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## We Will Have a Great On-to-Bermuda March 9-15!

### Bermuda Celebrates 90 years of Rotary and the Legacy of PDG Walter Maddocks!

with

**Rotary International Past President  
Chuck Keller**

**Rotary International PolioPlus Chair  
Bob Scott**

**Rotary District Governor  
Matts Ingemanson**

Walter Maddocks served as President of the Hamilton Rotary Club in 1973-1974 and as our District Governor in 1976-1977. Walter also served as Bermuda's Attorney General from 1991 to 1994.

Walter's greatest legacy was as Executive Director of Rotary International's PolioPlus program from 1986 to 1988. During this time, he traveled to 12 countries and many cities, asking for money to help protect children against polio.

Walter exceeded his own fundraising projections of \$120 million. By 1988, Rotarians had contributed more than \$264 million. This great amount of money helped placing PolioPlus on the world stage and inspired Rotarians to contribute a total of \$1.2 billion. It also inspired other organizations to contribute an additional \$12 billion. These \$13.2 billion has made it possible to eradicate 99% of Polio from the world, leaving only Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan

with a few cases of polio. This would not have been possible without Rotary's and Walter's leadership.

We are all proud of Walter and his accomplishments. We are also proud that he served as our District Governor. Unfortunately, Walter passed away in 2011, but he leaves a legacy that has saved and continues to save thousands of people all over the world from having Polio.

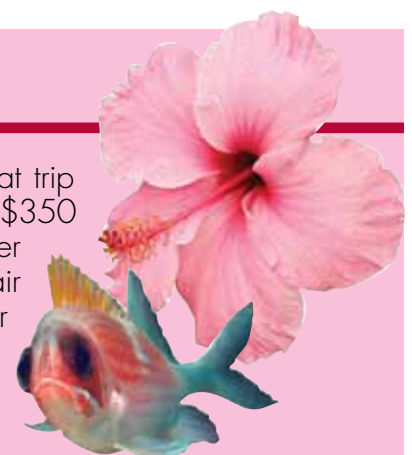
Rotary International Past President Chuck Keller and Rotary International PolioPlus Chair Bob Scott will join me in celebrating the legacy of Walter Maddocks and 90 Years of Rotary in Bermuda, together with every Rotarian in Bermuda. We invite all Rotarians in the American part of our Rotary District 7230 to join us in this celebration. You can read more about it in this issue of the Engageletter.



## On-to-Bermuda Airfare News

Coby Ellingwood started with some of the air ticketing for Matts's great trip in March, and found that most of the fares are pretty good, (now under \$350 as of 12/27/13). Air fares are bound to fluctuate, but as a rule, the earlier that you book, the better. As mentioned in the On-to-Bermuda brochure, air is not included, in the package, as many of Rotarians have frequent flyer miles, and/or other preferences.

Just a little tip for you lucky folks that can join us for that beautiful time in PARADISE.





## 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Rotary "On-To-Bermuda"

at The Fairmont Southampton  
March 9 to March 16, 2014  
And March 12 to March 16, 2014

### Tentative Schedule for Planned Activities

Morning	Afternoon	Evening
<b>Sunday</b> 8-day trip departs JFK, LGA or Newark	Welcome Swizzle Party	Free Evening
<b>Monday</b> Pool, Beaches Golf & Tennis	Tour of Aquarium & Zoo Sightseeing in St. Georges	St. Georges Rotary Dinner at 6:30 pm Grotto Bay
<b>Tuesday</b> Shopping in Hamilton	Lunch with Hamilton Rotary Club at 12:30 pm. at Royal Hamilton Dinghy Club	Free Evening
<b>Wednesday</b> 5-day trip departs JFK, LGA or Newark	Welcome Swizzle Party Ferry to Royal Naval Dock- yard, Maritime Museum Art Center & Craft Market	Sandys Rotary Club Dinner at Henry VIII 6:30 pm
<b>Thursday</b> Pembroke Rotary Breakfast 7:30 am @Bermuda Royal Yacht Club	Free Afternoon	XL Insurance Corporate Event
<b>Friday</b> Pool and Beaches	Clock Dedication at City Hall Honoring PDG Walter Maddocks	Reception at Government House
<b>Saturday</b> Pool, Beaches Golf & Tennis	Free Afternoon	Rotary 90 Years in Bermuda Banquet
<b>Sunday</b> Depart for home		



## 57<sup>th</sup> Annual "On-to-Bermuda"

Sponsored by  
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL-DISTRICT 7230

### FEATURES OF OUR FUN TRIP TO BERMUDA

*Included are transfers to and from hotel, Arrival swizzle party, on site shopping, beach, golf, pool, tennis, and 4 delightful restaurants. Don't forget the exquisite daily breakfast, which is included.*

*This year we'll be treated with extra activities in Hamilton, for their "90 Years in Bermuda" celebrations, with free boat shuttle to the Fairmont Hamilton.*

*The Fairmont Southampton offers Extraordinary views of beautiful Hamilton Harbor & the Ocean.*

*It is just minutes away from the island's famous pink sandy beaches, local restaurants and entertaining nightlife featuring luxurious guestrooms plus numerous amenities, The Fairmont Southampton unites old Bermuda grace with modern convenience.*

*We offer free boat service to and from sister Hotel Fairmont Hamilton.*

*For additional trip information please contact:*

**MR. COBY ELLINGWOOD,**  
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Phone: 914-993-4044  
Email: [coburn.ellingwood@altour.com](mailto:coburn.ellingwood@altour.com)

*Additional tour information  
can be obtained from Hotel Concierge,  
or in Town at Information Center*





# BERMUDA



## Registration for "On-to-Bermuda" 2014 – The Fairmont Southampton

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8-Day Trip, March 9 to March 16, 2014   | <input type="checkbox"/> 5-Day Trip, March 12 to March 16, 2014 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,349.00 per person, double occupancy | <input type="checkbox"/> \$838.00 per person, double occupancy  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single \$2,114.00                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Single \$1,275.00                      |

**Passports Required**  
**AIRFARE NOT INCLUDED**

Full Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Business) \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of additional members in my party: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to charge the Airfare to my credit card: Card Name \_\_\_\_\_

Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Depart ☐ JFK ☐ LGA ☐ Newark ☐ On Own ☐ Golf Tournament ☐ Tennis

Do you want trip insurance? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Please send insurance information

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Rotary Club \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

To make your reservation, send your deposit, by check, in the amount of \$200 per person. Airfare only may be charged to your credit card. Deposit check must be received no later than December 31, 2013. Final balance is payable by check on January 15, 2014. Be sure to indicate whether you want the 8-day trip or the 5-day trip.

**Please make checks payable to "Rotary-On-To-Bermuda"**

**and mail to MR. COBY ELLINGWOOD,**

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## ON-TO-BERMUDA COMMITTEE

**Matts Ingemanson**

**District Governor 2013-2014, Chair**

**CO-CHAIR**

**Coby Ellingwood**

**Rye Rotary Club**



# Rotary District Conference in New York City

## Early Bird Price for all Events - Only \$199!

**Rotary International President's Representatives are**  
**Past Rotary International President Luis Vicente Gaiay**  
**Rotary International Director Celia Elena Cruz de Gaiay**



Sundra and Matts are here together with Celia and Luis during the Rotary Global History Fellowship Breakfast at the Rotary Convention in Lisbon 2013.

**These events are included in the \$199 price!**

### **Friday May 9**

**Getting Ready Breakfast**  
**The Paul Harris Fellowship Luncheon**  
**Breakout Sessions**

### **Saturday May 10**

**Memorial Breakfast**  
**The Awards Luncheon**  
**The Governor's Evening Ball**  
**Breakout Sessions**

**Call Pennsylvania 6-5000 (212-726-5000) for**  
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Glenn Miller often played at Hotel Pennsylvania. The song Pennsylvania 6-5000 was inspired by the telephone number to Hotel Pennsylvania, which is still their phone number. You can hear Glenn Miller play this tune on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=TaCLxyvckIU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TaCLxyvckIU).



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# **Rotary International District 7230**

## **New York & Bermuda**

**District Governor Matts Ingemanson  
Presents**

**The District Conference  
May 9 & 10, 2014**

**Hotel Pennsylvania near  
The Madison Square Garden  
New York, New York**

**The Paul Harris Fellowship Luncheon  
May 9, 2014**

**Early Bird Price \$199 until March 15 for all events included!**

**Rotary International  
President's Representatives**

**Luis Vicente Giay**

Rotary International President 1996-1997  
Rotary Foundation Chair 2001-2002  
Rotary Foundation Chair 2006-2007  
Rotary Future Vision Committee Chair  
Rotary Peace Negotiator between Countries

**Celia Elena Cruz de Giay**

Rotary International Director 2013-2015  
1st Woman Director from Latin America

**Rotary District 7230  
Co-Chairs**

**PDG Paul Caruso**

**PDG Karl Milde**







## The Mercy College-Dobbs Ferry Rotaract Club Wins Volunteer Spirit Award

The Mercy College-Dobbs Ferry Rotaract Club has been granted a Volunteer Spirit Award from The Volunteer Center of United Way. This premier volunteer recognition is given every April to a distinguished group of volunteers who have done extraordinary work in the community.

The Club won in the category of "NY Life Youth Group in Action Award," which honors a youth group that has made a significant contribution to a cause or work of a nonprofit. The Mercy College-Dobbs Ferry Rotaract Club is a service club of 18-21 year old college students sponsored by Quad Village Rotary. During the past year the students completed 15 projects representing a total of nearly 3,000 student-hours of service. Some of these projects included: Mercy College Annual Day of Service (writing letters and sending care packages to troops through Operation Gratitude) and MLK Day of Service (helping middle school students create vision boards to map out their futures). Club members also spent time each month providing: mentoring, homework help, recreational activities to Rose Cottage at Children's Village and reading stories to young children on Reading Day at Leak & Watts in Yonkers.

Chief Student Engagement Officer Dr. William E. Martinov, Jr. said: "It's wonderful to see the outstanding efforts by our Mercy College students being recognized. Mercy students are global in their thinking with a sincere desire to make a difference in the lives of others - community service being a common denominator."

PACT Assistant Director Jasmine Dumas said: "Since being chartered by Rotary International in 2010, I have had the unique opportunity to work with some of the most selfless students at Mercy College. The Rotaractors truly enjoy the work that they do and never expect any recognition in return. I am honored to be their advisor and I am proud of all that they have accomplished."

The Volunteer Center serves Westchester and the Mid-Hudson Valley. The award will be presented at the 34th Annual Volunteer Spirit Award on April 24, 2014.



***Taken October 19, 2013, in Long Island. The club partnered with All Hands Volunteers and the Robin Hood Foundation to help restore a home destroyed by Hurricane Sandy. Their task was to install insulation throughout the house.***



***Taken on April 26, 2013, at Teatown Reservation. The club members were clearing debris in order to maintain an enjoyable nature preserve for the public.***



## Hartsdale Rotary Put Their Hearts in the Holidays



**Hartsdale Rotarians and student volunteers packed boxes of food for 80 families in the Greenburgh area (photo above and below).**

The Hartsdale Rotary Club once again joined with the members and volunteers at the Theodore D. Young Community Center to provide food and gifts for 80 families of the Greenburgh area during the Holidays. The Hartsdale Rotary would like to thank the Rotary District #7230 for their matching grant that made this possible.

Diana Juettner, Hartsdale President and Aaron Soury, Past President, and school-age volunteers from the Center assisted the families in choosing a package from each of the different types of food including vegetables, meat, breakfast foods, eggs, milk, juice, bread & dessert to fill their Holiday Box. The families then chose a toy and a book for each child as well as a warm hat & mittens.



On Wednesday, December 18th, Monica Chicas was awarded the Dr. Joseph Schaffer-Murray Schwab Student of the Month for December by the Hartsdale Rotary Club. Monica is a student at R. J. Bailey School and was highly recommended by her teachers. Monica was given the award which included a plaque, a letter of commendation and a monetary award. Hartsdale Rotary meets at Casaletto's Restaurant in Elmsford, NY

Every month during the school year, Hartsdale Rotary gives this award to an outstanding student, nominated by the teachers or guidance counselors, who exemplify "Service Above Self", the Rotary Motto. The award alternates between students from R.J. Bailey School and Woodlands Middle School. Sy Scharf, 94, is the Club's official emcee for the luncheon honoring the student. Parents and teachers are invited to attend. A flyer of the ceremony is posted at the school after the event.



**Monica Chicas received the Dr. Joseph Schaffer-Murray Schwab Student of the Month Award for December.**



**14th  
Annual**

# *Westchester Wine Experience*



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**914-310-0739**

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No one under 21 years of age



## Invitation: Explore Cuba!

The Bedford-Armonk Rotary Club, working with Insight Cuba\* has put together a special trip in Cuba for Rotarians, their families and friends of all ages. The delegation will learn about the history, culture, art, music, agriculture, business, education, and health services in Cuba – where the first Rotary Club in a non-English speaking country was established in June 1916.

### Interested? ...

Contact Bedford-Armonk Rotarian Janet Walsh at [jlwalsh25@aol.com](mailto:jlwalsh25@aol.com) or log on to: <https://booknow.insightcuba.com/icgroupenroll/join-group.aspx> using Username: "RotaryClub" and Password: "BARC223"



*\*Travel in Cuba is provided by Insight Cuba, a division of Cross-Cultural Solutions; a licensed provider of people-to-people travel. Insight Cuba is a division of Cross-Cultural Solutions; an independent, not-for-profit organization founded in 1995, and is independent of the Bedford-Armonk Rotary Club.*



## Rotary Networking Meeting – Don't Miss It!

A Rotary Networking Meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2014 at 8 a.m. The meeting for March is on the 14th at the same time.

Our mission is "Promoting networking in Rotary, and promoting Rotary in the business community."

Begun in the Rotary Club of White Plains, we invite Rotarians from every Club and non-Rotarians who a Rotarian thinks may be a good candidate for a Rotary Club. We begin and end promptly so people can get to work; cost is only \$5 and includes breakfast – great deal!

Meetings will be tentatively scheduled for the second Friday of each month, but please contact Bill Fishman at: [lwf@fishmanlaw.net](mailto:lwf@fishmanlaw.net) to confirm the time and place and for more information.



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2014**

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**Bermuda, Bronx, Manhattan,**  
**Staten Island, Westchester**  
**Leadership by Past Rylarians**  
**and Rotarians**  
**Perfect for Interactors in 10<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**\$225 per student from**  
**the sponsor Club**  
**[RYLA@Rotary7230.org](mailto:RYLA@Rotary7230.org)**  
**(914) 949-3005**





## District Invites Rotarians To Participate In Friendship Exchange to Scotland

The District invites Rotarians to participate in a Friendship Exchange visit to Scotland as guests of Rotary International District 1020 from May 30, 2014 - June 8, 2014.

The Friendship Exchange Program is modeled on the Group Study Exchange program, but is for Rotarians. Instead of visiting a foreign country/city as typical tourists, Team members stay with local Rotarians who would show us what's best in their area, while we also share their home and their family life. This is far more meaningful and fulfilling in terms of cultural understanding, and paves the way for long-term relationships on the individual, Club, and District levels - one of the best ways to enhance international understanding.



The District plans to send a team of five Rotarians and an adult companion each, i.e., a maximum of 10 adults. Participating Rotarians will bear their own airfare to Scotland, and take care of their own visa requirements. While ticket prices vary, they are expected to cost around \$1,500. Local lodging, boarding and transportation will be provided for by the local Rotarians. For more information, read: [http://www.rotary.org/Rldocuments/en\\_pdf/rfe\\_handbook\\_en.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/Rldocuments/en_pdf/rfe_handbook_en.pdf). Team members may choose to spend more time in Scotland at their own expense.

Scotland is an ancient country, rich in history and full of beautiful mountains, enchanting lochs (that's an Irish/Scottish Gaelic word for a lake and a sea inlet) and captivating cities with a long and complex history. Glasgow, the largest city in the country, features the Burrell Collection, Glasgow Cathedral, the Glasgow Science Centre and the Kelvingrove Museum. It is renowned for its Victorian and Gothic architecture. Edinburgh, the capital and Scotland's second biggest city, features Edinburgh Castle, Edinburgh Zoo, the Palace of Holyroodhouse, Our Dynamic Earth and the Royal Mile. Edinburgh and Glasgow have been named Cultural Centers of Europe. Fort George, a fine example of 18th-century military engineering, and the Burns Cottage and Museum, home of the most famous Scottish poet Robert Burns (responsible for Auld Lang Syne), provides a unique experience of his birthplace. As Voltaire said, "We look to Scotland for all our ideas of Civilization."

Famous for its golf courses and breathtaking scenery, Scotland also has its share of action, adventure and safari attractions in addition to beaches (790 islands) and other natural wonders. The border country, rich in history and lore is having a 500 year anniversary festival at the time of our visit. Hundreds of horsemen take part and the pipes and drums are played daily in what seems like a never-ending festival. Come join us to enjoy the urban culture, the magnificent mountains with woodland trails, the golden beaches and quaint seaside resorts or rolling countryside peppered with ancient castles!

Our District's last Friendship Exchange was with Bangalore, India in January 2013, and by all accounts, a thoroughly enjoyable and incomparable experience. Team members were ecstatic. The full report of the last year's Friendship Exchange Team's visit to Bangalore, India, may be read in the District's Newsletter of February 2013, which is available in the District's website. If you are interested in enjoying Scotland with well-informed, friendly and fun-loving Rotarians, and enjoy the best of Scottish hospitality, please fill out the application form on the following page, and send it to [kchittur@post.harvard.edu](mailto:kchittur@post.harvard.edu) no later than February 28, 2014.

Please note that (a) all team participants are expected to host, or arrange for hosting, a Rotarian guest couple from Scotland when the return Friendship Exchange team from Scotland visits here later in the year; and (b) team members will selected be on the basis of first-come, first served. Questions? Email me at [kchittur@post.harvard.edu](mailto:kchittur@post.harvard.edu).

# *Rotary International - District 7230*

## Friendship Exchange Team Member Application

Before completing this application, please read the Friendship Exchange Brochure (EN-909). This publication offers a general overview and the mission statement of the Friendship Exchange program.

1. Please print or type. Do not use initials.
2. ALL columns must be filled in.
3. This completed application must be submitted to Rtn. Krishnan Chittur, by email at [kchittur@post.harvard.edu](mailto:kchittur@post.harvard.edu), by no later than **February 28, 2014**.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Name in full (as it appears on your passport)

First: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle: \_\_\_\_\_

Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Rotary Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Classification: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Male/Female

Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address:

Number and street: \_\_\_\_\_

City/town \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal code : \_\_\_\_\_



Home telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Office telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell/mobile telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide details of two person(s) to notify in case of emergency

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

#### TEAM MEMBER APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION

- ★ I am a Rotarian in good standing of the Rotary Club of \_\_\_\_\_ in R.I. District 7230.
- ★ I understand that I will be responsible for my airfare to and from Bangalore.
- ★ I understand that I will be responsible for obtaining visa and/or other travel documents for the travel.
- ★ I understand that I will be responsible for medical, travel and all other insurance

coverage.

- ★ I undertake to host, or arrange for the hosting, of a Rotarian and his/her companion from Bangalore when they visit District 7230 in May 2013.
- ★ I have read and understood the Friendship Exchange Brochure (EN-909), and the Hosting Guidelines, and agree to abide by them.
- ★ During the exchange, I agree to (a) accept the decisions of the team leader at all times; (b) remain with the group throughout the program, except during those periods when individual activities are specifically provided, unless excused by the team leader; (c) inform the team leader of my whereabouts at all times; (d) maintain standards of behavior and deportment during my travels with the study team that will reflect credit on Rotary, my district, and my country; (e) refrain from engaging in dangerous activities; (f) have sufficient funds to meet my personal and incidental expenses while abroad.
- ★ I understand that I may, if I so choose, spend more time in Scotland or any other part of Europe or elsewhere after the Exchange program at my own expense.
- ★ I hereby release and discharge Rotary International and District 7230, and their respective successors, officers, directors, agents, and employees from any and all claims, damages, liabilities, or expenses which I or my successors, dependents, beneficiaries, heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns may or hereafter have against any or all of such parties on account of or in connection with the Friendship Exchange Program or my participation therein. I agree that I shall indemnify and hold harmless Rotary International and District 7230 and their respective successors, officers, directors, agents, and employees against any and all claims, damages, liabilities, or expenses which any such party may incur on account of or in connection with my participation in the Friendship Exchange Program. The foregoing release and indemnity shall continue to apply to each officer, director, agent, or employee even though such individuals may cease to serve in such capacities and shall inure to the benefit of the legal representatives, successors, and assigns of such individuals.
- ★ I agree that I will abide by all the District 7230 decisions related to travel safety. If the District or the Team Leader determines, in its/his sole discretion, at any point in the Friendship Exchange process that my safety in the host country is or could be at risk, the District or Team Leader may require that the itinerary be modified, cancelled, or indefinitely postponed. If already in the host country, my team may be asked to return home immediately. In such instances, I agree to abide by the District's or the Team Leader's decision as to what, if any, alternatives are available. Should I be required to return home prematurely due to travel safety concerns, and I choose to stay, I accept all responsibility for my safe return home.
- ★ I freely accept the conditions outlined above, understanding that the District Friendship Exchange Committee has the final authority to select team members. Team members or alternates may be disqualified at any time, if deemed appropriate, and all such decisions shall be final and binding.
- ★ I understand that accommodations and travel in the District will be provided by local Rotarians during the visit.



- ★ To promote understanding and goodwill, I will recognize the right of each person to his/her own opinions and will therefore be cautious about expressing my own personal opinions concerning any controversial, political, racial, or religious issue.
- ★ Rotary International and District 7230 may share my name and contact details with the Rotary International District 1020, with other Rotary Clubs, and with alumni groups upon request.
- ★ Unless I indicate otherwise in writing, I hereby give publication rights to Rotary International and District 7230 for promotional purposes to further the Object of Rotary, including but not limited to Rotary International and/or District 7230 publications, advertisements, and websites. I also authorize Rotary International and/or District 7230 to share photos from my final report with Rotary entities for promotional purposes to further the Object of Rotary. I do not authorize Rotary International and/or District 7230 or any other entity to use these photos for any commercial purpose.

(Name (Please Print)):

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Signature:

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Date:

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## Proud to be a Rotarian on January 13, 2014

### Yes we should celebrate India's Accomplishment! ...BUT!

"Until polio is finally eradicated globally, all unvaccinated children will remain at risk of infection and paralysis, no matter where they live."

Rotarians see the 13 Jan. milestone as a testament to the determination of its international membership of 1.2 million men and women – and especially the 122,000 Rotary members in India – to eradicate polio through the mass immunization of children, a goal Rotary took on in 1985.

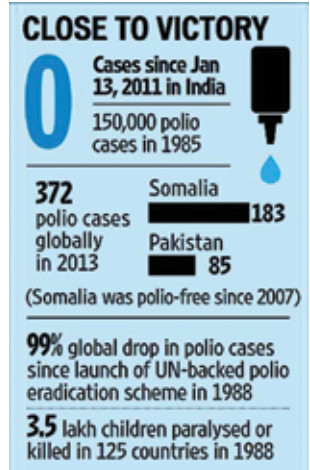
In celebration of the decades-long battle and ultimate victory over this disabling disease in India, Rotary clubs throughout the country will illuminate landmarks and iconic structures on Jan. 13. India Gate in Delhi and Red Fort in Delhi and Agra are among the structures that will carry Rotary's dramatic message – 'India is Polio Free'.

Rotarians now say the challenge is to replicate India's success in neighboring Pakistan, one of three remaining polio-endemic countries. Afghanistan and Nigeria are the others. Collectively, they create a reservoir from which the opportunistic disease can emerge to re-infect areas where it had been previously stopped. Imported cases are occurring now in Syria and several African countries.

In 2013, imported cases in non-endemic countries outnumbered the total in the endemic countries 224 to 145, underscoring the importance of stopping the virus where it remains endemic.

Rotary launched its polio immunization program PolioPlus in 1985 and in 1988 became a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Since the global initiative began in 1988, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99 percent, from about 350,000 cases a year to 369 confirmed so far for 2013.

Rotary's main responsibilities within the initiative are fundraising, advocacy, and social mobilization. To date, Rotary has contributed more than US\$1.2 billion and countless volunteer hours to fight polio. Through 2018, every dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication will be matched two-to-one by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation up to \$35 million a year.





# Rotary International Convention in Sydney

## SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA ~ JUNE 1—4, 2014

Sign up now for this year's Rotary International Convention.

Sydney is one of the most beautiful and vibrant cities in the world! Its robust natural surroundings and gleaming harbor make it a bucket-list destination. With the dramatic silhouette of the Sydney Opera House, the arch of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, a plethora of shopping outlets, delicious waterfront dining, and buzzing nightlife, the city will leave you awe-struck.

While you're in Australia, make plans to visit other memorable destinations such as the Great Barrier Reef, Great Ocean Road, Gold Coast, Adelaide, Perth...and more! Visit <http://www.australia.com> for wonderful tourism information.

The Rotary International Convention will be held at a place familiar to many of us as the sight of the 2000 Summer Olympics. The facilities provide ample space for an extra-large house of friendship, with full handicap accessibility, and a vast array of other amenities.

Free public transportation, starting three days before and ending one day after the Convention, makes it easy to enjoy every corner of magnificent Sydney, nearby legendary beaches, Hunter Valley wine country, and majestic Blue Mountains.

Be sure to register for the Zones 24 and 32 Beyond Borders Event. You'll enjoy cocktails and a generous array of Hors d'oeuvres (you might even skip dinner afterwards!). The Beyond Borders Event will be Sunday, June 1 from 7 to 9 PM at L'Aqua, overlooking Darling Harbor. On the terrace, you'll enjoy seeing "Vivid Sydney" a light show that will continue throughout the convention. Here's a sampling of Vivid Sydney: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ldQjtfqPNQo>

Look for the Beyond Borders Event registration information by following this link: <http://www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/Home.aspx?zid=22>

### KEEP IN MIND THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Nov. 3, 2013: Group Housing forms due

Dec. 16, 2013: Increase in registration price

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