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## Programme Today

**Speaker** : To Be Advised  
**Subject** : To Be Advised

### ON DUTY

Duty Table : Rtn. Patrick Lee  
Fellowship : Rtn. Tenny Lee  
Finemaster : Rtn. K A Kumar  
Introduce : PP K U Rajah  
Thanking : PP Kumar Tharmalingam

## Programme Next Week

**Speaker** : To Be Advised  
**Subject** : To Be Advised

### ON DUTY

Duty Table : PP Albert Lim  
Fellowship : Rtn. Laura Lee  
Finemaster : PDG Dr. Paul Lee  
Introduce : PP K U Rajah  
Thanking : IPP Leong Choy Ying

## Happy Birthday!

PDG K B Lee (12th. Oct)

## Spouse's Birthday!

Ann Datin Bharati (13th. Oct)  
Ann Siew Leng (13th. Oct)  
Ann Catherine (8th. Oct)

## Happy Anniversary!

Nil

## FUTURE ROTARY EVENTS

GDLTS – Group Discussion Leaders' Training Seminar  
Friday 19/10/12 – Sunday 21/10/12 @ Kamunting, Taiping

Pre-PETS 1  
Friday 23/11/12 – Sunday 25/11/12 @ Tampin, A'Famosa Resort

Pre-PETS 2  
Friday 15/3/13 – Sunday 17/3/13 @ Ampang, D'Villa Residences

District Assembly  
Friday 26/4/13 – Sunday 28/4/13 @ Melawati, Grand Dorsett Hotel

DTTS – District Team Training Seminar  
Sunday 19/5/13 @ Klang Central, Klang Executive Centre

District Conference  
Friday 6/12/13 – Sunday 8/12/13 @ Kuala Lumpur West, Hotel Istana (tentative)

## Rotary Club Diary 8th – 31st October 2012

Date	Time	Programme	Venue
<b>October</b>			
Mon 8	12.45 pm	PRC Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Wed 10	6.30 pm	Public Relations Comm	Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club
Thu 11	6.30 pm	Service Committee	Solaris Dutamas
Mon 15	6.45 pm	PRC Weekly Meeting Voc. Service Recognition Award Nite	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Tue 16	6.30 pm	TRF Comm	Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club
Wed 17	6.30 pm	Club Admn Meeting	Loong Foong Rest, Kelana Jaya
Thu 18	6.30 pm	New Gen Comm	Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club
Mon 22	12.45 pm	PRC Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
<b>Fri 26</b>		<b>HARI RAYA HAJI</b>	
Mon 29	12.45 pm	PRC Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Wed 31	6.30 pm	BOD Meeting	Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club

## CAUSE FOR WORRY: DWINDLING ATTENDANCE @ REGULAR MEETINGS

At the last Mon regular meeting on 1st Oct we had only 18 members present out of an official membership of 55. Percentagewise about 33%. It must be recorded as one of the lowest attendance for the year. In Sept the average attendance level at regular meetings was just about the same notwithstanding that some Rotarians had gone overseas.

It must be very discouraging for the speaker on that day (last Mon) as she had purposely flew down from Singapore to deliver her talk on Self Defence and more than half the hall was empty (5 tables setting).

What had gone wrong with our club? Is it a temporary situation or is it going to be a permanent feature? The club's BOD must look into this matter seriously and not only the Attendance Chairman, Membership Retention Chairman and other chairmen. We must have an answer and quickly too, as we read in the RI literature that falling attendance is the first sign of the decaying of a club. Decay and falling attendance we were told are possibly due to :

- lack of motivation
- expensive lunch
- difficulty in getting to the meeting venue, eg traffic jam
- uninteresting programme
- programme not starting or ending on time
- lousy food
- bad speakers

Etc

We are not sure where we are at this stage of decay or maybe we are too dramatic to even call this a decay. The fact remains though that the attendance level has been falling since the last Rotary Year. It might be a good idea for the Attendance Chairman to clarify, do some arithmetic and see where we are heading, north or south. If at all it is the downward curve find out the real reasons for it.

Over to you, Attendance Chairman!!

My Dear Pudu Rotarians,

Warmest greetings to you.

Last week after our Monday luncheon meeting, a few of the Board members went over to a nearby bank to formalize the changing of the signatories of our club's accounts.

Along the way we discussed about club attendance and how to achieve the one hundred percenter status? I was surprised to find out that PE Alex Chang has been a one hundred percenter member since joining our Club. What a remarkable achievement!?



PE Alex shared his secret with us that one only needs to attend 4 to 5 meetings of RC Pudu for a month. Any RC Pudu meetings like attending the luncheon meeting on Mondays, any of the service avenue committee meetings throughout the month, participate in projects and also our Club Assemblies are all counted as a meeting. Therefore, joining 4 to 5 of the above meetings/projects per month would get you on your way to becoming the next one hundred percenter of our club.

We all know PE Alex is a very busy and successful lawyer. Therefore, if PE Alex can achieved one hundred percenter status in our club since joining, many of us could achieve that too. So remember it is only 4 or 5 meetings per month and you will be on your way for recognition as one hundred percenter next year.

There are also many of our senior Rotarians who are one hundred percenter for years, many since the day they joined RC Pudu. It is an amazing feat but achievable!

The Club's Programme Chairman, Rtn. Jonathan Victor, is doing a fantastic job in inviting interesting speakers for our Monday luncheon meetings. It is an opportunity for us to learn something new in these luncheon talks. So, do come join us in our next luncheon meeting. Apart from picking up new knowledge, you will enjoy the fellowship of our members.

See you soon.

In Rotary Service,  
**Aaron Ong Lai Huat**  
 President RY 2012/13

## Record of Meeting on 1st October 2012

**Guest Speaker** : PP DATO DR. LIM THUANG SENG  
**Subject** : PERSONAL PROTECTION SKILLS

### VISITING ROTARIANS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>
Nil	

### GUESTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Host</u>
Steve Ho	PDG. Dr. Paul Lee

### STATISTICS

Visiting Rotarians	:	
Guests	:	2
Club Members	:	18
<b>Total Present</b>	:	<b>20</b>

### COLLECTIONS

Birthdays / Anniversaries / Fines	:	RM	57.00
Paying Diners	:	RM	20.00
Raffles & Others	:		
<b>Total</b>	:	<b>RM</b>	<b>77.00</b>

### Club Proceedings

Sgt-at-Arms Rtn Jonathan called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm and proceeded to introduce the visiting Rotarians and Guests. He then led in the singing of the National Anthem and proposed the loyal toast.

Finemaster was PP Sim Bee who first of all fined all the late comers like Lusiana, Carlo, PP Albert Lim, PP Choy Ying, PP KH Low, Tenny and Jeffrey Yap. He also fined Jeffrey for showing him all the insect bite marks on his legs. Those at the last table were each fined a ringgit for having no guest at their table and paying were PP Choy Ying, Mok Sin and PP Michael Yeow. Those who did not pay any fine were each asked to pay RM1.

### President's Announcement

#### Weekly Meeting for : 1st October 2012 @ SHANGRI-LA HOTEL

1. Over 20 RC Pudu Rotarians and family members were at the joint fellowship dinner at Rtn. May Lim's residence on 29th September (Saturday @ 7 pm) with Rotarians from RC KL Di-Raja. We have a wonderful time of fellowship and karaoke session.
2. On 15th October, 2012 our regular luncheon meeting has been moved to a night dinner meeting at our regular venue, Shangri La Hotel at 7.00 pm. It will be a combined Group 6 club dinner in conjunction with Vocational Award night.

### The Speaker

Sgt-at-Arms Rtn Jonathan then introduced the speaker Ms Qin Yun Guan who was to speak on the topic

**"Personal Protection Skills"**. Ms Qin is the chief instructor of ladies self defence from Gracie Asia/Kapap Academy. She had been doing this for the last 3 years. The unique strategy of personal protection skills has gained national coverage (in Singapore) and had been featured on TV. She is the first and only female Kapap Instructor and Bodyguard certified by the co-founders of Modern Kapap. She has personally trained thousands of adults and students such as Girls' Brigade, UN Women, US Navy, and various MNC and governmental bodies.

### The Talk

In starting her talk she disclosed that she came all the way from Singapore to give this particular talk. Hopefully with her introductory talk members would know more about the self defence course. According to her, the co founder of the academy was a Major Avi Nardia. She was trained by another cofounder a Mr Teo Yew Chye who has about 30 years experience in this line and has many recognition from various institutions and bodies to teach and practice this self defence art. Ms Qin explained that the art was different from other art and had taken various components from other self defence arts. The course also teaches the practitioner to prepare mentally to counter attack the opponent. Some of their clients were government bodies, private corporations like Exxon, Good Sharpard, IBM, Temasek etc. and many of them were women.

Ms Qin disclosed that she had conducted courses for various corporations and some courses had as many as 80 participants. Many participants were women executives and the main consideration was personal safety. In a survey it was found that those women who fought back had less chances of being assaulted or raped. Personal safety rely on the individual as

corporations could not guarantee their safety when on duty overseas or local. The typical executive is aged between 20-60, some are fit while some are totally unfit and as many as 40-50% had to travel overseas for assignments and work.

Ms Qin then related that developed countries were no longer safer than in developing countries, she citing cases in USA, UK and Australia were just as high.

In the course she conducts, she also teaches how to recognize sociopathic whom she defined as very caring, intelligent and capable people but they have no conscience. They are capable of killing or raping. The course also include identifying weapons used eg chock rope, concealed gun, sword case, umbrella sword, belt/buckle knife, credit card knife and professional lock picking tools. She advised that when in hotel rooms to use the door chain lock as other keys could be easily compromised.

She then gave an outline as to the actual course of self defence that her company teaches and that include: -stand up defence, ground defence, disarming/defence against knife, machete and hand gun, control and restraints, use of improvised weapons, defence against multiple attackers, training in realistic scenario and psychological preparations. In all these preparations they have stimulated realistic situations. In the final analysis, she advised the best defence was walking away and taking precaution.

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### Thanking of Guest Speaker

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Thanking her was PP KH Low who presented her with a certificate of appreciation and a memento.

### Pudu Club News

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#### Scholarship for students entering Malaysia public university

We need your help to spread this news. All students who have secured a place to study for the foundation course in any of the public Universities, including UTAR, are eligible to apply for scholarships from the Koon Yew Yin Scholarship.

The scholarship provided will be sufficient to cover tuition fees and cost of living expenses for the one-year foundation course.

On successful completion of the foundation course, the students will be required to apply for the government PTPTN loan to complete the degree courses chosen by them.

Conditions:

1. Scholarships will only be given to needy students whose parents are earning less than RM2,000 per month. Students of any class, race and religion are welcome to apply.

2. Scholarship recipients after completion of their degree courses are not required to compensate in any way for the financial support received. The only condition is that they will have to promise to help other poor students when they themselves are financially secure and in a position to help the unfortunate and needy.
3. All applications should be sent to the address below with appropriate parents' salary or pay vouchers or other evidence of income as well as offer letters from the universities. For students with parents engaged in self employment, a letter of reference from a school teacher or official on the financial status of the parents will be sufficient.

Contact by post to:

**Mrs Koon Yew Yin**

27, Lengkok Harimau 31400, Ipoh Perak

Or contact by email: kitpheng@gmail.com

Please share this news to your friends and family who might be in need.

1. Forward this email to your friends
2. Visit this page [http://kclau.com/blogg/kkyscholarship/?awt\\_l=MEJs.&awt\\_m=J4yMu0V0Kb4ffC](http://kclau.com/blogg/kkyscholarship/?awt_l=MEJs.&awt_m=J4yMu0V0Kb4ffC)

Click the "like" button and share it on Facebook.

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### PP Council Norminating Committee Meeting

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Dear PDG, PPs and BOD

Notice is hereby given that the P P Council Norminating Committee Meeting will be held on Friday 26th October 2012. Details as follows:

Venue: PP Rosemarie Wee's Residence  
120 Cempaka hutan  
Sierramas Resort Homes, Sungai Buloh

Time: 7.00 pm

#### Agenda

1. Report by President Aaron Ong
2. To deliberate and decide Norminees for the Board of Directors 2013/2014.
3. AOB.

Please note that The Board of Directors will also take this occasion to confer the Hon Membership for PP Dato P Y Choong and PP Rosemary Wee.

All Past Presidents, Board of Directors 2012/13 and their spouses are invited to attend.

Kindly revert on your attendance.

Thank you

Daisy Chiu  
Hon. Secretary (RY2012/2013)

# PRC WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 1st OCTOBER 12





## Rotary Information

### Last week we read that the Rotary Foundation is going to change the grant model. So..... Why did The Rotary Foundation change the grant model?

The Foundation recognized the need to use its limited resources more effectively. In 2007, the Foundation spent 20 percent of its program budget on long-term activities with high impact, and 80 percent on short-term activities with minimal impact. The new grant model will reverse that: 80 percent of the program budget will support high-impact, sustainable projects. The new grant model will also help meet the priorities and goals of Rotary's strategic plan .

What are the areas of focus and how were they selected?

The six areas of focus are:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development

The Trustees identified these as critical humanitarian issues that Rotarians are already addressing worldwide. Previous Rotarian experience and interest in these areas will promote project success.

## RI News

### RI president's monthly message - October 2012

Dear fellow Rotarians,

Every Rotarian is different. Every Rotarian was drawn into Rotary for different reasons, and many vividly remember their first "Rotary Moment" – the moment when they went from being members of their Rotary clubs to being committed Rotarians.

I love hearing these stories and learning about what drew each Rotarian into Rotary. For some, it was a Rotary office, a particular project, or a convention. For me, it was a speaker at an ordinary weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Yashio, about two years after I'd joined.

I am a charter member of my club, and I was invited to join by the charter president. I had never heard of Rotary, and at the time, I didn't really know what service meant. But I was new to Yashio. I had just moved there from Tokyo, and I didn't know many people. I thought Rotary would be a good way to make friends and to help my business, and I respected the person who invited me, so I joined.

But to be honest, for the first two years, we didn't do much. Every week, I came to my meeting, I ate lunch, and I listened to a speaker. I paid my dues, and I gave money to The Rotary Foundation. But I wasn't involved in any service. I didn't know what Rotary service was supposed to be.

That all changed one week, when we had a speaker who talked about vocational service. This was a new idea to me. Until then, I had never thought much about the purpose of my life, or why I was in business. I was too busy working. I was always focused on my business, and on how to make it larger and better. I never stopped to consider any deeper purpose of my work.

Understanding the idea of vocational service completely changed my attitude toward my work, and toward my own purpose in life. I realized that the goal of a person doing business is not only to earn a living. The purpose is to be a contributing member of the community, to make the community stronger, and to help make other people's lives better. When I understood this, and understood the concept of Service Above Self, it changed my life – and set me firmly on the path to a life of Rotary service. That is my Rotary Moment.

Source: Rotary International

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### **Trustee Chair's message - October 2012**

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A new approach to vocational service and training

In 2013, all districts will have the opportunity to support vocational training teams (VTTs) with Rotary Foundation grants. These teams of Rotarian and non-Rotarian professionals will travel abroad to meet a humanitarian need, either by teaching local professionals about a particular field or learning more themselves.

VTTs, like Group Study Exchanges (GSEs), can be sponsored by district grants, which have no area of focus requirements. Districts 6200 and 9600 used district grants to organize a VTT exchange dealing with the environmental impact of oil spills. VTTs can also be sponsored by global grants.

Some districts have expressed disappointment that the Foundation will no longer support the GSE program. However, many districts have had difficulty finding professionals who meet the program requirements, forcing the Foundation to grant dozens of exceptions to the GSE guidelines every year. Under Future Vision, districts can still sponsor such activities through district grants and search for partners on the District Grant VTT Partner Forum on LinkedIn.

Unlike GSEs, VTTs have no restrictions on participant age or length of training. They also offer an opportunity for the hands-on activity with lasting impact that many GSE participants have requested. The GSE program established the Foundation's commitment to vocational training; VTTs are taking that commitment to a new, more dynamic level.

I encourage every district to take advantage of the humanitarian service that can be generated by a VTT, once Future Vision is fully introduced on 1 July. This doesn't mean that your Foundation won't allow GSE teams. They will still be funded, but with the money allocated to the district, and only when the district committee feels that it will be a meaningful exchange.

Wilfrid J. Wilkinson  
Foundation Trustee Chair

Source : Rotary International

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### **New online tool simplifies district qualification for grants**

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Rotary has launched a new online tool for district leaders to simplify district qualification, the first step toward participating in Future

Vision, Rotary's new grant model, in July 2013. District leaders are encouraged to qualify their district before the International Assembly in January.

District governors-elect, district governors-nominee, and district Rotary Foundation committee chairs-elect must complete the qualification process before they can apply for district, global, or packaged grants in 2013-14. These district officers should log in to member access <<http://www.rotary.org/en/selfservice/Pages/login.aspx>> , select "Rotary Foundation Grants (2013-14)" and then select "District Qualification" to start the qualification process.

This simple online process will take you step-by-step through the district memorandum of understanding (MOU), giving you a summary and knowledge check for each section. You'll gain an understanding of the MOU requirements, how to implement them, and how best to manage Rotary Foundation grants under the new model.

Once qualified, districts are then responsible for qualifying their clubs to enable them to apply for Foundation global and packaged grants.

Learn more about Rotary's new grant model <<http://www.rotary.org/grants>> .

Source : Rotary International

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### **Rotary International - End Polio Now - September 2012**

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#### **Pakistan scoring great gains despite challenges**

"Pakistan this year has perhaps the best chance ever to achieve success, because tremendous new efforts are being undertaken, led by the government, in implementing a national polio emergency action plan that mobilized all government and civil society resources," says Robert S. Scott, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee, about progress in Pakistan. "There is strong evidence that implementation of the emergency plan is showing results, particularly in key reservoir areas such as Balochistan and Sindh."

Link: [http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/120730\\_news\\_pakistan.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/120730_news_pakistan.aspx)

Learn about the progress being made by Rotary and our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

Link: <http://www.polioeradication.org/>

Get the latest news from Rotary on the fight to finish polio. <http://www.endpolionow.org/>

Follow stories about polio eradication on Rotary's blog. <http://blog.rotary.org/category/polio-eradication/>

#### **Japan vows continued support**

Shortly before he took office as president of Rotary International, Sakuji Tanaka received assurances from

Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda that Japan will continue its support for polio eradication, Rotary's top philanthropic goal. Japan is the third-largest public-sector donor to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, having contributed US\$445.1 million to date.

Link: <http://www.polioeradication.org/tabid/461/iid/222/Default.aspx>

#### Polio survivors in the forefront

Many Rotarian polio survivors are determined to stay the course until the disease is eradicated. Among them:

Ann Lee Hussey, chair of the Rotarian Action Group for Polio Survivors and Associates, was profiled in Real Simple magazine.

Link: <http://www.realsimple.com/health/preventative-health/polio-vaccine-0010000079690/index.html>

Urs Herzog, PolioPlus national advocacy adviser from Switzerland, wrote on a recent Rotary blog post: "I celebrate how far we've come, and recognize the work that still lies ahead."

Link: <http://blog.rotary.org/2012/06/20/europepolio/>

Ramesh Ferris discussed polio eradication with fellow polio survivor Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Link: <http://blog.rotary.org/2012/06/28/ferris/>

#### Activities roundup

Joe Pratt, past governor of District 7870 (parts of New Hampshire and Vermont, USA), climbed Mount Everest to increase awareness of polio, with a goal of raising \$29,030 to help eradicate the disease -- \$1 per foot for the height of the mountain.

Link: <http://blog.rotary.org/2012/08/03/jpratt/>

The Rotary Club of Enniskillen, Fermanagh, Northern Ireland, netted more than US\$23,000 for polio eradication through a Golf Ball Drop lottery at a local golf resort. A helicopter dropped more than 300 numbered golf balls, which had been purchased for about \$78 each, on a green. Purchasers of the six balls that landed nearest the flag marker won prizes donated by local businesses.

Link: <http://www.enniskillenrotaryclub.co.uk/>

Rotarians in Chad wrote to their country's president, Idriss Deby Itno, as a follow-up to International PolioPlus Committee Chair Robert S. Scott's visit there in March. To express his thanks and personal commitment to Rotary for its polio eradication efforts, President Itno made a personal contribution of US\$10,000 to PolioPlus.

Link: <http://kickpoliooutofafrica.wordpress.com/2010/08/12/rotary-honors-chad-president-idris-deby-itno-as-a-champion-in-the-world-wide-effort-to-eradicate-polio/>

Walter Hung, a member of the Rotaract Club of Kai Tak, Hong Kong, completed a 20-day, 620-mile hike in Taiwan, netting US\$9,000.

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/rackaitak>

#### What's ahead

27 September -- The United Nations secretary-general's High-Level Event on Polio Eradication, to be moderated by RI General Secretary John Hewko

#### 24 October – World Polio Day

Watch for more information on both of these events at <http://www.endpolionow.org>.

#### Resource guide

Use "This Close" <http://www.thisclose.net/> material to publicize Rotary's polio eradication efforts. It's just one of many Rotary resources available to help you.

Link: <http://www.endpolionow.org/resources>

#### Contribute to PolioPlus

The fight isn't over. Polio is a crippling, potentially fatal infectious disease, and if we don't finish the job of eradication, more than 10 million children under age five could be paralyzed in the next 40 years. For less than \$1, a child can be vaccinated for life.

Donate today at <http://www.endpolionow.org/>.

End Polio Now reports monthly on the progress toward global polio eradication, highlighting Rotary International's role. Email: [Contact.Center@rotary.org](mailto:Contact.Center@rotary.org).

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### **Emulating Rotary, more donors commits to End Polio**

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Rotary International has made a new funding commitment of US\$75 million over three years to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). Rotary, which has already contributed nearly \$1.2 billion to the GPEI, announced the commitment at a 27 September high-level side event on polio eradication, convened by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon during the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

The side event -- "Our Commitment to the Next Generation: The Legacy of a Polio-free World" -- brought together leaders of the remaining endemic countries, and representatives of donor governments, development agencies, the GPEI partners, and the media to underscore the urgent need to finish the job of global polio eradication. Although the wild poliovirus is endemic only in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria, other countries are still at risk for re-established transmission of the virus through its "importation" from the endemics.

Ban urged UN member states to ramp up their support for the GPEI, launched in 1988 by Rotary, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The partnership now includes the support of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the United Nations Foundation.

"This decisive moment is a matter of health and justice. Every child should have the right to start life with equal protection from this disease. That's why I have made eradicating polio a top priority for my second term as Secretary-General," said Ban.

#### New donors

"Governments need to step up and honor their commitments to polio eradication if we are to achieve our goal of a polio-free world," said Wilfrid Wilkinson, chair of The Rotary Foundation. "We are at a true tipping point, with success never closer than it is right now. We must seize the advantage by acting immediately, or risk breaking our pledge to the world's children."

"The evidence is clear: if we all do our part, we can and will end this disease. But we must act quickly and give ourselves the very best chance to succeed," said Bill

Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, one of the leading donors to the GPEI. "When we defeat polio, it will motivate us to aim for other great health and development milestones."

The Islamic Development Bank (IDB), a new donor to the polio eradication effort, announced a US\$227 million loan to Pakistan, which will cover the majority of the country's polio vaccination campaign costs. The IDB also announced a \$3 million grant for polio activities in Afghanistan.

In addition, Julian Fantino, Canadian Minister of International Cooperation, announced a "Three for One Polio Challenge Initiative" with Rotarians in Canada and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Through the initiative, the Canadian International Development Agency and the Gates Foundation will each contribute to the GPEI C\$1 for every \$1 raised by Canadian Rotarians up to \$1 million. Upon completion, the initiative would generate a total of \$3 million for the GPEI.

These additional funding commitments follow action taken in May by the World Health Assembly, which declared polio eradication a "programmatic emergency for global public health." Polio cases have plummeted by more than 99 percent since 1988, when the disease infected about 350,000 children a year. Although new polio cases are at an all-time low -- fewer than 150 worldwide in 2012 as of 19 September -- the \$790 million funding shortfall through 2013 has already curtailed scheduled immunization activities in polio-affected countries. If eradication fails and polio rebounds, up to 200,000 children a year could be paralyzed.

"Failure to eradicate polio is unforgiveable, forever. Failure is not an option. No single one of us can bring this long, hard drive over the last hurdle. But together we can," said Dr. Margaret Chan, Director-General of the World Health Organization.

#### Unwavering commitment

Rotary and its GPEI partners have reached more than 2.5 billion children with the oral polio vaccine, preventing more than 8 million cases of paralysis and hundreds of thousands of pediatric deaths. Rotary's chief responsibilities in the initiative are fundraising and advocacy, an increasingly important role as the polio end game draws near.

Earlier this month, Rotary launched a new website to garner greater support for the global polio eradication effort. More than 6,000 visitors signed a petition on the site calling for world leaders to commit additional resources to close the funding gap. Wilkinson presented the signatures on Rotary's behalf during the UN polio eradication side event. Visitors to the site can also estimate the potential dollar value they can generate by sharing the polio eradication message through Facebook, Twitter, and other social media.

"The unwavering commitment of Rotary members has been vital to the incredible progress of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative," said Wilkinson. "How critically important it is for the global community to seize this historic opportunity before us to end polio now."

Source : Rotary International News

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## **Vocational Service Update**

### **Connecting profession and community**

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October 2012

#### Using vocational service to build peace

RI President Sakuji Tanaka has asked Rotarians to build Peace Through Service in 2012-13. By using vocational service to strengthen communities and build relationships, Rotarians are taking an important step in creating a more peaceful world, says Tanaka. Every vocation can play a role in one of Rotary's ultimate goals. Read Tanaka's message about building peace through vocational service.

Read more: [http://blog.rotary.org/2012/10/02/tanaka\\_vocservice/](http://blog.rotary.org/2012/10/02/tanaka_vocservice/)

#### Vocational service projects featured on Rotary Showcase

October is Vocational Service Month, and there's no better time to share your vocational service experiences and learn from others' successes. Check out these amazing projects that Rotarians have undertaken around the world and shared on Rotary Showcase (<http://www.rotary.org/showcase>):

\*Dental professionals in the Rotary Club of Valdivia Anil, Valdivia, Chile, set up a free dental clinic for those who don't qualify for government care. This year, they've held two clinics, and they hope to run 20 over a five-year period ([http://map.rotary.org/en/project/pages/project\\_detail.aspx?guid=2cb3be08-ace1-4b90-be84-718fcfb0d67](http://map.rotary.org/en/project/pages/project_detail.aspx?guid=2cb3be08-ace1-4b90-be84-718fcfb0d67)).

\*The Rotary Club of Pune Central, Maharashtra, and 35 partner clubs around India are helping 5,000 underprivileged residents earn a modest income by teaching them to transform old newspapers into paper bags ([http://map.rotary.org/en/project/pages/project\\_detail.aspx?guid=9f0679fb-f853-4b6f-bded-b4b67ba6abe9](http://map.rotary.org/en/project/pages/project_detail.aspx?guid=9f0679fb-f853-4b6f-bded-b4b67ba6abe9)), which are then sold in over 4,000 Indian shops. This year, 40 million bags have been sold.

\*Every year, the Rotary Club of Austin, Texas, USA, mentors 100 high school juniors at a three-day business camp ([http://map.rotary.org/en/project/pages/project\\_detail.aspx?guid=cfde7873-5379-4d78-8ab6-02b7cadd918c](http://map.rotary.org/en/project/pages/project_detail.aspx?guid=cfde7873-5379-4d78-8ab6-02b7cadd918c)) where they learn to organize, finance, market, and operate a business. Over the past 30 years, Camp Enterprise has mentored over 3,000 students.

#### Consider a vocational training team for your next service project

Looking for a hands-on approach to vocational service? Be a part of a vocational training team. VTTs are groups of professionals who travel either to learn more about their vocation or to teach local professionals about a particular field. A VTT creates sustainable change by strengthening the knowledge and skills of individuals and communities, improving their capacity to serve. In addition to experiencing a new culture and fostering global connections, Rotarians participating in a vocational training team have the opportunity to make an impact long after their travels end.

VTTs can qualify for funding through The Rotary Foundation. Read guidelines for global grants ([http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/100608\\_news\\_vtt.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/100608_news_vtt.aspx)) to fund VTTs and learn about a recent global grant-funded VTT in Uganda ([http://www.rotary.org/en/mediaandnews/news/pages/120618\\_news\\_vtt.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/mediaandnews/news/pages/120618_news_vtt.aspx)).

#### VTTs and Rotary's strategic partners

Packaged grants, currently available to Future Vision pilot districts (and available to all districts as of July 2013), provide opportunities for Rotarians to work with the Foundation's strategic partners on pre-designed projects funded entirely by the World Fund and the strategic partner. Check out packaged grant ([http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/RunningADistrict/FutureVisionPilotProgram/Pages/fv\\_packaged\\_global\\_grants.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/RunningADistrict/FutureVisionPilotProgram/Pages/fv_packaged_global_grants.aspx)) VTT opportunities and read about the vocational training team from Nigeria ([http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/120709\\_news\\_aku.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/120709_news_aku.aspx)), funded by a packaged grant, that trained nursing faculty at Aga Khan University's campus in Uganda.

#### Change your language setting for Vocational Service Update

Now, you can sign up to receive this newsletter in your choice of seven languages. Go to [www.rotary.org/newsletters](http://www.rotary.org/newsletters) and click on Sign Up under Vocational Service Update. After entering your email address, you can set your language preference.

#### Download the Rotary Code of Conduct

The Rotary Code of Conduct provides guidelines for ethical behavior in the workplace and other areas of life. Download and share it ([http://www.rotary.org/Rldocuments/en\\_pdf/200en.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/Rldocuments/en_pdf/200en.pdf)) with your colleagues and fellow Rotarians, or purchase a certificate version to display in your place of business (<http://shop.rotary.org/Rotary-Code-of-Conduct/dp/B003PMKPEG>).

#### Vocational Service Resources

An Introduction to Vocational Service (255-EN) Get information, resources, and project ideas related to vocational service.

#### ProjectLINK

Search Rotary's online database of club and district service projects in need of assistance.

#### Communities in Action (605A)

Find step-by-step instructions for developing, implementing, and evaluating a service project.

Vocational Service Update provides information and resources to help Rotarians practice vocational service in their professional lives and through club activities. If you have questions, comments, or vocational service project stories to recommend for inclusion in a future edition, contact us at [rotary.service@rotary.org](mailto:rotary.service@rotary.org).

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## **Rotary to commit \$75 million to end polio**

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Funding announcement to come during special UN General Assembly session to rally support for global eradication of crippling childhood disease

EVANSTON, Ill., Sept. 27, 2012 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Rotary International plans to contribute US \$75 million over three years to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative as part of a worldwide effort to close a \$945 million funding gap that threatens to derail the 24 year-old global health effort, even as new polio cases are at an all-time low.

Rotary, which already has contributed more than \$1.2 billion to stop this crippling childhood disease, will announce its new funding commitment in New York City on Sept. 27 during a special side-event on polio eradication convened by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon during the 67th Session of the UN General Assembly.

Secretary-General Ban, who has made polio eradication a top priority of his second term, is expected to issue a strong call urging UN member states to ramp up their support for the polio eradication initiative, launched in 1988 by Rotary, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The partnership now includes the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the United Nations Foundation.

The New York event will include two panel sessions with remarks by Wilf Wilkinson, chair of The Rotary Foundation; Bill Gates, co-chair of the Gates Foundation; and top leaders and heads of state from the remaining polio-endemic countries and key donor countries. The wild poliovirus is now endemic only to Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria, although other countries remain at risk for re-established cases imported from the endemics.

"It is imperative that governments step up and honor their commitments to polio eradication if we are to achieve our goal of a polio-free world," said Wilkinson. "We are at a true tipping point, with success never closer than it is right now. We must seize the advantage by acting immediately, or risk breaking our pledge to the world's children."

The urgency at the UN follows action taken in May by the World Health Assembly, which declared polio eradication to be a "programmatically emergency for global public health." Although new polio cases are at an all-time low – fewer than 140 worldwide so far this year – the \$945 million shortfall has already affected several scheduled immunization activities in polio-affected countries and could derail the entire program unless the gap is bridged. If eradication fails and polio rebounds, up to 200,000 children a year could be paralyzed.

Polio cases have plummeted by more than 99 percent since 1988, when the disease infected about 350,000 children a year. Fewer than 700 new cases were reported in 2011. Rotary and its partners have reached more than 2.5 billion children with the oral polio vaccine, preventing

more than five million cases of paralysis and hundreds of thousands of pediatric deaths.

Rotary's chief responsibilities in the initiative are fundraising and advocacy, a role of increasing importance as the end game draws near. In early September, Rotary launched a new, interactive website -- [endpolionow.org](http://endpolionow.org) -- intended to educate, activate and inspire visitors to actively support the polio eradication effort. Visitors are encouraged to sign a petition calling for world leaders to commit additional resources to close the funding gap. The e-signatures will be presented to Secretary-General Ban in New York. Site visitors can also estimate the potential dollar value they can generate by sharing the polio eradication message through social media platforms, such as Facebook and Twitter.

Earlier this year, Rotary raised \$228 million in new money for polio eradication in response to a \$355 million challenge grant from the Gates Foundation, which promptly contributed an additional \$50 million in recognition of Rotary's commitment.

Rotary is a global humanitarian organization with more than 1.2 million members in 34,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Rotary members are men and women who are business, professional and community leaders with a shared commitment to make the world a better place through humanitarian service. To access broadcast quality video footage and still images of Rotary members immunizing children against polio available go to: Media Center.

Editor's note:

Watch the video of the Event at [www.efashionline.org](http://www.efashionline.org)

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**3,000 miles for 3 minutes: A global call to end polio by Bill Gates, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**

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This week, I am heading from Seattle to New York to speak for 180 seconds. I will be talking at a United Nations meeting about the fight to eradicate polio. I am very passionate on the subject, and I usually prefer to discuss it for hours at a time. In this case, however, I am happy to stop at three minutes. Because the reason my time is short is that so many people are committed to eradication we can barely all squeeze into the program.

When the UN event on ending polio is one of the hottest tickets in town, you know you are witnessing an extraordinary moment of global solidarity. And the timing couldn't be better, because we're at a particularly critical juncture in the fight.

New polio cases are the lowest they've ever been and there are currently just three countries, down from 125 in 1988, where polio is still endemic: Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. India has defeated polio and Angola has defeated it twice. We have never been this close.

In New York, the world's leaders will show how seriously they take this opportunity and pledge not to let it slip through our fingers.

On Thursday, the presidents of all three endemic countries are scheduled to be in New York to talk about their personal commitment to wiping polio out of their countries. They'll also describe how they're holding leaders at all levels of their governments accountable for results.

The three presidents will be joined by representatives from many existing and newer donors to polio eradication: Australia, Canada, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States, as well as Rotary International.

And by brand new donors: for example, the Islamic Development Bank, which is stepping up with contributions to support efforts in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Also joining is the president of our partners FC Barcelona and the FC Barcelona Foundation, who with their partners Etisalat, a Middle East telecommunications company, will be working to engage a global movement in support of polio eradication.

This amazing group is coming to New York because UN secretary general Ban Ki Moon has made it clear that ending polio is among his top five global health priorities.

Eradicating a disease is very hard to do—so hard that it's only been done once in the history of the world. But the world is coming together with the financial resources, the political commitment, and the innovation necessary to do something absolutely extraordinary, to protect every child everywhere from this preventable disease.

When we succeed, the disease will be gone, but the lessons we learned from this fight will remain. We will be able to build on them to vaccinate more children from more diseases and save millions more lives, to mobilize more countries to donate to global health, and to inspire more heads of state to put development at the top of their list of priorities.

That's a lot of impact, and that is why I am travelling 3,000 miles to say 300 words.

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