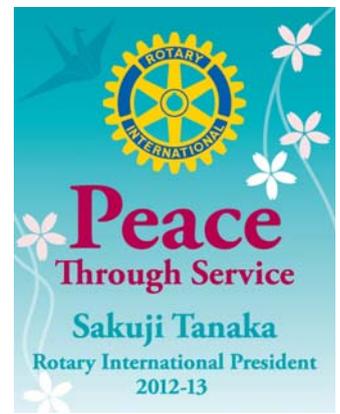




The Rotary Club of Whangarei

(Chartered 1925)

District 9910



Chronicle for 17 July 2013

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President Peter welcomed members

Appologies: Jack, Bert, Roger, Andrew

Guests : None?

Discussion took place over sponsoring another outgoing IYE student.

It was decided that we would not sponsor a student this year until lines of communication can be tightened up. We have been disapointed in the lack of correspondance with Alexie and understand reports have been recieved but not forwarded to our club. We feel responsible for Alexie but have been frustrated by the lack of communication.

Duty Roster (a.m – 11:30 for noon, p.m. – 5:30 for 6:00pm)			
Lunch first dinner second – 1 st Wed lunch 2 nd dinner etc Notify Club of apologies – 4387429 (by Tuesday)			
Duties	24 July (pm)	31 July (5th)	Hospital
Speaker	Forum & AGM Membership	Ideas to be discussed	Gail
Host	None	None	
Thanks	None	None	
Reception	Everyone	Everyone	
Raffle	Frank	Andrew	
Parting Thought	Brian	Gail	

Gates Foundation joins with Rotary to boost polio endgame support

An announcement at the Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal, set the stage for a bold new chapter in the partnership between Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in the campaign for polio eradication.

“Going forward, the Gates Foundation will match two-to-one, up to US\$35 million per year, every dollar Rotary commits to reduce the funding shortfall for polio eradication through 2018,” said Jeff Raikes, the foundation’s chief executive officer, in a prerecorded video address shown during the convention’s plenary session on 25 June. “If fully realized, the value of this new partnership with Rotary is more than \$500 million. In this way, your contributions to polio will work twice as hard.”

The joint effort, called End Polio Now – Make History Today, comes during a critical phase for the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#). The estimated cost of the initiative’s [2013-18 Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan](#) is \$5.5 billion. [Funding commitments](#), announced at the Global Vaccine Summit in April, total \$4 billion. Unless the \$1.5 billion funding gap is met, immunization levels in polio-affected countries will decrease. And if polio is allowed to rebound, within a decade, more than 200,000 children worldwide could be paralyzed every year.

Rotary and the Gates Foundation are determined not to let polio make a comeback.

“We will combine the strength of Rotary’s network with our resources, and together with the other partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), we will not just end a disease but change the face of public health forever,” said Raikes.

In 2007, the Gates Foundation gave The Rotary Foundation a \$100 million challenge grant for polio eradication, and in 2009, increased it to \$355 million. Rotary agreed to raise \$200 million in matching funds by 30 June 2012, but Rotarians in fact raised \$228.7 million toward the challenge.

“Now is the time for us all to take action: Talk to your government leaders, share your polio story with your social networks, and encourage others to join you in supporting this historic effort,” Raikes added. “When Rotarians combine the passion for service along with the power of a global network, you are unstoppable, and the Gates Foundation is proud to partner with you. Let’s make history and End Polio Now.”