



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Four Peaks Rotary Club of Fountain Hills, AZ.



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Rotary clubs worldwide meet \$200 million fundraising challenge for polio eradication

Gates Foundation announces an additional \$50 million to end polio



Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, issued the \$200 challenge during a Rotary conference in January 2009.

SAN DIEGO, California (Jan. 17, 2012) —

Despite a stagnant global economy, Rotary clubs around the world have succeeded in raising more than US\$200 million in new funding for polio eradication.

The fundraising milestone, announced today at Rotary's annual International Assembly in San Diego, was reached in response to a \$355 million challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. All funds have been earmarked to support polio immunization activities in affected countries where this vaccine-preventable disease continues to paralyze children.

"We'll celebrate this milestone, but it doesn't mean that we'll stop raising money or spreading the word about polio eradication," Rotary Foundation Trustee John F. Germ told the annual conference of Rotary leaders. "We can't stop until our entire world is certified as polio free."

"In recognition of Rotary's great work, and to inspire Rotarians in the future, the foundation is committing an additional \$50 million to extend our partnership," said Jeff Raikes, Chief Executive Officer of the Gates Foundation. "Rotary started the global fight against polio, and continues to set the tone for private fundraising, grassroots engagement and maintaining polio at the top of the agenda with key policy makers."

Since 1988, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99 percent, from about 350,000 infections annually to fewer than 650 cases reported so far for 2011.

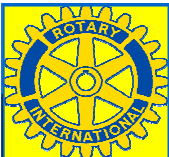
The wild poliovirus now remains endemic — meaning its transmission has never been stopped — in only four countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. However, India on Jan. 13 marked a full calendar year without a case, paving the way for its imminent removal from the endemic list. But other countries also remain at risk for polio cases imported from the endemic countries. In Africa in 2011, Chad and the Democratic Republic of Congo had significant outbreaks. Also in 2011, a small cluster of polio cases in China, which had been polio-free for a decade, was attributable to a virus from Pakistan.

Rotary members not only reached into their own pockets to support the Gates challenge, they engaged their communities in a

variety of creative fundraising projects, such as a fashion show in California that raised \$52,000; benefit film screenings in New Zealand and Australia that netted \$54,000; and a pledge-supported hike through Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, that brought in \$38,000. Many events were planned around October 24, widely observed as World Polio Day.

To date, Rotary club members worldwide have contributed more than \$1 billion toward the eradication of polio, a cause Rotary took on in 1985. In 1988, the World Health Organization, UNICEF and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention joined Rotary as spearheading partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. More recently, the Gates Foundation has become a major supporter. In November 2007, the Gates Foundation gave Rotary a \$100 million challenge grant for polio eradication, increasing it to \$355 million in 2009. Rotary agreed to raise \$200 million in matching funds by June 30, 2012. Reaching children with the oral polio vaccine in the disease's remaining strongholds is labor and resource-intensive due to a host of challenges, including poor infrastructure, geographical isolation, armed conflict and cultural misunderstanding about the eradication campaign.

SERVICE ABOVE SELF



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Calendar of Events



Lee Doranzo, treasurer of the Fountain Hills Sheriff's Posse, recently provided a talk on the duties and processes of the posse to the Four Peaks Rotary Club meeting on January 5, 2012

With more than 50 different posses, there are many ways in which the residents of Maricopa County are helping support their local officers.

From assisting with animal cruelty to searching for lost hikers, these volunteers do it all. The Fountain Hills/Verdes Posse is primarily involved in patrol activities, acting as extra eyes and ears for the deputies operating out of Maricopa County Sheriff's District 7.

They back up deputies as they make traffic stops and answer calls from the citizenry, provide traffic control at traffic accidents and crime scenes and transport prisoners to jail in downtown Phoenix, allowing the deputies of District 7 more time on the streets.

They also augment the deputies during special events within the district.

They also provide a vacation watch program and a fingerprinting service for residents requiring them for employment verification, permits and licenses, security clearances, etc.

The posse is a non-profit 501c3 corporation that relies solely on donations from the communities they serve. Each member is a volunteer and is required

to buy his or her own uniforms, duty gear and personal equipment. Like individual members, the Fountain Hills/ Verdes Posse is required to furnish its own equipment, including vehicles, radios, GPS units and safety equipment.



Pat Tuttle, member of the Four Peaks Rotary Club Foundation chairperson, recently provided members an update on Rotary International and local efforts concerning the use of donations, grants and polio eradication. Rotary is a widely respected organization worldwide with unmatched credibility. The UN AND W.H.O. (World Health Organization) several years ago approached Rotary to utilize its connections and partnering to make things happen around the world.

Polio eradication is now Rotary's effort of choice.

Recently, the Gates Foundation has given to and challenged Rotary with gifts totaling \$355 million. The foundation was so impressed with what Rotary did with the first \$100 million, that they gave the second part of the \$255 million with a challenge to Rotary to match it.

To date, Rotary has raised \$195.5 mil-

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February 9 Program: **Phoenix Guide Dog Raisers**
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM Presenters: Elizabeth Neld and Barbara Poupard,

February 16 Program Open

February 23 Program Open

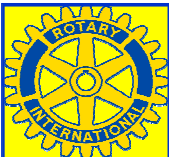
February 23 **FOUNTAIN HILLS GREAT FAIR**
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

February 24 **FOUNTAIN HILLS GREAT FAIR** 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Club Fund Raiser-Trash clean up for the Great Fair

February 25 **FOUNTAIN HILLS GREAT FAIR** 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Club Fund Raiser-Trash clean up for the Great Fair

February 26 **FOUNTAIN HILLS GREAT FAIR** 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Club Fund Raiser- Trash clean up for the Great Fair

February 27 **FOUNTAIN HILLS GREAT FAIR**
5:30 AM – 7:00 AM Clean trash from streets and dispose. Pick up and store materials (Trash Cans)



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lion with a goal to match by July 2012. Two billion children have been immunized, starting with 350,000 cases in 1985; through Rotary's efforts, the world is 99 percent polio free.

Should the immunization process be stopped, it is predicted 10 million will be affected and/or paralyzed within 40 years. Inoculations have to continue for several years to be declared polio free. This past

October there were 489 cases of polio compared to 747 a year ago.

The Four Peaks Rotary Club is a volunteer service organization whose major focus is to support some of the unmet needs of the Fountain Hills community through various fundraising efforts.

Some examples, in addition to honoring Fountain Hills teachers, include funding the Junior Achievement program for an elementary school classroom, providing scholarships for FHHS seniors, and purchasing needed food items for the Extended Hands Food Bank.



The Rotary Club of Four Peaks in Fountain Hills is always trying to identify ways in which to help the Soldiers and Airmen of the Arizona National

Guard. The Club was delighted to have Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jody Reidenhour speak to the members about the Arizona National Guard's Total Force Team and their Operations, including soldier and family support.

When our Soldiers and Airmen return from Deployment they may have Visible and Invisible injuries. Those with visible injuries can be helped right away, however those who return with invisible injuries are more difficult to help. It is the responsibility of the Total Force Team to coordinate efforts of various resilience and support programs from the local community and the National Guard. These programs are designed to the unique needs of our current Service Members, Veterans, and their Families.

One program developed to assist in dealing with service member and family issues is the "Be Resilient Program". The Program outlines the new standard for supporting mission readiness and retention. The Program provides commanders and Leaders the training and resources to better respond to the issues of adversity and stress within their unit. The goal is to meet the specific needs of Service Members and their Families. This will help build a more resilient force and improve overall health and fitness by recognizing and reducing stress injury and illness, as well as substance abuse, suicide, etc.

Following are a list of additional programs designed to assist service members and their families

- Psychological Health Program
- Personal Financial Consultant
- Mili-

- tary & Family Life Consultant
 - Substance Abuse
 - Sexual Assault Response
 - Employment Resource Center
 - Survivor Outreach Services
 - Joint Family Programs
 - Child & Youth Program
 - Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program
- For more information on these programs please go to www.azguard.gov/resilience.html



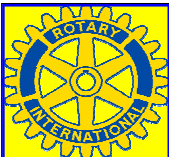
PDG Gary Whiting provided an insight into the Organization Gift of Life Arizona Inc.

A project of the Rotary Clubs of Arizona | Rotary International Districts 5490, 5500 and 5510.

What is Gift of Life? Gift of Life-AZ is a nonprofit tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization administered by participating Rotarians and friends for the purpose of providing open-heart surgery to needy children worldwide.

Mission Statement The mission of Gift of Life-AZ program is to provide medical care and support for needy children and their families world wide who are suffering from congenital heart defects.

What does Gift of Life-AZ pay for? The program makes a contribution to the participating hospital per child to



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cover core costs, and Gift of Life-AZ pays for the necessary medications and may pay for the transportation cost of the child and one parent. Pediatricians, pediatric cardiologists, pediatric heart surgeons, and professional medical support services generously give their time and talents without any compensation.

What does a pediatric open-heart surgery cost? The "average" open-heart surgery today costs approximately \$100,000. How much has the Gift of Life-AZ provided? Since 1985 the benefits provided by Gift of Life-AZ program amounts to over \$30,000,000.00

Dr. Michael F. Teodori, MD, a Humanitarian Pediatric Cardiologist Volunteer Since 1989, he has performed complex corrective open-heart surgeries for Gift of Life Arizona free of charge, both here and in Mexico including all post operative care until time of discharge. Gift of Life Arizona provides medical care and support for needy children and their families world wide who are suffering from congenital heart defects. As highlighted in an article of the 2011 January issue of Tucson Lifestyle Magazine focusing on Top Doctors, he has also spearheaded and organized missions to Ethiopia, which are sponsored in large part by Gift of Life-Arizona and also by The Children's Heart Fund and Healing the Children. His compassion for those less fortunate is integral to his day to day work as he comes across patients with little to no means for which to get the specialized medical care he provides, and takes the time to help refer these patients to organizations that can help.

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