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August is Membership Month...

Ignite Your Membership Activities & Get Out Of Your Comfort Zone!

by Debi Bush, D5450 Membership Chair (Denver Cherry Creek Rotary Club), dbush@cmitdenver.com



Let's recognize and celebrate this special month of our Rotary year for August is designated as Membership Month. What activities will you engage in and

implement for your club that will help to attract prospective members and engage current ones? Are there some tactics that you and your fellow Rotarians have discussed doing or slightly dabbled in and then not continued on with making things happen?

Here are some questions for you to answer:

- Does prospecting or asking someone (a Rotarian at Heart) make you nervous or uncomfortable and, therefore, you don't do it?
- Have you been a mentor for a new member in your club's Red Badge or a similar onboarding and orientation program?
- Did you raise your hand to be a member of your club's membership committee and then actually pursue being an active committee member?

to ignite your courage in the area of club membership regardless of being a long-time or tenured member or a member who's still pretty new to all that is Rotary.

For the month of July I was basically off two grids in my life – my CMIT Solutions business and Rotary. The third and most important grid – family – took a position front and center and on a 24/7 schedule. I learned really fast that I had to get beyond, way beyond, my comfort zone in being one of my mother's caregivers for what ended up being her last month of life. I had to learn to do new things. There wasn't a choice in the matter if I was to be there for my mother. It was the most challenging and at the same time rewarding experience of my life to step up and give back.

As much as membership activities in Rotary are not a matter of life and death, I would put forth that any and all membership activities surrounding the health and well-being of your club are critical. You and your club members need to get beyond your current comfort zones by trying new things like canvassing businesses, hosting a Gift



Well, it's time – maybe even past time –

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A Message from your Governor

by District Governor
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ROTARY DOESN'T KNOW WHAT ROTARY DOES

Shocking but true, and that failure is holding us back!

Rotary Clubs in our District and throughout the world make significant contributions, complete multiple projects and help many others in numerous ways, yet neither Rotary International nor the Districts have a clue of how much money or how much time is dedicated to these efforts.

Many times Club members don't even know the full extent of their own Club's good deeds. We have a record of monetary commitments to a Rotary grant project, but those are just the tip of the iceberg. No one knows how much money and time are put forth by Rotarians to deliver local and international humanitarian services. A business that manages its affairs in such a manner would soon disappear.

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of Rotary social, or even telling a stranger, acquaintance, client, family member or friend what you do and the impact that Rotary has in your local community and worldwide. Also, different strategies that have been successful in the past for attracting and engaging members should be continued and possibly tweaked because things have changed in how and why people respond (e.g. with the advent of social media).

My mother, Nancy Rosenthal, was not a Rotarian. However, Mom was

What are we sacrificing because of this failure to keep proper records? RI, the District and every Club are depriving themselves of justly deserved recognition. We don't need recognition for recognition sake. However rectification

of this failure will have an incredibly positive impact on recruitment and retention of members and greatly increase opportunities at all levels to attract Rotary and non-Rotary partners and garner sponsorships. We have a great story, but if you don't know it to tell, who will support or join you?

Critically this means missed opportunities for cooperation among Clubs and decreased chances to share best practices. We are squandering the opportunity to build Club pride, the lack of which directly leads to decreased enthusiasm and energy - the absolutely necessary ingredients to implement quality projects and attract new members.

Our Club Coordination Committee is diligently pursuing a plan to collect and share the data of what we do. To quantify the amount of RI funds, Club funds and the number of hours spent on each Rotary grant project

an advocate for those who sought new opportunities and challenged the status quo. As a tribute to Rotarians in our District 5450, I want to thank my family of Rotary who helped me during this past month whether it was recommending a book, filling in for me at weekly club meetings for membership, giving me a big hug, attending my mom's memorial service or sending a tray of food to make things easier for me and my family. OK, now that you've read this, what will you do to IGNITE your membership activities?!

and non-Rotary grant project they recently asked all the Immediate Past Club Presidents to complete a survey reporting on their Club's projects and efforts for last year.

This data base will be compiled and available to every Rotarian who visits the District website. A quick perusal of the data will allow each Rotarian to review projects similar to their own. A follow up conversation should generate valuable exchanges of best practices, local contacts, and suggestions of what to do and not to do. It also greatly enhances the chances of financial partnership.

With the advent of the New Grants era, Rotary projects will be larger, longer termed and require more funding. To properly conduct these projects it is imperative we approach these projects collectively. For full funding we will need to groom non-Rotary sources as partners and contributors. To be effective we need to tell our full story.

The Club Coordination Committee under the able leadership of Dennis Frohlich with the Boulder Club is spearheading this effort. When Dennis and his committee come calling, please respond quickly.

Thx, Dan

Dear Readers

Did you like something you read in the newsletter?

- ✓ Did it hit home?
- ✓ Did it make you smile?
- ✓ Did you learn something?

Take a moment and let the author know you read their story.

A quick comment, hello or thank you means more than you will ever know.

2013 Rotary International's Service Above Self Award Winner Patricia J. Fiske, Castle Pines Rotary Club

Patricia Fiske was recognized by Rotary International as a 2012-2013 Service Above Self awardee during the District Conference on April 26, 2013. She was nominated for Rotary International's Service Above Self Award as she has continually and selflessly demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service, in many forms and at many levels, through her personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others through Rotary.

Patricia's business and communications acumen have made her an invaluable resource at the club, district, zone, and international levels. Having served as Club President, she received RI's Significant Service Award in 2009-2010. She lead a historical Group Study Exchange team to District 3450 China in 2006-7 and,



thereafter, championed a matching grant for China Health Villages gathering support from the Rotary Club of Shanghai, U.S. Rotary Clubs, and non-Rotarian organizations. She supported and advised the recent medically-oriented GSE exchange with China. Locally, she has served multiple community projects reflecting her rare ability to serve "with" rather than "for" those in need.

The Service Above Self award recognizes Patricia Fiske's gift of weaving Rotary magic by serving others with heart, soul, grace, and style. She truly lives "Peace Through Service."

This is Rotary International's highest honor for individual Rotarians. A maximum of 150 recipients may be selected each year.

Professional Planning Opportunities for The Rotary Foundation

Instructor: Rotary International Director Elect Greg Podd, CPA

Date: September 26, 2013

Location: Law offices of Moye White,
16 Market Square, 6th Floor
1400 16th St., Denver, CO 80202

Two identical sessions: 8-12 AM, 1-5 PM

No cost but reservations must be made by contacting:
Karen Sekich, ksekich@aol.com or 970-397-9107

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ZONES 21 & 27 PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY CHALLENGE



What is the Paul Harris Society

The Paul Harris Society (PHS) recognizes individuals who generously contribute US \$1,000 or more every year to one of three Foundation funds: the Annual Fund, Polio Plus or an approved Foundation grant.



How significant is the Paul Harris Society to Rotary's Annual Fund

The level of support represented by Paul Harris Society members is staggering. Although less than 3 percent of Rotary Foundation supporters contribute at the Paul Harris Society level, their contributions represent roughly 35 percent of all Annual Fund contributions in a year.

Why a Paul Harris Society Challenge

A Rotary Foundation Donor Advised Fund has been established as of July 1, 2013 by an anonymous donor in the amount of \$ 500,000.00.

This gift was made for the sole purpose to inspire and challenge others in Zones 21 and 27 to make a FIRST - TIME \$1,000 Paul Harris Society-qualifying contribution to The Rotary Foundation during the Rotary years 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16

How the Paul Harris Society Challenge Works

In January and June of each year of the program the Rotary Foundation Donor Advised Fund will transfer to YOUR District's Annual Fund-Share account an amount equal to each FIRST - TIME \$ 1,000 Paul Harris Society contribution made in your District for the previous six month periods until the entire \$ 500,000.00 Rotary Foundation Donor Advised Fund is spent. Please consult with your Zone 21 & 27 Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, District Paul Harris Society Coordinator, or your District's Foundation Chair if you have any comments, questions or concerns.

This Challenge does not involve or include Foundation Recognition Points

THANK YOU for your support of OUR Rotary Foundation!

JOIN THE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY TODAY AND DOUBLE YOUR MONEY!

A challenge match has been issued which will turn your \$1,000 contribution into \$2,000 if you act quickly!

by DG Dan Himelsbach

The match is possible thru a Rotary Foundation Donor Advised Fund established on July 1, 2013 by an anonymous donor in the amount of \$500,000.

This gift was made to inspire and challenge Rotarians in Zones 21 and 27 (includes our District 5450) to become Paul Harris Society Members. A Paul Harris Society Member is any Rotarian who makes a written commitment to contribute at least \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) every year. Please do not confuse becoming a Paul Harris Fellow, which is recognition you receive for every \$1,000 you contribute to TRF with becoming a Paul Harris Society Member. To be a Paul Harris Society Member you must make a commitment to contribute \$1,000 or more to TRF for

each year that you are financially able.

To qualify for the match you must have for the first time on or after July 1, 2013 signed the Paul Harris Society commitment form expressing your agreement to become a member of the Paul Harris Society. Even if you have given \$1,000 per year or more to TRF in the past if you have not signed the Paul Harris Society commitment form, you are eligible for this match. If you have signed a Paul Harris Society commitment form, you are not eligible even if you have not contributed to TRF for several years.

The match money will go fast, it is limited to the first 500 Paul Harris Society Member applications from Zones 21 and 27. District 5450 is in a

position to secure the majority of the match if we act quickly. We encourage each of you to take advantage of this unprecedented opportunity to double your District's contributions to its Annual Fund account as soon as possible. If we accept this challenge our District can reach historically high donation levels. Remember one half of these contributions become DDF which is dedicated to funding District 5450 projects.

If you would like someone to come to your Club to discuss the challenge please contact Elaine Love at resultsforlife@gmail.com or 303 284-0514. For more information contact: District Paul Harris Society Co-Chairs: Bob Ashley BobAshley1946@comcast.net or TJ Carney tj-mfrc@carneylaw.net.

Douglas County Rotary at work

by Steve Baroch, AG Area 5, Castle Rock High Noon, steve@chrn-Rotary.com

A cooperation of the 6 Rotary Clubs in Douglas County have come together to work on 2 related projects. The first involves donating a Park Bench to the New Castle Rock Adventist Hospital for their fantastic Garden! In addition, these clubs, Castle Rock, Castle Rock High Noon, Castle Pines, Parker, Cherry Creek Valley Rotary Club of Parker and Highlands Ranch, are coordinating with the Castle Rock Adventist Hospital to host a Family 9News Health Fair on September 29 to allow people who have not been able to have health care and check ups to have their health concerns addressed. This community effort puts Health in the forefront, and, much like having a beautiful productive garden at a hospital, points to wellness instead of simply treatment.

These new projects will join several others that Douglas County Rotary At Work has worked on together, including raising funds and awareness for Homes For Our Troops and working on several homes directly and Douglas County Rotary Youth EXPO 2013!



Castle Rock High Noon President Elect Kelly Marsh presenting a check to Valerie Ross, Development Officer from Rocky Mountain Adventist Healthcare Foundation

Upcoming Events!

Check the District Home Page and Calendar for Upcoming Events:
www.rotary5450.org

Registration Now Open!
2013 Global Health and Water Symposium
September 28, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm

Save the Dates!

District Literacy Seminar
October 5, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Rotary Leadership Institute
October 12, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

District Grants Seminar
October 19, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Area Assemblies Are For YOU!

An Opportunity to Go Beyond Your Club

Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Assembly- Tuesday, October 29				Assembly - Tuesday, September 24			
Area	Club	President		Area	Club	President	
1	Denver 31	Alison	Clark-Hardesty	9	Breckenridge Mountain	Jennifer	Kermode
1	Denver Cherry Creek	Rogene	Howe	9	eClub One	Deborah	Brackney
1	Denver LoDo	Kathleen	Stage	9	Summit County	Jim	Brook
1	Denver Mile High	Patricia	Barry	Assembly - Thursday, October 24			
1	Denver Sky High	Celestina	Barajas	AG10			
1	Five Points Cultural District	Andrew	Green	Dan Hershberger			
Assembly - Thursday, November 7				Assembly - Tuesday, October 22			
Area	Club	President		Area	Club	President	
2	Aurora	Steve	Snyder	10	Arvada	Doak	Woodruff
2	Aurora Fitzsimons	Mair	Churchill	10	Arvada Sunrise	Debbie	Adler
2	Aurora Gateway	Bob	Barke	10	Broomfield	Tom	Deland
2	Denver Stapleton	Jason	Postregna	10	Broomfield Crossing	Mike	Daniels
2	Smoky Hill	Betsy	Jansen	10	Wheat Ridge	Kim	Graber
Assembly - Thursday, November 14				AG11			
Area	Club	President		Jim McGibney			
3	Centennial	Kenneth	Hope	11	Commerce City	Julie	McCollam
3	Denver Tech Center	Steve	Salter	11	Denver Metro North	Terri	Hauk
3	Englewood	Bill	Hopkins	11	Northglenn/Thornton	Rosie	Garner
3	University Hills	Douglas	Dixon	11	Westminster	Daniel	Pratt
Assembly- Tuesday, December 3				11	Westminster 7:10	Brian	Hall
Area	Club	President		Assembly - Thursday, October 3			
4	Denver Southeast	John	Hughes	AG12			
4	Littleton	David	Partheymuller	George Maybee			
4	Littleton Sunrise	Bill	Medlicott	12	Brighton	Megara	Pullen
Assembly - Thursday, September 12				12	Brighton Early	Kevin	West
Area	Club	President		12	Brush!	Monty	Torres
5	Castle Pines	Howard	Rosch	12	Fort Morgan	Greg	Wagers
5	Castle Rock	Greg	Menke	12	Wray	Norman	Stott
5	Castle Rock High Noon	Les	Lilly	Assembly- Tuesday, October 8			
5	Highlands Ranch	Joyce	Volp	AG13			
Assembly - Thursday, September 12				Jo Kirkenaer			
Area	Club	President		13	Carbon Valley	Barb	Goettsch
6	Aurora Southlands	Greg	Duggan	13	Coal Creek	Chip	Weincek
6	Parker	Carl	Finamore	13	Erie	Jim	Hoppens
6	Parker Cherry Creek Valley	Courtney	Howey	13	Mead	Monica	Baldwin
6	(Elizabeth)			13	(Fort Lupton/Platteville)		
Assembly- Tuesday, November 5				Assembly- Tuesday, October 15			
Area	Club	President		AG14			
7	Denver West	Agnes	Medina	Rose Chamberlain			
7	Golden	Daniel (Dan)	Green	14	Longmont	Daniel	Gust
7	Lakewood	Craig	Ogle	14	Longmont St. Vrain	Richard	Marsh
7	Lakewood Foothills	Sargent	Dick	14	Longmont Twin Peaks	Richard	Samson
7	South Jeffco	Jeff	Warren				
Assembly - Thursday, September 19				Assembly - Thursday, October 17			
Area	Club	President		AG15			
8	Clear Creek 2000	Al	Frei, Jr	Dan Green			
8	Conifer	Stephen	Browne	15	Boulder	Darryl	Brown
8	Evergreen	Barbara	Scripps	15	Boulder Flatirons	Jeffrey	Hinton
8	Mountain Foothills	Rich	Mancuso	15	Boulder Valley	Eric	Rutherford
8	Peak to Peak	Wally	Cleveland	15	Niwot	Margaret	Hix
Assembly- Tuesday, October 1				Assembly- Tuesday, October 1			
Area	Club	President		AG16			
16	Granby	Mark (Digger)	Shearon	Mark Lund			
16	Grand Lake	Geoff	Elliott				
16	Kremmling	Gary	Bumgarner				
16	Winter Park-Fraser Valley	Brad	Smith				

Excellent Questions About Area Assemblies

by Patricia Fiske, Castle Pines Rotary Club, patricia@fiskes.us

Many of you have had questions about your Area Assembly. Let's answer them for all concerned ... and, we hope, for you. Should any of the questions and answers spawn more questions, we welcome them as well. Just send your questions to Patricia Fiske patricia@fiskes.us.

What is an Area and what are Area Assemblies?

District 5450 is organized geographically in 16 Areas of from 3 to 6 clubs.

Each Area is assigned an Assistant Governor whose job it is to support you 'nd your club.

An Area Assembly is a happy gathering where Rotarians meet up with their neighboring Rotarians, building relationships to collaborate on best practices and service projects.

To find which area your club is in and the date of your area assembly, go to <http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5450/HTML/205278//AREAASSEMBLIESFLYER.pdf> and scroll to page 2. Or, you can go to the home page of the District Website www.rotary5450.org and click on Area Assemblies next to DG Dan's photo. If you already know your club's area, just click on your area in the upper left corner of the District home page and it will give you all the details.

Why should I go to an Area Assembly?

Your area assembly is a great way to see, hear and learn about what's going on in Rotary and to borrow good ideas for your own club. You may be looking for an idea for a fundraiser or fellowship event; for vocational, community, youth or international service; or for a membership recruitment or retention idea? Then look no further than your

own backyard.

And here are more opportunities:

- ✓ Meet other Rotarians in your area who share your interests in a project.
- ✓ Do a project that is too big for your club to accomplish on its own.
- ✓ Learn about the projects and best practices of other clubs.
- ✓ Leverage common interests to make projects even more successful.
- ✓ Discover opportunities to collaborate to help your club qualify for more money
 - on projects in your community
 - on district grants
 - on global grants.

Why should I be involved with other clubs?

Well, you can explore or accomplish any or all of the above. Or maybe you have just wanted to talk to someone new about your area of interest in Rotary or explore why they are a Rotarian. You may want to start an Area Affinity Group for Membership, Sergeant-at-Arms, Club Secretary, Club Treasurer, Local Community Service, Vocational Service, Youth Service, Fundraising, RI Foundation or even running a Club Foundation!

What happens to my Club Meeting and do I get a Make-up?

Most clubs will go "Dark" the week of your area assembly and your attendance counts as a meeting.

Will this cost me more money?

Clubs in District 5450 have a wide variety of dues structures. Most clubs are substituting their cost of the club meeting meal to pay for the entire membership to attend the Area Assembly. Some clubs do not serve a meal and they are either paying for

every member to attend or assessing the members individually.

We already do projects with other clubs, why do we need this?

How about these?

- ✓ Learn new ideas for membership development and retention.
- ✓ As Rotarians meet you and gain knowledge of your club's culture, they will feel more comfortable at recommending prospective members to your club.
- ✓ Develop mentor relationships with Rotarians in other clubs.
- ✓ Meet other Rotarians in your area who share your fellowship interests in golf, wine, hiking, biking, cycling, travel, reading, movies, and more.
- ✓ See club displays of their history, projects, and fundraisers.

What do other Rotarians think of this idea?

Comments have been very positive. The first assembly will be on September 12... Stay tuned!

If only to enjoy a social/fellowship gathering that includes hearty appetizers and a cash bar, please attend.

**HERE IS A
PROMISE...
YOUR AREA
ASSEMBLY
WILL
ENGAGE ROTARY/
CHANGE LIVES**

Rotary Community Corps: Giving Back Brings Pride and Confidence

by Kam Breitenbach, (Rotary Club of Parker) Advisor to the Parker Rotary Community Corps, kamieb1234@gmail.com

The Rotary Community Corps (RCC) provides an amazing growth and enrichment experience for teens and adults with special needs. It is patterned after our club, the Rotary Club of Parker, and conducts service projects in the community, including adopting a family at Christmas.

Opens Door to Service for Those with Special Needs

Through RCC and Rotary, these special individuals are learning about service, growing, and making friends. But they can tell you that more powerfully than I can. Here are just a few of the stories they shared in a book recently published by the RCC:

Shared Experiences

"I am 26 years old and joined RCC because I like being involved with my friends and community. I have ADHD, schizoaffective and I don't learn as fast on spelling or reading and sometimes I write big or small and forget to put punctuation marks in my sentences and paragraphs. Even with these obstacles, RCC has made me proud to be alive. RCC has made me feel more involved with the people around me and my community" - Caroline

"I am 21 years old, and I have Autism. It is a total drag, but some of my coolest friends have autism too and we have fun! I'm new to Colorado and wanted to join the Rotary Community Corps to meet other people and join a fun group. Through RCC I have met all kinds of people. Some are like me and some are very different. I have been to a few of the dances and Prom-Us. I'm not really a dance kinda guy, but they were

ok. I would really like to do the Police Academy someday! When I first got here from California I missed all my old friends. I didn't know anybody here yet. Now I have this big group of people and I'm not so lonely anymore." - Kevin

"I'm 27 years old and have cerebral palsy. I drive a power wheelchair. I talk with an augmentative communicator



We Are RCC! is a book published in July 2013 about a group of special need teens and adults that have learned the value of helping others. The individuals in this group have always been on the receiving end of giving and now they are the ones reaching out to others.

The people at Village Inn, where we meet, are really nice. I like the speakers too. I really like using my talker to say the Pledge of Allegiance at the meetings. I am really accepted at the meeting and I like to help however I can to serve the community. RCC has changed me in that instead of being helped, I learned that there's a lot that I can do myself for others. RCC has made me proud and give me confidence in myself." - Amy

Amy's parents note ***"I am amazed and so proud by how far these wonderful young adults have come and what they have done in RCC. I can't wait to see what the future holds. It has been an amazing adventure for all of us."***

The club began in January 2010 and now has 40 members from Parker and surrounding communities. For more information, email me at kamieb1234@gmail.com.

We Are RCC!

And all my friends are here with me

And there's no place I'd rather be

And we volunteer

And we'll do our best

We love to help

And you never will forget

That.....We are RCC

called an ECO. I also have vocabulary on my iPad and iPhone. I joined RCC because I like being with all my friends.

Get Noticed!

Keep your camera handy and take some photos of your event. Whether your club has a festival, coat drive, house painting, gleaning, apple picking, haunted house, barn-raising, signature dance, road cleanup, bake sale – be sure to take photos and write about it.

Send your photos and articles to Marge Mercurio at rotarymarge@gmail.com by September 6, and we'll help you shine a spotlight on your club.

ROTARY - "NO Women Allowed"

by Dana Arell, (Denver Tech Center), coachdana5@gmail.com

It is hard to believe that from 1905 until 1989, the Constitution and Bylaws of Rotary International stated that Rotary club membership was for males only.

In 1978, the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, USA, invited three women to become Rotary members. The RI Board withdrew the charter of that club for violation of the RI constitution. The RI attorney argued that "... [the decision] threatens to force us to take in everyone, like a motel. The club brought suit against RI claiming a violation of a state civil rights law that prevents discrimination of any form in business establishments or public accommodations. The appeals court and the California Supreme Court supported the Duarte position that Rotary could not remove the club's charter merely for inducting women

into the club. The United States Supreme Court upheld the California court indicating that Rotary clubs do have a "business purpose" and are in some ways public-type organizations.

This action in 1987 allowed women to become Rotarians in any jurisdiction having similar "public accommodation" statutes. In October of 1987, the Rotary Club of Angels-Murphys D5220 inducted three women and in spite of threats to quit Rotary by some of the older male members - none did. Two of these three women went on to lead their Rotary Club as president and one completed over two years as charter president of the Angels Camp Centennial Rotary Club (a club which is very proud of its 50% female membership). That president has completed 19 years of perfect attendance.

The RI constitutional change was made at the 1989 Council on Legislation, with a vote to eliminate the "male only" provision for all of Rotary. At this time there are now over 215,000 women who have become members and leaders of clubs and districts throughout the world!

The DTC Rotary is planning an event, Celebrating 25 Years of Women in Rotary. The club will be honoring the many Rotary women in District 5450. Plan to join us on September 26, 2013 at Glenmoor Country Club.

For more information, visit www.dtcrotary.org or email Dana Arell - coachdana5@gmail.com.

To learn more about the history of women in Rotary, visit **Historic Moments Women in History** at rotary.org.

Polio Update: We Can, We Can, We Can!

Remember The Little Engine that Could? It struggled and struggled, "I think I can, I think I can", and in the end, the train pulled over the mountain. So it is with our struggles to eradicate polio.

As past Rotary Vice President, John Germ, who leads RI's fundraising efforts for polio eradication, said at Lisbon, "We're at a critical point in the fight to end polio. We must capitalize on this progress to finish the job. We have a robust plan, the tools to reach each child, and with funding in place, we can win against this devastating disease. Rotary and its partners remain committed to a polio-free world."

Gates new challenge to match every dollar donated by Rotarians, 2 for 1, up to \$35 million annually for the

next 5 years has the potential to raise another \$525 million. At the Lisbon Conference, a Nigerian Rotarian and philanthropist donated the first \$1million. Now the 34,000 clubs worldwide need to take up the mantle to raise the funds to achieve the match over the next 5 years when GPEI predicts polio will be banished from the face of the earth.

In District 5450, 48 clubs raised \$61,590 this past Rotary year. Just think how far ahead we could be if every club and every Rotarian in our District contributed!

Want to join our committee and help us plan a great year of polio education and fund raising for our District? Our first meeting in person will be Sept. 11, late afternoon. We have lots of exciting ideas to discuss. Thereafter we will

meet monthly by conference call. If you would like to learn more, just email peg.johnston@yahoo.com. We would love to have you join our committee!

Polio Eradication Numbers as of July 31, 2013

Country	YTD 2013	FYE 2012	FYE 2011
Afghanistan	3	37	80
Nigeria	40	122	62
Pakistan	22	58	198
Chad	-	5	132
China	-	-	21
Cote d'Ivoire	-	-	36
DR Congo	-	-	93
India	-	-	1
Kenya	10	-	-
Niger	-	1	5
Somalia	95	-	-
Other countries	-	-	22
Totals	170*	223	650

* 2012 YTD 105

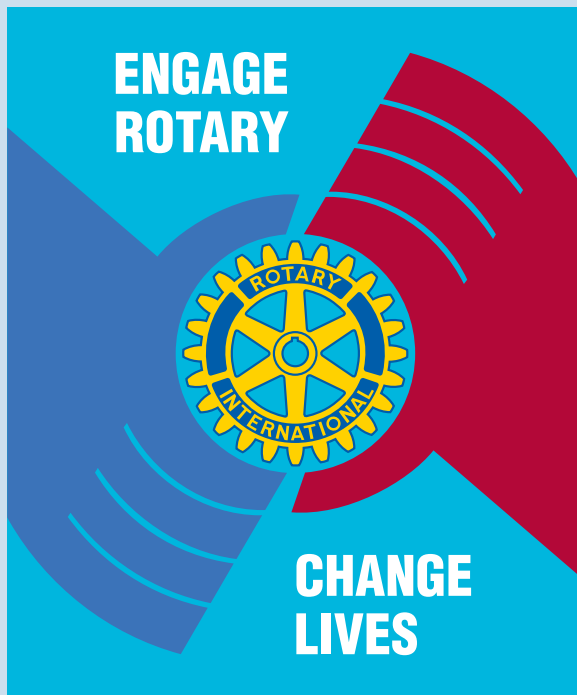
Keep those stories coming!

Get Double Exposure on your stories!

If you have a story about District-related events please send them to Marge Mercurio at rotarymarge@gmail.com by Friday, September 6.

Please send your word document (about 400 words) along with photos and captions to rotarymarge@gmail.com.

Get even more exposure and send news about your events, fundraisers, celebrations, anniversaries, parties, milestones and other successes to Valerie Hopkins at rotarypr5450@gmail.com to be posted on the Bits & Bites Rotary Blog. Send your stories and photos (with captions) Valerie at rotarypr5450@gmail.com.



"If we really want to take Rotary service forward, then we must make sure that every single Rotarian has the same feeling about Rotary that each one of us here has today. We need to make sure that every Rotarian has a meaningful role to play, that they're all making a contribution, and that their contribution is valued." RI President Elect Ron Burton

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