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ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH



EDITORIAL

The Fight against Polio in 2012

The year 2012 saw unprecedented progress in the war against polio, as well as the emergence of a major challenge.

The year began as we counted down to January 13, the date India marked a full 12 months with no new polio cases – an incredible accomplishment given that many experts predicted this vast nation of 1.2 billion people would be the disease's final stronghold. But the historic milestone ultimately was reached through the unwavering commitment of the Indian government at every level and the dedication of many thousands of health workers and volunteers – including India's Rotary club members – who were determined to reach every child with the oral polio vaccine.

This set the stage for India's removal from the list of polio endemic countries in February, leaving only Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan as nations where transmission of the wild poliovirus has never been stopped. As we enter 2013, it is imperative that we focus our efforts on stopping polio in the endemic countries to prevent the 'importation' of cases into polio-free countries – the key to achieving total eradication.

Globally, new polio cases are at an all-time low. As of mid-November, only 187 cases had been reported worldwide, all but five confined to the endemic countries. In contrast, we had 520 cases at the same point in 2011, and more than half of those were imported cases in non-endemic countries. When Rotary International began the fight to end polio more than 25 years ago, the disease crippled about 350,000 children a year in more than 120 countries.

The case numbers confirm that the time has never been better to press the fight to end polio once and for all – to achieve history by making polio the first human disease to be eradicated since smallpox was vanquished in 1979.

But another set of numbers – numbers with dollar signs attached – presents perhaps our most formidable challenge ever in the form of a \$700 million funding gap that could derail the entire program unless it is addressed quickly. If this gap is not bridged, polio could easily stage a resurgence that could paralyze millions of children in a matter of years, wasting the world's \$8 billion investment in polio eradication to date (nearly \$1.2 billion of it from Rotary) and squandering the estimated \$40-\$50 billion in economic savings and benefits that eradication would generate.

The funding gap must be bridged, and Rotary and its partners are working tirelessly to convince world leaders to commit the resources needed to immunize every child against polio. India has proven it can be done, and now we must build off the momentum gained in 2012 if we are to finally achieve our goal of a polio-free world. Failure is not an option.

MEETING OF 13TH DECEMBER 2012

Attendance

Membership	23
Present	19
Make ups	0
Apologies	1
Attendance	79.1%

Visitors: A large contingent of spouses and partners, plus Allan Jackson, Ian Overbosch, Matt Dekenah, Silje Hovstad

Attendance to Biffy 082 468 7504 or aecon.e@mweb.co.za.

David was Sergeant for our last meeting of the year, and Mike toasted all of the Scottish clubs.

Although the idea was to have a casual meeting, the distribution of gifts and the subtle maneuvering that took place to get the best possible chance of securing the opportunity to hijack some sought-after items was anything but casual. It was a fun evening though, and a great way to end off another busy year.

SLOTS

Are spoke about the very successful Bursary evening, which has also been featured in the Southern Mail.

Biffy encouraged all of the members to vote daily until Christmas Eve for the 10 Million Miles campaign, which awards airmiles to charities based on the votes which they receive in an on-line promotion. Rotary uses these to provide flights for humanitarian aid and as assistance for the various exchange programmes.

GUEST SPEAKER

Mathew reported back on his time in Edinburgh, as our outgoing Ambassadorial Scholar for 2011. Unfortunately the weather was too warm for him to show off his kilt, however he had plenty of pictures, and lots to tell us.

His year in Scotland was truly life changing, particularly as he met and married John there! On a more practical note he also completed his MSc, and graduated 2 weeks ago. The support which he has received from Rotary has been fantastic, and he has participated in many Rotary functions and projects. One of the things which he found time to do was to raise funds by running marathons, and he donated £120 to the club from this. His cultural side wasn't overlooked either, as a member of the Edinburgh University Choir and a keen dancer.

Mathew will be staying on in Edinburgh for the next few years, currently working for the NHS, but the long term plan is for him and John to return to SA.

JACKPOT

With the jackpot sitting at R2 645, and just 20 cards left, Francois was hoping for an early Christmas present, but it seems he must have been on Santa's "naughty" list . Are benefitted from the generous R35 Christmas spirit attendance prize.

PROGRAMME

January 2013	Committee: Knight, Cleveland, Munday, Orsmond
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Thursday 10	Annette Jahnel: The first woman to drive solo once around the planet is coming your way
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Thursday 17	DG's visit
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Thursday 24	Dean Hand (PH): "Impact Investing and a new way to think about philanthropic/grant/charitable donations..."
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Thursday 31	Social
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February 2013	Committee: Barnard, Bird, Hovstad, Michalowsky, Wetmore
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Thursday 7	AG's visit
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Thursday 14	Normal meeting : Valentine's Day
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Thursday 21	Normal meeting : Visit by Oddemarka Junior School
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Thursday 28	Board meeting
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March 2013	Committee: van Wyk, Gowdy, Overbosch, Todd, Murphy, Klotz-Gleave
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Thursday 7	Business meeting : no speaker but fun and games
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Thursday 14	Normal meeting : speaker to be arranged
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Thursday 21	Public holiday : Human Rights Day
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Thursday 28	Normal meeting due to public holiday the previous week : speaker to be arranged
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DUTY ROSTER

	10 January	17 January	24 January	7 February
Sergeant	Van Wyk	Gowdy	Murphy	Todd
Attendance Officer	Danckwerts	Danckwerts	Danckwerts	Danckwerts
Wynpress Editorial	Munday	Murphy	Overbosch	Smith
Minutes for Wynpress	Cleveland	Danckwerts	Knight	Cleveland
Compilation of Wynpress	Knight	Cleveland	Danckwerts	Knight
Door Duty	Klotz-Gleave	Knight	Lidgley	Mochalowsky
Grace	Hovstad	James	Klotz-Gleave	Knight
Loyal Toast	James	Klotz-Gleave	Knight	Lidgley
International Toast	Lidgley	Michalowsky	Munday	Murphy
Speaker Introduction	Overbosch	NA	Murphy	TBA
Speaker Thanks	Hovstad	NA	Gowdy	TBA

IF YOU CANNOT MAKE YOUR ROSTERED DATE, PLEASE SWAP WITH ANOTHER ROTARIAN AND INFORM THE DUTY SERGEANT

TAILPIECE

Some parapsydokians (look it up) for you to ponder;

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.

War does not determine who is right - only who is left.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

Evening news is where they begin with 'Good Evening,' and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.

Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says, 'In case of emergency, notify:' I put 'DOCTOR.'

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.

You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

There's a fine line between cuddling and holding someone down so they can't get away.

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.