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SERVICE Above Self

IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG

Most of the club got together again this week under the presidency of Doug but we found that the two new kids had gone missing. Reports provided to the attendance guy suggested that both David and Stavros had good excuses (business and sickness) but, guys, you must realise that you are expected to send a note from your mum.

REPORTS FROM THE FLOOR

Michael Leahy has had a busy week. He will produce a new Ryla Application soon and also has reported on the 40th anniversary dinner of the 1965 Essendon Premiership Team. Greg Sewell was assistant coach to John Coleman on that day and he admitted that he was sitting on the opposite side of the M.C.G from Coleman and had no influence on decisions made during the game. It is unlike Greg to be so modest.

An interesting sidelight was that one of the players in the Collingwood/Carlton under 19 grand final was Geoff Noble. (New kids can ask any of the old buggers who was Geoff Noble). I thought that Essendon showed a rather mean streak-not surprising from them – in not letting bygones be bygones and issuing an invitation to Duncan Wright. (Dear me, there is another question that you kids will have to ask us old buggers).

For those who also did not know who John Coleman was, he is a deceased Brunswick Rotarian who even a one-eyed Collingwood supporter must admit was one the greatest all time players.

RAFFLE

Greg gave his usual spiel and got started on the sale of time payment tickets.

2006 CONVENTION

This event will be held at Deakin University at Geelong in the last week of March running into April. Lauri is arranging an itinerary for Brunswick Pilgrims via a shortcut that he knows through Port Fairy and the Otways. This means that Lauri will be able to cut the journey down to only about 3 days instead of the usual hour that it would take via the circuitous route.

DANCE INTO SPRING

Everything is brilliantly organized for our major social event to run smoothly this Friday (September 2nd) with just one little question mark.

Do we have enough customers?

Let us assume that it will be alright on the night as was the case last year and go ahead enthusiastically with all of our preparations.

AN IMPORTANT QUESTION

Do you ever wonder who a visitor from outer space to Melbourne would think is running Planet Earth?

Surely, he would go back to Planet Krypton and announce that Melbourne is run by four legged creatures who have got the two legged creatures so well trained that we run after them with plastic bags to pick up their excreta and then walk around with it steaming and smelling in the hot sunlight. Enjoy your lunch. (I always knew Terry talked crap, now there is the proof)



History of PolioPlus

Rotary's involvement in polio eradication began in 1979 with a five-year commitment to provide and help deliver polio vaccine to six million children of the Philippines. It was the first project of the new Health, Hunger, and Humanity (3-H) program. In the next four years, similar five-year commitments were approved for Haiti, Bolivia, Morocco, Sierra Leone, and Cambodia.



In the early 1980s, Rotary began planning for the most ambitious program in its history – to immunize all of world's children against polio. The plan required collaboration with international, national, and local health agencies and took shape early in Carlos Canseco's year as RI President in 1984-85 when he appointed the Polio 2005 Committee. Dr. Canseco invited Dr. Albert Sabin, developer of the oral polio vaccine, to serve as a special consultant to the committee.

Rotary's pledge of US\$120 million to fund its PolioPlus program was announced in October 1985 at the 40th anniversary of the United Nations. This ambitious commitment electrified the global public health community. Within three years, Rotarians had more than doubled their fundraising goal, donating US\$247 million. By the time the world is certified polio-free, Rotary's contributions to the global polio eradication effort will exceed US\$600 million.

Rotary's role in polio eradication continues to evolve. Initially its role was that of a catalyst, providing money for vaccine and volunteer support to overcome problems associated with distribution. A Rotary Foundation grant funded a core group of polio experts at the World Health Organization (WHO), who have guided the global program. In more recent years,

PolioPlus funds have funded transportation and other operational costs associated with vaccine delivery, surveillance efforts (including laboratory needs) to identify areas where the virus circulates, and training for healthcare workers and volunteers involved in the immunization process.

In 1995, Rotary launched a task force to advocate political and financial support for polio eradication to donor governments. Working in conjunction with the other spearheading partner agencies, these [public sector advocacy](#) efforts have resulted in mobilizing more than \$1.5 billion in polio-specific grants.



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In 2000, Rotary teamed up with the United Nations Foundation to carry a financial appeal to the private sector – foundations, corporations, and wealthy individuals.

As the war on polio enters its final phases, adequate funding is the No. 1 obstacle to achieving a polio-free world. In February 2002, Rotary rose to the challenge once again, announcing a [Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign](#) to raise US\$80 million to contribute to ongoing global polio eradication budget needs.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative is recognized worldwide as a model of public and private cooperation in pursuit of a humanitarian goal. In the words of United Nations General Secretary Kofi Annan, "Rotary's PolioPlus program is a shining example of the achievements made possible by cooperation between the United Nations and non-governmental organizations."

Donor Profile for Received and Confirmed Contributions, 1988-2008			
As of 1 February 2005			
Contribution (US\$ million)	Public Sector Partners	Development Banks	Private Sector Partners
> 500	USA		Rotary International
250 – 500	Japan, United Kingdom		
100 – 249	European Commission, Canada, Netherlands	World Bank	
50 – 99	Germany		Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
25 – 49	Denmark, France, Norway, Sweden, UNICEF Regular Resources, WHO Regular Budget		United Nations Foundation
5 – 24	Australia, Belgium, Italy, Ireland, Luxembourg, Russian Federation	Inter-American Development Bank	Aventis Pasteur, IFPMA, UNICEF National Committees
1 – 4	Malaysia, New Zealand, Spain, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies	Advantage Trust (HK), De Beers, Pew Charitable Trust Wyeth

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Rotarian Volunteers

With its community-based network worldwide, Rotary is the volunteer arm of the global partnership dedicated to eradicating polio. Rotarians have delivered vaccine by camels and

helicopters, trucks and motorbikes, staffed immunization posts, raised community awareness of the value of immunization, and, in the process, helped to mobilize 10 million volunteers. Rotary volunteers from polio-endemic countries meet on a regular basis with representatives from their governments and [partner](#) agencies to plan and implement polio eradication activities in their countries.



Rotary has helped mobilize 10 million volunteers in the fight against polio.

There are many great moments marking Rotary's commitment to global polio eradication efforts.

Below are but a few examples. Contact [PolioPlus staff](#) with stories of Rotarian dedication to protect children from the scourge of polio.

- In September 2004, Rotarians from District 3450 in Hong Kong sponsored a Race Across the Gobi Desert to raise funds for PolioPlus Partners. Rotarians chose from 10, 20 and 30 kilometer courses in this unique event. The Rotarians succeeded in raising more than US\$200,000 for polio eradication activities in India.
- In November 2004, a group of Rotarians from the RC Tours in District 1720 traveled to Togo to join their fellow Rotarians in administering the polio vaccine during a 23 country synchronized National Immunization Day that immunized more than 80 million children.
- On 20 January 2001, a high-level delegation led by then-RI Vice President Lou Piconi and actress Mia Farrow, a UNICEF special representative and polio survivor, joined hundreds of thousands of health professionals, Rotarians, and other volunteers in three days of immunization activities targeting an estimated 40 million Nigerian children.



Rotarians exemplify the volunteer spirit as they

promote awareness of National Immunization Days and assist in their implementation.

- On 21 January 2001, Rotary volunteers from Philadelphia, Pa., USA, Bakersfield, Calif., USA, Riverside, Calif., and Aomori, Japan, joined Rotary club members in India to administer the polio vaccine to more than 150 million children throughout the country in a single day.
- More than 2,400 members from 60 Rotary clubs of District 3620 (Korea) contributed to the PolioPlus Partners Program to support April 2001 NID promotional activities in Bangladesh.
- During the late 1980s, 11,000 Rotarians in Peru volunteered in a massive drive to eliminate the virus in one of the last South American countries in which polio still existed.
- In Cambodia, Rotary volunteers joined health officials in a boat-to-boat immunization campaign to successfully reach children who were repeatedly missed during the country's immunization efforts.
- Rotary members in India and Pakistan performed street dramas and organized rallies to educate parents about the need to immunize their children against polio.
- In 1998, then-District 5360 (Canada) governor nominee Chuck Masur and his wife, Joanne, found a way to involve non-Rotarians in Rotary activities through the "Pennies for Polio" project. Rotarians and their friends and families placed coin-collection cans in homes, schools, and businesses. Districts from across Canada and the northern United States soon became involved. With generous matching funds from The Rotary Foundation and the Canadian International Development Agency, more than C\$2.5 million was raised for polio eradication activities in Africa.
- Australian Rotarians from District 9450 have their own version of "Pennies for Polio." The district obtained 100,000 genuine Australian pennies in near mint condition and packaged each with the history of polio eradication and the Australian penny. Proceeds are earmarked for the PolioPlus program.



Members of Rotaract support National Immunization Day activities, learning first-hand about the importance of community service.