rotarian, Thomas Frieden (Pictured left) spoke about what he's learned as head of the U.S. public health system since 2009:

Kluger, a veteran moderator of our World Polio Day events, has covered health and science for Time since 1996. He's written books about space exploration, the effects of sibling relationships, and, in 2006, Jonas Salk's polio vaccine.

Rotary also released a virtual reality presentation that transported viewers to the streets of India and Kenya, where they met polio survivors and heard their poignant stories. This virtual reality experience, a product of cutting-edge computer technology and a collaboration with UNICEF, will be available to view online shortly.

Canadian television personality Shira Lazar, host of "What's Trending" on YouTube, moderated a special social media segment and shared posts from World Polio Day celebrations around the globe.

### World Polio Day 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016



Behind the scenes of Rotary's virtual reality film about a polio survivor, a specially outfitted camera captures a 360-view of a classroom in India.

ROTARY'S WORLD POLIO DAY EVENT LOOKS AHEAD TO ENDING THE DISEASE FOR GOOD



Dennis Ogbe, Paralympian and polio survivor, tells his personal story of the disease at Rotary's World Polio Day event on 24 October 2016 at the headquarters of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. <u>Read more on ROTARY.ORG</u>

#### World Polio Day:

Health officials laud polio eradication ...

After a year of shrinking polio cases worldwide, the crippling disease is now on the cusp of being eradicated, said top health officials at Rotary's second annual World Polio Day event on 24 October.



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### Three ingredients that make a Rotarian remarkable

### **Recipe for Rotarians**



By Dominic Kornu, Rotary Club of Sunyani Central, Ghana

I first visited the Sunyani Central Rotary club in August of last year as a guest, and was instantly welcomed and integrated into club activities. I knew from the start my relationship with the club was meant to be.

I was immediately encouraged to be part of visits to project sites. My professional skills in information and communication technology were tapped to help design fliers, revamp the club's website, and teach members about Internet security. It's been an exciting and challenging year as I grow as a Rotarian. Through it, I've come to understand and appreciate three main ingredients

that make a Rotarian remarkable:

**Time:** My club undertakes a number of projects, mostly installing pipes to communities that lack access to clean drinking water. These projects succeed because members make themselves available to perform needs assessments and site visits. Remarkable Rotarians also freely donate an hour of their time each week to engage in fellowship with other members and contribute their ideas to the club's pursuit of furthering Rotary's six areas of focus.



Our neighboring club, Sunyani East, presented exercise books and other supplies to students at Nwawasua school in September. Remarkable Rotarians donate time to projects such as this.

**Commitment:** Being a Rotarian is not a luxury, it's a calling – a calling to serve. Remarkable Rotarians have an attitude of unwavering support for their club's goals and those of Rotary International. They are willing to work hard to achieve them.

**Money:** Rotary is not an elitist organization. It's a group of individuals who pull resources together to achieve a goal and in the process make the world a better place to live in. Remarkable Rotarians are willing to give to support club projects and support the work of members everywhere through donations to our Rotary Foundation. These contributions are less daunting when we see the results of our investments in the future. Remarkable Rotarians give without expecting a reward.

One philosophy I have long held about Rotary is that it is no home for 'disguised beneficiaries.' Do not join Rotary with the

intention of reaping property or amassing wealth. This notwithstanding, there are numerous immeasurable benefits of joining Rotary. Principal among them is the social capital one accrues. You get an opportunity to grow your leadership, managerial, communication, and leadership skills.

I am especially enjoying serving my district as Director for Youth Service this year, working with youth, who are the future of Rotary.



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# Rotary scholarship worth the 'calculated risk'

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# By Christine Cloonan, former Rotary Scholar

I first heard about the Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship during a coffee meeting with a fellow member of a women's business network now known as Ellevate Network. My life path prior to that had been clear, but not always direct.

My goal was to study to get the best education I could with the ultimate purpose of getting a "good job." But to the bafflement of my older relatives, landing on that good job took a bit of exploring. My first job was with a law firm, which convinced me not to go to law school. Accepting a one vear teaching fellowship, I began a five year teaching career and earned a Master of Spanish at Middlebury College. I then developed an "itch" to go abroad to perfect my language skills and explore new places.

Over coffee, my colleague, who like me was a native New Englander, spoke about the Ambassadorial Scholarship and all the various opportunities that it had led to in her life. She emphasized why it is important to take "calculated risks." This conversation became a turning point both personally and professionally.

#### **Argentina bound**

After searching around for a sponsor, the Rotary Club of Andover, Massachusetts, invited me to breakfast so I could share my proposal to study in Argentina. They liked

it, and after interviewing with the 10-person district committee, I received a letter – nearly a year after my initial conversation in the coffee shop – that I had been awarded a scholarship of around \$25,000.

I was fortunate to be able to travel to Argentina solo for 10 days before making a decision whether to accept the scholarship, and as a result of university visits, decided to request a change of institution and apply to the Master of Finance Program at la Universidad Torcuato di Tella in Argentina.

In March of 2009, I landed in Buenos Aires, with the excitement of a 10 year old. One of the reasons I liked the Rotary scholarship was the emphasis it had on community and my first evening there proved the point. Prior to leaving Boston, I had emailed all of the scholars who would be spending the year with me in Buenos Aires. One of them invited me to join him and some others at their apartment for dinner the night I arrived what a way to avoid the repercussions of jet lag!

Having other Rotary scholars, and Rotary members in a host club, helped me shoulder the burden of adjusting to a new culture, language, and program in a new field. During the year, while studying and building friendships at the university, I took part in dinners, meetings, and events with the Rotary Club of Nueva Pompeya and other clubs around Buenos Aires, introducing me to the diversity that is Buenos Aires.

My favorite story is from a trip a fellow scholar and I took to Tierra del Fuego, often referred to as El Fin del Mundo (or the End of the World). Taking a cab out of the airport to our hostel, we spotted a Rotary sign and decided to look up the local club. We



Christine Cloonan (right) visits a Rotary club in Argentina.

found the location of its meetings, and the hotel concierge had us on the phone with the current president in a matter of minutes. Soon we had plans to meet her and another Rotarian for coffee, after which we were invited to join her and her husband at a local night club where their friend was a DJ. We had a memorable evening of dancing to American '80s music with a bunch of Argentines into the wee hours of the morning.

#### **Lasting impact**

On a personal level, my scholarship enabled me to become more outgoing, confident and personable. It taught me that there really is no clear path in life and that one just has to go with its natural flow.

My professional trajectory also changed. I began working for American Tower, a wireless infrastructure company based in Boston, which had been the subject of my master's thesis, as a Senior Financial Analyst with a focus on operations in Latin America

I encourage anyone, especially those facing a crossroad, to take a "calculated risk" and submit your application. It will be the first step in the journey of a lifetime.

Learn more about global grant scholarships

#### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Following her 2009 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship, Christine Cloonan began working in the wireless industry and was selected as the 2013 Women's Wireless Leadership Forum Fellow.

She is currently President of the Boston Chapter of Ellevate, a global women's business network. She has a Bachelor's degree from Bowdoin College, Master's degree from Middlebury College and a Master's degree from la Universidad Torcuato di Tella.



# **Ready for Viewing**

# **RotaryCanada**

A new leaf Un nouveau Feuillet October 2016 Octobre2016

Welcoming committee Rotarians help Syrian Refugees start new lives

**Bryn and Randi Styles** Arch Klumph Society Members endow the cause of peace

Le Club Rotary de Lévis Célèbre 25 ans

IN YOUR MAIL together with your Rotarian issue for October 2016



The October issue of the newsletter of the Rotary Peace Centers – Major Gift Initiative Committee is ready for viewing online.



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INTERACT VIDEO CONTEST (LEADERSHIP,4C's)

Interact Club Tunis Inner City

# **ROTARY DAY AT THE UNITED NATIONS 2016**

Rotary Responsible Business Honors Celebrating Rotary and Business Serving Humanity

Saturday 12 November New York, NY www.RIUNDay.org #RIUNDAY

<u>Submit a</u> <u>video now for</u> <u>the Interact</u> <u>Video</u> Awards Interactors, we want you to show us your club in action for the 8th annual Interact Video Awards! The "Best Video" will be awarded **US\$500** toward their next service project.

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Create a video that shows how Interactors have fun while making a difference and be recognized.

Choose from two themes:

#### If Interactors ruled the world:

Imagine a world where Interactors are in charge, making big decisions that shape our world and future. How would Interactors transform the world for good?

#### **Sustainable Development Goals:**

The United Nations' <u>Sustainable Development Goals</u> target ending poverty, protecting the planet, and ensuring prosperity for all, and Interactors are vital to achieving these goals by 2030. Choose one of the goals and show how your club is taking action to help achieve it.

Check out <u>last year's finalists</u> to get inspired. Work together with Rotaract clubs, Rotary clubs, teachers, and parents to make your video a reality. Make sure to submit your video before the **2 December** deadline. Questions? Email <u>interact@rotary.org</u>.

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# **DISTRICT FOUNDATION DINNER**

#### **Celebrate 100 Years of the Rotary Foundation!**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2016 5:00 PM McIntyre Hall at Skagit Valley College 2501 E College Way, Mount Vernon ,WA CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

# **ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2016 Sunrise Conference Centre (also called 5 Star Catering) 5640 188th Street. Surrey, BC <u>CLICK HERE TO REGISTER</u>

### 2016-17 PRE-PETS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016 Silver Reef Conference Centre, 4876 Haxton Way, Ferndale,

### **MILLION DOLLAR DINNER**

JANUARY 9, 2017 Tsawwassen Springs, 5099 Springs Blvd, Delta, BC

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2017 MT. VERNON

#### **GRANTS SEMINAR (USA)** SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 Bellingham Golf & Country Club

### 2017 PETS PACIFIC NORTH-WEST PETS PRESIDENT ELECTS SEMINAR

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24 - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017 Doubletree Hotel - Seatac Airport 18740 International Boulevard, Seattle, WA

### **ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2017 Sunrise Conference Centre (also called 5 Star Catering) 5640 188th Street, Surrey, BC

DISTRICT TRAINING SEMINAR SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017 Kwantlen Polytechnic University, 12666 72 Ave, Surrey, BC

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, MAY 4 - SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017 Waterfront Marriott Hotel, Seattle, WA



# SATURDAY JUNE 10 TO WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14 MEET ME IN ATLANTA GEORGIA

This will be a Convention not to be missed as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation and, we hope, the long anticipated final case of polio!

We expect many local Rotarians to join us - the cost for a North American Convention is very affordable, and we've got lots to celebrate. So, join fellow Rotarians from District 5050 and around the world.

**REGISTRATION** is easy - just go to <u>http://</u> <u>www.riconvention.org/</u> and click the Register button.

Early bird deadline is Dec 15, 2016 - SAVE MONEY!!!

VISIT the Host Organizing Committee website at <u>http://</u> www.rotaryconvention2017.org</u> and don't forget our own Zones 24/32 reunion - the **Beyond Borders Dinner** at the Atlanta Aquarium on Sunday June 11 Information and registration: <u>http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50077/</u> <u>SitePage/beyond-borders-dinner-atlanta</u>

**HOTELS** Most of the hotels are conveniently located within walking distance of the Convention Center, but some are already sold out. Hotel booking is through Experient on the RI Convention website - here's the link: <a href="http://www.riconvention.org/en/atlanta/accommodations">http://www.riconvention.org/en/atlanta/accommodations</a>.



I am arranging a **District Dinner** at a local restaurant for the evening of June 14, 2017.

More information to follow.

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Walt Price Student **Fitness Center Everett Community** College 2000 Tower **Everett**, WA

#### JAN SKAGIT 28 2017 Seafood & Wild Game **Dinner & Auction** Saint Joseph Center

215 N 15th Street Mount Vernon, WA Kentucky Derby style Tickets and details are available at www.skagitrotary.com.







FEB **PORT COQUITLAM CENTENNIAL** 26 **POCO WINTER BLUES FEST** 



In aid of Starfish Backpack Program feeding hungry children in Port Coquitlam

> 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM **Riverside Secondary** School, 2215 Reeve Street Port Coquitlam, BC

Watch the special World Polio Day: **Making History Livestream event** Watch a video on Pakistan's fight to end polio **Contribute to End Polio Now** Help Rotary advocate for a polio-free world Be part of the World's Biggest Commercial

#### MAR COQUITLAM 11 **50TH ANNIVERSARY** SPORTS DINNER

Hard Rock Casino Vancouver **2080 United Boulevard** Coquitlam, BC



# **DISTRICT 5050 "MAKE IT HAPPEN"** CONFERENCE

From Thursday May 4 to Sunday, May 7



#### At Seattle Marriott Waterfront Hotel.

# **Our special guests**

Dr. Bob Scott and his wife. Ann. Bob served as Chair of the International PolioPlus Committee from 2006 to 2014. Bob has also served as District Governor, RI Vice **President and Chair of the Rotary** Foundation. Bob continues to be an active Rotarian and Polio Warrior.

**ALSO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPRESENTATIVE GREG YANK** 

Greg Yank is a Rotary International Director -nominee. He will serve on the RI board from July 2017 to 2019. He will be one of 17 directors serving in this capacity.

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# **JUNE 10 TO 14**

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION** AND ROTARY FOUNDATION CENTENNIAL **CELEBRATION** 



WHATCOM COUNTY "Stop Hunger Now" **Meal Packaging** 

9:00 am **St. Lukes Health Education Center** 3333 Squalicum Pkwy Bellingham, WA