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Rotary Weekly Programs

Jan 29 – Star Student/Star Teacher Awards
 Feb 5 – Open
 Feb 12 – Laura Hahn, Drug Screening Topic
 Feb 19 - High School Speech Contest Practice
 Feb 26 – Club Assembly
 Mar 3 – High School Speech Contest at New Ebenezer, 7:30 a.m.
 Mar 5 – No Meeting
 Mar 12 – Victoria Ten Broeck, Cancer Society

Rotary Board Meeting:

January 28, 8:00 a.m. at Johnson's on 4th

Bill Gates announces new US\$255 million grant for ending polio

By Arnold R. Grahl and Dan Nixon
 Rotary International News -- 21 January 2009



Bill Gates announces a new US\$255 million grant for ending polio at the 2009 International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA. *Photo by Rotary Images/Monika Lozinska-Lee*

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 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,

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Rotary Club of Effingham County

District 6920

Rotary International

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Rotary EClub One

Rotary International Leadership

R.I. President:
Dong-Kurn Lee
District Governor:
Kenan J. Kern
Assistant Governor:
Jeff Kublin

Club Officers & Board of Directors

President: Karen Tanksley
Pres-Elect: Mark Winters
Past Pres: Jerry Smith
Secretary: Lenny Pye
Treasurer: Dan Burkhalter
Sgt-At-Arms: Lamar Allen
Club Administrator: Mark Winters
Club Public Relations: Ann Purcell
Membership: Lane Robertson
Service Projects: Adrian Meeks
Rotary Foundation: Patrick Finley

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.

Upcoming Events

March 3rd, 2009 – High School Speech Contest, New Ebenezer, 7:30 a.m.

March 7th, 2009 – Special Olympics

PAST

PRESIDENTS

John Thompson – 1989
Ron Harden – 1990
Herb Jones – 1991
Warren Ratchford – 1992
Lenny Pye – 1993
Lamar Allen – 1994
David Atkins – 1995
Charles Williamson – 1996
Wendel Wilson – 1997
Tommy Allen – 1998
Ken Lee – 1999
Carolyn Sanders – 2000
Lamar Crosby – 2001
Dennis Webb – 2002
Jeff Kublin – 2003
Rick Sebastian – 2004
Judy Quinney – 2005
Talbert Edenfield – 2006
Jerry Smith - 2007

Attendance for 01/22/2009 Meeting

Attendance: 86.116%

Guest Speaker

Mose Mock, Treutlen House

Guest of Members

Dent Purcell, guest of Ann Purcell

Guest of the Club

None!

Visiting Rotarians

Michael Kilbourne,
Whitehall/Bexley, Ohio

Members Absent

Lisa Bailey (2)

Ramon Lovett (1)

Lee Newberry (2)

Lamar Crosby (1)

Adrian Meeks (2)

Karen Tanksley (1)

A Good Rotarian Makes up Missed Meetings

Jeff Kublin, Rotary Leadership Institute (2),
Savannah Sunrise

WILL WATT FELLOWS

Lamar Allen
Tommy Allen
Herb Jones
Kay Jones
Jeff Kublin
Lenny Pye
Carolyn Sanders
Leland Sanders
Rick Sebastian
Jerry Smith
John Thompson
Charles Williamson
Ray Zittrouer

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Herb Jones	27 years
Lamar Allen	18 years
Tommy Allen	12 years
Jeff Kublin	8 years
Jim Scott	8 years
Talbert Edenfield	7 years
Lainie Jenkins	7 years
Leland Sanders	6 years
Jerry Smith	6 years
Karen Tanksley	6 years
Patrick Finley	5 years
Barbara Oglesby	4 years
Mark Winters	4 years
Dan Burkhalter	4 years
Adrian Meeks	1 year
Carolyn Sanders	1 year



PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

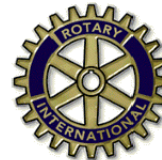
Lamar Allen	Tommy Allen
David Atkins	Lamar Crosby
Talbert Edenfield	Ron Harden
Jane Hughes	Lainie Jenkins
Herb Jones	Jeff Kublin
Ken Lee	Lenny Pye
Ann Purcell	Judy Quinney
Warren Ratchford	Carolyn Sanders
Rick Sebastian	Wendell Sikes
Jerry Smith	John Thompson
Dennis Webb	Charles Williamson
Wendel Wilson	Leo Wuori
Mary Zittrouer	

Sustaining Rotary Foundation Members

Dan Burkhalter	Patrick Finley
Jeff Kublin	Adrian Meeks
Robert Nelson	Lane Robertson
Jim Scott	Jerry Smith
Stan Sparks	Karen Tanksley
Dennis Webb	Mark Winters

MAKE UP PLACES NEAR EFFINGHAM COUNTY

Effingham Sunrise – Tues., 7:30 AM at Guyton Christian Church
Glennville – Wed., 12:00 PM at Glennville Garden Club
Hinesville – Tues., 12:30 PM at Western Sizzlin Pooler – Wed., 7:30 AM at Spankys Westside
Richmond Hill – Thurs., 12:30 PM at Holiday Inn
Savannah – Mon., 12:30 PM at Desoto Hilton
Sav. South – Tues., 12:30 PM at Carey Hilliard's Banquet Hall
Savannah East – Fri., 12:30 PM at Desoto Hilton
Savannah West – Wed., 12:30 PM at The Hyatt
Sav. Sunrise – Thurs., 7:30 AM at The First City Club
Skidaway Island – Wed., 7:15 AM at Plantation Club
Statesboro – Mon., 1:00 PM at Forest Heights CC
Statesboro Downtown – Thurs., 7:15 AM at R.J.'s
Sylvania – Thurs., 12:30 PM at R & D Seafood



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