

Rotations

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President John Sherry opened the meeting.

The club sang Happy Birthday to Bud Moulthrop, who just turned 82, and John Sherry honored Bud by telling us highlights of Bud's life.

The Bill & Malinda Gates Foundation gave RI a matching grant for \$255 million, which Rotary needs to match in three years. That brings the total to \$355 million in two years donated to Rotary International to fight polio.

Terry Camp and Troy Feddersen reported about the new Interact Club at Bently School.

Geoff Zimmerman and Lee Deily reminded us of the Interclub meeting on Feb 4. Our club is dark on the 5th.

Tom Courtright's Installation as Business Person of the Year and the State of the City dinner will be on Jan 30 at the Lafayette Park Hotel. Call the Chamber for tickets.

Bill Eames is having a Super Bowl party at his home on Feb 1. Bill will have pizza, and Mike Heller will bring pasta.

Andy Scheck presented Jay Lifson and Steve Falk each with a framed picture of them that was published in his newspaper, the *Lamorinda Weekly*.

Geoff Zimmerman recognized members.

No one took notes this week. When you are the scheduled note taker, please remember to find a replacement if you cannot attend the meeting.

SPEAKER: Long time local resident, Mike McAllister, attended Acalanes High School as a youth, spent time as a Stand Up Comic, studied Buddhism while maintaining silence for six months, and teaches Psychology at Acalanes High School. The author of *Awake in This Life: A Guide for Those Climbing the Mountain of Spirit*, Mike gave us an account of his journey from always looking for something new, to finding peace and silence in every day life.





BILL GATES ANNOUNCES NEW \$255 MILLION GRANT FOR ENDING POLIO

By Arnold R. Grahl and Dan Nixon
 Rotary Int'l News -- 21 Jan 2009 -- excerpt

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 ... at the International Assembly in San Diego.

"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." ...

In response to the new \$255 million Gates Foundation grant, Rotary will raise \$100 million in matching funds. In Novr 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. RI's matching effort in response is called Rotary's \$200 Million Challenge, which must be completed by 30 June 2012.

The \$255 million grant is one of the largest challenge grants ever given by the Gates Foundation and the largest received by Rotary in its 104-year history.

Rotary will spend the grant in direct support of immunization activities carried out by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which is spearheaded by RI and its partners, the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF. Rotary will distribute the funds through grants to WHO and UNICEF.

The participation of Rotary clubs ... in Rotary's \$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. ...

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." ...

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UPCOMING SPEAKERS

- 01/29 Primo Facchini, Director, Alamo - Lafayette Cemetery Dist
- 02/04 Interclub Meeting, 11:30 am, Rossmoor, Gateway Complex, Fireside Rm
- 02/05 No meeting
- 02/12 Dale Turner, Genealogy, Get 'em while They're Hot
- 02/19 John Coleman, EBMUD
- 02/26 TBD

LOCAL ROTARY EVENTS

- 01/29 Memorial for Al Glocker, 10:30, Veterans' Memorial Bldg
- 01/31 District Leader Team Training
- 02/10 Board meeting, 5, Laf Chamber
- 03/11 Spring Egg Scramble
- 04/18 Wine Tour
- 10/01-04 Dist. Conference, Lake Tahoe

MAKE UP MEETINGS NEARBY

- MON**
- 12:00 Danville, Brass Door, San Ramon
- TUES**
- 07:00 Walnut Creek Sunrise, Scott's Seafood
- 07:00 Danville-Sycamore, Crow Canyon Country Club, San Ramon
- 07:30 Martinez, Grace Episcopal Church
- 12:15 Moraga, Soda Center
- 12:00 Walnut Creek, Heather Farms Garden Center Bldg
- 05:30 Diablo View, Pyramid Alehouse
- WED**
- 12:00 Rossmoor, Hillside Clubhouse
- 12:15 Alamo, Round Hill Golf
- 12:15 Orinda, Community Center
- 12:15 Concord-Diablo, Marie Callendars
- FRI**
- 07:00 Lamorinda, Knoxx
- 12:15 Concord, Concord Hilton

ROTARY INT'L EVENTS

- 06/21-24 2009 RI Convention, Birmingham, England

BIRTHDAYS

- 01/01 Jack Clarkson
- 01/03 Tom Henry
- 01/20 Bud Moulthrop

GREETERS

- 01/29 Mary Claire Searby
- 02/12 Bud Moulthrop
- 02/19 Troy Feddersen
- 02/26 Troy Feddersen

