



The Polio Challenge has Raised \$202.6 Million—The Work Continues

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Rotary International has succeeded in meeting the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's US \$200 million match in funding for polio eradication, raising more than \$202.6 million as of 17 January.

"We'll celebrate this milestone, but it doesn't mean that we'll stop raising money or spreading the word about polio eradication," Rotary Foundation Trustee John F. Germ told Rotary leaders at the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA. "We can't stop until our entire world is certified as polio-free."

The fundraising milestone was reached in response to \$355 million in challenge grants awarded to The Rotary Foundation by the Gates Foundation. All funds have been earmarked to support polio immunization activities in affected countries where the vaccine-preventable disease continues to paralyze children.

"In recognition of Rotary's great work, and to inspire Rotarians in the future, the Gates Foundation is committing an additional \$50 million to extend our partnership," said Jeff Raikes, chief

executive officer of the Gates Foundation.

"Rotary started the global fight against polio, and continues to set the tone for private fundraising, grassroots engagement, and maintaining polio at the top of the agenda with key policymakers."

The new \$50 million grant from the Gates Foundation is not a challenge grant.

We need to heed John Germ's plea to not stop "until our entire world is certified as polio-free." The job we started is not yet done.

SAVE THE DATE—APRIL 21—Taking the Mystery out of Membership

- **At Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center-8:00 am check in. Register at www.rotary7870.org**
- **\$25- limited seating. Coffee and pastries and lunch.**
- **Dame Agatha Christie is one of many speakers. More information coming.**

Rotary's Birthday is this Month

On 23 February 1905, Paul P. Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram E. Shorey gathered in Chicago for what would become known as the first Rotary club meeting. A second club was formed in [San Francisco](#) in 1908, and soon after, clubs began to pop up across North America.

On 1 August 1912, the Rotary Club of London became the first club chartered outside of North America.

The first four Rotarians: Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram Shorey, and Paul P. Harris, sometime between 1905 and 1912.



**LET THERE BE
PEACE ON
EARTH!**



**Register
now for the
District
Conference
June 1-3, 2012
Portland, ME**

If you register and pay by February 29, 2012, your name will be entered into a drawing to receive a FREE registration. The drawing will take place on March 10, 2012 at PETS. Go to the district website to register:

www.rotary7870.org

Paul Harris Fellow recognition

was established in 1957 to show appreciation for contributions, and to encourage substantial ones, to what was then the Foundation's only program: Rotary Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study, the precursor to Ambassadorial Scholarships. Today, the recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation. Learn more about [donor recognition](#).

Governor's Byline-Jan McElroy



Last year, Rotary International issued a Strategic Plan that challenges all of us at all levels of Rotary to strive to meet 3 goals: 1) To Support and Strengthen Clubs, 2) To Focus and Increase Humanitarian Service and 3) To Enhance the Public Image and Awareness of Rotary.

The district goals have been to find practical ways to implement these 3 goals. As I stated during my Governor's visits, we are doing this 1) by supporting clubs and developing club and district leaders to strengthen clubs and 2) by publicizing and promoting humanitarian service projects and 3) by in-

creasing the public's awareness of Rotary programs by enhancing their visibility.

To accomplish the first goal to strengthen our leadership ranks, we strongly encouraged clubs to send new members and those on the President's track to the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) and urged clubs to subsidize the costs for those attending. Our members responded by attending the Rutland RLI in the largest number ever.

We have also encouraged clubs to use the District Club Visioning Team to help them do an assessment of their club and generate fresh ideas about how to move their club forward. A number of clubs have responded with very promising results.

For Goal 2: We promoted humanitarian service projects-both local and international. Two members took

part in a Polio National Immunization Day (NID) in Pakistan and have received a great deal of media attention. A second team will be going in February, while an Amigos team will go to Honduras. We have also applied for a matching grant to deliver humanitarian relief for victims of Tropical Storm Irene in Vermont.

For Goal 3, we are increasing the public's awareness of Rotary programs. Our Public Relations Committee received a Rotary District PR Grant for a display with a focus on membership at the Manchester Airport. Also ads promoting opportunities to apply for the Group Study Exchange program were placed in major newspapers. Additionally, World Polio Day was celebrated with a proclamation from Governor Lynch and a family night at a Monarchs hockey game.

Way to go team Rotary!

Rotary Factoids

Convention Facts

Edinburgh, Scotland, hosted the first convention outside North America in June 1921.

Rotary's first convention in Asia was held in Tokyo in 1961. Among the record-setting 23,366 paid and unpaid registrants was the emperor of Japan.

The largest convention to date, based on the number of paid registrants, was the Rotary centennial convention, held in Chicago in

2005.

[Read more](#) convention history and learn about the [2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, 6-9 May](#).

Presidential Firsts

Did you know that Rotary founder Paul Harris wasn't the first president of a Rotary club? That distinction is actually held by Harris's friend Silvester Schiele,

who served as the first president of the Rotary Club of Chicago. Harris deferred his club leadership duties until February 1907, when he was elected the third president of the Chicago club.

Paul Harris was elected as first president of the National Association of Rotary Clubs (which later became Rotary International) in 1910, and is the only president to have served two terms.

The Four-Way Test Speech Contest

Here are the steps for organizing a Four-Way Test Speech Contest.

1. Appoint a chairperson for the event.
2. Make contact with English or appropriate teachers at all area high schools to announce and lay out the program.
3. Notify newspapers and other local media.
4. If a high school cannot participate in this event, the club can and should offer this contest to students outside of school.
5. Include this information in all announcements:

Any high schooler within District 7870 is eligible to compete and the rules for the speech are:

A. Subject: the speech must be original in content and apply the Rotary Four-Way Test (all four principles) in our everyday relationships with other people.

B. Delivery: the speech may be given from

memory, but it should not be read.

- C. Length: the speech shall be no less than five (5) nor more than seven (7) minutes in length or it is automatically disqualified.

The procedures for the competition are as follows.

1. By April 22, 2012, all clubs should have completed their local contest and forwarded the names, addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers of their 1st place finisher to Albert St. Pierre, 43 Sunnyside Circle, Charlestown, NH 03603 (fax: 603-826-4171) or Daryl Royce, 180 Summit Street, Charlestown, NH 03603 (Daryl.pat@myfairpoint.net)
2. The 2012 District Finals will be held on Sunday April 29th beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Henniker Community Center at 57 Main Street, Henniker, NH 03242. Competitors must sign in by 12:30 p.m.
3. At the District final competition, four (4) judges

will preside.

4. The District Final Winner will present at the 2012 District Conference in South Portland, Maine on the morning of Saturday, June 2, 2012.
5. Each Rotary Club may determine how to honor its sponsored local winner.
6. Each Rotary Club is to arrange for its local winner to attend the District Finals at the Henniker Community Center.
7. The individual Rotary Club of the Final Winner is asked to help the student and his/her family to attend the District Conference.
8. Other Rules: Local winners are expected to participate in the District Finals, should they be first place winners. Second place finisher in the local contests could participate in the Finals if for any reason the first place finisher is unable to compete. For the same reason, the second place District Finalist is an alternate to present at the District Conference. See district website for complete information or contact Albert St. Pierre or Daryl Royce.



We met the Polio Challenge but we can't stop now. The work continues.

Public Relations News

Be Part of a Webinar

Learn how to maximize the potential of your club or district website by attending: **Increase Your**

Reach: Easy Changes to Maximize the Impact of Your Club or District Website.

During this webinar you will learn best practices for managing your website, design tips for using Rotary logos and ads, tailor-

ing content for different audiences, and tools to use for your website.

English Webinars

[Wednesday February 8 at 12:00 am EST time, USA](#)

[Wednesday February 15 at 7:00 pm EST, USA](#)

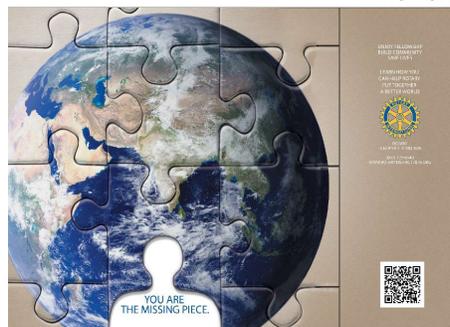
This series of webinars will be recorded and available on the RI website to view and share as well.

Public Relations Grant

Last November the District received a Public Relations Grant from Rotary International. It has been used to

produce a 61" x 42" poster of the "You are the missing piece" graphic. It will be displayed at the Southwest Airline end of the terminal in the Manchester Airport for a year.

It shows the district website address, a phone number and a QR code for the website link. This should be up soon, thanks to PR Chair Gayle Kimball. Look for it!



Club Events– See District and Club Websites for Details

Pre-PETS	Bow	Feb. 1
Pre-PETS	Merrimack	Feb. 2
CASA Annual Snowfest	Milford	Feb. 3
Amigos de Honduras Trip	Bob Couch-arcouch@comcast.net	Feb. 11
RLI	York Community College-Wells, ME	March 3
PETS	Sheraton, Framingham, MA	March 9-10
District Assembly and Interact Conference	Keene High School	March 31
RLI	Lebanon-DHMC	March 31
District Membership Training Seminar	Lebanon-DHMC	April 21
District 4-Way Speech Finals	Henniker	April 29
District Conference	Sable Oaks-Marriott, Portland, ME	June 1-3
Rotary Rockin' Ribfest	Nashua West	June 15-17
District Gavel Exchange	The Little Red Schoolhouse-Wallingford	June 25

Please get your dates in for the next 5 months.

If you want your events listed, you need to submit the information early and include what it is, where it is, when it is and others details important to your event. For additional details, see www.Rotary7870.org – Calendar - and click on event to go to the club's website for event description, time and location information. Contact Dennis McMann for website information: Dennis@McMann.net

News in Brief from RI

Contributions to the [Annual Fund](#) through the Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) initiative are the primary source of funding for Foundation programs. From digging water wells for villages in Africa to teaching basic literacy skills to children in Latin America, during any given day, thousands of Rotarians volunteer their time and expertise. All contributions to the Annual Fund are spent wisely on quality Rotary projects.

Following are the top ten Rotary clubs in [per capita giving to the Annual Fund](#), from 1 July to 30 June 2011:

- The Peak, Hong Kong -- US\$4,685
 - Peoria North, Arizona USA -- \$4,043
 - Yangmei, Taiwan -- \$3,991
 - Yuanlin, Taiwan -- \$3,771
 - San Nicolás de los Garza, Mexico -- \$3,187
 - Senri, Osaka, Japan -- \$3,054
 - Panchiao, Taiwan -- \$2,759
 - San Pedro, Côte d'Ivoire -- \$2,404
 - São Paulo-Butantã, Brazil -- \$2,143.12
 - Gwangju-Youmju, Gwangju, Korea -- \$2,015
- The top Rotary club in [total Annual Fund giving in our Zone 32](#) for 2010-11 is York, United States -- \$41,751.08
The top giving club overall is in Zone 10: Yuanlin, Taiwan -- \$215,000.00
- Your contributions ensure that Rotarians can continue promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, and nurturing local economies.
- [Contribute now.](#)**

- Rotary is a way to connect, to do more, to be more – it is a way to take our idealism and our vision, and turn them into reality.
- RIP Kalyan Banerjee

Visit the RI Website:

www.Rotary.org

Register for Member

Access to contribute online to the Foundation or check out your contributions.

Visit the District Website:

www.Rotary7870.org

Secretaries should update their membership and club officers data.

With willing hearts and skillful hands, the difficult we do at once; the impossible takes a bit longer.

From an inscription at Arlington National Cemetery outside Washington, D.C on a memorial to the Seabees, formally known as the U.S. Naval Construction Force.
