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Rotary staff members, volunteers, and health workers immunize children door-to-door in Moradabad, India. A group of Rotary staff members joined volunteers and health workers in the field to see Rotary's polio eradication program in action. Six participants traveled to India to support subnational Immunization Days, expected to reach up to 172 million children across the country.

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ON THE COVER

GASTON KABA (CENTER), associate Peace Corps director for health and 2006-07 president of the Rotary Club of Niamey-Croix du Sud, administers polio vaccination drops to a child during a National Immunization Day (NID) at a clinic Niamey, Niger, 31 March 2006. Kaba has chaired the National PolioPlus Committee in Niger since 1988.

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SEPTEMBER GOVERNORS MESSAGE

BY MO MAUREEN FRITZ-ROBERTS

Mo Maureen Fritz-Roberts

"WHEN YOU TEACH SOMEBODY HOW TO READ, THEY HAVE THAT FOR A LIFETIME. IT RIPPLES THROUGH THE COMMUNITY, ONE BY ONE"

MARK WILSON - ROTARY CLUB MEMBER

THE POWER OF KNOWLEDGE

Knowledge is power, in Rotary and in the world.

Every Rotarian has the ability and opportunity to share knowledge. That knowledge can be as simple as sharing the accomplishments of your committee with the rest of the club. That knowledge may be as important as making your club and foundation finances as transparent and accessible as possible.

In our modern world, none of that knowledge can be shared without a literate audience.

Rotary International has designated September as Basic Education and Literacy month but, really, learning is a lifelong ongoing activity. It energizes us to gain knowledge and to share it.

Basic education and literacy also save lives. Understanding warnings, directions and calculations all require a rudimentary ability to interpret words and numbers.

Rotarians are dedicated to creating a literate world. That is obvious from the countless projects being undertaken by Rotary Clubs in our district.

- You give children the confidence to enter a classroom, because you have donated the backpacks full of the supplies they need.
- You provide a breakfast or lunch program, so the children have a level of nutrition that increases their ability to concentrate and learn.
- You help create an updated learning environment by supplying computers to teachers and students.
- You provide scholarships, not only for secondary education, but for trades training and kindergarten
- You offer training for teachers in developing countries

One Rotary club offers a summer enrichment program to students in an area without resources, so those students can be active, engaged and prepared for back to school.

There will be a child who remembers the summer of 2019 as being the best ever; the summer that prepared him or her for a lifetime of learning.

You are changing lives in your communities one small step at a time.

Interactors are involved as well. One Interact student traveled to the Honduras with her Rotary club and encountered a school that didn't have a single book. When she returned home, she created a painting of a student reading and cut it into a puzzle shape. She then proceeded to sell each piece of the puzzle until she had enough to pay for a library. Her efforts and the help of her Interact solved a problem she would never have known about without Rotary.

Don't stop!

Keep students talking about the incredible Rotary Scholarships available to them.

Continue to sit with students while they read to you. Encourage them.

Be the people of action that change lives in your community and around the world.

TO VIEW THE GOVERNORS MONTHLY VIDEO MESSAGE PLEASE VISIT:
https://d5020.com/GM919

From a newly arrived Youth Exchange student to a highly regarded Past District Governor everyone in the Tacoma 8 joins in to help their community. At their August 22nd meeting they stuffed 400 back packs with school supplies.

WE NEED YOU! DON'T HESITATE, SEND TODAY!

BY CALEB SUMMERFELT

There's nothing easy about being a writer, anyone who manages to get anything published without already being a celebrity, let's face it, is a genius. Looking at history, several authors started in poverty, buried in rejection slips, and still managed to go on to write bestsellers. Granted, they worked multiple jobs, faced personal failures, and even escaped literal war zones to be able to share their stories.

We have an instinct of writers working in coffee shops or their bedrooms, but reality showed a drastic difference. Yes, some writers wrote in coffee shops, but most wrote in trailers or late at night after working at the potato chip factory, or while supporting children, and even while processing severe trauma all while being told that they were would never amount to anything, yet, the writers managed to publish life-changing books, and bestsellers.

> **"WE NEED YOUR PRESS RELEASES, EVENT POSTERS, OR EVEN YOUR ROTARY MOMENT, DON'T HESITATE, SEND THEM!"**

J.K. Rowling's, so she could write, would take her young daughter to coffee shops, where she finalized the manuscript for Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone in 1995. Rowling was a single mother without a job, living on welfare, and struggling with clinical depression. Twelve publishers rejected her book until Bloomsbury finally accepted the book, and warned her not to quit her day job because it wouldn't make much money.

Octavia E. Butler worked as a potato chip inspector, telemarketer, a dishwasher and several other temporary jobs to make ends meet. Despite her severe dyslexia and several years of continuous rejections, Butler refused to give up on writing. She would write down mantras of success to inspire herself, her hard work and dedication to writing were finally recognized when author Harlan Ellison bought one of her stories and encouraged Butler to attend a science fiction writing workshop where she went on to become a very successful sci-fi author.

Stephen King and his wife lived in a trailer with their two small children, to support his family he was a gas attendant, a janitor, and an industrial laundry worker. His first novel, Carrie, was rejected by thirty publishers, he was so discouraged that he threw the manuscript away. Lucky his wife, Tabitha, retrieved the book and urged him to keep working on it. Carrie was eventually published, which started King on a long and incredibly successful writing career.

As Rotarians, we don't give up; we always find a way to prevail.

The Newsletter was receiving so many submissions, that I wanted to make sure that everyone got the opportunity to share what they were doing, making this possible, we switch to a digital magazine format so we could successfully share what everyone is doing to help our communities, our countries, and the global community.

Not many people can say that they can help and make a lasting difference in the world, but with the power of Rotary, we can!

With the new publication style, we need your press releases, event posters, or even your Rotary Moment, don't hesitate, send them! I know that other Rotarians would be happy to read and share your contributions. The goal of this publication is to inspire and trigger ideas of how we can more successfully help others. **Will you join us by submitting content today?**

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2020-2021 GRANT MANAGEMENT TRAINING

BY BOB ZAWILSKI

Again, this year there are two options for Grant Management Training for the 2000 - 2021 Rotary year, in-person and online. This training is required for both Global and District Community Grants. As a reminder Grant Management Training is required each year, Grant Writers currently qualified for 2019 to 2020 must requalify for 2020 – 2021.

The in-person training will be in Lakewood, September 21 and in Nanaimo, October 20. Training at both locations will run from 10 AM till 2 PM. Each location is limited to 40 people, first come, first served. Please include name, club, email, phone and training location when registering. There will be no lunch nor lunch break. Coffee and Costco type snacks will be available, feel free to bring coffee and your own lunch or snack.

The Lakewood training will be at Clover Park Vocational College, but not be in our previous site, the Rotunda. Lakewood training will be in classroom 112 in the McGavick Center building. Nanaimo training will be at VIU. Further directions will be sent to registered attendees.

The online training will be available later this fall and, in enough time, to complete prior to grant opening. The current existing online training is only for qualification for 2019 - 2020, it will not qualify you for 2020 – 2021. Questions and Registration to Bob Zawilski, zawilski@comcast.net.

ANNOUNCING - DISTRICT 5020 POLIOPLUS SOCIETY

BY TERRY TOONE

A great opportunity for you to do good in our world – the DISTRICT 5020 POLIOPLUS SOCIETY.

To join all you need to do is complete a PolioPlus Society pledge form which is available at **https://d5020.com/goodbye-polio**. As a member of the Society you pledge to donate $100 USD or more each year until polio is eradicated.

Simply scan the completed form and send it to terrytoone@shaw.ca

Then donate to Polio Plus USD 100 or more using the method most convenient for you. You can donate directly at Rotary.org by clicking on the "Donate" button on the top right, donate through your own club Rotary Foundation representative or simply mail a check & Rotary International donation form to The Rotary Foundation.

Rotarians and their friends who join the Society will be honored with a special pin which will be presented at your Rotary Club by your Assistant Governor. Donors can be proud to be part of

Rotary making history.

All donations will be matched 2 for 1 by the Gates Foundation making this an even better opportunity!

Make sure your club is planning an event for World Polio Day on October 24.

In the meantime, help Rotarians reach every last child and achieve our vision of a polio free world. Sign up today!

LITERACY CONNECTS

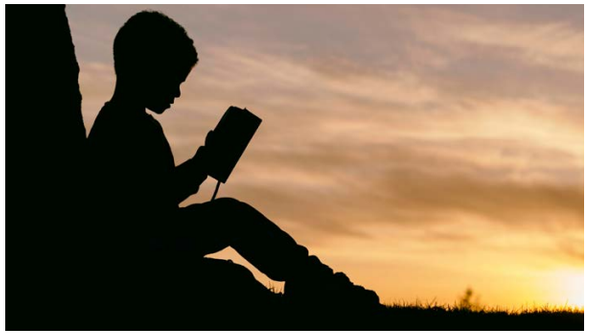
BY ANITA WOTSCH

When we read, we are exposed to ideas that sustain beyond the time it was written. When we write, we author for the future, for people that we will potentially never meet, our conceivable audience is unknown, more so than ever.

Years ago, literacy meant reading and writing. Today the meaning of literacy has expanded. Reading and writing is the gateway to understanding our world. However, now we need skills for interpreting, creating, communicating, and computing in ever-changing contexts. We have a constant stream of information from many sources and platforms that we need to understand to efficiently participate in our world.

Literacy matters at every level. It matters for health, for handling money effectively, for employment and earnings, for growing a business, for understanding rights and responsibilities and to stay connected with people important to us, and to our community.

As Rotarians, we can look beyond the basics. We can educate the membership or support a school program on being financially literate. Civic literacy would include being aware of



opportunities and pathways for involvement in the community and beyond. People in media can share new communication formats and how to choose the most effective medium for communication in given situations.

District 5020 Rotarians are active in supporting literacy initiatives and having fun with literacy as well. This year, literacy awards will again be given to those clubs that have completed a minimum of five literacy projects. Also, District Governor, Mo Fritz Roberts, has challenged each club member to donate three books to a worthy cause.

For District Literacy Resources, please visit https://rotary5020.org/page/literacy/ There are suggestions for short-term and long-term projects that could be a fit for your club.

ROTARY MEMBERSHIP - PLANNING FOR SUCCESS

BY COREY LOPARDI

You've probably heard many times the old adage, "If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail!" A version of this saying has been attributed to everyone from Benjamin Franklin to legendary basketball coach John Wooden, and at the root of the sentiment is the idea that - Success Takes Planning. My experience in Rotary has definitely shown that clubs which have a documented Membership Plan in place are more successful at sustaining their membership year-over-year.

Rotary has many membership related documents that are available to clubs as reference materials. "Strengthening Your Membership - Creating Your Membership Plan" is one that all club's should take a look at when starting to plan for focussing on membership. However, at 32 pages it can be a bit daunting of a document to start off with. I suggest that if you're struggling to get your plan off the ground you might consider a three step approach to your Membership Plan.

First establish one to three goals for you Membership Plan. These should be S.M.A.R.T. goals in that they are Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Timed. Goals like increasing your membership by a certain number by a certain time, or to decrease the average age of your club by the end of the Rotary year, etc.

Next, you will want to take those goals and break them down into actual action items for each goal. You will also want to assign a club member to take on each action item as they will most likely require many more steps and involvement to carry those action items out. Make sure to track not only who will take on that item, but also who is helping them out and when they are starting the item and when they expect to finish. You can also track costs involved and status updates along the way.

The last step is to put all of your goals and action items into one document and share them with your club. It's important to get club buy-in on any new club goals, and your Membership Plan should be no exception. You will need participation from general membership to take on a task like increasing membership or lowering the average age of your club members.

Finally, don't try to take on too much at once, or get too caught up in having the "perfect" plan. Remember, "A good plan implemented today, is better than a perfect plan implemented tomorrow." - George S. Patton

5 REASONS TO ATTEND A ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

BY LORNA CURTIS

1. Be inspired by world leaders, philanthropists, and celebrities during general sessions.
2. Stroll through the House of Friendship, where you'll learn about international and local projects, find Rotary merchandise, enjoy live entertainment, and sample regional cuisine
3. Explore thought-provoking topics and learn skills to strengthen your club through lively discussions, seminars, and workshops
4. Experience the true spirit of Rotary with thousands of people of action
5. Opportunity to network on a global level, reconnect with old friends and make new ones.

A FABULOUS LOCATION: Paradise, opportunity, and memories await you at the 111th Rotary International Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, 6-10 June 2020, an opportunity to connect with people of action from all over the world.

Discover the true spirit of aloha and Rotary with your family, friends, and fellow Rotarians in Honolulu. It's the perfect setting for the entire family of Rotary to celebrate, collaborate, and connect.

A WORLD CLASS VENUE: Just steps from Waikiki, the Hawaii Convention Center is an event destination like none other – stunning marriage of form and function, open to sky and sun between the shade of terraces and lanais, graced with courtyards, waterfalls and fishponds to crate a meeting and convention backdrop that is at once tranquil and invigorating.

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WHEN SOMEONE ASKS YOU ABOUT ROTARY, HOW DO YOU RESPOND?

ADAPTED BY KATIE COARD

Rotary's People of Action public image campaign aims to help you answer that question quickly and effectively. People of Action highlights how Rotarians share a unique perspective and passion for taking action, seeing hope in the face of challenges. Where others see problems, our members find solutions and mobilize their communities to bring ideas to life.

Through this campaign, every Rotary club — large and small, new and old — will be able to easily and effectively tell its story and describe its impact on the community. Clubs can craft their own People of Action stories through campaign materials such as ads and digital images. As more clubs share their stories, we'll highlight the collective impact of Rotary around the world.

WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

Thanks to the efforts of Rotarians around the world and to Rotary's initiative to strengthen our global brand, the percentage of people who report in surveys that they are aware of Rotary has increased from 60 percent in 2012 to 75 percent in 2015. But there is still have work to do. Recent global research tells us that while people are more aware of who we are, the public still doesn't clearly understand what we do. In fact, worldwide, 35 percent of survey respondents admit they are not certain what Rotary does and what our main goals are.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

As a Rotary leader, you are a Rotary brand ambassador. Rotary is counting on you to help us deliver our story with energy and credibility, and tell your stories of being people of action in your community. "The united power of the stories we have to tell as Rotarians will help us overcome some perceptions and misperceptions about who we are and what we do, as well as enable more effective engagement with non-Rotarians," says Dinesh Gajeelee, a member of the Rotary International Communications Committee. "It will help them better understand the types of projects we support and the impact they are making in local communities and around the world."

USE PEOPLE OF ACTION

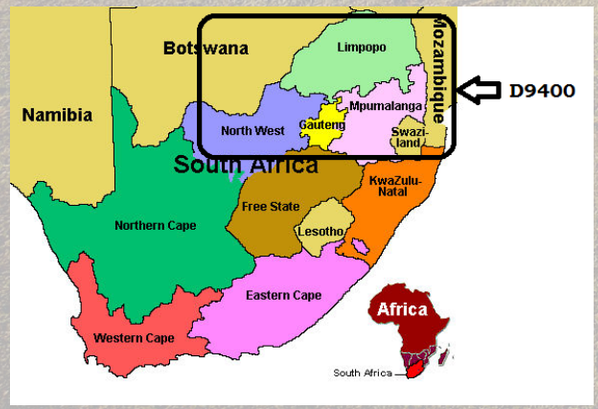
Discover resources to help you and your club tell your People of Action story at the Rotary Brand Center. Any questions, please contact your District 5020 Public Image Chair Katie Coard

ROTARY. TRAVEL. COMBINED.

BY KEVIN HILGERS

Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) is when a group of Rotarians from one Rotary district in the world travel to another for fun and fellowship. It's a wonderful way to travel, but it's not like a regular holiday, it's an experience. You'll learn about how the locals live, make lifelong friends and discover new cultures and communities.

Rotary District 5020 has been active as of late with an Australian team just through in late June, visiting Bremerton, Sumner, Poulsbo, Duncan and Comox. Our team heads to Australia District 9640 in November with members from the communities that hosted. Each RFE experience is a team of 8 – 12 that host for a couple nights per and then go to their District. The Australian team had a terrific visit and you can imagine how excited the 5020 team is to head "Down Under".



District 9400

Future RFE's include South Africa (District 9400, see pic), Sweden, England, Brazil, Turkey, Peru and other countries. This fall a team is off to Russia. The Outbound RFE team includes Rotarians and or partners from Rotary Club of Gig Harbor Midday, Rotary Club of Qualicum Beach, Rotary Club of Port Townsend, Rotary Club of Olympia and West Olympia, Rotary Club of East Bremerton and Rotary Club of Victoria – Harbourside. Imagine spending time together with fellow Rotarians that reside in Russia.

An RFE is cost effective as most include stays in the local Rotarians homes, It can foster future projects together or inspire Rotarians to grow "Service Above Self" by being exposed to a broader spectrum of Rotary passion.

Why are you not involved? Complete details are at www.rotary5020.org/rfe . The RFE Committee is always looking to expand the experience to clubs who maybe haven't participated ever or recently, but with all the above events happening there is room for many. Seize the opportunity.

The RFE was a unique travel experience that immersed us in the culture of the host district like few travel experiences could. We were treated to the home lives of 3 gracious host families. They shared their home tables, foods and traditions with us and even shared come cooking techniques and recipes. We came away with memories, pictures, music and an expanded appreciation of what it means to be a Rotarian. During the 12 days we spent in Kerala and Tamil Nadu India, the members of more than 9 clubs shared their Rotary stories, their favorite projects, their Rotaract and youth programs and showed us a marvelous friendship between clubs." Kathy Maher, Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island.

"I have traveled a fair amount around the world and what made this experience different is that I got to meet lots of really interesting people who took great effort to treat us like royalty and to share what they love about their country and the place they live. That we have shared values and that they put so much effort into showing us those interesting things made this trip one of the nicest I have ever been on. A couple of years out, I'm still corresponding with some of those people. It's really about the people and the lasting friendships. " John Barrett, East Jefferson Rotary. New South Wales, Australia.

2021-22 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

BY ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Shekhar Mehta, of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2021-22. He will be declared the president-nominee on 1 October if no challenging candidates have been suggested.

Shekhar Mehta, of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2021-22.

Mehta acknowledges that current membership trends are a challenge and says that membership development should be Rotary's highest priority. He believes that focusing on regional plans, successfully transitioning Rotaractors into Rotary clubs, and increasing diversity and female members could yield a 5 percent net growth in membership each year.

"A major brainstorming is needed to find effective solutions suited to different areas of the world," says Mehta. He adds that regional ethos and culture have to be taken into account to find localized solutions, as "one size does not fit all." He believes Rotary can extend to new geographical areas and countries.

As a strong proponent of Rotary's strategic plan, Mehta says he will encourage clubs to use action plans and reinforce the core values of Rotary.

Mehta says Rotary needs to become more contemporary and adaptable by focusing on partnerships with governments and corporations, expanding partnerships with organizations that specialize in Rotary's areas of focus, and investing in technology.

Mehta, an accountant, is chair of the Skyline Group, a real estate development company he founded. He is also a director of Operation Eyesight Universal (India), a Canada-based organization.

Mehta has been actively involved in disaster response and is a trustee of ShelterBox, UK. After the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, he helped build nearly 500 homes for families affected by the disaster.

Mehta pioneered a program that has performed more than 1,500 life-changing heart surgeries in South Asia. He is also the architect of the TEACH Program, which promotes literacy throughout India and has reached thousands of schools.

A Rotary member since 1984, Mehta has served Rotary as director, member or chair of several committees, zone coordinator, training leader, member of The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers, and district governor. He is also the chair of Rotary Foundation (India).

Mehta has received Rotary's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Awards.

He and his wife, Rashi, are Major Donors and members of the Bequest Society.

To learn more about Mehta, read his interview and vision statement outlining his goals for Rotary.

SEQUIM SUNRISE ROTARIAN RECEIVES SHELTERBOX USA AMBASSADOR RECOGNITION

BY BRET KEEHN

Jim Pickett, Honorary Member and Past President of the Sequim Sunrise Rotary Club, was recently awarded recognition for his outstanding achievement as an Ambassador of ShelterBox USA. Jim has attained the level Platinum Plus 3 and is responsible for raising over $337,885. In 2017, Jim was identified by ShelterBox as the Top Fundraising Ambassador in ShelterBox History.

Jim and Sequim Sunrise Rotarians caught the vision early on many years ago and have provided substantial financial and volunteer effort to support ShelterBox. Several club members have been trained and deployed to natural disasters as Response Team Members.

Jim Pickett joined Rotary in 1971 and the Sequim Sunrise Club in 1993. He has served on the board of many non-profits over the years and in 2010 was awarded the Sequim Citizen of the Year.

BILL MCCARTHY FINISHES THREE YEARS AS A ZONE REPRESENTATIVE

BY ROTARY ZONE 26/27

Current President of the District 5020 EClub Bill McCarthy just completed three years as an Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator for three Rotary Districts (5020, 5030 and 5080). Under his leadership and with the help of others at the Zone level there has been significant growth for the Rotary Foundation. In fact District 5020 ranked 23rd in the World for Total Giving at $1,198,753. Yes we surpassed the million dollar mark!

Bill began his Rotary experience with the Lacey club in 1973. He served as President of the Tumwater club in 1985-86, District Governor Representative for then Area 8 1996-1997, Assistant Governor for Area 9 1997 through 1999, District Conference Chair 2000, District Governor 2003-2004, District COL representative 2010-13, and District Foundation Chair 2015-16. He has over 43 years perfect attendance, is a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary Benefactor, Foundation Sustaining Member, Major Donor, and a member of the Bequest Society.

His extended service in the community includes having been the President of the Olympia Area Master Builders; a member of the boards of the Puget Sound Records Managers Association, the Volunteer Center of Thurston-Lewis-Mason Counties, the Family Support Center of Olympia, Morningside (an organization providing employment opportunities for persons with disabilities), and the United Way of Thurston County.

Bill has been honored for his community service with the Norman A. Paulsen Award from the Olympia Master Builders Association, the City of Olympia Spirit Award, the Tumwater Rotarian of the Year, and Rotary International's Service Above Self Award.

His most memorable Rotary experiences are Polio NIDSs in Ethiopia and Water and Sanitation Projects in Guatemala.

DIGNITY TOILET ROUND UP

BY DOC REISS

What started as a gesture of friendship between a Rotarian and a man who is a Rotarian in spirit has become an international project that has changed the lives of the families in Zogbedgi, Togo, Africa.

Taouvik Boukari graduated secondary school speaking his native languages and French. He taught himself English and loves Shakespeare. He joined an online language exchange group and met a Rotarian who helped him practice English. One day, Taouvik complained that he was tired of going to the bushes to go to the bathroom, something that the villagers had been doing for generations.

The villagers had no plumbing and could not have septic systems or latrines because of flooding, so the Rotarian helped Tao build a composting toilet out of concrete. Then a neighbor wanted one. Then another. Soon people were lined up outside Taouvik's house asking to be put on a list for having a toilet built.

By the time they had built eight toilets, Tao had modified the design to make them more affordable and had trained three people on how to build them. When asked what difference having a toilet had meant for his family Tao replied, "It has brought us dignity." and thus the project became known as "Dignity Toilets for Togo." Shortly after that, Nor'Wester Rotary in Port Angeles took it on as a project of theirs and provided a district grant and funding.

> **"SOON PEOPLE WERE LINED UP OUTSIDE TAOUVIK'S HOUSE ASKING TO BE PUT ON A LIST FOR HAVING A TOILET BUILT."**

Since February of 2017 Nor'Wester Rotary and Taouvik's crews have built over 75 Dignity Toilets and taken over 40% of the village out of the bushes. They should finish more than 100 this year.

Unlike other groups, like the Red Cross, that have tried similar projects, there has never been a Dignity Toilet fail. That is because each toilet is built for a specific family; not for a community. The family must contribute to the construction process to have a sense of ownership, and each family is educated about the toilet's design and function. There

is also followup education after the toilet is finished.

At the urging of Ned Luce, the seven clubs of District Eight in District 5020, two clubs in Lome', Togo and possibly a Canadian club are going to work together on a Global Grant that will allow Dignity Toilets to build 500 over the next five years.

Back when he was making less than a dollar a day, Taouvik was asked what he liked to do in his spare time. He said, "I like to work with the poor." As the foreman of the project there, Tao now oversees five workers and four subcontractors. And he still donates his time and part of his earnings to fiscally-challenged families in his village.

Dignity Toilets for Togo is a quiet little project that is improving ground-water, improving health and sanitation, providing safety for women and children and bringing economic activity to a poor village by helping ten people provide for their families. It is also bringing dignity to families and changing the lives of future generations.

Contributions can be made to Nor'Wester Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 176, Port Angeles, WA 98362

OUR D5020 AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR FOR 2019-2020 – EMILY PERCIVAL PATERSON

BY HARRY PANJER

From her upbringing in the small Vancouver Island town of Sooke to her outreach work with Indigenous youth in remote areas of Canada's north, Emily Percival-Paterson is driven by a sense of community.

Now, as she pursues a masters degree funded by a D5020 Ambassadorial Scholarship and a Rotary International Global Grant Scholarship, Emily has embraced the support of the Rotary community.

The combined $30,000USD in funding will allow the 25-year-old Rotary Scholar to pursue her MSc International Public Health, with a specialization in sexuality and reproductive health at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine starting this fall.

Emily said the scholarship has opened the door to an exciting academic opportunity which she hopes will broaden her education on the sexual and reproductive health of the LGBTQ+ community.

Rotary District 5020 Ambassadorial Scholar for 2019-2020 – Emily Percival Paterson

"It has changed my path in life in a positive way," she said.

Emily said she would not have been able to afford a masters degree in the United Kingdom without the help of the scholarship.

"I am so grateful for the scholarship, it has made all of the difference in whether or not I'm able to [complete my master's degree]," said Emily, who is the first person in her family to pursue post-secondary education. "And it will continue to make a huge difference in the years after I complete it."

"IT HAS CHANGED MY PATH IN LIFE IN A POSITIVE WAY"

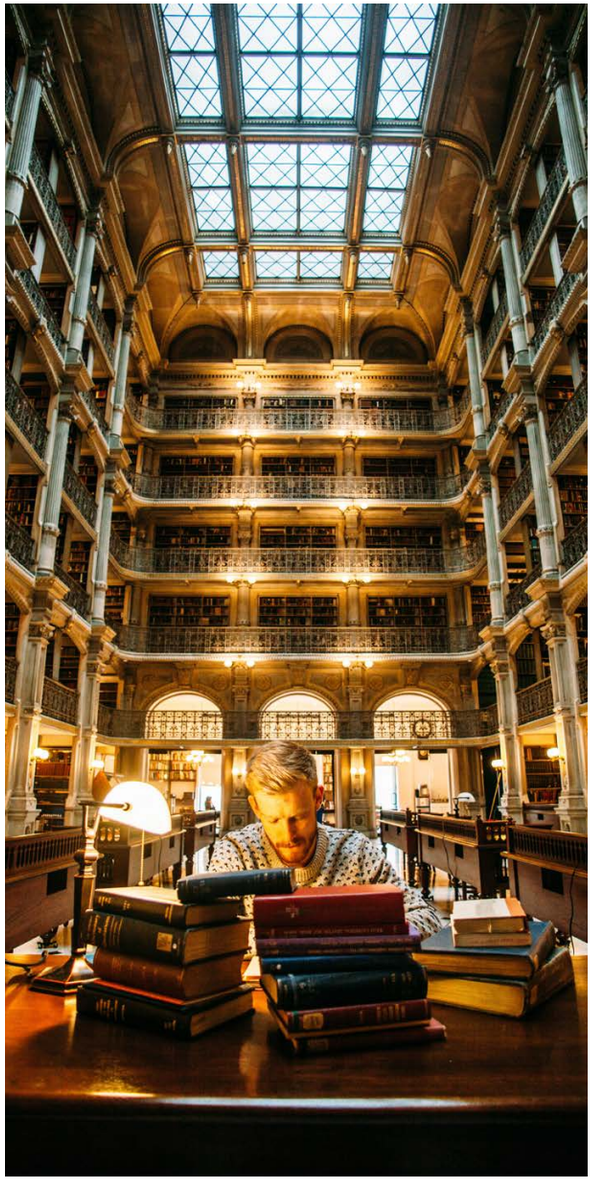
Emily discovered the power of the Rotary community when a generous Rotarian offered airline miles to cover the cost of her travel to and from the UK following an appeal for help at the D5020 Training Assembly and Conference. On top of this, an anonymous donor offered $10,000 CAD to help defray some of her living costs.

Emily's commitment to making her community better is what earned her the prestigious scholarship. After completing her undergraduate degree in biology at the University of Victoria in the fall of 2017, Emily moved to Ottawa to work as an outreach instructor at Actua, a national charity which prepares youth to be innovators and leaders by engaging them in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). In that role, Emily created, developed, and delivered STEM content to youth across Canada, specifically to Indigenous communities in Nunavut, Northwest Territories, and northern Ontario.

Before moving to Ottawa, Emily served as a youth worker supporting young people on the Beecher Bay First Nation in her home community of Sooke. There, she created supportive programming focused on science, civic and environmental engagement, and community health.

As part of the Ambassadorial Scholarship, Emily said she's looking forward to traveling to different Rotary clubs across England to share with other Rotarians the focus of her studies as well as information about District 5020.

"I'm excited to be going as part of Rotary, to be able to cultivate a new community and meet new Rotarians," Emily said.



HELP US FIND OUR NEXT DISTRICT SCHOLAR!

BY HARRY PANJER

Each year District 5020 awards a District 5020 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship (DRAS) and supports applications for Global Grand Scholarships and Peace Fellowships for post-graduate studies.

Candidates for the scholarships must be endorsed by a club and the district. Hence, we need clubs to spread the word and identify any potential candidates for these scholarships.

District 5020 scholarship funds can be used to fund one year of post-baccalaureate study at an accredited university in a country other than the USA or Canada. The deadline for receiving applications for the US$15,000 DRAS for studies in 2020-21 is January 15, 2020.

The DRAS Scholar's area of study must support Rotary ideals: To encourage and foster the ideal of service above self. The program of study need not necessarily lead to a post-graduate degree.

If the successful DRAS candidate is accepted into a post-graduate degree program, and the studies are expected to lead to sustainable, high-impact outcomes in one of Rotary International's (RI) six Areas of Focus, the Scholar may also apply to upgrade the DRAS scholarship to a Global Grant Scholarship (GGS) of US$30,000, funded by The Rotary Foundation's World Fund.

Please ask your club members, through announcements, newsletters, emails, and social media,) to identify possible applicants and bring their attention to the DRAS scholarship. Detailed information about the scholarship as well as the application form are available at https://d5020.com/SCHOLAR

The deadline for completed applications for the DRAS is Jan. 15, 2020. The selection of the winning applicant will be done by the D5020 Scholarship Committee in February 2020. The committee may then endorse the successful candidate for a GGS and mentor the candidate through the process. The GGS has an application deadline of June 30, 2020.

Rotary Peace Fellowships, which are funded through The Rotary Foundation (TRF), are for study at any of the eight Rotary Centers for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution located in leading universities around the world. This program offers a master's degree in international relations, sustainable development, peace studies and conflict resolutions, or a professional development certificate in peace and conflict studies.

Applicants for Peace Fellowships must be endorsed by a Rotary Club and are encouraged to contact a local Rotary Club or District 5020 several months before the application deadline. The application is made directly to TRF which must receive applications before July 1, one year ahead of the study opportunity.

Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation and District 5020 have a remarkable history of commitment to the scholarship programs, which can transform individual lives and entire communities.

For a demonstration of why Rotary Scholarships are a sustainable investment, see https://d5020.com/WHY-SCHOLARSHIPS

Should you have further questions, please don't hesitate to contact Harry Panjer, District 5020 Scholarship Chair at 250.650.7675 or harry.panjer@gmail.com

BREMERTON ROTARY - 30TH ANNUAL BLACKBERRY FESTIVAL

BY GEOFF PENTZ

Wow, 30 years of success, thanks to a great community effort, that involved private enterprise, public volunteers, and service clubs, the Bremerton Blackberry Festival (BBF) is about to celebrate its 30th year. Owned or operated by Bremerton Rotary for over 30 years, this waterfront community has an attendance of approximately 20,000 over the three day Labor Day weekend in the City of Bremerton. Bremerton Rotary Foundation (#58) took over full operation six years ago, taking the formal helm after the "Main Stream Association" ceased operations.

Did we mention that opening ceremonies start with over 100 "US Navy Cheif Candidates" running/marching though the festival at 9:00 Saturday morning, singing Anchors Away. Followed by our national anthem (We are a Navy town after all), and the Mayor (also a Bremerton Rotarian) declaring the event open.

For the day-long entertainment, you will find Bands ranging from current Rock and Folk genre to the US Navy Band. Intermission entertainment includes critter touch tanks for the kids and adults alike, provided by the local SCUBA Shop (own by a Bremerton Rotarian) and a day-long "Chalk the Walk" art competitions found on the upper road from this On the Pier event for all ages. Over 80 booths, a Beer garden, and Blackberry Wine are all fundraisers for this community event.

The BBF has always been professionally run, by an event organizer and sponsored first by the Main Street Association, then the Main Stream Association and most recently the Bremerton Rotary, and always run by a Bremerton Rotarian.

Over $100,000 is put back into the community. Not to mention the great entertainment, great food, and a combination of commercial and arts/craft items. Did we mention there was Blackberry Wine (from the Bremerton Rotary), Pastry "Slugs" (donuts filled with Blackberrys) provided by the Bremerton Lions and the wonderful Blackberry Pies provided by the Bremerton Kiwanis.

30 years... boy did time go by fast.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW FOR 15TH ANNUAL EXTRAVAGANZA ITALIANA

BY DEBBIE LEMIRE

The Extravaganza Italian has been the major fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Cumberland Centennial for the past 15 years. The proceeds earned from the generosity of attendees, donors and sponsors are essential to the work our club does internationally and locally.

The evening consists of an Italian family style dinner, live and silent auctions, raffles and 50/50. We are privileged again this year to enjoy the multi-talented auctioneer, Dave Stevens, who also happens to be our International Director. This year again we are offering in one of our raffles, a trip for two to any WestJet destination.

If you would like to attend please contact Past President Keith Tatton 250-334-7895 or keithathow@gmail.com.

Saturday October 5th
Cumberland Recreation Hall
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets are $40 and available by contacting Keith Tatton 250-334-7895 or at keithathow@gmail.com

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND ROTARY AUCTION & RUMMAGE SALE A COMMUNITY AFFAIR

BY JOHN SPULLER

Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island (RCBI) has been hosting one large rummage sale fundraiser each year for the last 59 years. The Auction & Rummage Sale (known locally as simply the Auction) has become a community institution where 1,500 volunteers (of which 400 are youth) work alongside our 115 Rotarians for 10 days to accept, clean, price and display goods in preparation for a 6-hour sale day.

The annual Auction has become more of a community tradition than just a Rotary fundraiser. A significant amount of the leadership for the Auction comes from people who are not Rotarians. This includes a department head who is still a teen himself. Without the support of the community, the scale of the Auction would simply not be possible.

An estimated 150,000 items were donated this year from 4,000 households and prepped ready for sale day shoppers through 36 different departments.

This past summer the event was held on July 6th from 8 am – 2 pm on our 6-acre Woodward Middle School campus and raised over $606,000.

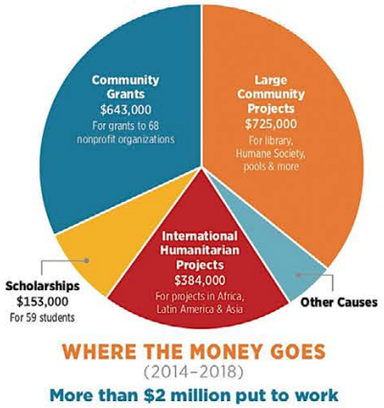
100% of the sale proceeds are invested back into our local community and help fund international humanitarian projects. 0% of the revenues are used to support RCBI operations.

After 59 years, systems and ideas for improvement can get stale. But, under the extraordinary leadership of Adam Matschek (Chair) and Susie Burdick (Co-Chair) we saw vast improvements in our Set Up and Clean Up processes (championed by Todd Tinker and Bruce Bachen, RCBI members).

We also continue to see major improvements in our efforts to re-home and recycle unsold items after the sale has ended. 70 non-profits, teachers, artists and community groups are registered to take unsold items of interest after the sale. Volunteers on our "Green Team" work over 60 hours each during the Auction and set-up week to make this happen.

This community affair that embodies "Service Above Self" extends across the Olympic Peninsula where volunteers (including Rotarians from neighboring clubs – Poulsbo, Sequim, Silverdale to name a few) come to lend helping hands.

Additional information is available at http://www.bainbridgerotaryauction.org



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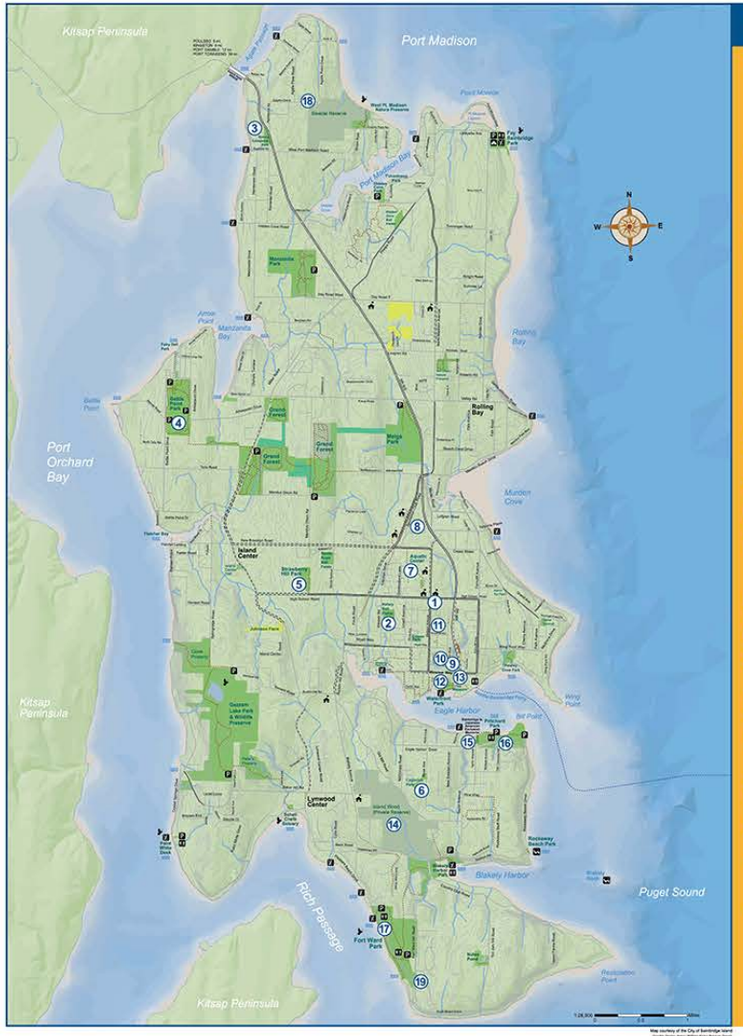

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PROJECT LOCATIONS

1. **Bainbridge Island Public Library**
   Help with land purchase - 1960
   Furnishings for the Library - 1961
   Remodeling the Library - 1981
   Doubling the size of the Library - 1996
   Refresh, Revitalize and Renovate Project - 2016
2. **Rotary Field Park**
   Donate to Park Board - 1962
   Reconstruction 2014
   Owens Playground - 2015
3. **Rotary Centennial Park – 2005**
   Construction - 2005
4. **Battle Point Park**
   Ritchie Observatory Building – 1990
   Kids Up Playground - 2001
   Transmitter Building – 2004
   2 new Soccer Fields - 2008
5. **Strawberry Park**
   Purchase land - 1968
   Facility improvements – 1971
   Addition of restroom facilities and Pee Wee field - 1989
   Rotary Skate Bowl – 2001
6. **Eagledale Park**
   Purchase land - 1968
7. **Bainbridge Aquatic Center**
   Ray Williamson Pool - 2002
   Don Nakata Pool - 2004
8. **Boys and Girls Club**
   Help with construction cost - 2006
9. **KiDiMU - Kids Discovery Museum**
   improvements
10. **Bainbridge Island Historical Museum:**
    Move school building 1969 & 1970
    Repair of building and heating system
    Reference Library - 2003
11. **Helpline House**
    Add Storage facility 1989 1nd 1992
12. **Bainbridge Island Commons**
    Help with construction cost - 1994
13. **The Waypoint**
    Construction cost and project leadership - 2012
14. **Island Wood**
    Added 4th sleeping lodge - 2008
15. **WWII Nikkei Internment & Exclusion Memorial**
    Help with construction - 2003
16. **Pritchard Park**
    Help with construction - 2003
17. **Fort Ward State Park Boat Launch Ramp**
    Install boat launch ramp - 1972
18. **West Sound Wildlife Shelter**
    Installation and improvements to donated building - 2008
19. **Fort Ward Community Hall**
    Construction Funding - 2016

Poulsbo Location: Morrow Manor
Joint project with Poulsbo Rotary for victims of domestic violence
Construction Funding - 2016

LARGE COMMUNITY PROJECTS

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

THE WAYPOINT

ROTARY FIELD RECONSTRUCTION

OWEN'S PLAYGROUND AT ROTARY FIELD PARK

FORT WARD COMMUNITY HALL CONSTRUCTION FUND — 2016

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND AQUATIC CENTER

BAINBRIDGE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

HELPLINE HOUSE STORAGE BARN

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

UGANDANS PUMPING CLEAN WATER AT WELL

WELL PUMP STATION PROVIDES CLEAN WATER NEAR VILLAGE

ECO-COMPOSTING LATRINE IN GUATEMALA

ROTARIAN ROSEN WITH BOY RECOVERING FROM HEART SURGERY

TANZANIA VILLAGE SAVINGS PROJECT

AFRICA

- 191 water bore holes drilled to supply clean water
- Hospital and dental clinic equipment
- Micro-savings projects
- 3 shipping containers of library equipment and books

CENTRAL AMERICA

- Lead partner with "Gift Of Life International" developing pediatric cardiac program, including surgical supplies
- Microfinance projects for impoverished women
- Over 100 eco-composting toilets for improved sanitation and clean water
- School equipment and educational materials

BRING ON THE BRATS, BREWS, & BANDS

BY ALYSSA RAMSFIELD (THURSTON TALKS)

As the sun sets on another Pacific Northwest summer, there is one event that is amping up to celebrate the season with one last hurrah. Brats, Brews & Bands on September 7 will bring local music, tasty beverages and sensational food to support local charities through the Gateway Rotary.

Gateway Rotary was established in 2011. This club focuses entirely on service at both a local and international level. Business owners and leaders in our area are frequently members due to their connections to the community. With a goal to bring positive change to Thurston County, the club is quickly becoming one of the fastest growing organizations in our area.

Beers that are brewed right here in Thurston County will be on tap to enjoy.

President of Gateway Rotary, Len Faucher, was a transplant from the east coast when he joined the club that focuses on service. "My first goal of joining rotary was for networking and getting to know people in my new community," describes Faucher. "I met the founder of Gateway Rotary, Tom Carol, and he really explained the background of it. The Rotary is all about high ethics and morals and wanting to do good things in the community along with local business promotion. It seemed like a great fit for me in my new community of Olympia."

One of those good things the Rotary does is put on events, like the upcoming Brats, Brews & Bands, to raise money for local charities. Proceeds from this year will support vital programs in our area including Cool Jazz Clean Water, Homeless Backpacks, Lacey Police Explorers, Rebuilding Together Thurston County, The Boys & Girls Clubs of Thurston County, The Gold Star Wives of America, SPSCC Foundation, and TOGETHER! Thurston County. All of these causes are Thurston County based and work to support families in our community.

This year, the event will be even bigger and better than before. "Brats, Brews & Bands is going to have some really innovative bands that we haven't had in the past," says Faucher. "We are also going to have individual breweries represented, local beers on tap, and a push on ciders we haven't had before. I'm really looking forward to it."

The first "B" stands for brats and they are showcased prominently throughout the celebration. Guests can enjoy a standard dog on a bun or they can try several unique versions of the barbecue classic. The Ricardo features a brat with whipped cream cheese and caramelized onions while The Terminator Brat places the dog atop a pretzel bun with melted cheddar cheese, sourless kraut and grilled onions. There is a brat for just about any palette.

The second "B" focuses on the brews that not only pair well with your brat, but also help wash it down. Tumwater's Triceratops Brewing Co and Matchless Brewing will be on the menu alongside with Lacey's Top Rung Brewing Co, Olympia's Well 80 Artesian Brewing and Fish Brewing Company, and Centralia's Dick's Brewing Company. Each brewery will bring their own unique flavor to this year's festival and for the first time, Tart Hard Cider will be on hand bringing their vegan and locally sourced cider to the masses. While apple is always the focus, their mango cider is a must try for any cider enthusiast.

The final "B" brings everything together with the unique sound from bands of the Puget Sound. With four different stages hosting country/western, acoustic and rock options, bellies will be full as guests dance the night away. Some of the bands featured this year include Seattle pop-country artist, Kaitie Wade, Pearl Jam tribute band, Washed in Black, and Exit 88, a South Puget Sound rock band specializing in music from the past to the present. Be sure to check out the full line up and schedule before heading out to The Hub at Lacey.

The festivities take place on September 7, 2019 beginning at 1:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Tickets are only $10 and attendees are encouraged to purchase in advance to avoid a potential sell out. All proceeds from this year's event help to support local nonprofits in the greater Thurston County area.

CLOVER PARK ROTARY ADOPTS LAKEWOOD'S SOUTH SOUND WILDLIFE AREA

BY DAVID HALL

The Rotary Club of Clover Park in Lakewood, Washington has officially adopted the South Sound Wildlife Area as our signature project for the next few years.

Located in the heart of Lakewood on Phillips Road, this area was originally used by the State of Washington for wildlife enhancement and protection. For years it was used to raise pheasants for release throughout the state and the past 20 years has been designated a wildlife area.

Due to lack of state funds, the area has fallen into disrepair and has become overgrown with brush. The area has always remained open to the public with a small parking area just off Phillips Road SW. Unfortunately, with little time and money to support public use, the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife has been unable to maintain the wildlife area completely.

Activities here include bird watching, wildlife study, walking (dogs must be on a leash) and a host of other wildlife activities and education. This site is one of the last undeveloped areas in Lakewood's city limits; it is Clover Park Rotary's plan to preserve it for generations to come. Our wildlife area is home to at least two endangered species: The Pacific Pond Turtle and the Oregon Spotted Frog.

Long term goals for the area include creating a small picnic and wildlife interpretative center close to the entrance and improving the access to the upper prairie area. Parking requires a State Discover Pass issued by the Department of Fish and Wildlife, but anyone donating 40 hours of volunteer service in the area will receive one free of charge.

The Clover Park Rotary kickoff work party will be August 24th from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. We invite everyone who wants to keep this exceptional area open and accessible to join us! For more information on the project contact project coordinator Alan Billingsley at: alanb@toolpak.com

MOCK INTERVIEW PROJECT BENEFITS MORE THAN JUST JOB SEEKERS

BY CATHY BISAILLON

When I shared with my fellow Rotarians last fall that 70 percent of people with disabilities are unemployed or under-employed, in spite of a national labor shortage, we decided to take action. Our club has a diverse membership, and it values a diverse workforce. By pulling from District 5030's Partners for Work Program, we organized a high-energy mock interview during our club's meeting on 31 January.

Members of the Rotary Club of Silverdale interview a job seeker (left, back to camera)

In the months leading up to the project, I reached out to organizations in our area that assist people with developmental disabilities in finding employment. They all knew one or two job seekers who were ready to work, but who needed help talking to people and connecting with employers. "If they can just sit at the table with business leaders, they will convey their value," my colleagues urged.

I prepared our club members for the mock interviews by having them sit at seven tables, one for each of the job seekers we would be helping. I told them to approach the interviews in the same way that they do in their businesses, but to be ready to repeat questions and to allow ample time for responses. The employment consultants at the different agencies coached their job seekers on appropriate interview attire and prepared them for specific questions. Everyone was ready.

A member of the club introduces a job seeker and shares the job seeker's strengths with the club.

The event began with a buzz. The seven job seekers were dressed for success, and they were welcomed to the tables by smiling, enthusiastic Rotarians. After 30 minutes of interviews, a Rotarian from each table introduced his or her job seeker, highlighted their strengths, and asked business leaders in the room to consider hiring them. The job seekers left with newfound confidence, a certificate of completing the program, and a list of their strengths. Rotarians later submitted forms with constructive feedback and encouragement.

The day produced many benefits. Seven adults with barriers to competitive employment were respected, valued, and appreciated. They left with interview experience and business cards. And at least one job seeker landed an interview for an open position in a Rotarian's business. What we didn't necessarily anticipate was the effect the event had on our club members.

Comments included: "My eyes have opened to the challenges that people with disabilities face."

"This was an incredibly engaging and rewarding event that I hope that we replicate again and again."

Since January, we have taken the model to other clubs in the area, and our club is slated to hold another mock interview later this year.

I am happy to share details of our event with any club that wants to make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities. Email me at cathyb@wa.easterseals.com.

KINGSTON NORTH KITSAP ROTARY CLUB AND SMILEY FOUNDATION TEAM TO RESTORE SCOUT HALL

BY RON CARTER

A gift of $14,000 from the Smiley Charitable Foundation to the Kingston North Kitsap Rotary Club is designated as "seed money" to jump-start fundraising for the restoration of the Scout Hall in Kingston. Why this gift? According to Bob Smiley, whose father's name, also Bob, is on the Hall, it is "because my father was heavily involved in Scouts. He was primarily responsible for the scout cabin, which was built in the early '60s. It was built on a handshake deal that Scouts could build there as long as they had an active charter. When it was built, Scouts were involved in the project, learning skillsets." The building is located on the west side of Kola Kole Park in Kingston.

By recent action of the Rotary Club's board, the Club has become a charter organization of the Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop 555. Rotarian Doug Hallock is the Club's charter partner representative. Under his guidance, a separate committee of scouting alumni of Troop 555 and interested Rotarians has been formed to organize and direct the restoration project. Kingston North Kitsap Rotary Club will be the lead organization in developing matching funds for the Smiley gift as well as in-kind donations. Hallock says, "there will be an outreach to the community, including the many Scouts who have met in the Scout Hall since 1949."

Since their inception, Rotary International (1905) and Boy Scouts of America (1910) have been partners in serving young people. The principles and goals of both organizations are closely allied. Character-building; service to country, to others, and self; teaching leadership skills, and becoming aware of the world around us-these are all incorporated into the programs and activities of each organization.

Kingston North Kitsap Rotary Club President, Bill Maule, said "I am pleased, and proud, that our Club has joined the hundreds of other Rotary Clubs across our country that sponsor Boy Scout Troops and Cub Scout Packs. Both organizations value honor and truthfulness as well as a dedication to service. It is especially significant for our Club as we have six Eagle Scouts among our members. They and other Scouting veterans in the Club will have the opportunity to renew associations they had decades ago." More than one-hundred merit badges can be earned by scouts, many of which are in areas local Rotarians have the expertise and can be of value as counselors on a one-on-one basis.

ROTARY CLUB OF PORT TOWNSEND CREATES ENDOWED LEGACY FUND

BY CARLA CALDWELL

The Port Townsend Noon Rotary Club recently established the Rotary Club of Port Townsend Endowed Legacy Fund through the Jefferson Community Foundation with an initial anonymous $10,000 donation. As the fund grows, future club boards of directors will be able to designate a percentage of the funds to local student scholarships and grants for local nonprofit programs and projects.

While our club members are strong and consistent supporters of the Rotary Foundation, we also want to leave a funding mechanism to ensure resources for local grants and scholarships beyond what we can raise annually through special events.

As our fund grows, the club will be able to access up to 4.3% of the balance each year. We are now in the process of determining ways in which we can systematically grow the fund, including annual gifts from individual members and legacy gifts through people's estates. We are also pleased to support our local community foundation through the establishment of our legacy fund.

Why partner in this way with a community foundation?

The Jefferson County Foundation (JCF) was founded in 2005 by a small group of visionaries who wanted to connect people who care with causes that matter and to build an endowment for the future needs of the people of Jefferson County. Since then, JCF has grown to manage over $2 million in assets on behalf of the community.

As a result of donors investing in our community through the foundation, our county can have stronger nonprofits, student scholarships, safety net services, support for women and girls, quality youth programming, and thriving arts organizations.

JCF has achieved this by working with people committed to making Jefferson County a great place to live, work, raise a family, and retire. Rotary, too, attempts to address these issues through local service, grants, and scholarships. We have aligned missions. A partnership, indeed!

EAST BREMERTON ROTARY ACTIVITIES HELPING THE COMMUNITY

BY ALAN BEAM

Our East Bremerton Rotary Roadside Cleanup Program reopened with a Bang this weekend. Doug O'Donnell organized a group of East Bremerton Rotarians to meet at the corner of Waaga Way and the Brownsville Highway. The resounding response from 18 Rotarians made quick work of our section of State Route 303 on a pleasant Saturday morning. Due to the success of this event, Doug is planning further cleanups on about a quarterly basis.

East Bremerton Rotary Summer Lunch Program: While Bremerton schools and summer schools are in session, they provide free and low-cost nutritious meals to their students. The Bremerton Boys and Girls Club provides many active programs to engage children but has limited kitchen facilities. Over the past seven years, East Bremerton Rotary has helped fill the meal gap by coordinating a summer lunch program at the B&G Club. Together with Grace Community Presbyterian Church, Abundant Life Foursquare Church, Olympic College, McClouds Grillhouse, Taco Bell, and others, EBR established a daily lunch program.

We all enjoy the days we show up to feed these kids. They are excited, well behaved, and grateful. The Boys & Girls Club is such a great organization for our kids. You can just see how much the kids love it and how much they have learned about goal setting, working hard, giving back to the community, and being kind to one another.

GIG HARBOR MIDDAY HOLDS IT'S ANNUAL "GOLFERITAVILLE"

BY DON HUTCHINS

Friday, July 19th saw another fantastically successful edition of GH Midday Rotary's principle fundraiser - "Golferitaville" at McCormick Woods - an exciting day of golf and prizes.

Golferitaville at McCormick Woods

As always, the entire Club membership PLUS a bunch of dedicated non-Rotarian volunteer workers pitched in to load, haul, set up, find sponsors, donate raffle prizes, drop balls and generally have a great time raising enough funds to support our many charitable causes in this coming year. A big thanks to all you GOLFERS who came out to support us and win prizes. AND most especially THANK YOU to our dedicated SPONSORS! Nothing happens without all of you!

In addition to the great raffle prizes shown here, Golfers competed for FOUR Hole-in-one prizes including $5000 on one hole and an Automobile on another. And the main event at the end of the day was a Helicopter Ball Drop - where ten lucky winners collected several thousand dollars in Cash!

There were far too many dedicated workers to name them here, but you all know who you are and you all deserve a huge pat on the back for a job extremely well done! THANK YOU to all our GH Rotarians AND you non-Rotarians who also volunteered!

GH Midday's next event is Harbor Hounds - a special fundraiser by and for Gig Harbor's Dog Lovers. Come on out and help us Serve our Community and the World!

The array of raffle prizes boggles the imagination

Golfers check in and get their raffle tickets

ANNUAL ROTARY CLUB OF DUNCAN OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION

BY NORA DOWSETT

On September 21st the Rotary Club of Duncan will hold its 2nd annual Oktoberfest Celebration. This event was a SOLD OUT success last year with over 600 people attending and the club netting over $10,000 in funds raised. It was all hands on deck for our club members who helped with cooking, clean up, serving beverages, among other duties. Both volunteers and attendees had a fabulous time with many dressing up in their dirndls and lederhosen!

Our club's main fundraiser is an annual Gala Dinner, and Silent Auction held in February. It is always well attended, but a good percentage of those attending are fellow Rotarians and friends. We wanted to come up with a second fundraiser that would appeal to the general public, raise more awareness of Rotary in the community, and would raise funds for our ongoing annual youth programs. We also wanted an event that wasn't close to the time of our Auction, as both require a fair bit of work from our members. Oktoberfest fit the bill! Its success means that the majority of our Auction funds can go towards larger, one-time capital projects.

The majority of the funds from Oktoberfest will go towards our support of the Pregnancy Food Connection. This is an initiative started by our local public health nurses, which helps to provide healthy food options to low-income expectant mothers in the Cowichan Valley. With the addition of this program, our club is helping to support youth in our community from before birth to high school graduation. We also support Literacy through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, Leadership through RYLA, public speaking with an annual public speaking contest, youth exchange and, of course, scholarships.

We believe there is another benefit to the club from Oktoberfest, at last year's event, we had several people asking us about Rotary, this year we will have a Membership/Information table set up. Hopefully, we'll be able to increase our club's numbers with some new, enthusiastic (and under 40) members.

We invite any Rotarians that can make it, join us for this fun-filled evening!

Rotary
Club of Duncan

Oktoberfest
Celebration

Saturday, September 21st

Where: Mellor Hall, Cowichan Exhibition, doors open at 6:00 pm.
Music: Live Oktoberfest Music by the Doctors of Rock 'N Roll from Nanaimo.
Beverages from: Red Arrow Brewery and Merridale Ciderworks serving a fine selection of local beverages.

Your ticket includes admission, tasty German food and your first glass of beer (or wine). This is a fundraising event which will help our club support our many local youth programs, including Pregnancy Food Connection, a program that provides healthy food options for low income mothers in the Cowichan Valley.

Tickets: $30 Available thru eventbrite.ca or from Red Arrow Brewery and Cowichan Green Community.

SOOKE ROTARY BOTTLE DRIVE HELPS PREPARE FOR DISASTERS

BY TIM COLLINS (SOOKE NEWS MIRROR)

The Sooke Rotary Club will hold what it hopes will become an annual bottle drive to help fund the purchase of disaster aid emergency kits.

And it's counting on the help of volunteers to make the drive a success.

"On [Aug. 10] starting at 8 a.m., we'll need sorters at Evergreen Centre, volunteers to canvas the community for cans and bottles, and general assistance with things like the sale of hot dogs at the event," said John Topolniski, the past-president of the Rotary Club of Sooke.

The funds raised through the event go toward the purchase of emergency kits that include large tents that can each accommodate up to 10 people and all the equipment that those people would need to survive after a disaster, including a stove, cooking pots, plates, utensils, blankets, first aid kit, and emergency lighting.

The kits do not include food or water.

"It's always better to be prepared for a disaster than to try to react to one after it occurs," Topolniski said.

"Last year we raised money at the Rotary auction dinner and were able to purchase three of the kits. Two were donated to Sooke Fire and Rescue, and the third went to the Juan de Fuca Fire and Rescue who sent it to Jordan River, where it was most needed."

The tents are very versatile as they can be joined together in series, a feature that allows them to be used as makeshift hospitals, command centres, or even temporary schools in the wake of a community disaster.

Sooke Fire Chief Kenn Mount, whose department received two of the emergency kits, said any assistance that his service can receive to prepare for a natural disaster is appreciated.

"It serves to complement the emergency preparedness programs that we're always working on and improving," Mount said.

"You can never be prepared enough, and we are constantly looking for grants and resources to ensure that we are as ready to address whatever disaster might arise."

Topolniski said Rotary International has distributed the tents all over the world during the past few years and is proud to say the club has managed to help in the wake of hurricanes, tornadoes, tsunamis, earthquakes, or wildfires.

The bottle drive will take place between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Evergreen Mall.

Sooke Fire Rescue Service will have its Old '42 fire truck on display, and hot dogs and cold drinks will be available throughout the day.

"All the funds from this bottle drive will be going to the purchase of these kits. They cost $1,000 a piece and how many we can buy depends on how much money is raised," Topolniski said.

Sooke Rotarians David Longdale, Margot Swinburnson, Myrtle Acton, John Topolniski, Neil Flynn and Mark Ziegler assembled the tent in the SEAPARC parking lot prior to the game.

EAST JEFFERSON ROTARY 2019 POT OF GOLD FUNDRAISER

BY PETER M. LEENHOUTS

The Rotary Club of East Jefferson has begun their annual Pot of Gold fundraiser. The money raised is used, after paying the raffle winners, to support the Club's scholarship program and local projects. Club member John Erickson is this year's campaign chair and may be reached at the email address potofgold@ejcrotary.club

Tickets this year are $50 per ticket. Tickets are on sale now through Wednesday, September 19th, 2019. The prizes for this year's raffle will include four $2,000 cash prizes as well as $1,000 of merchandise at any QFC and $500 of merchandise at Hadlock True Value Building Supply. The raffle will be held on Thursday, September 26th, 2019, at the regular meeting of the Club.

The Rotary Club of East Jefferson County, chartered in 1982, is one of seven Rotary clubs on the Olympic Peninsula. The Club has actively supported scholarships for college-bound and vocational students at Chimacum and Quilcine High Schools for many years and engaged in a wide number of projects to support and advance the Tri-Area and Quilcine communities, most recently the Jefferson County Library Port Hadlock Bookmobile Barn and the Jefferson Teen Center.

COUNTDOWN TO HISTORY

BY TERRY TOONE

Poliomyelitis (polio) is a highly infectious disease caused by a virus that invades the nervous system where it can lead to paralysis or death. It most commonly affects children under age five and is spread through contact with contaminated food or water. Polio only infects humans.

"YOU KNOW, WE'RE GOING TO GET TO THE END OF THIS AND ROTARY WILL BE THE REASON THAT WILL HAPPEN" BILL GATES

There is no cure for polio, but it can be prevented using safe and effective vaccines which Rotary and our partners use to immunize children worldwide.

Those who lived during the 1950's and earlier will remember the summers of fear when polio cases spread across North America. As recently as the 1980's one thousand people were paralyzed by polio

A health worker heads out into the village of Adjin, Cote d'Ivoire, on a bicycle during a National Immunization Day.

worldwide every day. Fortunately, successful vaccines were developed, and eventually, the Americas were declared polio-free in 1994.

In recent years the only cases of polio in the U.S. and Canada were non-vaccinated residents who had contact with polio-infected visitors from another country, reminding us that polio is only an airplane trip away.

About 35 years after polio patients survive their crippling ordeal, many of them start to experience a strangely familiar loss of muscle strength and other debilitating symptoms. Many lose their ability to walk, and daily activities become a challenge. This is Post-Polio Syndrome. It is permanent, progressive, and it can really interfere with one's life.

If we eradicate polio, we also eradicate Post-Polio Syndrome. Two for one!

Wild poliovirus in 2019 (2018) as of 31 July 2019

GLOBAL TOTAL: 59 (17)

- Afghanistan 12 (13)
- Pakistan 47 (4)
- Nigeria 0 (0)

TOTAL WPV FOR 2018:

- Global 33
- Afghanistan 21
- Pakistan 12
- Nigeria 0

While at first glance some of the trends seem to be going in the wrong direction, we must remember that we are better at finding the virus. The global network of laboratories tracking polio and other diseases is becoming more adept at finding the virus.

ROTARY'S PART IN POLIO ERADICATION

In the early 1980's Rotary decided to take on a project that was bigger than any club or district could accomplish, but which could be achieved by Rotarians working as a global team. That project was the world-wide eradication of polio.

Rotary's first global fundraising initiative raised $247 million dollars and with that in their pockets and over a million members worldwide they approached the World Health organization. Before long Rotary became a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), which was launched in 1988. At that time polio was endemic in 125 countries. Thanks to global vaccination efforts, polio cases have fallen by 99% since then, from an estimated 350,000 cases per year to 33 reported cases in 2018.

Our partners in the GPEI are the World Health Organization (WHO), the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. In 2000 GAVI – the Vaccine Alliance – was created where public and private sector resources are brought together to support equal access to vaccines for all children, wherever they live.

Our partners are inspired by Rotary International's commitment to protect all children from the disease. Rotary uses its members' skills and passion to build awareness, fundraise, and encourage individuals and governments to support polio eradication efforts.

The Global Polio Laboratory Network (GPLN) consisting of 146 WHO accredited polio laboratories in 92 countries not only screen samples for wild and vaccine-derived poliovirus but conduct genomic sequencing to determine the origin of the virus as it moves among a population.

Infrastructure like this laboratory network created to battle polio has already been used to track and help control other outbreaks such as SARS and Ebola. What an outstanding legacy, initiated by Rotary, for future generations!

I am pleased to report that during the 2018-19 Rotary year our District had 97% club participation in support of PolioPlus. – Excellent work!

THE DISTRICT 5020 POLIOPLUS SOCIETY

Now we have another opportunity to help eradicate polio forever – The District 5020 PolioPlus Society. To join all you need to do is complete a PolioPlus Society pledge form which is available at **HTTPS://D5020.COM/GOODBYE-POLIO**. As a member of the Society you pledge to donate $100 USD or more each year until polio is eradicated.

Rotarians and their friends who join the Society will be honored with a special pin which will be presented at your Rotary Club by your Assistant Governor. Donors can be proud to be part of Rotary making history.

Remember – every dollar donated to polio eradication by Rotarians will be matched 2 for 1 by the Gates Foundation.

WHY IS ERADICATION IMPORTANT?

As former CDC Director Dr. Frieden has stated, "If we fail to get over the finish line, we will need to continue expensive control measures for the indefinite future..., without eradication, a resurgence of polio could paralyze more than 200,000 children worldwide every year." That is why we need to ensure polio is eradicated completely, once and for all.

Once polio is eradicated, we can celebrate the delivery of a major global public good that will benefit all people, no matter where they live. Economic modelling predicts that the eradication of polio will save at least US$ 40–50 billion, mostly in low-income countries. The money and resources used for vaccine drives will be freed up for other health challenges. Most importantly, success will mean that no child will ever again suffer the terrible, crippling effects polio.

Past RI President Gary Huang said "Just imagine that you make the donation that funds those final drops that rid the world of polio forever. You will never do anything so great and so important in your life."

REACHING THE LAST FEW PLACES

Success is possible – clearly demonstrated by India's success in stopping polio in January 2011, in what may be the most technically-challenging place, and polio-free certification of the entire South-East Asia Region of WHO which occurred in March 2014.

Rotary and our partners are working hard to reduce transmission of the wild polio virus, especially in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

In Pakistan in May 2019

- 9 new cases of wild polio were reported
- 1.07 million children were vaccinated during the May Case Response Campaigns

The Urban Primary Health Centre Rajnagar administers childhood immunizations, including bivalent oral polio vaccine and fractional dose inactivated polio vaccine. Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, India

- 1.4 million children were vaccinated at 408 Permanent Transit Points.
- 260,000 frontline workers were involved
- There was 95% vaccine acceptance by the population.

Vaccine champions across Pakistan are encouraging neighbours, friends and family members to vaccinate their children against polio. From religious leaders to grandmothers, the people are going the extra mile to educate their communities about the life-saving power of vaccines. Families were sometimes intimidated by the questions of the vaccination teams, so they are taking a friendlier approach with fewer questions and follow-up visits.

One worker who is also a mother said "I remember one chronic refusal family. It was such a difficult task to convince the women of the house to vaccinate their children. We engaged in many discussions and I explained to them that if the polio drops were not beneficial, would I give them to my own kids? After a lot of convincing, I was able to persuade the women. I was so happy to have managed to convert a chronic refusal case and protect the kids in that house against polio."

In Pakistan, women make up more than 56% of more than 260 000 frontline polio workers. This has been a game changer for polio eradication in Pakistan, given the trusted roles women have in communities and the fact that they are more likely to be allowed to take the crucial step across the thresholds of people's homes and ensure access for all children to vaccines.

In one of the large slum areas in Karachi a water filtration plant was installed next door to a facility that's providing polio and other vaccinations to meet the needs of that community so that their level of trust increased and their frustration decreased.

IN AFGHANISTAN IN JUNE 2019:

- 2 cases of wild poliovirus were reported.
- 1.4 million children were vaccinated.
- Permanent Transit Teams (PTTs) vaccinated 1,276,209 children, and cross-border teams vaccinated 131,897 children against polio.

The numbers are huge and difficult to comprehend, yet they are encouraging and show that eradication is being done.

NIGERIA IN 2019

As mentioned above, Nigeria is on the brink of being removed from the list of polio endemic countries.

A range of innovative strategies are being used to reach children in high-risk areas, including opportunistic campaigns that are run whenever security permits, market vaccination, cross-border points and outreach to nomads.

In Nigeria, most vaccinators are women. That's crucial to ensuring that vaccines reach every child, because men — except for husbands and close male family members — are prevented from entering households.

In many communities vaccinators are chosen by a local committee so the individual is well known and the people are comfortable talking with them on the doorstep. Polio survivors have taken to the streets in Nigeria to underscore the importance of immunization.

THE ROAD AHEAD

In Osaka, Japan, G20 Leaders met on 28-29 June 2019, and discussed major challenges facing the world including the importance of eradicating polio. The G20 declaration states, "We reaffirm our commitment to eradicate polio as well as to end the epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria and look forward to the success of the sixth replenishment of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria."

Following this declaration, the pledging event of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative will be hosted by the United Arab Emirates in November 2019 to ensure full financing and implementation of the efforts to finish the job.

Progress is being made in the acceptance of vaccines in developing countries. Michael Galway, deputy director of the Polio Team at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, said that opposition to vaccines is no longer as a big a challenge as it once was. Now, only 1 percent of people are not getting vaccinated because they refuse the vaccination.

Exciting research is underway on a novel oral

polio vaccine for type 2 polio (nOPV2). If further trials are successful the new vaccine could be a potential new tool to provide the same level of protection against poliovirus as the current oral polio vaccine (OPV), but without the risk of mutating into vaccine-derived poliovirus in under-immunized populations.

The GPEI has developed an Endgame Strategic Plan which can be found here: https://d5020.com/POLIO-ENDGAME As others have said "Our challenge is not feasibility, but determination"

MORE ENCOURAGING NEWS

- At the recent International Polio Plus Committee meeting, the Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees approved new grants totaling US$ 26,626,600 for: surveillance in African and Eastern Mediterranean Regions; operational support in DRC, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mali, Iraq, Pakistan, Somalia and Syria; research activities; and mOPV stockpile.

- Luxembourg disbursed €500 000 to WHO as part of the final part of its multi-year commitment.

- The UAE Pakistan Assistance Program has disbursed an additional US$ 8.1 million to WHO, bringing its total support in 2019 to US$ 15.5 million. These funds are part of the US$ 30 million pledged by the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi in 2017 at the Rotary Convention.

- New Zealand disbursed 2 million New Zealand dollars to WHO to support the 2018/2019 circulating Vaccine Derived Polio Virus outbreak response in Papua New Guinea. This is in addition to funds pledged in 2017 through Rotary International.

- The United Nations Foundation contributed US$ 1,490,239 to support vaccine procurement in Pakistan.

- EasyJet made a recent contribution of US$ 632,376. These funds were raised from EasyJet's onboard collection for polio eradication and will go to the purchase of vaccines for children around the world.

All of this because Rotarians in the 1980s had an idea we could change the world forever.

WORLD POLIO DAY – OCTOBER 24.

This is a great time to organize a special fun event to support PolioPlus in your club. (As if Rotarians need a reason to have fun). If you would like some ideas simply go to www.endpolio.org where you will find everything you need.

Include polio survivors in your celebrations. I have had the privilege of meeting many of them from Washington State, British Columbia and around the world and you will not find a more enthusiastic group supporting polio eradication.

So, invite some friends and family, have some fun and raise a few dollars for PolioPlus which will be matched two for one by the Gates Foundation. What a deal!

I am just so proud to be a Rotarian and grateful to have a small part to play in making our world a better place. We Rotarians are making history by eradicating a crippling, devastating disease from our planet.

The children in the future who do not get polio may not be aware of what we have done but fear of polio will not be part of their lives.

As recently reported in Forbes Magazine Bill Gates speaking to Rotarians in Spokane, Washington, said:

"You know, we're going to get to the end of this and Rotary will be the reason that will happen."

If I can help just let me know!

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8 September 2019: International Literacy Day

2019 theme: *Literacy and Multilingualism*

September 8 was proclaimed as International Literacy Day by the UNESCO's General Conference in 1966. Since then, literacy celebrations have taken place annually around the world to remind the public of the importance of literacy as a matter of dignity and human rights and to work towards a more literate and sustainable society.

Reading for life

September is Literacy month for Rotary

Literacy 'skills' broadly include knowledge and competencies required for employment, careers and livelihoods, particularly technical and vocational skills, along with transferable skills and digital skills.

We are all aware that globalisation and fast-advancing digital technology are transforming ways in which people work, live and learn, and are generating new skill demands and lifelong learning needs. Despite progress made, literacy challenges persist, distributed unevenly across countries and populations.

Embracing linguistic diversity in education and literacy development is central to addressing these literacy challenges and to achieving the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals.

In addition to considering actions to support literacy, as Rotarians we should use the opportunity for public awareness of Rotary's efforts and impact in literacy and education.

How will your Club support International Literacy Day?

International Literacy Day 2019 provides renewed impetus for Rotary Clubs to make meaningful connections between literacy and technical and vocational education and training through literacy projects and programmes.

Is there a literacy project that you could initiate, repeat, support or maintain? Past Literacy Rotarian Action Group (LitRAG) newsletters offer information, ideas and suggestions about literacy projects.

Key Literacy Questions for Rotarians

Key questions to consider are:

- What knowledge and experiences can our Club and literacy partners share regarding successes and failures in promoting integrated approaches about literacy? What specific literacy strategies are the most effective? What are the success factors?
- What is the evidence of impact of integrated approaches on individuals and their communities? What is their potential to motivate learners to participate in learning?
- What more can we do?

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