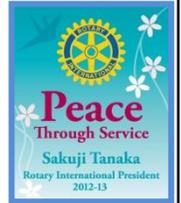


RI Theme 2011-12
"Reach Within to Embrace Humanity"

The Rotary Club of Stevens Point [WI]

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October 3, 2012

Rotary Club of Stevens Point

Welcomes

PDG Tom Guyette

District 6220 Foundation Chair

'New Developments at RI and District Foundations'

Program Arrangements: Pres. Terry



GREETERS

October 3 – Steve Cywinski & José Murillo



Oct 10 – Stack & Murphy; 17 – Huntoon & Bertz; 24 – Murillo & Simmons; 31 Breit & Taylor
Nov 7 – Mouw & Freeberg; 14 – Huntoon & Cahill; 21 –Reyer & Bergin; 28 – Breit & S. Martin
Dec 5 Stack & A. Thompson; 12 D. Marten & Stratton; 19 L Heiser & S. Martin; 26 HOLIDAY

Coming Events

OCTOBER 2012 RI THEME – Vocational Service Month

Rotary International's 107th Year and Our Club's 95th

Rotary Intl: www.rotary.org District: www.ridistrict6220.org

Our Club: www.stevenspointrotary.com

Polio UPDATE Daily - <http://www.polioeradication.org/Home.aspx>



UWSP ROTARACT – <http://www.facebook.com/pages/UWSP-Rotaract/153776281332253>

Morning Club – Greater Portage County www.portagecountyrotary.com
Friday 7 a.m. @ Portage County Annex Building, Conf Rooms 1 & 2, 1462 Strongs Ave

Rotary Basics – great site – check it out!

<http://www.rotary.org/EN/MEMBERS/NEWMEMBERS/ROTARYBASICS/Pages/TheOrganizationofRotary.aspx>

Rotary News & Views

-- Of the Club and Otherwise



Guests and Rotarian Visitors

- Visiting Rotarian – Fred Leafgren, Toronto Forest Hill, Ontario, Canada
- Geoffrey Mburu, President, Rotary Club of Greater Portage County

Announcements

- **ROSE SALE 2012 – October 18-20** Special thanks to Bev's Floral and for her staff who are making preparations.
- \$20 a dozen; colors cannot be guaranteed, but the earlier you order the better the chances. Red are still the longest-lasting, rainbow are really popular.
- Flowers will arrive Wednesday afternoon, Bev and an augmented staff will prep and have ready for Thursday October 18th, 9 a.m. if you order for delivery that morning.
- Minimum sale this year is 12 dozen [if you don't sell them you will be billed on your quarterly statement – but selling is so much easier].
- If your client wants to pickup at Bev's either in StePt or Wisc Rapids store just make sure Deb knows in advance their name, color and quantity.
- Bev's website will have more sale information
<http://www.flowersbevsfloral.com/> in a few days.
- We owe a special thanks to Bev's Floral for making process so easy.
- **Holiday Program** LeRoy Heiser has again arranged for the SPASH singers to kickoff the holidays for the club. December 19th, bring spouses, friends, upstairs in the main ball room. This is the 34th year SPASH singers have entertained us.
- **Trip to RI Headquarters** – the bus will make the one-day trip some time the 2nd or 3rd week of January 2013.
- **50-50 Raffle** – John Bergin had the winning ticket, no joker drawn, lunch dollars to Polio Plus.

Presenter: President Terry Arnold, Club Assembly

- Reminded members of Distinct Assembly in Green Bay, Oct 27. Need 5 or more members to get the rebate, 3 signed so far. Let's car pool.
- New Rotary Forum to be led by our club – Post Polio Syndrome with leadership for Bob and Mary Williams. Already has the attention of District Leadership. Was featured in a lead article in the *Rotarian*, September 2010. Leafing to page 30-38 you can read the entire article. A committee has been formed.
http://books.google.com/books?id=c3S1BCt2dZIC&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs_ge_summary_r&cad=0#v=onepage&q&f=false
- Polio Eradication is still a front burner issue with Rotary International – with three tough countries still having endemic polio, Nigeria, Afghanistan and Pakistan, there is still a good ways to go. RI is committing more dollars to continue the process.

Legacy of a Polio-free world: Rotary International has made a new funding commitment of US\$75 million over three years to support global polio eradication. The announcement was made as government leaders gathered to discuss polio at a special event during the UN General Assembly in New York. Impressive cast of characters in this process including Bill Gates of the Gates Foundation.



- Terry noted that following 6220 DG Sharkey's comments a couple of weeks ago, PDG Tom Guyette, District 6220 Foundation Chair and DGN David Yeghiaian, 2013-14 will visit with us about program changes at RI and in the District over the next 2-3 years.
- Terry wants to expand our speakers to address community and Portage County areas of interest, e.g. key industries, volunteerism, growth and declining area. One of the key reports will be the LIFE report from United Way. JD Manville suggested a year-end report from the real estate industry, the exploding federal deficit; Ann Huntoon suggested more information on our natural resources, parks and rec areas, etc.; having PCBC report on the leadership development and issues; club fundraising to decrease dependence on the Rose Sale.

Happy Dollars

- Rick Jansing – the colonoscopy was such fun; probably should schedule one a week.
- [big bucks] Cheryl Breit – birthday Sep 28th since we don't have a meeting - happy birthday to herself and thanks to the club for thinking of her.
- Geoffrey Mburu, President, Rotary Club of Greater Portage County
 - No kite flying event this coming year
 - Plover October Fest –O'so Brewery Oktoberfest party, Saturday, 10/06/12 @ 3028 Village Park Drive, Plover, WI; Hwy B and I-39. The event is Noon - 10 p.m. Join the morning club with this fundraiser.
- \$3 PDG Dick Judy
 - RYLA takes place this weekend at the Y Camp in Manitowish [thanks to Brenda Diamond from our club and Eric Yonke from the morning club for making the arrangements; SPASH homecoming dance will keep Zoë and a couple of others away].
 - Dick and Mary Lou had a full weekend of reunions last week – Dick's 55th college class reunion at Franklin College [IN]; Mary Lou with her sister and BIL that live in the same town, she was a townie when Dick was a big college man; they also attended a Judy family reunion in Anderson, IN, nearly 100 attending but Dick got the elder prize.
- IPP Rick Jansing hoping that the club will get the EREY, Every Rotarian Every Year, banner this year, small commitment by everyone and the returns to District and the club will be three years hence.
- Best to our honorary Rotarian Jackie Freeberg who sang the national anthem at the SPUD Bowl football game last Saturday. Sorry for UWSP to lose the game. Jackie is a frequent performer at football and basketball games for UWSP. She breaks away from Un Minnesota to perform for UWSP.

Rotary International News

UN event inspires: We are committed to ending polio

[Blog post from UN polio event] John Germ, Vice Chair of the International PolioPlus Committee; and Joe Clark, past governor of District 7230, at the UN General Assembly side event.
By Joe Clark, past governor of District 7230 (Bermuda, part of New York, USA)

Yesterday, two Rotarians who are polio survivors, a past district governor who had just returned from a Subnational Immunization Day in Pakistan, and I attended the United Nations General Assembly side event where world leaders, Rotarians, and global polio eradication partners met to voice their commitment to ending polio.

I have been a Rotarian for over 34 years, but this was one of those "wow" moments. We have all worked hard on projects and events to raise money for PolioPlus. But this event motivated us all to work even harder to reach our goal. We left the event ready to get started on new projects and efforts to support polio eradication.

It was inspirational to hear world leaders and other NGO's pledge their support to the program, and recognize the work Rotary has done. Every Rotarian has reason to be proud, but we must not stop now. We need to complete the job and end polio. We are at the hardest part of our mission. We are trying to reach the hardest to reach children. We are going into remote areas and conflict torn areas. We must increase our efforts to complete our task.

We have great support in this endeavor. UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon has traveled to India and seen the success there and has made global polio eradication a top priority. The presidents of Nigeria, Afghanistan, and Pakistan have all pledged financial support, and recognize what must be corrected to reach every child and eradicate polio in their countries.

The governments of the United Kingdom, Australia, Japan, Canada, Finland, and the United States have all committed their support. New organizations are joining. The Islamic Development Bank has crafted a memorandum of understanding with the Gates Foundation and Pakistan and Afghanistan to provide more than US\$227 million to help in their efforts.

Bill Gates has committed over \$1 billion to the cause and believes the money is one of the smartest investments we can make. The infrastructure we are creating to eradicate polio will benefit the world in fighting other diseases. And new technology is constantly being employed. Mapping allows us to find locations where children have not been immunized, we can track via the use of GPS where the vaccine has been given, and we are bringing the costs of the vaccine down.

The UN event energized everyone who was there. Polio eradication is possible. We are committed. We will succeed.

AND HERE IS MORE ON THIS SIGNIFICANT EVENT:

Rotary International has made a new funding commitment of US\$75 million over three years to the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) (GPEI). Rotary, which has already contributed nearly \$1.2 billion to the GPEI, announced the commitment at a 27 September high-level side event on polio eradication, convened by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon during the United Nations General Assembly in New York. The side event -- "Our Commitment to the Next Generation: The Legacy of a Polio-free World" -- brought together leaders of the remaining endemic countries, and representatives of donor governments, development agencies, the GPEI partners, and the media to underscore the urgent need to finish the job of global polio eradication. Although the wild poliovirus is endemic only in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria, other countries are still at risk for re-established transmission of the virus through its "importation" from the endemics.

Ban urged UN member states to ramp up their support for the GPEI, launched in 1988 by Rotary, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The partnership now includes the support of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the United Nations Foundation.

"This decisive moment is a matter of health and justice. Every child should have the right to start life with equal protection from this disease. That's why I have made eradicating polio a top priority for my second term as Secretary-General," said Ban.

New donors

"Governments need to step up and honor their commitments to polio eradication if we are to achieve our goal of a polio-free world," said Wilfrid Wilkinson, chair of The Rotary Foundation. "We are at a true tipping point, with success never closer than it is right now. We must seize the advantage by acting immediately, or risk breaking our pledge to the world's children."

"The evidence is clear: if we all do our part, we can and will end this disease. But we must act quickly and give ourselves the very best chance to succeed," said Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, one of the leading donors to the GPEI. "When we defeat polio, it will motivate us to aim for other great health and development milestones."

The Islamic Development Bank (IDB), a new donor to the polio eradication effort, announced a US\$227 million loan to Pakistan, which will cover the majority of the country's polio vaccination campaign costs. The IDB also announced a \$3 million grant for polio activities in Afghanistan.

In addition, Julian Fantino, Canadian Minister of International Cooperation, announced a "Three for One Polio Challenge Initiative" with Rotarians in Canada and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Through the initiative, the Canadian International Development Agency and the Gates Foundation will each contribute to the GPEI C\$1 for every \$1 raised by Canadian Rotarians up to \$1 million. Upon completion, the initiative would generate a total of \$3 million for the GPEI.

These additional funding commitments follow action taken in May by the World Health Assembly, which declared polio eradication a "programmatic emergency for global public health." Polio cases have plummeted by more than 99 percent since 1988, when the disease infected about 350,000 children a year. Although new polio cases are at an all-time low -- fewer than 150 worldwide in 2012 as of 19 September -- the \$790 million funding shortfall through 2013 has already curtailed scheduled immunization activities in polio-affected countries. If eradication fails and polio rebounds, up to 200,000 children a year could be paralyzed. "Failure to eradicate polio is unforgivable, forever. Failure is not an option. No single one of us can bring this long, hard drive over the last hurdle. But together we can," said Dr. Margaret Chan, Director-General of the World Health Organization.

Unwavering commitment

Rotary and its GPEI partners have reached more than 2.5 billion children with the oral polio vaccine, preventing more than 8 million cases of paralysis and hundreds of thousands of pediatric deaths. Rotary's chief responsibilities in the initiative are fundraising and advocacy, an increasingly important role as the polio end game draws near.

Earlier this month, Rotary launched a new [website](#) to garner greater support for the global polio eradication effort. More than 6,000 visitors signed a petition on the site calling for world leaders to commit additional resources to close the funding gap. Wilkinson presented the signatures on Rotary's behalf during the UN polio eradication side event. Visitors to the site can also estimate the potential dollar value they can generate by sharing the polio eradication message through Facebook, Twitter, and other social media.

"The unwavering commitment of Rotary members has been vital to the incredible progress of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative," said Wilkinson. "How critically important it is for the global community to seize this historic opportunity before us to end polio now."

The 4-Way Test

Adopted by RI in 1943

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?**