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District Governor's Message

February is World Understanding Month

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Dear Rotarians,

The month of February is World Understanding Month for Rotarians throughout the planet. Even though we do this throughout the Rotary year, it is a time for us to emphasize the importance of focusing on goodwill and understanding in the world. It is a time to not only think about polio eradication but also about the numerous projects that Rotarians have worked on for many years.

As you know, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has once again stepped up to the plate and has donated an additional \$255 million dollars to Rotary to assist in our ongoing efforts to eradicate the horrible disease of polio. This contribution will, without doubt, do much to make our world polio-free.

The World Health Organization has said that they will continue to partner with us and will place their full operational power into the job of finishing polio eradication. This is the same power that eradicated smallpox. This is the power that stopped SARS, the first new severe disease of the 21st. century, dead in its tracks within four months.

The Gates Foundation grant represent a tremendous validation of the approach and success of our PolioPlus program. Funds from the grant will be distributed by the Rotary Foundation to the most critical polio-affected countries-- Nigeria, India, Pakistan and Afghanistan--through grants to the World Health Organization and UNICEF in direct support of polio immunization activities.

Without question, this wonderful and extremely generous grant from the Gates Foundation, creates additional work and responsibilities for Rotarians throughout the world. We must continue to raise money through a variety of projects in our communities for the next several years. I know that we can do it and I am beginning to feel the excitement of a polio free world!!

Tom

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Save the Date! 2009 District Conference, May 1-3, 2009, Hotel Mead, Wisconsin Rapids. Make your Hotel Reservations Now! Call 1-800-843-6323 and mention Rotary.

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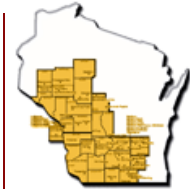
2009 Training Calendar Set - Registration Open for President Elect Training

District Governor Elect Dean Dickinson has announced the following training dates for District 6250 leadership:

District Leadership Training is set for February 21, 2009. This training session is for all District Committee Chairs and all Assistant District Governors who will begin their term of service beginning 1 July 2010. [Click here to learn more or register for District Leadership Training](#)

PETS, President Elect Training, is set for March 20-21, 2009. PETS training is **required** for all club presidents elect and is intended to prepare incoming presidents to lead their clubs in 2009-2010. [Click here to learn more or register for President Elect Training.](#)

District Assembly is set for April 18, 2009. Club Presidents Elect and their club leadership gather for training sessions intended to assist them in effective club leadership. This year special training modules have been prepared for club secretaries and treasurers. These sessions will be presented by



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Did You Know?

You can view the full District 6250 Calendar on the district website! [Click here to view the calendar.](#)