

# ****Portion of 'Papa’s Boots' Proceeds to Benefit Polio Plus****

By Carl Good III



Last Friday, **Amanda Graves** gave a moving presentation to the **Rotary Club of Wachusett Area** on her children's book **Papa's Boots**. The short, beautifully illustrated book chronicles a grandfather explaining his childhood polio to his grandson. Amanda is an excellent speaker and provides a portion of the proceeds to **Polio Plus**. For **more information**, contact Amanda at amandacooks@hotmail.com. To **buy the** **book** at Amazon.com, [click here](https://www.amazon.com/Papas-Boots-Amanda-Graves/dp/1498479839).

Members of the Wachusett Area club contributed **$531** in cash and checks, which was further supplemented by **$20** that Amanda gave to Polio Plus from the sale of **20 copies** of Papa's Boots. Another **$20** came from the sale of special Fathers' Day cards that Past District Governor **Carol Toomey** brought to the meeting. Wachusett Area members will get **Paul Harris Fellow credits** for their $531 contribution. The other $40 was credited to the club. Rotary's polio-eradication effort will get a total of **$1,713** as a result of a **2-to-1 match** by the **Bill** **and Melinda Gates Foundation.**

Wachusett Area Rotarian **Lisa Bean**, who chairs the club’s **Speakers Committee** and is a member of the club's **Board of Directors**, had e-mailed club members to bring at least $26.50 each in cash or in a check to the meeting. It paid off nicely.

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Left to right: District Polio Plus Chair **Carl Good** III and Franklin President **Terry Katasaros**

As District Foundation Chair **Sanjay Deshpande** has noted, our **districtwide goal**is that each Rotary club contribute at **least $26.50 per member** to **Polio** **Plus** during the **2016-2017 Rotary year,**which ends next June 30. We appeal to all 51 clubs to do their best to meet this modest goal.

Remember that contributions to Polio Plus during this Rotary year will count towards the “per-capita contribution to the Foundation” eligibility requirement for receiving District Grants and Global Grants during the  next Rotary year, which begins next July 1. Since that per-capita requirement is based on club membership as of last July 1, all collections from new members this year will add to the total but the average will be based on the July 1, 2016 membership. So, we appeal to all members to contribute to Polio Plus and other Foundation funds.

If all clubs achieve this goal of at least $26.50 per member in Polio Plus contributions, the total collection from the **1,455 Rotarians** in our district would exceed **$38,550.** Because of the Gates Foundation’s 2-to-1 match Rotary’s fight against polio would receive more than **$115,600** through the contributions of our district’s Rotarians.

**Virtual-reality films bring a new dimension to polio fight**

At this year’s World Polio Day celebration in Atlanta, **Rotary** harnessed the power of **virtual-reality technolog**y to build empathy and inspire action in our fight to **eradicate polio**.

**Learn more** about the **films**, [click here](http://echo4.bluehornet.com/ct/91264546%3A7lQO-0YNB%3Am%3A1%3A2906161915%3A90513638115C6470FDBEE967376F9113%3Ar).

To **watch** the **video** of **World Polio Day in Atlanta**, [click here](http://echo4.bluehornet.com/ct/91264545%3A7lQO-0YNB%3Am%3A1%3A2906161915%3A90513638115C6470FDBEE967376F9113%3Ar).

If you are had an event for **World Polio Day** (or Week), please **send me** a **brief description**. We are keeping track of the events.

[**READ MORE**](http://echo4.bluehornet.com/p/vTPTkd5YdN)

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