



President Angelo Loumbas and the Board of Directors
of the Rotary Club of Chicago
invite you to join them in a celebration of Rotary's contribution to eradicate Polio.

February 23, 2010

Hyatt Regency, Crystal Ballroom
151 East Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL

The Crystal Ballroom is the only ballroom in Chicago at street level, providing for spectacular views of the city lights and downtown landmarks. Rotary International will Light Up the Wrigley Building with END POLIO NOW!

5:30 Reception, music provided by the Great Lakes Navy Band

6:00 Lighting Ceremony & Press Conference

7:00 International Buffet Dinner

7:45 Program

Dr. Ciro de Quadros, Executive Vice President, Sabin Vaccine Institute will be honored for his contribution to the eradication of Polio in the Americas.

Reverend Jesse Jackson, Sr., RainbowPUSH Coalition.

Glenn Estess, Chairman of The Rotary Foundation.

Dr. James Czerwionka, Governor, Rotary International District 6450.

William J. Ferreira, Governor, Rotary International District 6440

Joseph Kagle, Chairman of Rotary Global History Fellowship 2007-2010.

February 23rd marks the 105th Anniversary of the founding of Rotary and ROTARY/One,
the 100th Anniversary of Rotary International
and 25th Year of Rotary's work to eradicate Polio.

Join the Celebration!



All proceeds from the evening go to The Rotary Foundation END POLIO NOW Challenge Campaign to match a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation with the hope of eradicating polio worldwide.

105th Anniversary of Rotary

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A favor of a reply is requested before February 20.

\$105.00 per person for reception, dinner, two beverage tickets and entertainment

\$1500 per table of ten, includes a \$500 donation

Join the campaign: 100 for \$100 to END POLIO NOW

I (We) will attend

_____ Name

_____ Name

\$105 per person

Please enroll me in the 100 for \$100 End Polio Now Fund

Check enclosed for: \$ _____

Please make checks out to ROTARY/One Foundation

Online registration is available at www.rotaryone.org or by calling 312-372-3900

Note for Rotarians and Rotary Clubs. The Rotary Club of Chicago will submit your club name to The Rotary Foundation so that your member, club and district receive the appropriate Foundation recognition on all donations.

Sponsor:

I (We) would like to be an End Polio Now Sponsor at the 105th Anniversary Celebration of Rotary

Gold: \$1500 for a table of ten, includes a \$500 donation; mentioned in evening program

Silver: \$2500, also includes special seating and a banner in the ballroom

Platinum: \$5000, in addition to above, participate in the program, printed on all materials, ROTARY/One website recognition

Company/Organization: _____

Primary Contact: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Attendance Roster:

_____ Name _____ Name

_____ Name _____ Name

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Amount Enclosed: \$ _____



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Rotary - 105th Anniversary

THE 105TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROTARY & THE ROTARY CLUB OF CHICAGO

On 23 February 2010, the Rotary Club of Chicago is celebrating its 105th birthday - the birthday of the world's first Rotary Club. We do so by honoring all of Rotary and the movement's tremendous contribution of service.

It all started with a simple idea - fellowship: invite some fellow business people to lunch.



The first four Rotarians: (*from left*) Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram Shorey, and Paul P. Harris met in Room 711 of the Unity Building (on Block 37). They rotated their weekly meetings - hence the name Rotary. These first Rotarians built the four avenues of service: Fellowship, vocational service, community service and world community service. The world's first service club was born on 23 February 1905. The first community service projects of the Rotary Club of Chicago were to build the first public latrine in Chicago and to provide a local doctor a

horse, so he could deliver his services to the community.

On 23 February 2010, The Rotary Club of Chicago is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of Rotary International. In 1910 Rotary Clubs had been formed in many cities and countries and Paul Harris asked Rotary Club secretary Chesley Perry to form an international association and become its first General Secretary. This international association was the precursor to Rotary International which was legally created in 1922. The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International was founded as an endowment in 1912 "to do good in the world" The first grant made by The Rotary Foundation was in 1938 to the Crippled Children's Society (Easter Seals) for their work in support of polio victims.

On 23 February 2010, The Rotary Club of Chicago is celebrating the global campaign to eradicate polio - END POLIO NOW! Since the first national immunization campaign was launched in the Philippines in 1979, and the World Health Organization agreed to eradicate polio in 1988, some tremendous accomplishments have been achieved.

- More than 2 billion children have been immunized against polio
- Polio cases worldwide have dropped from 350,000 per year to fewer than 2,000 in 2008
- There are only four polio endemic countries left: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan
- Rotary Clubs around the world are raising more than \$ 1 billion towards the global campaign
- The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation have donated \$355 million to Rotary International in support of PolioPlus.
- More than 500,000 children are playing and running today, who otherwise would have been paralyzed.
- a child can be protected against polio for less than \$0.60 worth of vaccine
- Since 1988, more than 5 million children have been saved from the ravages of polio.
- The partnership between Rotary International, The World Health Organization, UNICEF, and US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and national governments, demonstrates what can be achieved when the world decides to work together.

On 23 February 2010, The Rotary Club of Chicago will celebrate to END POLIO NOW! On behalf of the 33,000 Rotary Clubs and 1.2 million members, the world's first Rotary Club will shine its light on the Wrigley Building - To END POLIO NOW!

From its first service project, building a public latrine in downtown Chicago to the global campaign to eradicate polio, Rotary Clubs have changed the world in so many ways by providing service above self. This anniversary, let's celebrate the tremendous accomplishments of Rotary, by helping to END POLIO NOW!

The last case of wild polio in the United States was in 1979, in Chicago, Illinois. Prior to that poliomyelitis was a dreaded disease that spread fear and caused untold misery through paralysis, and death. Many of us can still remember the polio summers, when we were not allowed to go to public swimming pools or to air conditioned theaters for fear of catching polio. In 1985, 30 years after Jonas Salk created the first polio vaccine; over 350,000 people were affected by polio per year.

Since 1988, when the World Health Organization joined Rotary's commitment to end polio by eradication, the numbers of cases have fallen by 99%, to only 1,579 cases in 2009. The four polio endemic countries, Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan are now the focus of a major global effort, especially with a new tool, a bivalent vaccine against both polio virus types 1 and 3.

We are so close to achieving a major global health victory and Rotary is the conscience behind this global campaign. WHO has determined that eradication is close and that the costs are well worth the effort. We have to maintain our enthusiasm and keep the world on track, especially as there are so many other issues facing the global community. The world will save over \$260 billion per year, plus untold costs in caring for paralyzed victims, once this virus is eradicated. These benefits will accrue forever, and these funds can be used to fight other diseases or problems in the future.

Please join in the global celebration of Rotary Clubs around the world on February 23, 2010, by celebrating to End Polio Now!



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