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## THANKS!

To all the folks who were kind enough to help with the tag sale this past weekend, thank you!

It was particularly nice to see Lee and Judy Davies who've returned from Florida, and also Paul Falcigno who stopped by to entertain us for a while.

## ROLLING FOR ROTARY

Just a reminder that this coming Sunday we'll be hosting a bowling event at Johnson Lanes (Hamden Plaza) from 3-5PM.

Tickets are available in advance for \$18, \$15 for kids, or at the door \$20, \$18 for kids.

## FUTURE VISION DISTRICT GRANTS

Very important news from DGE Julie Reppenhagen. If you're thinking about applying for a district grant for the next fiscal year we'll need to send her some basic info (1 paragraph description) really fast.

Because my signature is on the Future Vision Memorandum of Understanding, I would be grateful if you could throw any proposals or briefs you want to put forward in Cathy's and my inbox first so we have an opportunity to review for future vision compliance.

Note that any grant applications to be submitted need to have a structured accountability section listing who's handling what, and through what methods, since RI accountability is now held up against the entire club, not just the folks involved with the grant. I can't sign off on any grant proposal in good conscience without this info, although it should be a part of the new grant application.

Julie is saying the deadline is 7/7 for this basic one paragraph info, but since grant proposals can be rolled out as of 7/1 with a first come first serve review, I'd suggest that we plan to have the basic info in to Julie by no later than midnight 6/30, which means [Cathy and I](#) would need an opportunity to review by no later than 6/28, and Cathy may ask for sooner than that.

## CLUB STAY-CATION

For those folks who are interested, I'm planning an hour long boat cruise for the club on the Thimble Islands Cruise Line. I don't have a specific date as yet, but I expect some weekend between late August or mid September would be ideal. Tickets are \$10 each, \$9 for seniors, and \$5 for kids under 12.

Cruises leave every even hour on the quarter hour beginning at 10:15AM and ending at 4:15PM.

## DOCUMENTARY AT CANNES SHOWCASES BAND OF CONGOLESE POLIO SURVIVORS

Rotary International News -- 2 June 2010

A Congolese band whose lead singers are polio survivors is making its way onto the world music scene after a documentary on the group's origins received critical acclaim at the Cannes Film Festival in May.

Staff Benda Bilili, which means "look beyond appearances" in Lingala, is a band of eight former street musicians from Kinshasa. Five of them are polio survivors. Their song "Polio" speaks of the disease that changed their lives and urges parents to immunize their children.

The band's debut album, *Très Très Fort*, won the 2009 Womex Award for international music. French filmmakers Florent de la Tullaye and Renaud Barrett decided to create a documentary on the band after falling in love with its music when they were in Kinshasa in 2004, working on a movie about the city's music scene. The film *Benda Bilili!* premiered 13 May during the festival.

Band members have also joined other musicians across Africa in lending their voices to the final push to rid the continent of polio. Through the Kick Polio Out of Africa campaign, a soccer ball signed by Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu and a growing number of public figures has been making its way through the continent to raise awareness for polio eradication before traveling to the RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada. Follow the ball's progress on our [interactive map](#). Show your support by [signing a virtual ball online](#).

"Of course we're happy to be part of the campaign. After all, we're handicapped by polio, and we are the first group to sing about polio, so naturally we're ready to help," said bandleader Ricky Likabu. "Our song 'Polio' is simply to implore parents to take their children to health clinics to be vaccinated, as the WHO [World Health Organization] recommends. Parents are responsible for their children, and they need to know how to avoid diseases."



Staff Benda Bilili's European tour began in April. The band will stop in Greece, Sweden, Poland, the Netherlands, Belgium, and France in June, before performing 5 July at the Montreal Jazz Festival.

## ROTARY AND THE CHICAGO CUBS TEAM UP TO STRIKE OUT POLIO

By Wayne Hearn Rotary International News -- 28 May 2010



GO CUBS!

When 14-year-old Joshua Kim decided last summer to donate all the allowance he'd saved up to Rotary's End Polio Now campaign, he never dreamed that almost a year later he would be taking the mound for a ceremonial first pitch at Wrigley Field, the historic baseball park of the Chicago Cubs.

Joshua, now 15 and a freshman at Glenbrook North High School in Northbrook, did the honors just before the 25 May game between the Chicago Cubs and the visiting Los Angeles Dodgers during Strike Out Polio: Rotary Day at Wrigley Field.

"I can't believe this is really happening. I've always wanted to do this," said Joshua, whose father, Tony, is a member of the Rotary Club of Chicagoland Korean-Northbrook. His dad was in the stands with more than 600 Chicago-area Rotarians, relatives, friends, and Rotary International staff.

Tony's involvement in club polio eradication fundraising efforts inspired Joshua to contribute \$1,300 to Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge. Rotary has committed to raising \$200 million in response to \$355 million in challenge grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Rotary Day at Wrigley Field brought in more than \$10,000 for polio eradication. The Chicago Cubs contributed \$20 to the campaign for each ticket sold by area Rotary clubs. An End Polio Now message appeared on Wrigley Field's famous marquee, with announcement made inside the ballpark before and during the game.

"Many Chicagoans don't even remember polio -- let alone realize that it still paralyzes children in other parts of the world -- and that's why public events like Rotary Day at Wrigley Field are so important," said Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Glenn E. Estess Sr.

For Joshua, throwing out the first pitch was almost as exciting as meeting international movie star Jackie Chan, who also was part of the pregame ceremonies.

"It was a great moment for me. It was awesome to meet Jackie Chan. I have always wanted to meet him and shake his hand," he said. "I was given a very special opportunity by Rotary, and I am very thankful."

## GIVING UGANDAN CHILDREN A SECOND CHANCE

Peter Schmidtke Rotary International News -- 26 May 2010

Mulambuzi Joshuah is not likely to forget his fifth birthday.

He spent the day recovering from heart surgery that will allow him to attend school again in his village outside of Kampala, Uganda.

Mulambuzi was 1 of 20 Ugandan children who received free heart surgeries through Gift of Life India. The program is among 65 throughout the world supported by Rotary clubs and established to arrange cardiac care for young children whose families cannot afford it.

The surgeries were funded by a US\$105,000 Rotary Foundation Matching Grant sponsored by the Rotary Club of Delhi Midwest and District 3010 (India), and all 17 districts in Korea.

The children, between the ages of 11 months and 12 years, arrived in New Delhi over a three-month period starting in January. Doctors at the Escorts Heart Institute and Research Centre and the National Heart Institute performed surgeries to correct their congenital heart defects. Several of the children needed immediate attention.

"Many of them were overdue," says Dr. A.C. Peter, a member of the Rotary Club of Delhi East End and Gift of Life India national coordinator. "After surgery, all these patients can lead healthy and productive lives like any other child."

District 7250 (New York, USA) established Gift of Life India in 2002. Since its inception, the program has treated more than 500 children from India, Kenya, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Sudan, with support from Rotary clubs and Matching Grant funds.

It also receives help -- including medical team coordination and prospective patient lists -- from [Gift of Life International](#), formed in 2003 to assist Gift of Life programs around the world.

### Making connections

January's Matching Grant project arose because of connections from a similar effort a year earlier, when the Indian program agreed to arrange two surgeries as part of Gift of Life International's Our Hearts Are in Uganda campaign. Sixty Ugandan children were treated in 13 countries .

Bret Halvorson, a member of the Rotary Club of Emerald City (Seattle), Washington, USA, and a native of Korea, escorted one of the children and her mother from the airport in Seoul to a local hospital. Wanting to help more Ugandan youth, Korean Past District Governor Sangkoo Yun and Youngsuk Yoon, then district governor-elect, suggested a follow-up project to Halvorson, a Gift of Life beneficiary himself.



# THE CHARM



The three met with Peter, Past RI Director Sushil Gupta, and Gift of Life International founder Robert Donno at the 2009 RI Convention in Birmingham, England, where they worked through details of the January Matching Grant project.

*"In truth, people can generally make time for what they choose to do; it is not really the time but the will that is lacking."*

*~Sir John Lubbock 1834 – 1913 British Statesman, Banker, Naturalist*


"Everything came together nicely," says Halvorson. "I'm just happy that I can be a part of that -- to pay it forward to these children who are in the same position that I was."

Korean Rotarians pooled District Designated Fund (DDF) allocations. Grace Agwaru, a member of the Rotary Club of Soroti Central, Uganda, and the first Gift of Life beneficiary, worked with fellow Ugandan Rotarians to identify candidates for the program and help their families understand the surgery and make travel arrangements. Delhi East End club members met the children at the airport and visited them almost daily in the hospital.

"Raising DDF from all 17 districts in Korea was a major task, but we had the pronounced leadership of Yoon from District 3650," says Yun, who stressed the role of the Rotary network in completing international service projects.

Gift of Life India also recently received a pledge of \$110,000 from Rotarians in Taiwan for future surgeries.

Of the things we think, say, or do...



Is it the TRUTH?  
Is it FAIR to all concerned?  
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?  
Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

## JOKE OF THE WEEK

Our coworker Patrick shared his worst workday ever. He was at an appliance store and the delivery truck had broken down, which meant he was flooded with angry phone calls from customers. One irate caller canceled the delivery and told Patrick what he could do with it.

"I'm sorry," said Patrick. "That's impossible. I already have a stove, a vacuum cleaner, and a microwave up there."

## MEETING SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Event
Mon	Jun 7 <sup>th</sup>	Cindy Simell-Devoe and Scott Redmond from The Whitney Players ADG Paul Mangels Board Meeting
Sun	Jun 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Rolling for Rotary – Johnson Lanes @ Hamden Plaza 3 - 5PM</b>
Mon	Jun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Athlete Night @ the Knights of Columbus
Sun-Wed	Jun 20 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup>	International Convention Montreal
Mon	June 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Family Fun Night @ Chili's</b>
Sun	Jun 27 <sup>th</sup>	Relay for Life Pancake Breakfast @ Quinpiac
Mon	Jun 28 <sup>th</sup>	Fiscal 2010-11 Officer Installation Night

## CAN'T MAKE THE MONDAY MEETING?

Town	Day	Time	Location	Address
Branford	Mon	12:15 PM	Italian-American Club	40 Hamre Lane
Hamden	Mon	05:45 PM	The Playwright	1232 Whitney Ave
North Haven	Tue	07:15 AM	Breakfast Nook	448 Washington Ave
New Haven	Tue	12:15 PM	Graduate Club	155 Elm St
West Haven	Wed	12:15 PM	App's Ristorante	283 Capt. Thomas Blvd
Orange	Fri	12:15 PM	Race Brook Ctry Club	246 Derby Ave
Woodbridge	Fri	12:15 PM	Coachman Square	21 Bradley Rd
E-Club (Dist. 7890)			<a href="http://www.rotaryclub7890.org/">http://www.rotaryclub7890.org/</a>	