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Cast and Crew Today

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| Invocation | Judy Iriye |
| Presiding | Jack Gregory |
| Speaker Introductions | Len Lanzi |
| Speaker | Miles Pritchard |
| Song/Pledge Leader: | Pat Bofird / Carol Jackson |

Jim Dyer announces our Lineup for next year:

THE SM ROTARY TRIBE HAS SPOKEN!!

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Dr. Frank Lavac (Pres. Elect)
updated us on the successful Red Kettle Day.

Sally Pai updated us with the Treasurer's Report.

Tax Free Day!!



Len Lanzi (Chair of CRaFt TALK Committee)
Introduced our speaker today,

Miles Pritchard entertained us with his life stories and philosophies.



Bill Gates meets with business leaders in India

By Dan Nixon

Rotary International News -- 22 December 2008



At top; Bill Gates Jr. meets with Harshad R. Mehta. Middle; Rajashree Birla welcomes Gates to a meeting with Rotarian business leaders in New Delhi, with Past RI President Rajendra K. Saboo seated at left. Bottom; Gates with Rajnikant D. and Sandra Shroff. Photos courtesy of the India PolioPlus Committee



A shared desire to protect the world's children from the ravages of polio brought Bill Gates Jr. and Rotarian business leaders together in New Delhi on 5 November. The meeting resulted in three major commitments to help fund Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge.

"The worth of a person is measured not by what he possesses but what he gives," said Past RI President Rajendra K. Saboo in introducing Gates at the event, hosted by the India PolioPlus Committee and Rajashree Birla, a member of The Rotary Foundation's Arch C. Klumph Society. "The Gates family has proven this by committing their resources through the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation toward global development and improving public health worldwide."



Gates spoke about his visit to India, where he observed polio surveillance, immunization, and outbreak response activities and met with health officials and experts to learn firsthand about the country's progress in ending the disease.

"The commitment from everyone involved is impressive, especially Rotary International, which has launched their worldwide program,"

said Gates, cochair of the Gates Foundation. "I am more than glad to be among you and share our vision of a polio-free world."

Birla, an honorary member of the Rotary clubs of Bombay and Mulund, Maharashtra, expressed her hope that India's business leaders would emulate Gates and help support polio eradication through their companies' social responsibility programs.

"We strongly believe that business and industry is uniquely positioned to contribute significantly towards polio eradication not only in India but across the world," said Birla, who pledged \$1 million to Rotary's challenge earlier this year. Then she added, "We in the Aditya Birla Group are pleased to commit an additional \$1 million today."

Additional pledges

Harshad R. Mehta, a member of the Rotary Club of Bombay Metropolitan, committed to giving \$2 million to Rotary's challenge last December. He stepped forward at the New Delhi meeting to pledge an additional \$1.5 million.

"On being advised that additional funds would be required for polio eradication and seeing the commitment and resolve of the Gates family, I was duly enthused to increase my commitment," Mehta said. "It is a good investment in the future of the children of the world. I would appeal to all Rotarians and like-minded friends to improve on their commitment and support of The Rotary Foundation's effort for polio eradication."

In addition, Rajnikant D. Shroff and his wife, Sandra, both members of the Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat, committed \$250,000 to the challenge. "Looking at the problem of polio in India, I feel whatever we have done is a very small contribution," Shroff said of the pledge. "I am confident that if everybody decides to contribute in a small way, we will be able to make India polio-free and eradicate this disease from the world."

Gates Foundation Cochair William Gates Sr. and his daughters, Kristi Blake and Libby Armintrout, also attended the meeting. Other Rotary leaders present included India PolioPlus Committee Chair Deepak Kapur and past RI directors Sudarshan Agarwal, Kalyan Banerjee, Sushil Gupta, and O.P. Vaish.

"Rotary is one of the finest organizations on earth, with an army of thousands and thousands of dedicated and committed Rotarians, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is honored to support their fight against polio," Gates Sr. said.

Ongoing Announcements:

Bridge To Somewhere! Any bridge players interested in an evening of cards, conversation, and cocktails, please call Harris Levey (310) 822-9067.

Reminder for committee chairs and other interested parties: When you want Savi to broadcast an e-mail about a club event, please prepare the notice for distribution before sending it in. This means if you want smiley faces or wine bottles in a fancy lay out, it must be received ready for e-mail. - The Management.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Calendar of Events

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| December 26th | Christmas | DARK |
| January 2nd | New Year's | DARK |
| January 9th | Susan Valot | GSE Experience |

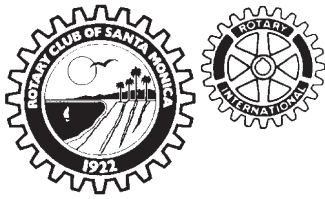
District Events

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| January 5th | District Breakfast | Westin LAX |
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Thought for the day:

There are three stages in a man's life. He believes in Santa Claus. He doesn't believe in Santa Claus. He is Santa Claus. - Author Unknown

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LOCAL MAKEUP OPPORTUNITIES

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| MONDAY: | Beverly Hills | 12:15 p.m. | Beverly Hills Hotel | 9641 West Sunset Blvd. |
| TUESDAY: | Brentwood (Los Angeles) | 12:15 p.m. | Chez Mimi | 246 26th Street |
| | Playa Sunrize | 7:15 a.m. | Courtyard by Marriott Hotel | 13480 Maxella Ave., MDR |
| WEDNESDAY: | Century City | 12:00 p.m. | La Cchette | 10506 Santa Monica Blvd. |
| | Malibu | 7:30 a.m. | Pepperdine University | 24255 Pacific Coast Hwy |
| | Culver City | 12:15 p.m. | Radison Hotel | 6161 W. Centinela Avenue |
| THURSDAY: | Pacific Palisades | 7:15 a.m. | Gladstone's Restaurant | PCH & Sunset |
| | Venice Marina | 12:15 p.m. | Organic Panificio | 4211 Admiralty Way, MDR |
| | Westwood Village | 12:00 p.m. | UCLA Faculty Center | 480 Charles Young Dr. (UCLA Campus) |

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