

Tarpon Springs Rotary News

Service Above Self

June 2022



Boating family reprise, Sunset Beach next venue



Local students will get a day at the beach thanks to the club's "Boating Family" program. Rtn. Mike Johnson heads the committee that will give approximately 30 kids an educational day at Sunset Beach. Club members and other volunteers will provide a variety of water related programs.

Sometimes kids living in urban areas do not get out to enjoy the natural wonders in their surroundings.

RCTS initiated a program six years ago to provide water experiences for some of those young people.

When the pandemic ended the program two years ago several members were determined to see it return. Rtn. Mike Johnson is heading the effort to do just that.

"Six years ago we started a program to acquaint children to the wonderful aquatic sites,

sounds and activities that our area provides," Johnson said.

The purpose of the program is to offer opportunities for children to participate, explore and enjoy water related activities.

The Explore Sunset Beach Event is a fun day at the beach for local children and volunteers. As a Tarpon Springs Rotary group, Boating Family strives to provide opportunities for Children of Citizen's Alliance for Progress and Cops and Kids, Boys and Girls Club and other youth-based groups to experience water-based activities.

The mission of the Boating Family children's program is to provide a way and means for children to explore the many water-based sights, areas, and activities available to all of us.

A second goal is to consolidate local resources and provide a volunteer force with desire to ensure community children can experience local natural attractions and activities that



Kids excited on water

may not be available to them.

The Explore Beach Event is the second in an annual three-event program (Caladesi, Sunset Beach and Fishing Expedition).

The Beach Event provides a fun day at Sunset Beach Park with swimming, kayaking, sport activities, food and prizes.

Children and adult volunteers have a fun and relaxing time.

Volunteers are needed for set up, food preparation, game team leadership and water supervision. In previous years 35-40 volunteers and up to 60 children attending.



Rtn. Mike is bringing back the Boating Family outing for kids in town. The little ones will have a day at the beach

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Club ends Rotary year with fun wine social



Rtn. Rea Sieber hosts the last RCTS event of the Rotary year at her store "Wine at the Docks." Some 15 members met to socialize and enjoy hors d'oeuvres compliments of Rtn.

Sieber. For many, the evening was poignant given the shop has sold and new owners take over July 1.



LEFT: Rtn Rea hosted the last social of the Rotary year at her shop, Wine at the Docks. Her granddaughter enjoyed an adult evening with her nana.

RIGHT: Rtn. Robin regales Rtms. Dan Cullu and Valerie Cullu at the wine bar. Conversations abounded among the 15 or so Rotarians enjoying a bit of post-COVID friendship and fellowship before the shop changes ownership.



Board Wrap Up, June 16

PRESIDENT'S
CORNER

T. Bean

Pres. Tekoa winds up year

June is a Leadership transition month, and I am confident in the transition that is about to be made over to Sue Carson's leadership, along with the new Board of Directors.

Sue and I have been meeting monthly since last July, and she has been through training and planning and is excited to work with the new team.

As I said at our Installation Banquet, it has been my privilege to lead this club through the last year and (hopefully) out of the pandemic.

I was uplifted by our BOD and club members, as everyone came together in the spirit of service to find ways to positively impact our community. I will never forget this year as President of the club, and I thank you for your encouragement and support.

I look forward to working with you all in the coming year! Imagine Rotary


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BOD ends up year with joint meeting

The board held its joint meeting with current and incoming members.

Pres. Tekoa told BOD the club had a net membership gain of five percent for the year. Two members will be awarded PHF next month. She said, "It's all of us working as a team." She added that it was her "sincere pleasure to work with you."

The second half of the meeting was chaired by Pres. Sue Carson. Her board approved the club budget for next year. Rea Sieber was elected to fill Harry Malamatos' term. He moves to president election nominee.

The club is studying possible venues for meetings.

Member spotlight

'Catfish Lady' club leader, eminent scholar

Rtn. Jan Bly is one of the few people in the history of science to discover the cellular physiology, pathology, pathophysiology, immunology, microbiology and treatment for a disease (winter saprolegniosis in channel catfish).

was born in the North East of England and grew up in Whitley Bay. The iconic seaside town has two landmark tourist attractions, St. Mary's Island lighthouse and the Spanish City.

Always wanting to be a marine biologist, Jan completed her degree and Ph.D. at the University College of North Wales in Bangor.

Jan lived in Beaumaris on the Island of Anglesey. To apply for post doc positions, Jan needed to attend a scientific meeting in Los Angeles but didn't have the money to go. Her Ph.D. mentor suggested she apply to Rotary for funds to attend the meeting.

"I had never heard of Rotary but later learned that my father had been invited to join Rotary; he didn't join the all male club". Jan was awarded enough in funds to cover airfare, meeting fees and accommodation and interviewed with professors from around the world, accepting a job with Dr. Bill Clem from the USA.

Jan moved to Jackson, Miss. in 1984 to work

with channel catfish at the University Medical Center using the fish immune system as a model for the human immune system (they are very similar).

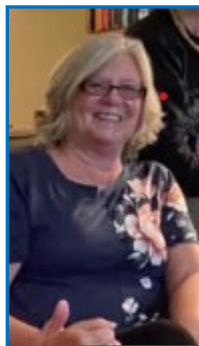
It was there that she met Al Causey, and they were married in 1986 after his first year of medical school.

"I enjoyed my career and was very successful, publishing over 35 scientific papers and book chapters (some co-authored with Al)," she said. "We still keep in contact with past Ph.D. students who are now at the top of their fields around the country."

In 1992, twins Tully and Annie were born, and Al's career was taking off. Jan became a full time mom and they moved to Tampa followed by Virginia Beach and then in 2000 to Tarpon Springs (where Jan had always taken the kids to the beach when living in Tampa).

"I was always volunteering at the kids' schools, little league, girl scouts etc.," she said. "When Dan Cullu invited me to join Rotary, it seemed a perfect fit. Al was always involved with Rotary events (we called him an "adjunct Rotarian") and after several years he also joined the club."

Jan and Al's "Rotary highlight" to date was walking the Hadrian's Wall Path across England in 2018 for their 60th birthdays. Their 9-day walk was to bring awareness to Polio Plus and they met members of Rotary Clubs from towns across England at every stop and raised over \$3,000 for vaccines.



Jan Causey

Newsletter gets 2022-2023 facelift

NOTE: The look of the newsletter will change for this year. The format will be consistent, so members can find information quickly.

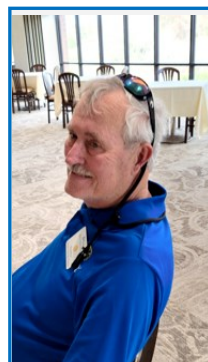
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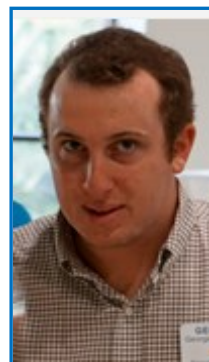
Rotary faces are happy faces



Rachel Nipper



Bill Handley



George Kulianos

Wrap Up, June 16

Trivia Master Paul Donovan stumps club again



“That’s really the answer?” Trivia Master Paul Donovan queries members.

Rtn. Paul Donovan led the last formal meeting of the year and hosted trivia for attending members.

The topics varied widely, and it was a fun meeting.

Winners included Anna Billiris, Mike and Jocelyn Chapman, and Chris Dufala.

“Special thanks to Paul for his help,” said Pres. Tekoa.

Donovan has done trivia for the club for several years.

RCTS’ famous man in Irish green always has a bit of the blarney trivia ready for the club.

Trivial apologies to Paul

1. Name The Biggest Island In The World.
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3. How Many Grammys Does John Legend Have?
4. What Is The Brightest Star In The Sky?
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10. What was the first toy to be advertised on television?
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ST4L reprise rap sessions

Informal discussions groups allowed high school delegates to interact with business and community leaders at the district’s ST4L conference.

Outstanding Rotary leaders from around the district met with students to exchange ideas, opinions, experiences, thoughts, advice and philosophy in a relaxed setting.

Pres. Sue Carson and Rtn.

Bobbie Halverson attended for the club.

The conference has not been held for a couple of years due to the COVID epidemic.

Coming soon

July 7, Pres. Sue Carson
 July 14, Frank Koulianos, USF
 July 21, Stacie Allen, Mentors
 Scholarship Awardees
 Aug. 4, Mayor Costa Vatikoutis

Rotarians share celebrity birthdays

June 1	Nate Hatzie	Tom Holland
June 1	Joan Stolz	Marilyn Monroe
June 2	Michele Reese	Dana Carvey
June 8	Dennis Garvey	Frank Lloyd Wright
June 11	M. Kouskoutis	Gene Wilder
June 22	Joan Tobey	Erin Brockovich
June 28	Chris Dufala	Elon Musk

Carson takes helm to lead club in new year

*By Sue Carson
2022-2023 President*

What an exciting start we have to this new Rotary year with the return of Boating Family on Saturday, July 9.

Many Rotarians have already volunteered to help with this event.

The Thursday meeting prior to this event will be held at Cypress Run July 7.

I will be giving an overview to the Rotary year, and how we can do good and have fun as we Imagine Rotary.

Thank you to all of the new board members who are coming on to the board. Each year, four new board members cycle on for two-year terms.

We are planning a busy and fulfilling year! I am open to ideas from all Rotarians.

Please feel free to call or email me. Sue Carson 727-580-9425.

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Trivial answers

- Greenland
- Brazil
- Eleven
- Sirius
- Almonds
- Six
- Sabering
- Blue/Black
- Japan
- Mr. Potato Head

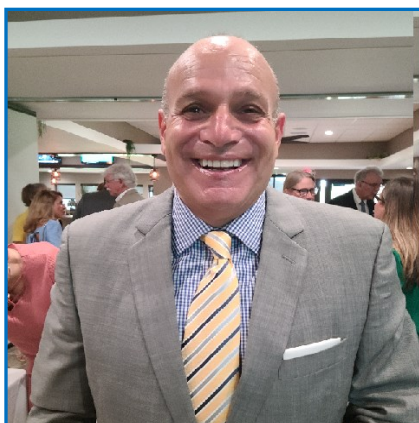


Pres. Sue takes Houston by storm at RI's international conference. She, husband and Rotarian Tom, Rtms. Tekoa and Perry Bean also attended. Usually, some 50,000 Rotarians gather to foster the goals of Rotary International.

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Installation Wrap Up, June 25

New president set to lead club into great year



ABOVE: Rtn. Mark shy, but he cleans up well.

ABOVE LEFT: DG Jocelyn administers oath to new president Sue Carson as VP Robin and PE Harry look on

ABOVE RIGHT: Pres. Carson outlines her exciting vision for the upcoming year

RIGHT: Next year's board members listen as Rtn. Carson becomes Pres. Carson



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Installation Wrap Up, June 25

Installation gala is enjoyed by pirate invaders



Pirate Milton gets right into the action to see President Tekoa off and get President Sue installed for 2022-2023



DG Chapman and Pres. Tekoa show fancy footwork



Rtn. Ron Haddad accepts "Rotarian of the Year" honors (again) for his myriad efforts on behalf of the club and the community.



Pirates abound to see President Tekoa off to past president status.

Rotarians on the road...

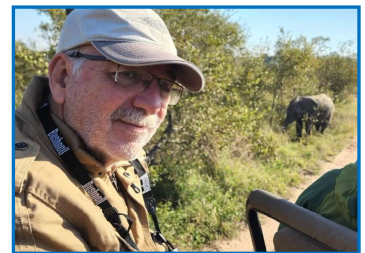
*Members wander worldwide
The flu bug is out and the
travel bug is in for several
Rotarian travelers.*



Rea Sieber enjoys an Athens night on a rooftop restaurant



Rtn. Tom wanders



Tom stalks African elephant



Cat seeks cerebral treat

Rtn. Tom flew high in Africa adventure

Rtn. And pilot Tom Carson took the trip of a lifetime.

He worked with Hanks Aero Adventures Inc to set up a self-fly safari in Africa

He left the U.S. on May 31 flying commercially to Johannesburg, South Africa.

After doing his check out flights and receiving his 30-day pilot's license in Africa, they set out in a Cessna 182 for their first safari at Kruger National Park, South Africa.

Next stop was Botswana, then on to Zimbabwe, highlighted by flying over Victoria Falls.

Animals seen were giraffes, elephants, spotted hyena, impalas, lions, buffalo, zebra, cheetah, rhinos, hippos.

Return home after the 18-day trip was June 17.



Celia and Joel Dubay wander Africa with a stop off in Romania. Native dress is still seen. So is a little travel romance to keep wandering interesting.

Wrap Up, June 9

Rtn. Robin outlines goals, qualifications of mentors

For years, RCTS members have changed young lives, sometimes significantly.

The Pinellas County School Board program helps students all of the county, but the program is especially close to the club.

Much of the community service activity undertaken by the Rotary Club of Tarpon Springs is youth oriented.

The program is not monolith. Members can mentor through the Lunch Pals, Take Stock in Children, 5000 Role Models of Excellence, Girlfriends of Pinellas County Schools, Peer to Peer Mentors and the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Tampa Bay.

Training is quite simple," Rtn. Wikle said. It involves a

60-minutes webinar. The mentor then contacts the sponsoring body and chooses a student.

"The most important skills mentors can bring," she said, are showing up and listening."

Schedules are flexible with mentors meeting their

"The one thing I say to my mentor is, 'Thanks.'"

Student

student weekly or twice a month, usually during lunch.

Mentors help kids with their social and emotional development as well as supporting classroom academic gains.

Most students' school involvement and attendance improve with mentoring.



Past President Robin Wikle heads the club's mentoring efforts. Over the years many of the club's members have mentored 100s of young people.



Sign me Up to Mentor 06/09/2022

Rotary Club of Tarpon Springs

Robin Wikle

Sign me up, Scotty. Mentors can change lives

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Sharon had a mentor and "even to this day I look up to my mentor," she says. "That's why I wanted to become a mentor myself."

RCTS president judged best in District 6950



District 6950 caught Pres. Tekoa Bean completely off guard at the District Awards Banquet June 3. Husband and PDG Perry Bean was asked to be the keynote speaker to assure their attendance. Pres. Tekoa was recognized for the inordinate success the club has enjoyed in this her year of leadership.



Joy is apparent as President Tekoa learns she has been named President of the Year for large clubs by District 6950

PE recounts Houston

Fourth RI convention a success

By Sue Carson, President Elect

The Rotary Convention I just attended in Houston Texas a few weeks ago was actually my 4th Rotary International Convention.

For me to even think about describing these Rotary gatherings brings tears to my eyes. You are attending an event that draws people from around the world with different types of clothing and the different languages, but the one thing we all had in common was our desire to **do good** in the world and to **be the good** in the world. Towards the beginning of the each International Conference they do a flag ceremony and display the flag from each country and show the location of that country on a world map.

Did you know that Rotary has more countries in it than the United Nations! During the flag ceremony at this past convention in Houston, when the flag of Ukraine was displayed the whole convention stopped and there was uproar of applause and support for that country.

There were even a few Rotarians from Ukraine attending. We later heard a talk at the General Assembly from a physician from Ukraine talking about how Rotary has helped her country thru the Rotary Foundation with Rotary Grants.

I hope everyone will have the opportunity to attend and participate in a Rotary International Convention and walk the aisles of the Hall of Friendship meeting new Rotarian friends from around the world.

Surprise, new Paul Harris awards announced



PEN Donna Pentrack, Rtn. Harry Malamatos and Rtn. Mark Sofia beam as they are recognized as the club's newest Paul Harris Fellows. All are active in club and community activities as well as supporting the Rotary Foundation/

Chamber names club "Non-Profit of the Year" at annual banquet

Each year the Chamber recognizes businesses that are active members of the community and proud of what they have achieved in their business, as well as what they have contributed to the community as a whole.

The Chamber awards Small, Medium, and Large Business of the Year and Non profit of the Year.

The criteria are:

- Mission and stability of the business & business
- practices
- Innovation of product or services offered.
- Active member of the Tarpon Springs community

- leadership role of owner and/or staff in civic activities.
 - Gives generously of themselves and/or staff in time and
 - resources to the Tarpon Springs community and/or
 - Chamber
- The following non-profits in alpha order were the nominees:

Rotary Club of Tarpon Springs – Tekoa Bean is the best non-profit for the year.

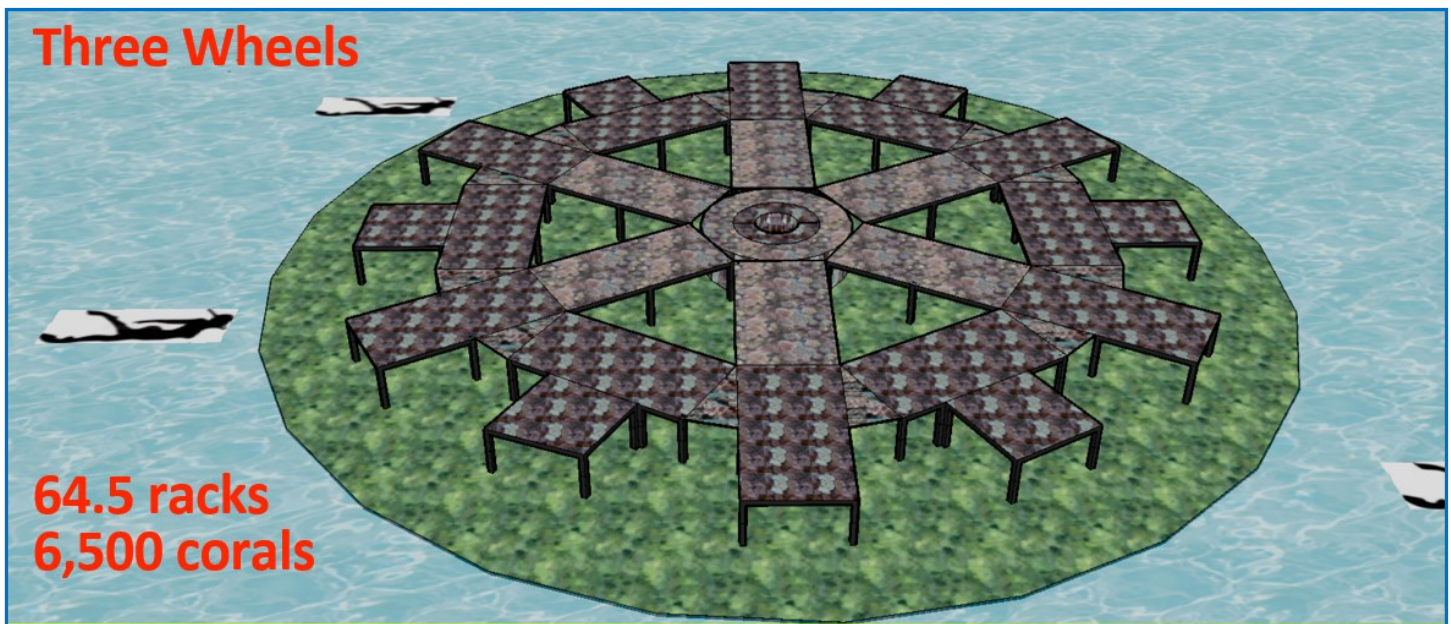
"Thank you for everything you do for our Community," said Chamber president Jean Hungville. "You are an amazing organization."



Pres. Tekoa accepts club of the year award from Chamber president at Chamber banquet

District Grant Wrap up

Reefs get club attention in Bali restoration effort



TOP: Plan envisions more than 6,000 coral in racks embedded in sea floor
ABOVE: Volunteers learn how to set coral in reef beds to end bleaching
ABOVE RIGHT: Rotary clubs asked to lead in coral restoration in Indonesia.

Understanding the problem and finding solutions

- "Knowing is the key to caring, and with caring there is hope that people will be motivated to take positive *actions*".
 Sylvia Earle



Seeking International Rotary Club partners to participate with Rotary Clubs of Indonesia for this Global Grant.

The Rotary area of focus is the Environment. Reefs are on the decline due to many issues, part of the solution is education and training to raise awareness.

Demonstration and hands on training on how to garden and propagate hard and soft corals, make coral racks, clean corals and manage coral pests.

Partnering with Ocean Gardener who has over 20 years experience in farming and propagating corals and reef restoration. They want to identify villages in Indonesia that want to do reef restoration and evaluate the area to identify need and best practices.

This will be a several year project.

District grant pegged at \$72K

64.5 racks/6,500 corals installed	\$58,050.00
Educational materials.....	\$5,540.00
Training center (mask, snorkel, fins, goggles, gloves, tent, rash guards	\$3,020.00
Monitoring cost (underwater cameras).....	\$3,208.00
Misc (ceremonies, buckets, underwater drill	\$2,880.00
Total estimated cost	\$72,698.00

Polio fight continue, end appears within reach

PolioPlus For more than 30 years, Rotary and our partners have driven the effort to eradicate polio worldwide. Our PolioPlus program was the first initiative to tackle global polio eradication by vaccinating children on a massive scale.

As a core partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Rotary focuses on advocacy, fundraising, volunteer recruitment, and awareness-building. Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease.

Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort. Polio Today When Rotary and its partners formed the GPEI in 1988, there were 350,000 cases of polio in 125 countries every year. Today, we have reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent, and just two countries continue to report cases of wild poliovirus: Afghanistan and Pakistan. Because of the efforts of Rotary and its partners, nearly 19 million people who would otherwise have been paralyzed are walking, and more than 1.5 million people are alive who would otherwise have died.

The infrastructure we helped build to end polio is also being used to treat and prevent other diseases (including COVID-19) and create lasting impact in other areas of public health. Challenges Rotary and our partners have made tremendous progress against polio, but eliminating all cases is going to take even more progress and perseverance.

Afghanistan and Pakistan face unique challenges, including political insecurity, highly mobile populations, difficult terrain, and, in some instances, vaccine refusal and misinformation. With sufficient resources, the commitment of national governments, and innovations that improve access to remote areas, we are optimistic that we can eliminate polio.

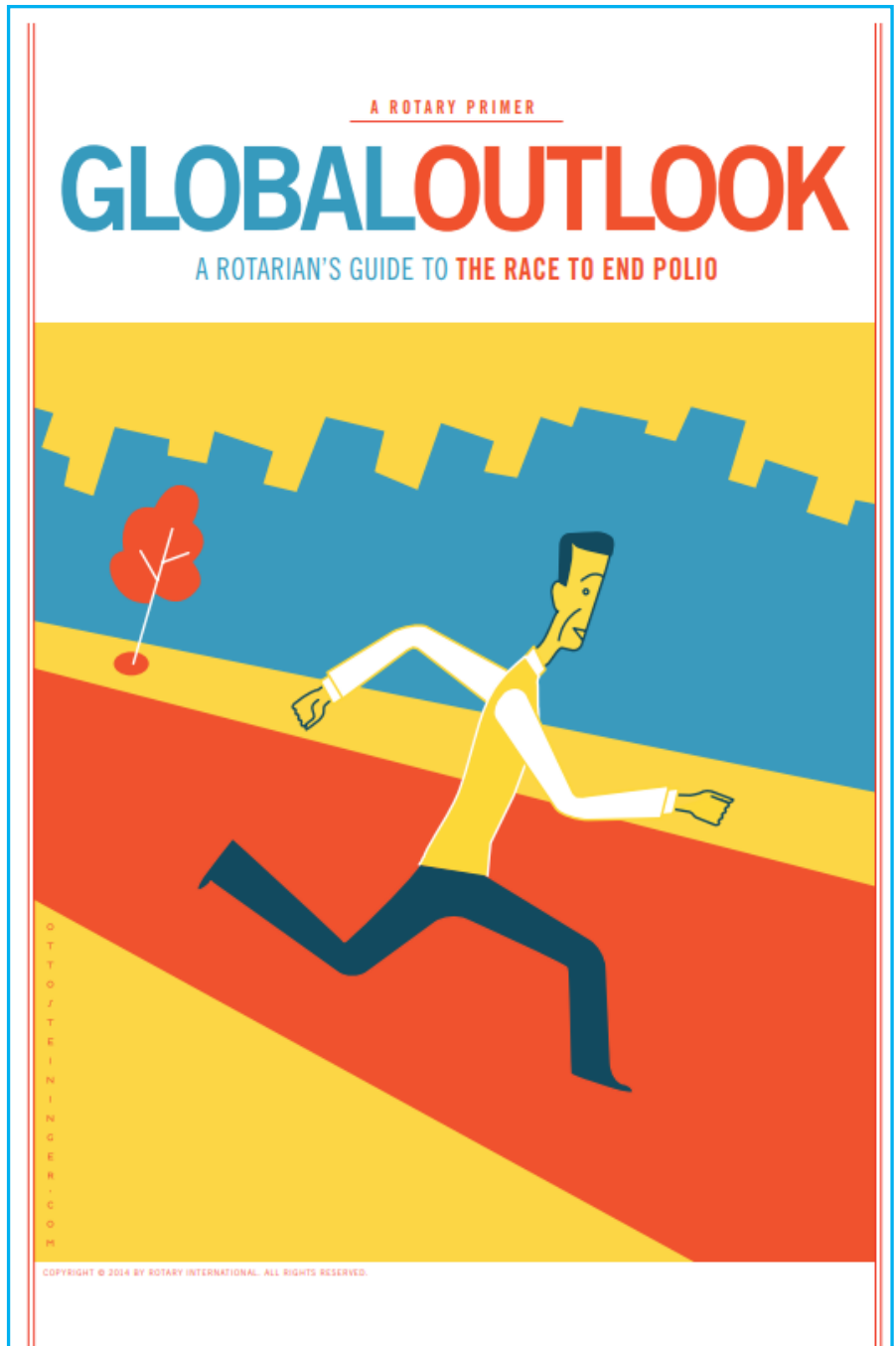
Ensuring Success Rotary has committed to raising \$50 million per year for polio eradication. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has pledged to match that 2-to-1, for a total commitment of \$150 million each year.

These funds provide much-needed operational support, medical workers, laboratory equipment, and educational materials. Governments, corporations, and private donors all play a crucial role in funding.

Rotary in Action More than 1 million Rotary members have donated their time and money to eradicate polio, and every year, hundreds of member's work with health workers to vaccinate children in countries affected by polio. Rotary members work with UNICEF and other partners to prepare and distribute informational materials for people in areas that are isolated by conflict, geography, or poverty.

They also mobilize to recruit fellow volunteers, assist in transporting the vaccine, and provide other logistical support. Celebrity Support Rotary has a growing list of public figures and celebrities who support our fight against polio, including

- Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- actresses Kristen Bell and Archie Panjabi
- actor and wrestling superstar John Cena
- supermodel Isabeli Fontana



- Nobel Peace Prize laureate Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu
- action-movie star Jackie Chan
- actor Donald Sutherland
- boxing great Manny Pacquiao
- pop star Psy
- golf legend Jack Nicklaus
- conservationist Jane Goodall
- premier violinist Itzhak Perlman
- Grammy Award winners A.R. Rahman, Angélique Kidjo and Ziggy Marley
- and peace advocate Queen Noor of Jordan.