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**Last Week at Rotary... May 11th:** Offsite meeting where we traveled to the historic and culturally innovative Anderson Center for Interdisciplinary Arts

**This Week at Rotary... May 18th:** Could it be our own favorite Rotarian Jerry Borgen???

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

May 18: Rotary Board Meeting 7:30am Caribou

May 25: Fred Fellowship will visit from Nova Scotia to speak on a variety of club issues

June 1: CHARTER NIGHT BANQUET--NO NOON MEETING



## **Interact Happenings...**

Interact is helping host the Year End Dance, May 28th at the High School. Rotary volunteers welcomed to help chaperone the event. Contact Dave Borgen at Community Rec.

We are still looking for an in-school advisor for Interact for next year.

RWHS Interact donated \$300 from our Interact funds for the Haiti Shelter Box project as part of the Sleep Out For Hope April 23.

Rotary International voted to allow Interact members to join at age

12. Previous youngest age to join was 14.

## **Elected Interact officers for next school year...**

**President Hayden Swanson...** Run and organize regular and board meetings. Assign duties for projects

**Vice-President Jessica Banitt...** Membership chairperson. Stand in for President when they can't make it

**Secretary Treasurer Kirsten Anderson...** Take attendance and notes at meetings. Make sure members are contacted about Interact events. Manage Interact funds and make sure of distribution.

Make sure we have good contact mechanisms for all Interactors.

**Club Service: Need person...** Assist with club operations. Fill in for Secretary. Club Public Relations. Manage relations with Rotary Club and lunches with them. Help determine Club fundraiser.

**International Service Ben Tittle...** Help determine our International Service Project and manage the project. Get exchange students involved in our club.

**School Service Tanner Borgen...** Help determine our School Service Project. Develop good relations with school administration to make them aware of what we are doing.

**Community Service Isaac Sevlie...** Help determine this year's Community Service Project. Look for opportunities for community service including working with Rotary Club and their community service projects.



Former South African President Nelson Mandela, in his 1996 address at the Organization for African Unity Summit, formally kicked off the “Kick Polio Out of Africa” campaign. “We are calling on the continent's football players to bring their enormous influence to this campaign,” Mandela said. “Only unified efforts which galvanize whole societies towards these goals will succeed in kicking this virus, that looks so much like a football, out of Africa and eventually, out of the world.”

Your support of the “Kick Polio Out of Africa” campaign will help support the effort to end polio forever. Signatures gathered online will be presented to the leadership of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners as a show of global support for the campaign. All donations will help Rotary raise \$200 million to match \$355 million in challenge grants received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The resulting \$555 million supports immunization campaigns in countries where polio continues to infect and paralyze children.

As long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, children everywhere remain at risk. By donating now, you can help Rotary achieve a polio-free world. For as little as US\$0.60 worth of vaccine, a child can be protected against polio for life.

This year the World Cup will be played in South Africa. Since there have been huge positive developments in Africa in the fight against polio this year, especially in northern Nigeria (down from 188 cases last year at this time to only 2 cases this year), Rotary International is sponsoring a big "Kick Polio Out of Africa" campaign, with a soccer ball being symbolically sent around the continent, so that national and international leaders and health care officials can sign the ball and commit themselves to finishing this important job. Some international soccer stars are already supporting this effort.

A virtual ball has now been created for those of us who cannot afford to fly to Africa to sign the ball or to await its arrival at the World Cup in Cape Town, South Africa. I've been on and signed it and encourage all of you to do the same and have your club members get on and take a look and sign the ball.

[www.kickpoliooutofafrica.org](http://www.kickpoliooutofafrica.org)

You can also look at the special website for "Kick Polio Out of Africa" and there's a soccer game video clip. The players are all polio survivors from northern Nigeria and the level of athleticism is impressive. The players have to use their hands, since their legs were affected by polio, but it's a bit like a wheelchair basketball game, where the players have incredible skills and determination and have a very competitive match, all to music.

As the Rotary year nears its end, we appreciate that many of your clubs have already fulfilled your pledges to PolioPlus to help meet the terms of the Gates Challenge. This is a chance to see how Rotary and the WHO and UNICEF and the US Centers for Disease Control and national governments across the continent are working together to finish the job, and to have some fun along the way.

Thanks for all you continue to do!  
Sincerely,

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