

Celebrating
50 YEARS

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ROTARY CLUB OF HINSDALE

Service Above Self
We Profit Most Who Serve Best



March 12, 2010

Today...

School District 181 Foundation and Rita DuChateau.

Next Meeting...

RML Hospital.

Last Week...

Youth Merit Awards.

Upcoming Events...

March 20th- Wellness House turns 20. Brunch served from 10am to 12pm.

March 24th- EarlyAct at HMS. We will help the students with the "Feed the Children Worldwide" program.

April 10th- "Around The World with Rotary", the annual District fundraiser auction, with food, open bar, raffles, and auction. Auction items are needed. Contact Chris Gerrib 630-434-5075. The event will be held at Ashton Place in Willowbrook.

April 29-May 2nd- District Conference at The Marriott Lincolnshire. Go to the District web site for details at www.rotary6450.org

Pet Walk, June 6th...

This is somewhat premature, but so far we have several volunteers signed up to work the hot dog tent for the annual pet walk in June. Volunteers include Jerry Cierniak, Charlie Hartley, Bob Kramer, Virgil Oostendorp, and Pam Voss

Wellness House Turns 20...

Let's join them in celebrating over brunch, honoring all volunteers who have helped make their important milestone possible. Saturday, March 20th, 10am to 12pm at Wellness House. Please RSVP to 630-323-5150 or reunions@wellnesshouse.org.

Indoor Racing Returns...

Melrose Park Indoor Grand Prix, 2100 N. 15th Ave., Melrose Park www.mpgrandprix.com. Meet at Gary Peart's Hinsdale office located at 701 N. York Road (just south of shell station at SE corner of York & Ogden Ave. intersection). Saturday, March 20th. Race at 11:00 am Sharp!

Fee: Free to the 1st 20 Hinsdale Rotarians who pre-register with Michael James! You can also park in Gateway Square shopping center and walk over. Wear lightweight clothing - no open shoes. You need to contact Michael James by e-mail mjames5918@comcast.net or cell: 815-641-3460

Ending Polio Progress...

As of February 28, Rotarians have raised approximately \$114.5 million for the \$200 Million Challenge. These contributions will help Rotary raise \$200 million to match \$355 million in challenge grants received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The resulting \$555 million will directly support immunization campaigns in developing countries, where polio continues to infect and paralyze children, robbing them of their futures and compounding the hardships faced by their families.

What exactly is Polio?

- A crippling and potentially fatal infectious disease, polio (poliomyelitis) still strikes children mainly under the age of five in countries in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East.

- Polio can cause paralysis and sometimes death. Because there is no cure for polio, the best protection is prevention. For as little as 60¢ worth of vaccine, a child can be protected against this crippling disease for life.

- It can cause paralysis within hours,



Youth Merit Award winners for March are pictured Front Row (L to R), Chelsea Celistan from Hinsdale Central High School, and Jenna Blodgett from Clarendon Hills Middle School. Back Row (L to R) Laura Nelson, Bowen Ng and Mary Goers. all from Clarendon Hills Middle School.

and polio paralysis is almost always irreversible.

- In the most severe cases, polio attacks the motor neurons of the brain stem, causing breathing difficulty or even death.
- Historically, polio has been the world's greatest cause of disability.

If polio isn't eradicated, the world will continue to live under the threat of the disease. More than 10 million children will be paralyzed in the next 40 years if the world fails to capitalize on its US\$5 billion global investment in eradication.

Greeters

Today; Sue Smallwood & Carolyn Snyder.

March 19th; Chuck Snyder & Steve Stricker.

March 26th; Brad Summers & Jacqueline Vasan.

The Rotary Club Of Hinsdale

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