



District 7450

The Rotary Foundation "Informant"



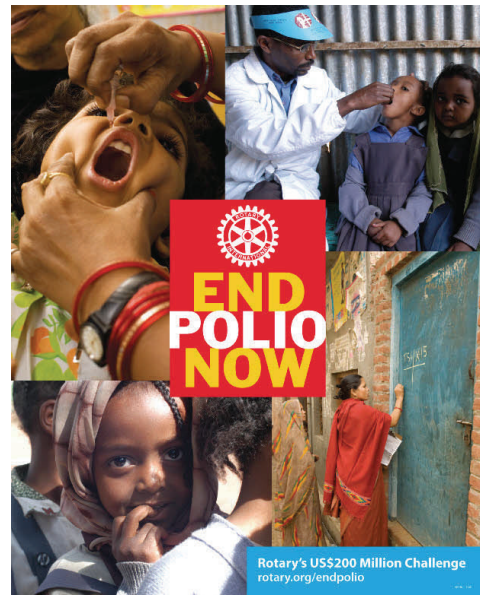
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Huge Drop in Polio Cases Reported No Cases reported in India since February 7, 2010 Over 150 Million People Inoculated in April

Like a prize fighter kicking his opponent when he is down, the world is now in the closing stages in the effort to eliminate this terrible disease from the planet. Notwithstanding a misleading front page article in the Wall Street Journal this week which insinuated that Bill Gates was "rethinking" his support of the eradication effort, polio is in fact "on the ropes." Readers would have had to read until the end of the article to learn that cases in 2010 are off more than 75% over the same time period last year. (figures as reported April 21, 2010.)



Sixteen countries throughout west and central Africa immunized more than 78 million children during the weekend of April 24-25. That same weekend 44 million children were inoculated in India and 33 million more were inoculated in Pakistan. A national immunization day is scheduled in Afghanistan on May 2-4, 2010.

Please get your contributions in now. This is no time to rest!

Total cases of Polio	Year to date 2010	Same period 2009	total 2009
Globally	71	328	1606
Endemic countries	42	240	1256
Non-endemic countries	29	88	350

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Rotary Foundation Contributions Needed Now!

Clubs are requested to make their final push for contributions to the Rotary Foundation. Our success will depend on whether each and every Rotarian was personally asked for a contribution in time for payment before the end of June. Leaders are asked to make their contribution now if they have not already done so, and then make certain that every member is approached.

Contributions are easier to make than ever. In addition to writing a check and sending it in with the appropriate form, (the old fashioned way), many members are arranging to have their credit card automatically debited every month. Others are removing a credit card from their wallet and signing the appropriate form with their credit card number included. The forms can be given out and collected at Rotary meetings or events with the appropriate request.

It is important that the solicitor has the latest update on their club's giving. In this way, it can be determined that a member is nearing their recognition point for a Paul Harris Fellow recognition. For example, if a member has \$500 in credits, the club could ask for a \$250 contribution to be matched with club credits and the member could be awarded with Paul Harris Fellow Recognition at an upcoming meeting or event. To get that report, club president and secretaries only need to obtain on line, using their password, from the www.rotary.org website.

Clubs should be alert for members who have the capacity to make larger contributions. The Paul Harris society recognizes members who make an annual \$1,000 or greater contribution annually. Members who commit to making a provision for a contribution in their estate plan to the Permanent Fund will be immediately made members of the Rotary Foundation Benefactors or Bequest Society.

Our Rotary Foundation depends upon the generosity of Rotarians to keep our promises to do our good work in the world.

For assistance with any of these issues, please contact Rotary District 7450 Annual Giving Chair
Dave Ellis DGNN at dellis817@comcast.net

Permanent fund inquiries are best addressed to
Bronwyn Martin at ksrotary.bronwyn@gmail.com



Applications for Ambassadorial and Peace Fellow Scholarships Wanted Now

Submitted by Joe Batory

The Ambassadorial Scholarship program of the Rotary Foundation, the world's largest international scholarship program, is seeking applications for a scholarship for the 2011-2012 school year. The deadline for clubs to send endorsed candidates to the district Rotary Foundation committee is being extended from its previously announced date of May 1. Winners are given a grant of \$26,000 for study in another country. They are usually working on graduate degrees.

In addition to that deadline, applications are also due for the two year world peace and conflict resolution masters degree program. That grant is for \$50,000 for study in another country. Rotary International leaders are hopeful that students in this program will make a positive and significant impact in the cause of peace going forward.

Applications for both programs may be found by visiting www.Rotary.org and searching for Rotary Foundation programs, then as appropriate, Ambassadorial or Peace and Conflict Resolution scholarships. All applications must be endorsed by a Rotary Club. They should be forwarded in hard copy format with appropriate "sign offs" to the District 7450 Scholarship Chairperson, Joe Batory, 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue 15B33, Philadelphia PA 19130. Local clubs should retain copies of all application materials for their files.

Questions or Inquiries about this process can be addressed to Joe Batory at 215-769-8530 or josephbatory@comcast.net

Become a Member of the Paul Harris Society

Submitted by Bill Wright

The Paul Harris society is a Rotary District program to recognize anyone (Rotarian and non-Rotarians) who gives \$1000.00 or more per year to:

- * Annual Programs Fund
- * Polio Plus or Polio Plus Partners
- * Humanitarian Grants Program of the Rotary Foundation.

Contributions do counts for:

- * Paul Harris Fellow
- * Major Donor Recognition (over \$10,000.00 in lifetime giving)

Recognition:

- * Paul Harris Society flag to be worn on the Rotary Pin
- * Certificate

Individuals or couples can qualify

To become a Paul Harris Society member:

- * Commit to donate \$1000.00 or more per year
- * Submit Declaration of Commitment Form to PHS Sub-Chair

Bill Wright– billwright1@prodigy.net

Members are qualified for any year in which they donate \$1000.00 or more per year. If a member misses a year, they can become a member of the society in a year they again make the required donation.





District Clubs are Hosting Events to Raise Money for the Polio Plus Campaign

Polio Eradication Luncheon Set By Philadelphia Rotary For May 20, 2010

An unprecedented "Polio Eradication Luncheon" sponsored by the Rotary Club of Philadelphia will be held at the Union League (Broad and Sansom Streets, just south of Philadelphia City Hall) on Thursday, May 20, beginning at 11:30 AM.

The keynote speaker will be D. Paul Offit, Chief of Infectious Diseases and the Director of the Vaccine Education Center at the Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania. Dr. Offit, a highly respected professor at the University Of Pennsylvania School Of Medicine, is an international expert on vaccinology and is a past recipient of the Jonas Salk Award from the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology.

Individual Luncheon tickets are \$60.00 or two tickets can be purchased for \$100 (checks payable to: the Rotary Club of Philadelphia). There are also four levels of sponsorship for this event ranging from \$250.00 to \$2500.00; full information on what is included in each sponsorship level package is available from the Rotary Club of Philadelphia.

"We are hoping for some strong support for this event from the Rotary Club of Philadelphia as well as members of all of Rotary District 7450's clubs." Said Patrick Feeley, one of the Philadelphia Rotary coordinators for this event. "We will have a *world class* speaker and a great luncheon in an outstanding venue but more importantly, this is an opportunity for all area Rotarians to make a statement about *Ending Polio Now*."

Northeast Sunrisers and North Philadelphia Madrugadores Combine for Polio Plus Spaghetti Dinner for May 21, 2010

The Northeast Sunrisers Sixth Annual Spaghetti Dinner to raise money for the Polio Plus Campaign this year will include co-sponsor club, the North Philadelphia Madrugadores. The event will be held on Friday evening May 21, 2010 at the United Methodist Church, 1128 Cottman Avenue, Philadelphia Pa 19111 from 5 PM until 8 PM. The cost of the dinner is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children.

An active committee of Rotarians and friends work hard at preparing our delicious and famous meatballs and sauce on Thursday night and all day Friday. Help is also obtained from Rotaractors from the Manor College and Interactors from Northeast High School.

To obtain tickets please send a check made payable to the Rotary Club of Northeast Sunrisers to Holly Lankin, 8207 Aspen Way, Elkins Park PA. 19027. Tickets will be sold at the door as space allows. Questions can also be sent to hlankin@comcast.net.



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Group Study Exchange Team Goes to Greece

Submitted by Kerry Costello-Null GSE Chair



Follow their blog at <http://gse7450togreece.blogspot.com/>

Blog Entry 4/7/2010 posted by Lisa: Our welcome dinner in Athens took place at the Piraeus Yacht Club - the true gem of this harbor...Conversation flowed ...We discussed travel experiences and time spent living abroad; many cultures and the likeness and differences between them and the importance of Rotary - both within our own communities and ... the Rotary organization globally. All in all it was a perfect way to begin our journey through Greece and an in depth introduction to their Rotary mission.

Our team is now in the final stages of their visit to Greece, Selected by our GSE Committee were Lisa Leonard (Zaborowski) from the Philadelphia club who is serving as the team leader. We also selected five team members. They are Anastasia Filopoulos, sponsored by the Wayne Club, Lauren Hirshon, sponsored by the Ardmore club, Phillip Fitzgerald Jr., sponsored by the North Philadelphia Madrugadores, Sarah Rogers, sponsored by the Downingtown Club, and Amelia Gorman, sponsored by the Philadelphia Club.

Inbound GSE Team from Greece is Arriving May 1, 2010

By Kerry Costello-Null, GSE Chairperson

On May 1, 2010, the Group Study Exchange team will arrive for one month from the Greece Rotary District 2470. The team is composed of Rotarian team leader Aristomenis (Ari) Syngros (male-50), the CEO of a Strategic/Communications Company. The team members include: Sotirios Kousoukos (male-31) - lawyer; Anna Maria Anatoliotaki (female-29) - hotel owner; Antonios Bourletidis (male-26) - event manager; and Stephania Stephanides (female-25) - fashion marketer.

The Group Study Exchange is a Rotary Foundation cultural and vocational exchange, and an opportunity for all Rotarians to meet young people from another culture.

You may be interested in inviting them to participate in one of your meetings or social events during that time. It is a great opportunity to get to meet these young people and to share our culture with them. You may also wish to visit one of the clubs where they will be speaking to meet them and to hear their presentation.

If your club is interested in getting involved with the team, please let me know and I will be glad to put you in touch with the right contact so that you can extend the invitation.

Their schedule for the month will be as follows:
5/1/10 – Team arrives and spends the night at the Doubletree Hotel in Plymouth Meeting PA

5/2/10 – Orientation Brunch for Team, Committee members and representatives from each host club or area, at the hotel.

5/2/10 – 5/8/10 Ardmore club is hosting

5/8/10 – 5/15/10 Philadelphia Club is hosting (includes the district cruise)

5/16/10 – 5/22/10 Greater West Chester Sunrisers hosting (includes Washington Trip)

5/23/10 to 5/29/10 Area 1 is hosting (includes NY trip)

5/27/10 Farewell dinner hosted by Area 2 and Glenside Rotary at the Lulu Country Club

5/29/10 Departure day

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The Rotary Foundation Informant Year in Review

by

Russ deFuria, PDG



This is the final edition of the “**District 7450 Rotary Foundation Informant**” for the 2009-10 Rotary year. We hope you have found each issue to be informative and beneficial in keeping you abreast of the latest developments in “**our foundation**”. We are indebted to **Holly Lankin** for her tireless effort in editing this great communication tool. I hope you continue to share this information with others in your club that would find it useful. Every issue is also available on the Rotary Foundation page of our district website at www.rotary7450.org.

The Rotary Foundation is truly “**our foundation**”, yours and mine. We want to keep you informed on how your generous donations are being utilized to change and save lives around the world. It’s also important for you to be aware of changes as they occur, and the Rotary Foundation is indeed evolving to better serve the needs of our world community and to better adhere to our core values.

Now that we are in the last quarter of the Rotary year, if you have not already done so, we hope that you will generously remember The Rotary Foundation before year’s end. Your participation in the **Every Rotarian Every Year** annual campaign has never been more important, regardless of the amount. We all know the recent state of the world economy, but the needs of the world continue despite those realities. Won’t you answer the call to help change and save lives around the world?

The Rotary Foundation annual giving goal set by this year’s D-7450 Club Presidents was **\$162,200**. To date, donations have reached **\$103,034** or **63.5%** of goal. Many clubs have already far surpassed the goal they set; we thank those clubs and we congratulate them on their effort. Unfortunately, a number of clubs have attained only a small fraction of the goal they had set. If that’s the case in your club, we desperately need your support. For any additional information, you can contact your Area Coordinator or me at any time.

While the focus of **Every Rotarian Every Year** is individual donations, our support for worldwide polio eradication through the **\$200 Million Challenge** is club focused. Again, we have a number of clubs that have taken a leadership position in helping to eradicate this crippling disease, while others have not participated. Please remember that each club has been challenged to raise **\$2000** in each of three Rotary years (including the present year) toward the worldwide goal. We hope you will encourage your club leaders to step up to this challenge.

Many of you will be receiving a printed copy of this issue of the **Informant** at this year’s **District Assembly** on Thursday, April 29th. If that is the case, we hope you will join us for our Rotary Foundation breakout session following the general session. Take this opportunity to deepen your understanding of how our generosity can help make the world a better place for everyone.