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What Paul Harris Said...

"Nothing is more momentous to a people than their conception of goodness. It is as true of nations as of individuals that as they think in their hearts so are they. Those who mold a nation's thoughts and shape its ideals hold its destiny in their keeping."

Paul P. Harris

Message to 1918 Rotary Convention, Kansas City, MO.

Gates Gives Millions Again

Second matching grant raises total to \$355 million and counting

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has awarded US\$255 million to Rotary International in the global effort to eradicate polio, bringing the total committed by Rotary and the Gates Foundation to \$555 million.

Shortly after meeting with incoming district governors from the four countries where the wild poliovirus is endemic - Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan -- Bill Gates announced the new grant on Wednesday morning at the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.

"Rotarians, government leaders, and health professionals have made a phenomenal commitment to get us to a point at which polio afflicts only a small number of the world's children," Gates said.

"However, complete elimination of the poliovirus is difficult and will continue to be difficult for a number of years. Rotary in particular has inspired my own personal commitment to get deeply involved in achieving eradication."

"We are going to end polio now," affirmed Robert S. Scott,

chair of RI's International Polio Plus Committee.

In response to the new \$255 million Gates Foundation grant, Rotary will raise \$100 million in matching funds. In November 2007, RI received a \$100 million Gates Foundation grant, which Rotary committed to match by raising \$100 million.



Governor-elect Lalit Shrimal of District 3040 (India) talks with Bill Gates during a private meeting held at the 2009 International Assembly. Rotary Images

The two Gates Foundation challenge grants now total \$355 million. Rotary International's matching effort in response is called Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge, 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-

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Need more information? Have comments, questions or suggestions? All are welcome. Contact the Editor at 908-822-1441 or at RotaryPNP@verizon.net.

Answers to "Rutgers in the Old Days"



1 - Dr. Asif Hashmi; 2 - Jackie Glock; 3 - Linda Todman; 4 - Janet Townley; 5 - Joe DaRold; 6 - John Garnecki; 7 - Sue Tobier; 8 - ???; 9 - Diane Applebaum; 10 - Michael Townley. Other than Janet and Diane and ???, all were Rotarians. Congratulations to Bev Howard for getting most names correct.

Jan. & Feb. Meeting Schedule

- ◇ Feb. 4 - Club Assembly - Meeting at Nanny's Kitchen
- ◇ Feb. 11 - Nathan Rudy on Red Cross programs
- ◇ Feb. 18 - Harry Allen on EPA
- ◇ Feb. 25 - Board Meeting & Speaker by Marilyn
- ◇ Mar 4 - Club Assembly
- ◇ Mar 11 - Speaker by Bev
- ◇ Mar 18 - Speaker by Frank
- ◇ Mar 25 - No Meeting
- ◇ Mar 26 - Wine Dinner
- ◇ Apr 1 - Club Assembly and Board Meeting

[Note: Please let Michael know your speaker so a Certificate of Appreciation can be prepared.]

for this year's scholarship program:

- J. Wilbur Tovell \$3,500
- PHS Alumni \$4,500
- Leo Albert Friese \$1,500

The Club will again offer our own F. S. Mathewson Scholarships at Plainfield High and North Plainfield High. Amounts for each school will depend on the success of our Wine Dinner.

The trustees of Rotary PNP, Inc. will interview students for the Adele DeLeeuw Scholarships. We have \$8,000 available for awards to new and returning recipients this year.

Scholarships

There's good news and then there's better news for our Scholarship Program. First, we have new chairpersons for both of our high school programs.

Annie McWilliams has volunteered to chair the Plainfield High School program, and Janice Allen will chair the North Plainfield side. Both Annie and Janice will be seeking your assistance to review applications, select students, and then conduct interviews. Please volunteer - don't wait to be asked.

The second part of the good news is that we received information from PNC Bank Wealth Management on the amounts available



Our concession stand duty at Rutgers is just past the half-way point, and we're doing well. Our games were not too busy, but our fundraising is getting a needed boost.

We added a high school double-header on 2/4 at the last minute as a favor to Jim Leake, concessions manager at the RAC. He wanted everyone to know that he really appreciated our assistance. Though not busy, we still earned just over \$250.

Jack Townley's Corner



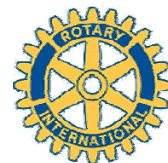
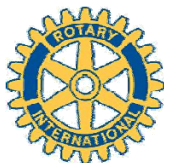
Responding to a science question, Jack said you shouldn't mix household cleaners because it's dangerous, "and besides, you don't want your guests passing out from the smell."

- 2/7 - Saturday - Women vs. Georgetown @ 2:00 PM.
 - 2/22 - Sunday - Men vs. West Virginia @ 3:00 PM
 - 3/7 - Saturday - Men vs. South Florida @ 2:00 PM.
- Bring a friend or two and help us raise more scholarship \$.

YMCA Shelter - Quarterly dinner schedule: Dates for 2009 - 3/2, 6/1 9/14 12/7. Sign up now!

RU Basketball - 2/4 - Wednesday - High School doubleheader @ 5:00 PM.

2009 FEBRUARY



10th Annual

Wine Tasting Dinner and Silent Auction

Special Guest of Honor ~ Janice Allen
Former Mayor ~ Borough of North Plainfield
Rotary Club Past President

Join us as we recognize a true community leader who embodies the motto of Rotary - "Service Above Self"

President of our Rotary club - 1997 - 1998

Council member in North Plainfield ~ 1989 - 1992

Mayor of North Plainfield ~ 1997 - 2008

~ Seating is Limited - Early Reservations are Recommended ~



**Entertainment
by Bob Young**
Founder and CEO
Friends of Jazz, Inc.

- ◆ **Date : Thursday, March 26, 2009**
- ◆ **Time : 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM**
- ◆ **Place : Giovanna's Restaurant,
1462 South Avenue, Plainfield**
- ◆ **Cost : \$70 per person**
Checks payable to Rotary PNP, Inc.
- ◆ **RSVP : Send coupon and check by 3/15/09 to
Rotary PNP, Inc.**
165 Palmer Avenue, S. Plainfield 07080
Email: RotaryClub@RotaryPNP.org

WINE TASTING DINNER 2009

Name(s) _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Number of tickets _____ Amount Encl. _____

Sold by Rotary Member _____

Rotary PNP, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit formed to award college scholarships to graduating seniors at Plainfield and North Plainfield High Schools

Giovanna's Restaurant

Our favorite meeting place was recently written up in the print edition of the Courier News. This is taken from that article.

Giovanna's Restaurant was once a bank, albeit a very small bank. Originally a drive-up only facility, the bank closed in the early 1970's and was converted into *The Pasta Shop*.

With no seating space, food was available for take-out only. Giovanna (Ginny) and Carmine Caruso opened the little "restaurant" and its popularity grew immensely. So much so that the building was converted into a full service restaurant about 25 years ago.

The original drive-up teller window is still visible on the side of the restaurant. When the building was expanded, the main dining area and entry lobby were wrapped around the old bank. In a later expansion, the second floor, the bar area and the Garden Room (where we have our meetings) were all added.

Jennifer Thul is Ginny's daughter and a mainstay at the restaurant from its beginnings as *The Pasta Shop*. At twelve years of age, she was already anxious to get into the kitchen to prepare the take-out meals.

The restaurant enjoys a great reputation for specialty appetizers, lunches dinners and desserts with a Northern Italian flair.

The kitchen, and the menu, are home to some impressive culinary creativity. Some of the more flamboyant appetizers in-

clude shrimp saltimbocca (baked shrimp, stuffed with provolone, wrapped in prosciutto, covered in garlic white wine sauce, and served over a bed of garlic spinach) and the coconut-cashew encrusted scallops, served with orange horseradish sauce.

Entrees include the veal Giovanna (veal scallopine cooked with prosciutto, fontina cheese and asparagus in marsala sauce) and the filetto con gorgonzola, a tender filet mignon rubbed with black peppercorn, pan seared, and topped with a brandy-gorgonzola cream sauce.

Even many of the supplementary menu items have a dash of panache, such as the bar's "razzmatazz" - a cocktail made with Raspberry Vox vodka, cranberry juice and club soda - and its specialty house dessert, a black and white cake layered with fresh strawberries and bananas.

Jennifer owns the restaurant with her mom, Ginny. She is proud of the quality and variety of food they serve. "I think we have very good, quality food here," Jennifer said, "without overly expensive prices."

Angelo Balsamo, restaurant manager, spoke highly of the atmosphere as his favorite aspect of the work.

"The percentage of repeat customers here is probably around 90 percent," he said. "We've developed a nice relationship with our customers, which to me, after 25 years, they are just friends."

Thank You

Dear Rotary Club,

I would like to thank you for your kind and generous donation to our third graders. The gift of a dictionary, as they say, is priceless. The children are still talking about their new and very own dictionaries. For some of our students, this was their first and may be their only dictionary for quite some time.

The children were also impressed with seeing your representatives coming to their classrooms and speaking about the service you provide, not only for the community but for the world. They were very excited to know that, even with your important jobs and busy lives, you give your time to help others in need.



We do the same thing here at West End School with our many service learning projects that impact both the community and children around the world. It was a wonderful lesson for my students to experience that an organization of people cared about them enough to come and give them something very valuable that will help them now and in the future.

Thank you again for your time, energy, your wonderful gift, and for caring about the children of West End School. It is very much appreciated.

Educationally yours,
Beth H. Sobel
Principal



Polio Fund Update

Types of Membership

There are two types of Rotary club membership — active and honorary. An active member is one who has been elected to membership in the club under a classification of business or profession and enjoys all the obligations, responsibilities, and privileges of membership as provided in the RI constitution and bylaws.

Active members may hold office in their clubs and serve RI at the district and international levels. They are expected to meet attendance requirements, pay dues, and bring new members into Rotary.

Honorary Rotary membership may be offered to people who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals.

An honorary member is elected for one year only, and continuing membership must be renewed annually. Honorary members cannot propose new members to the club or hold office and are exempt from attendance requirements and club dues.

Many distinguished heads of state, explorers, authors, musicians, astronauts, and other public personalities have been honorary members of Rotary clubs, including King Gustaf of Sweden, King George VI of England, King Badouin of Belgium, King Hassan III of Morocco, Sir Winston Churchill, humanitarian Albert Schweitzer, Charles Lindbergh, composer Jean Sibelius, explorer Sir Edmund Hillary, Thor Heyerdahl, Thomas Edison, Walt Disney, Bob Hope, Dr. Albert Sabin, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, and many of the presidents of the United States.

A Polio Story

Bill Gates shared with the incoming district governors and Rotary leaders at the International Assembly 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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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 UNICEF.

The participation of Rotary clubs and individual Rotarians in Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge remains crucial to its success. Rotary has raised nearly \$73 million toward this amount: \$62 million in contributions and \$11 million in commitments. Each club is being challenged to organize a public fundraiser annually for the next three years. In October, The Rotary Foundation Trustees approved special Paul Harris Fellow Recognition, which begins 1 July, featuring a certificate with the End Polio Now logo.

Polio eradication has been Rotary's top priority since 1985, with more than \$1.2 billion contributed to the effort. Gates praised Rotary for providing the volunteers, advocates, and donors who have helped bring about a 99 percent decline in the number of polio cases. "The world would not be where it is without Rotary, and it won't get where it needs to go without Rotary," he said.

The final hurdle still is ahead, said RI President-elect John Kenny. This grant shows that the Gates Foundation is just as committed as Rotary to ridding the world of this disease.

Current Members and Classifications

Allen, Janice	Child care administration
Birnbaum, Marilyn	Public education
Bonet, Addy	Social service
Carolan-Brozy, Sandra	Business consulting
Griswold, Vicky	Music retail
Hawkins-Todman, Linda	Real estate
Henry, Paul	Financial planning/CPA
Hollod, David	Public administration
Howard, Beverly	Cardiac care
McWilliams, Annie	Real estate
McWilliams, Darlene	Real estate
Persichino, Linda	Banking
Rainear, Frank	Funeral home
Reedy, Thomas	Social service
Townley, Michael	Stained and leaded glass

Honorary Members and Former Classifications

Harvey, William	Clergy - presbyterian
Gindin, William	General law
Herting, Frank	Public education
Perrone, Ralph	Social service
Ridzy, Edward	Mortgage banking

Join us for a free lunch!

Clip this coupon (or bring the newsletter) and use it as your invitation to meet our members and to learn more about our Rotary Club and about Rotary International.

**Any Wednesday at 12:15 PM
Giovanna's Restaurant
1462 South Avenue
Plainfield, NJ**

THE FOUR WAY TEST of the things we say and do...

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it Fair to All Concerned?
3. Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
4. Will it be Beneficial to All Concerned?



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