**Take a pie in the face for Polio**

Rotarians are committed to fighting Polio and other devastating diseases around the world. Local Rotarians have set a goal of donating as much as we can to the Rotary Foundation’s Polio Plus Fund this year. Rotary joined the fight against the crippling disease of Polio back in 1985 with a goal of eradicating it from the face of the earth.

An estimated 16 million people are walking today who would otherwise have been paralyzed by the disease, and more than 1.5 million people are alive, whose lives would otherwise have been lost. Now the task remains to tackle polio in its last few strongholds and get rid of the final 0.1% of polio cases.

To that end, Taylor Rotarians are looking for four to six companies or organizations to help raise money by taking a “pie in the face” for Polio.

Of the people on the receiving end of those pies, the one representing the company or organization that brings in the most money will get to put a pie in the face of Taylor Rotary Club President Tia Rae Stone.

Here is what you need to do to participate.

1. Decide in your company or organization who is willing to take a whipped cream pie in the face. Register your business, club or organization with Tia Stone at tia.stone@gmail or at 254-455-0145, and begin raising at least $250 for this project.
2. Find two or more people within your company or organization to act as leaders who will solicit people to help THEM raise enough money to be the one to give you a pie in the face. Give them each a container with the attached label on it to collect the money.
3. We will develop and send you fliers and other advertising materials that you may use as-is or as inspiration to gin up excitement and get the donations coming in. We encourage as much friendly competition as your teams can muster.
4. The competition will end on Friday, Oct. 14, with all money being due to the Rotary President by 6 p.m. that day. The “votes” will be tallied and individual company/organization winners declared on Monday, Oct. 17.
5. At 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 20 (third Thursday), participants (pie takers and pie pushers) will gather at Heritage Square for a ceremonial pie-ing just before the band takes the stage for Music on Main. Immediately following, the first round, the top-earning company or organization will be announced and that person will be able to put a pie in the face of the Taylor Rotary Club President. Rotary Club will provide the supplies.

What’s in it for you?

We know you do a lot in our community so we are NOT asking for you to send a donation from your company (if you want to match or otherwise support the effort, we won’t stop you). We are trying to do this through small donations from individuals to spread the word about the fight against Polio and that is best done by reaching out to LOTS of people for small donations.

Your staff, we hope, will have fun participating and be rewarded by helping people across the world eradicate this disease.

We will thank your business or organization on our website and promote your accomplishments with a picture of your organization’s pie-ing (wear branded shirts) and you will get a pie for your breakroom to show our appreciation to your staff.

To learn more about eradicating Polio around the world, go online to <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50091/sitepage/foundation/polio-plus>