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Meeting Apology

Please use the club website **before 3 pm** on meeting day to apologise or add a guest, or you will be required to reimburse the club for your meal cost.

<http://www.kuringgairotary.org.au>

Last Week

Restaurant evening

This Week

10 on me Graham Maslen

The Rotary E Club of Greater Sydney

As you may all know, last year I joined The Rotary E Club of Greater Sydney "Australia's first Rotary E Club" and I was chosen to lead our club as President into its second year, hence we will be having our very first changeover.

PDG Tony Castley and I would personally like to invite you to our special night on Saturday the 1st of June.

The details of the changeover are 6:30pm for 7pm at Boronia Grove Function Centre, 49 Rawson Street, Epping. The dress code is smart and the cost will be \$45pp for a lovely two course meal. If wish to come along to our special night please **RSVP** to myself at eburrell@bigpond.net.au before Sunday the 19th of May.

Please note that payments will not be taken at the door so if you could pay our Club account that would be fantastic.

Payments of \$45 for Changeover are to be made to:

Rotary E-Club of Greater Sydney Working Account BSB: 032553 Acc: 114338

Warmest Regards **Evan Burrell** President Elect Rotary E Club of Greater Sydney

Red Shield Appeal 25/26 May 2013

Hi Guys

As you all know I am looking for volunteers to act as drivers for teams of yr 9/10 students to collect for the Salvos on above dates. If you (or family members) can assist please advise me as soon as possible and preferably before noon next Tuesday. I will provide collection team members as soon as we can sign them up.

You will need to sign the usual child protection forms.

Best regards
Chris Hoch

Joe Hockey Crows Nest Club

Dear Fellow Rotarians

This year Crows Nest Rotary Club's major local focus is on disadvantaged youth in our lower north shore area.

Phoenix House, based in the centre of Crows Nest in Holtermann St was identified as an important organisation within our local community, struggling under the burden of demand and limited resources, and needing support in a number of ways.

The Hon Joe Hockey is Patron of Phoenix House and has agreed to be the guest speaker to raise awareness of Phoenix House and assist them by participating in one function only for us this year.

This will be on **Friday 21st June at the Kirribilli Club 12.30pm - 2pm** at a cost of \$130 per person

Please let all Rotarians in particular those who are running a small businesses within our district know about this event as it is a great opportunity for them to hear Mr Hockey speak and to be able to ask questions on the issues that are of concern to them. Given that he will probably be the next Treasurer of Australia we see this as a wonderful opportunity for them.

Kind regards Jennifer Locke

Director Community

The Rotary Club of Crows Nest

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RYDA

RYDA – our Club is helping when students from Ku-ring-gai Creative Arts High School are attending on Friday 10 May. We need 3 volunteers from 9:00am - 2:30pm at HART Driver Training Centre, 451 Mona Vale Road, St Ives (opposite St Ives Showground). Morning tea and lunch provided. So far Malcolm Braid and Bob Ivey are possibilities, who else can help please? Our volunteers enjoyed it last year.

Polio Plus

From: PolioPlus

Sent: Thursday, 25 April, 2013 10:50 AM

To: PolioPlus

Subject: Important news from the Global Vaccine Summit: \$4 billion pledged through 2018

Dear PolioPlus Committee Members:

This morning, financial commitments totalling approximately **US\$4 billion** over six years toward the **US\$5.5 billion end-game strategy** of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative were announced during the Global Vaccine Summit in Abu Dhabi. Of note are new contributions from new donors, totaling \$355 million:

- Albert L. Ueltschi Foundation
- Alwaleed Bin Talal Foundation-Global
- Bloomberg Philanthropies
- Carlos Slim Foundation
- Dalio Foundation
- The Foundation for a Greater Opportunity established by Carl C. Icahn

The Tahir Foundation

The Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi also announced a second pledge to polio eradication of US\$120 million, adding to his first contribution made in 2011. A range of other donors, including the Islamic Development Bank, Ireland and Japan, helped round out the additional new pledges.

Rotary was represented at the meeting by India National PolioPlus Chair Deepak Kapur, International PolioPlus Committee Chair Bob Scott, PolioPlus Director Carol Pandak, and the entire 2-day event was emceed by Rotary polio ambassador, actress Archie Panjabi.

The chart with the contribution breakdown is attached, and the **final press release follows below**. A story highlighting the good news from the Vaccine Summit will soon be posted on the RI and End Polio Now websites and this news will also be promoted via Rotary's social media channels. Please let us know if you would like this information in French, Portuguese, Spanish, Korean or Japan. Translations will be forthcoming as soon as they are ready.

Best regards, Carol Pandak Director, PolioPlus

Global Leaders Support New Six-Year Plan to Deliver a Polio-Free World by 2018

- *Pledges announced will enable over a billion children to be vaccinated*
 - *Global eradication program will move simultaneously on multiple fronts expanding focus to improve childhood immunization and protect gains made to date*
 - *New commitments by governments and philanthropists boost effort to meet plan's budget goal*
- ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates | 25 April 2013 – Today, at the [Global Vaccine Summit](#), the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) presented a [comprehensive six-year plan](#), the first plan to eradicate all types of polio disease – both wild poliovirus and vaccine-derived cases – simultaneously. Global leaders and individual philanthropists signaled their confidence in the plan by pledging close to three-quarters of the plan's projected

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US\$5.5 billion cost over six years. They also called upon additional donors to commit up front the additional US\$1.5 billion needed to ensure eradication.

The new plan capitalizes on the best opportunity to eradicate polio, with the number of children paralyzed by this disease at the lowest level ever: just 223 cases in 2012 and only 19 so far this year. The urgency is linked to the tremendous advances made in 2012 and the narrow window of opportunity to seize on that progress and stop all poliovirus transmission before polio-free countries become re-infected.

"After millennia battling polio, this plan puts us within sight of the endgame. We have new knowledge about the polioviruses, new technologies and new tactics to reach the most vulnerable communities. The extensive experience, infrastructure and knowledge gained from ending polio can help us reach all children and all communities with essential health services," said World Health Organization Director-General Margaret Chan. ***A new plan to end polio, strengthen immunization systems and plan for transition***

The [Polio Eradication & Endgame Strategic Plan 2013-2018](#) was developed by the GPEI in extensive consultation with a broad range of stakeholders. The plan incorporates the lessons learned from India's success becoming polio-free in early 2012 and cutting-edge knowledge about the risk of circulating vaccine-derived polioviruses. It also complements the tailored Emergency Action Plans being implemented since last year in the remaining polio-endemic countries – Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria – including approaches in place to vaccinate children in insecure areas.

At the [Summit](#), held today in Abu Dhabi, global leaders announced their confidence in the plan's ability to achieve a lasting polio-free world by 2018 and pledged their financial and political support for its implementation. "Ending polio will not only be an historic feat for humanity, but also a huge part of our efforts to reach every hard-to-reach child with a range of life-saving vaccines," said UNICEF Executive Director Anthony Lake.

The plan addresses the operational challenges of vaccinating children, including in densely populated urban areas, hard-to-reach areas and areas of insecurity. The plan includes the use of polio eradication experience and resources to strengthen immunization systems in high-priority countries. It also lays out a process for planning how to transition the GPEI's resources and lessons, particularly in reaching the most marginalized and vulnerable children and communities, so that they continue to be of service to other public health efforts. It is estimated that the GPEI's efforts to eradicate polio could deliver total net benefits of US\$40-50 billion by 2035 from reduced treatment costs and gains in productivity. Earlier this month, in a [Scientific Declaration on Polio Eradication](#), more than 400 scientists and global health experts from around the world endorsed the GPEI plan, and reaffirmed the conviction that a polio-free world can be secured by 2018.

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Philanthropists endorse value of investing in the end of polio

In remarks made at the Summit, Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, underscored the numerous benefits of ending polio and the need to provide health and development interventions to the hardest-to-reach children. He also called on additional donors to come forward with long-term commitments to fully fund the GPEI plan.

“This plan isn’t just a polio eradication plan, it’s a global immunization plan with the goal of ending polio while improving efforts to protect all children, including the most vulnerable, with life-saving vaccines,” said Gates. “Successful implementation of the plan requires a significant but time-limited investment that will deliver a polio-free world and pay dividends for future generations.”

Gates announced that his foundation would commit one-third of the total cost of the GPEI’s budget over the plan’s six-year implementation, for a total of \$1.8 billion. The funds will be allocated with the goal of enabling the GPEI to operate effectively against all of the plan’s objectives. To encourage other donors to commit the remaining funding up front, the Gates funding for 2016-2018 will be released when the GPEI secures funding that ensures the foundation’s contribution does not exceed one-third of the total budget for those years.

Joining Gates was a new group of individual philanthropists that announced its support for full implementation of the new plan. The total new pledges from philanthropists to the polio initiative amounted to an additional US\$335 million toward the plan’s six-year budget. The donors commended the tremendous progress toward eradication made in the last year and expressed their desire to help change history and end polio while the opportunity still exists. Philanthropies making commitments include:

Albert L. Ueltschi Foundation

Alwaleed Bin Talal Foundation-Global

Bloomberg Philanthropies

Carlos Slim Foundation

Dalio Foundation

The Foundation for a Greater Opportunity established by Carl C. Icahn

The Tahir Foundation

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A fully funded plan and sustained political commitment will protect gains made to date and enable the GPEI to execute against short- and long-term objectives

At the Summit, leaders from polio-endemic countries reaffirmed their continued focus on polio eradication and welcomed the plan’s broadened scope to improve immunization systems.

Praising the plan’s expanded focus to ensure that polio eradication efforts – which reach the world’s most vulnerable children – support broader health interventions, long-time donors Canada, Germany, Norway and the UK, as well as Nigeria, announced new commitments to support the plan’s long-term objectives. His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, announced a second pledge to polio eradication of US\$120 million, adding to his first contribution made in 2011. A range of other donors, including the Islamic Development Bank, Ireland and Japan, helped round out the additional pledges.

Rotary International, the flagship donor to the GPEI, pledged its commitment through 2018 to raise funds and mobilize support of the endgame strategy. “To stop polio once and for all, we need to act quickly so that children are fully protected and countries are not re-infected,” said Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka. “This takes the commitment of national and local leaders where polio still exists, the continued support of donor countries, and the steadfast commitment of heroic vaccinators.”

The GPEI will work with donors on the timely conversion of these pledges into commitments and the disbursement of funds so that the program can fully deliver on the plan.

The plan’s US\$5.5 billion budget over six years requires sustaining current yearly spending to eradicate polio.

The new plan’s budget includes the costs of reaching and vaccinating more than 250 million children multiple times every year, monitoring and surveillance in more than 70 countries, and securing the infrastructure that can benefit other health and development programs.

“Today we have the fewest cases in the fewest places ever, making it critical to use the best opportunity the world has ever had to put an end to this terrible, preventable disease,” said Anne Schuchat, M.D, head of the Center for Global Health at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Meeting Schedule

| <u>2012/13</u> | Calendar | |
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| May | 6 | BM Club Night. RAN Discussion /10 on me. G Maslen |
| | 13 | |
| | 20 | BHCC Presentation Ku ring gai, St Ives and Turramurra |
| | 27 | Club Night. 2013.14 Board Presentation |
| June | 1 | Trivia Night 1 June |
| | 3 | BM Sally & Marten Wynd EAGLES RAPS |
| | 10 | Queens Birthday public holiday |
| | 17 | Rotary Awareness Night |
| | 24 | Changeover Night |