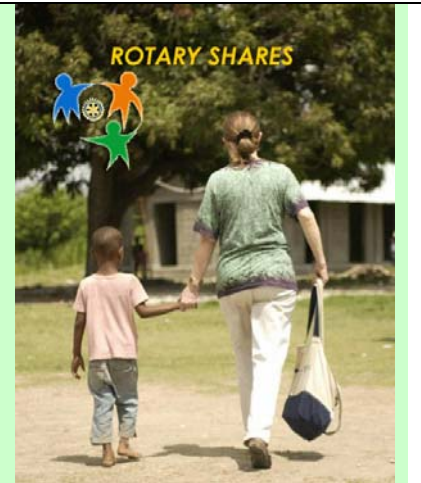


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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AND GATES FOUNDATION TOGETHER COMMIT \$200 MILLION TO ERADICATE POLIO

Ryan Hill, Trinity High School is Student of the Month for November. Here he receives the Student of the Month recognition from John Womack.



Hunter, Laney, Morgan, Novak, Stewart, Stout, Sturgill, Thomas, Williard

THE 4 WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do . . .

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to All Concerned?
3. Will it Build GOODWILL and Better Friendships?
4. Will it Be BENEFICIAL to All Concerned?

Bell Ringing for Salvation Army

Randy Carda has scheduled our club to ring the bell at the Oak Hollow food court entrance on Tuesday, **December 11**. He will have the sheet to circulate at the meeting Monday, and wanted us to send a **“save the date”** email to our members. We are responsible for the location from 10:00AM until 8:00PM, with the last one hour shift starting at 7:00PM. Randy will sign up for the first shift at 10:00, and pick up the kettle from the Army office. Folks can sign up for more than one shift if they like.



The Rotary Foundation Cultural Scholarship program was featured today. Two alumni

Cultural Scholars described their experiences: (l-r) Tera Haskin, who studied Spanish at the Universidad de Salamanca-Cursos Internacionales, Salamanca, Spain, and Coleen Jackson who studied Japanese at Osaka YWCA College, Osaka, Japan. Tera works as Account Manager for Proximity Hotel in Greensboro, and Coleen is an elementary school teacher.

WE MISSED YOU TODAY-

Adams, Black, Burg, Cain, Eade, Foster, Foster, Frye, Green C, Hellinger, Hendrix,

EVANSTON, Ill., U.S.A. (Nov. 26, 2007) -- Rotary International today announced a partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation that will inject a much-needed US\$200 million into the global campaign to eradicate polio, a crippling and sometimes fatal disease that still paralyzes children in parts of Africa, Asia and the Middle East and threatens children everywhere.

The Rotary Foundation has received a \$100-million Gates Foundation grant, which Rotary

will raise funds to match, dollar-for-dollar, over three years. The Evanston-based volunteer service organization will spend the initial \$100 million within one year in direct support of immunization activities carried out by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), a partnership spearheaded by the World Health Organization (WHO), Rotary International, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and UNICEF.

"The extraordinary dedication of Rotary members has played a critical role in bringing polio to the brink of eradication," says Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. "Eradicating polio will be one of the most significant public health accomplishments in history, and we are committed to helping reach that goal."

The polio eradication grant is one of the largest challenge grants ever given by the Gates Foundation and the largest grant received by Rotary in its 102-year history. Polio eradication has been Rotary's top priority since 1985. Since then, Rotary has contributed \$633 million to the eradication effort.

"Rotary members worldwide have worked very hard over the years to reach this point, and it is rewarding to see our approach validated in such a significant way by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation," says Dr. Robert Scott, who leads Rotary's polio eradication effort and chairs The Rotary Foundation, the not-for-profit charitable arm of Rotary that will administer the grant. "We hope that this shared commitment of Rotary and the Gates Foundation will challenge other donors – including foundations, governments and non-governmental organizations – to step up and make sure we have the resources needed to rid the world of polio once and for all."

Adds Rotary International President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson: "This endorsement of Rotary's polio eradication efforts by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is just the catalyst and challenge Rotary members need to keep our promise to the children of the world that polio will be eradicated."

The Gates Foundation grant comes at a crucial juncture for the initiative, which urgently needs an infusion of funds to reach the eradication goal. Although the GPEI has succeeded in slashing the number of polio cases by 99 percent over the past two decades, the wild poliovirus still persists in four countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan. The polio cases represented by that final one percent are the most costly to prevent due to such factors as geographical isolation, worker fatigue, low coverage with the vaccine, armed conflict and cultural barriers.

Last month, WHO released data confirming that all four remaining polio-endemic countries are on track to achieve eradication. In particular, significant progress has been made in India and Nigeria, which together account for 85 percent of the world's polio cases. Nigeria has reported 226 cases so far this year, compared with 958 at the same time last year. In both countries, more effective oral polio vaccines have contributed to steady progress in reducing polio cases.

WHO Director-General Dr. Margaret Chan says the Gates Foundation grant reaffirms that polio eradication is both feasible and achievable. "This investment is precisely the catalyst we need as we intensify the push to finish polio," said Chan. "We have the technical tools to do it, and we can achieve a polio-free world if the rest of our financial partners step up to meet the challenge."

Most of the initial \$100 million will be spent in support of mass immunization campaigns in polio-affected countries, poliovirus surveillance activities and community education and outreach. The grant will also support an expanded research agenda on ways to halt the spread of the poliovirus. Rotary will distribute the funds through grants to WHO and UNICEF.

"The funds made possible through the Gates Foundation grant will help the Global Polio Eradication Initiative scale up its efforts to provide oral polio vaccine to children in those isolated locations where it's most needed," says UNICEF Executive Director Ann M. Veneman. "This important contribution will

improve the capacity to protect vulnerable children from this debilitating disease."

CDC Director Dr. Julie Gerberding says the collaboration between Rotary and the Gates Foundation underscores the importance of private sector involvement in major public health efforts. "As a government agency, we think it's wonderful that our private-sector colleagues have taken a leadership role in something as important as polio eradication. Their participation is absolutely critical."

Founded in Chicago in 1905, Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service and help to build goodwill and peace in the world. Rotary's global membership is approximately 1.2 million men and women who belong to more than 32,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

Source: RI Newsroom

MARK YOUR CALENDAR –

Dec. 11 – We ring the bell for Salvation Army
Jan. 20 - Deadline for PETS Registration
Feb. 28 – Furnitureland Auction 2008
Mar. 3 – Taichung Odyssey
Mar. 14-15 - President Elect Training Seminar (PETS)
Apr. 12 – Rotary Peace Fellows Seminar - Global Education Center at UNC-Chapel Hill. The program is free, Rotarians are encouraged to attend, a meal is included.
Apr. 24-27 – District Conference - Chateau Elan

DEAL ME IN . . . I GOT THE QUEEN



Marty Pratt joins the ranks of those of us who did not gain audience with the Queen. The pot approaches \$1,300!

AND FINALLY:

Among my brother-in-law, the preacher's papers I found the following quotation attributed to Mahatma Gandhi:

*Your Beliefs Become Your Thoughts
Your Thoughts Become Your Words
Your Words Become Your Actions
Your Actions Become Your Habits
Your Habits Become Your Values
Your Values Become Your Destiny*

Furnitureland Rotary Club Auction 2008

This is a club event – a whole club event. To help make sure that every member understands what this means, the board has approved the following:

Every club member will be responsible for the following four duties:

- ① **To work in the auction process if asked;**
- ② **To sell or buy at least two auction tickets;**
- ③ **To sell or buy at least \$100 worth of raffle tickets;**
- ④ **To obtain item(s) for auction with at least \$100 "anticipated auction" value, or instead of ④ one of the following:**
 - ❶ **Sell or buy six auction tickets (four additional)**
 - ❷ **Sell or buy \$200 worth of raffle tickets (\$100 additional)**
 - ❸ **Serve in one of the Auction Committee Chair positions.**



Furnitureland Rotary Auction

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