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Good Morning Rotarians:

Prayer for this week's meeting Bill Rogers and Humor Bill Robinett.

I have attached the GSE schedule if you can host or would like to volunteer in anyway please contact Carrie Carroll, Norb Plassmeyer or George Kastler thanks so much for your leadership on this project.

Congratulations and welcome to our new member Anita Randolph!!!!

February 2009 Theme: World Understanding			
Focus on issues with a worldwide scope – peace, health, hunger, education, intolerance, etc.			
2/4	Larry Vincent	Charlie Palmer	Lewis & Clark Monument
2/11	Nancy Gratz	Nancy Gratz	Club Assembly- Johnny's Butcher Shop and BBQ
2/18	Don Alberti	Sheriff Greg White	Cole County Sheriff Alert program.
2/25	Carrie Carroll	Stan and Felicia	Partners for clean air

Also please scroll down to see District Governor Sherry's newsletter...

See you in the morning

President Nancy



Nancy K. Gratz
 Senior Vice President
 Community Development Officer
 Commercial Lender

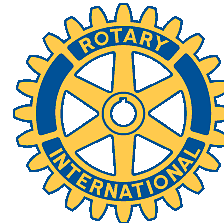
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*"The greatest compliment you can
give me is the referral of a friend."*



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Subject: News from Rotary



Nielsen's 6080 February Newsletter

February is

World Understanding Month

Have you made
our District
Web-site a
"Favorite"?

www.rotary6080.org

For the
Directory:
For a Directory:

February is Rotary's **International World Understanding and Peace Month**. I just returned from a meeting in Tulsa with over 200 Rotary Youth Exchange students. Time was given to honor the memories of the shooting victims in Portland Oregon on January 24th. This loss is unbelievable. As I sit here, a parent of a teenager, I know the anxiousness a parent feel every time your child leaves the house and the relief you feel when they arrive home safely. I would ask you take a moment to remember the parents and families of the youth exchange students that were killed or injured in this senseless act and continue to keep them in your

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**You might check
new items in the
Speaker's Bureau!**

Congratulations
All President
and Secretary-
Elects! PETS/SETS w
ll be here before you
know it! Have your
received the
information and
registered yet? If not
see the district website
for additional
information.

**Making up attendance
Club attendance is**

important! Make sure your
members are making up their
meetings or doing it on-line at
www.rotaryclubone.com and
get their make up form to your
club secretary for credit. It is
such a great way to meet
other Rotarians and get
ideas!

District 6080 has now
installed a data
program and it costs
the Clubs NOTHING!!
Yes, it is free! Club
Presidents
and Secretaries will
particularly like many
of the functions. Their
lives will be EASIER!
More detailed
information to come.
Please log on & update

thoughts and prayers in the many difficult days to come.

There are many factors that make understanding other
cultures difficult; geography, cultures, and religious beliefs.
True comprehension may be nearly impossible and language
barriers further hinder communications. That being true, I
wish you could have witnessed the "oneness" of the group
of foreign students this weekend. I was told by one student
that although people from " _____ " were suspect at home,
now that they know " _____ " they have to rethink those
judgments. If we have a chance for **World Understanding** we
must know one another. This is our only hope.

Meet the exchange student, host a Group Study
Exchange member, participate in a Friendship Exchange. . .
Rotary offers us many opportunities to grow in World
Understanding!

Sherry Nielsen

DaCdb

Congratulations Clubs!!

**Many of you are reporting attendance and updating
your information on our new Data Program. If you
have questions or want training/assistance contact our
District Communication Officer, David Bixler.**

**Our District Conference registration will be on DaCdb so
it will be important to complete the "transition" SOON!**

Gates Foundation Pledges More Money for Polio

The **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** has awarded
US\$255 million to Rotary International in the global effort to
eradicate polio, bringing the total committed by Rotary and
the Gates Foundation to \$555 million.
Shortly after meeting with incoming district governors from
the four countries where the wild poliovirus is endemic --
Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan -- Bill Gates
announced the new grant on Wednesday morning at the

your own information as soon as possible at www.dacdb.com. You will need your Rotary ID number found above your name on your Rotarian magazine.

February 23 is the Anniversary of Rotary!

Have you seen the new Rotary Theme Logo? 2009-2010



International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA. "Rotarians, government leaders, and health professionals have made a phenomenal commitment to get us to a point at which polio afflicts only a small number of the world's children," Gates said. "However, complete elimination of the poliovirus is difficult and will continue to be difficult for a number of years. Rotary in particular has inspired my own personal commitment to get deeply involved in achieving eradication."

"We are going to end polio now," affirmed Robert S. Scott, chair of RI's International PolioPlus Committee. In response to the new \$255 million Gates Foundation grant, Rotary will raise \$100 million in matching funds. In November 2007, RI received a \$100 million Gates Foundation grant, which Rotary committed to match by raising \$100 million.

The two Gates Foundation challenge grants now total **\$355 million**. Rotary International's matching effort in response is called Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge, which must be completed by 30 June 2012.

The \$255 million grant is one of the largest challenge grants ever given by the Gates Foundation and the largest received by Rotary in its 104-year history. Rotary will spend the grant in direct support of immunization activities carried out by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which is spearheaded by RI and its partners, the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF. Rotary will distribute the funds through grants to WHO and UNICEF.

The participation of Rotary clubs and individual Rotarians in Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge remains crucial to its success. **Rotary has raised nearly \$73 million** toward this amount: \$62 million in contributions and \$11 million in commitments. Each club is being challenged to organize a **public fundraiser** annually for the next three years. In October, The Rotary Foundation Trustees approved special Paul Harris Fellow Recognition, which begins 1 July, featuring a certificate with the **End Polio Now** logo. Polio eradication has been Rotary's top priority since 1985, with more than \$1.2 billion contributed to the effort. Gates praised Rotary for providing the volunteers, advocates, and donors who have helped bring about a **99 percent decline** in the number of polio cases. **"The world would not be where it is without Rotary, and it won't get where it needs to go without Rotary," he said.**

The final hurdle still is ahead, said RI President-elect John Kenny. This grant shows that the Gates Foundation is just as committed as Rotary to ridding the world of this disease, he said.

Gates also shared with the incoming District Governors and

Rotary leaders a story from his trip to India in November, when he held a nine-month-old girl afflicted with polio in his arms in a slum in East Delhi.

"She obviously didn't understand why people were poking her legs and looking so serious. But she'll never be able to kick a ball around, never be able to play hide-and-seek with her friends, because she has polio," Gates said. "As I held Hashmin, I thought, We can end this."

"We don't know exactly when the last child will be affected. But we do have the vaccines to wipe it out," he said.

"Countries do have the will to deploy all the tools at their disposal. If we all have the fortitude to see this effort through to the end, then we will eradicate polio."

In addition, the governments of the United Kingdom and Germany announced they have respectively committed \$150 million and \$130 million to eradicate polio, which will not count toward Rotary's challenge.

Government support is key to polio eradication efforts, said Scott.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE INFORMATION COMING SOON

MAY 1ST AND 2ND, 2009

Sincerely,

Sherry Nielsen
Rotary District Governor 2008-09

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