

# Whitnall Park Rotary Club

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## IN FOCUS

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### CLUB EVENTS

Feb 23 Breitbach : Turner Hall, Pabst & Riverside-Theaters (Gary Witt)

Mar 2 Amadi-Emina classification

Mar 9 Bieganski

Mar 13 Craft Fair

Mar 16 Bohl : Dr. Ellen Censky (Dead Sea scrolls @ Public Museum)

Mar 19-20 PETS in Manitowoc

Mar 21 tentative date Dead Sea Scrolls

Mar 23 Gustitus classification

Mar 30 Clark

Apr 6 Dantine

Apr 13 Delke

Apr 20 Eckl

Apr 24 District Spring Assembly

Apr 27 Feinstein

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## Nigeria hits new high notes against polio

For over four decades, folklorist Dan Maraya Jos has stirred the hearts of Nigerians with songs on a range of social issues. He has written more than 1,000 songs and released 150 records, using his musical talent to promote Operation Feed the Nation, the Universal Primary Education program, and other national initiatives.

In January, Dan Maraya was named Rotary's ambassador for polio eradication in Nigeria. "[He] no doubt has become a living legend with his lyrics and kind of music, which has gained acceptance amongst the low and mighty, in the towns, and even in the remotest rural areas," says Nigeria PolioPlus Committee Chair Busuyi Onabolu.

A custodian of Hausa culture and tradition, Dan Maraya has also performed in several countries in Africa, Europe, and Latin America, as well as in the United States. His long list of awards includes Nigeria's Federal Republic Medal and the Order of the Niger.

Dan Maraya has recorded three radio public service announcements (PSAs) in a regional version of Rotary International's "We Are This Close to Ending Polio" campaign. The PSAs are aimed at listeners who speak the Hausa language.

"President Yar'Adua is calling, the Sultan of Sokoto is calling, traditional and religious leaders are calling, and Rotary International is calling all families to take children under five years for polio immunization," he says in one of the PSAs.

Such social mobilization efforts helped vaccination teams reach more than 40 million children during Nigeria's Immunization Plus Days, held from 30 January to 2 February. For the first time in Nigeria, the new bivalent oral polio vaccine was used to target the two types of wild poliovirus remaining in the country: types 1 and 3. In Nigeria dropped by more than 50 percent, compared with 2008. Only 13 cases have been reported since August.

"What this means in very simple terms is that we are now reaching more children," says Onabolu. "And Rotary International, as catalyst for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, is determined to support every effort at mobilizing the citizenry toward ensuring every child is immunized."

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- \*Brat stands—
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- \*Football raffle — *Johnson*

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**Changing of the Guard**

**Directory** *Riebs*

**Essay contest** *Thompson*

**Family of Rotary events**

**Holiday Party** *Clark*

**Internet officer** *Lohsen*

**Mentor** *J. Williams*

**Newsletter** *Delke*

**Programs** *Frenn*

**Publicity**

**Sergeant at Arms** *Helminski*

**Sunshine** *Wilcox*

**Webmaster** *Lohsen*

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**Roadside clean-up** *Breitbach*

**Truth House party** *Bieganski*

**Toys for Sojourner Truth House**  
*Bieganski*

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**World Affairs Seminar**

**GSE** *Delke*

**VOCATIONAL SERVICE** Al Johnson

**“Choices”** *Wilcox*

**Scholarships**

**School liaisons**

Greendale - Hollman

Greenfield - J. Weiss

Martin Luther - Myers

Muskego - Thompson

Whitnall - Johnson

# CLUB NEWS

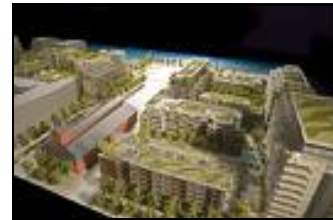


**HAPPY BIRTHDAY :** Clark & T. Weiss (March 30). Movroydis (April 3), Thompson (April 11), Hollman (April 12). Johnson (May 1), J. & M, Williams (May 11). Bohl (Jul 20), Frenn (Jul 25). Lohsen (Aug. 2), Feinstein (Aug. 15), Wilcox (Aug. 30). Myers (Sep. 1), Delke (Sep. 4), Dantine (Sep. 11), Weiss (Sep. 17). Kaiser (Oct. 2) , Bieganski (Oct. 10), Lemmenes (Oct. 15), Helminski & Thorsen (Oct. 18), Riebs (Oct. 21), Eckl (Oct. 25). Bennett (Nov. 8), Breitbach (Nov. 10), Nolan (Nov. 22)., Oberling (Nov. 26). Derr (Jan. 30).

**BOARD MEETINGS:** 7:30 am. at Nolan Accounting on the second Thursday of the month.

**ROTARY MAGAZINES:**

Give old issues to Breitbach.



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Attendance July 1, 2009— February 16, 2010

Bennett, Bieganski, Clark, Delke, Feinstein, Frenn, Helminski,  
Hollman, Kaiser, Lemmenes, Myers, Nolan.

If you have questions about this record,  
contact Secretary Terri Delke.

**District 6270 Milwaukee Area Club Meeting  
Locations & Times**

Monday

**Port Washington** : Nisleit's Country Inn, noon  
**Waukesha** : Frame Park—Rotary Bldg., 12:10 p.m.  
**Milwaukee Northshore** : Four Points by Sheraton  
(Brown Deer) 12:15 p.m.

Tuesday

**Waukesha Sunrise** : Country Springs Hotel, 7:15  
a.m.  
**West Bend Sunrise** : Top of the Ridge Restaurant  
7:15 a.m.  
**Brookfield** : Western Racquet Club, noon  
**Milwaukee** : War Memorial Center, noon  
**Thiensville-Mequon** : Ozaukee Country Club, noon  
**Whitnall Park** : Klemmer's, noon  
**Amigos de Milwaukee**: Quimera Cocina Bo-  
ricura, 5:45 p.m.

Wednesday

**Milwaukee Sunrise** : The Milwaukee Club, 7:00  
a.m.  
**Pewaukee** : Machine Shed Restaurant, 7:00 a.m.  
**Menomonee Falls** : North Hills Country Club, noon  
**Mitchell Field** : Mitchell Field Terminal, noon  
**New Berlin** : New Berlin Hills Clubhouse, noon  
**Wauwatosa** : Mayfair Mall, Lower Level, noon

Thursday

**Wauwatosa Mayfair** : Radisson Mayfair Inn, 7:00  
a.m.  
**Milwaukee North Sunrise** : Anchorage, 7:30 a.m.  
**West Allis** : Knights of Columbus West Allis, noon  
**Cedarburg-Grafton** : Galioto's Grille, 12:15 p.m.

Friday

**Mequon-Thiensville Sunrise** : Concordia University  
(Friends of Concordia Room), 7:00 a.m.  
**Elmbrook** : Venice Club, 7:00 a.m.  
**Hartland-Lake Country** : Hartland Inn, noon

**E-club** <http://www.rotary.org/services/clubs/index.html>

**ROTARY KNOWLEDGE**

Benevolent Bennett says: The answer will be by each individual Rotarian. Please, no sharing of the answer with others. Our goal is to have every Rotarian answer the question correctly by reading the "ROTARIAN". You are on your honor. Please, don't let us down!!!

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION** : According to the February issue of the **ROTARIAN**, neglected tropical diseases affect about how many people?

**NEXT WEEK'S QUESTION** : According to the February issue of the **ROTARIAN**, where did the members of the Rotary Club of Huntingdon Cromwell take a 5-mile walk around?



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May 14-16 District Conference  
in Green Bay  
May 25 tentative baseball game  
& tailgate  
Jun 20-23 RI Convention Mont-  
real  
Dec. 4 Craft Fair



## Scaling new heights for polio

"You breathe and you breathe and you breathe. And then you take a step." That's how Finbar O'Sullivan, a member of the Rotary Club of Kelowna, British Columbia describes climbing to the summit of 23,000-foot Mount Aconcagua in Argentina, the highest peak in the Western Hemisphere. "It was physically brutal -- probably one of the hardest things I think I've ever done."

O'Sullivan, 56, was part of a team of seven climbers from Kelowna, including four Rotarians and a guide, who made the ascent in December, raising US\$48,000 for Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge. The feat was part of the Kelowna club's Peaks for Polio project to raise awareness of the disease and funds to help eradicate it.

The project's goal is to make the climb an annual fundraiser until Rotary's challenge ends on 30 June 2012. The target is to have the next 20 participants each raise \$50,000, for a combined total of \$1 million.

O'Sullivan described the last 1,000 feet of the ascent as "brutal," up a 45-degree incline full of ice and snow, buffeted by winds that felt "just like a chainsaw cutting through you."

"Climbing this mountain was extremely difficult. But it is nothing compared with the difficulties faced by a child afflicted with polio," says team member and Kelowna Rotarian Gordon Savage. He invites Rotarians to learn more about the challenge and to assemble a team to climb a mountain closer to them as a fundraiser for polio.



## Persistence pays off for North Carolina Rotary club

The fledgling club celebrated its charter, which the club received in October, during a special dinner 12 February with 28 members plus guests and district officers, and punctuated the evening by making a \$1,000 donation to The Rotary Foundation for polio eradication.

"People here are very passionate about Rotary," explains Deborah Bowen, a member of the Rotary Club of Top of the Lake-Mooresville, which sponsored the Troutman NC club. "Troutman's an old town, and there's not a lot of business. But people are very welcoming." Bowen was appointed by the district governor to help start the new club shortly after she and her husband moved their office from Mooresville to Troutman, a community of 2,100 about 10 miles north.

Six clubs already existed within a 12-mile radius of Troutman, but Bowen and a small group of residents were convinced the town would support its own club. With the help of two other Rotarians from her club, she rounded up eight prospective members, who began to meet in October 2008.

"We lined up a great public relations gal, who made up fliers" using Humanity in Motion Start with Rotary material, Bowen recalls. They also put notices on town bulletin boards and began diligently recruiting people who were well connected in the community.

After they assisted at a high school event, the school's principal became a member, and the town's other three principals followed suit. Another big break came, Bowen says, when a popular young pastor joined.

Follow-through is critical in promoting a club's growth, Bowen says. "You can't just call one time; you have to follow up."

She came up with a visual prop to encourage the provisional club members to think about membership every day of the week: flower pots to put on their desks with three sticks in them, each representing a person they had identified as a likely member. When they brought in a new member, they got a flower sticker to put on their stick.

Bowen is excited for the charter club, even though the economy has been rough on her business and community. "We may be going through some tough times for our business," she says, "but we would never give up on Rotary."

# FROM THE BOARD

## COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

At the January 2010 Board Meeting we discussed the immediate needs of the victims of the Haiti earthquakes and what our rotary club could do to help. Shelter boxes were at the top of the list and almost immediately we had the ability to send one box. After a short discussion we decided to send two boxes utilizing in part \$500 from the Community Services budget to finance a second shelter box. The board and I felt there was no more appropriate way to help as much as we can.

The rotary has received a request to once again sponsor a booth at the upcoming wine tasting event. We will again do so donating \$250, the profits of which goes to the Friends of the Hales Corners Library.

Donations are being made to the Make a Wish Foundation as well as the American Cancer Society and the Hunger Task Force. Sponsorship for Whitnall Youth Baseball will also continue this year.

At the February Board we discussed trying to coordinate better so that speakers from donation worthy causes can be presented a check on the same day they speak to our group at the weekly meeting.

In closing, as always, if any Rotarian has suggestions for community service awards, please feel free to contact me.

*Kent Bieganski*



Community Service (Bieganski)	Feb 23	Treasurer (Nolan)	Mar 2
Club Service (Breitbach)	Mar 9	Past Pres. (Hollman)	Mar 16
President Elect (Thorsen)	Mar 23	Vocational Service (Johnson)	Mar 30
International Service (Wilcox)	Apr 6	Secretary (Delke)	Apr 13
President (Frenn)	Apr 20	Community Service (Bieganski)	Apr 27
Treasurer (Nolan)	May 4	Club Service (Breitbach)	May 11
Past President (Hollman)	May 18	President Elect (Thorsen)	May 25
Vocational Service (Johnson)	Jun 1	International Service (Wilcox)	Jun 8
Secretary (Delke)	Jun 15	President (Frenn)	Jun 22

## Spring Assembly : Future of Rotary is in your hands

Rotary District 6270's Spring District Assembly, "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands" is a half day meeting to present the upcoming goals of the incoming District Governor from Rotary International. There are presentations and breakout sessions on different aspects of Rotary like Youth Exchange info, Membership, Public Relations within the clubs.

**Time/Location :** April 24, 2010 7-12 noon Hartford Middle School

### Assembly Information

All Rotary Club members are invited to attend the District Assembly. This is your opportunity to learn about the 2009-2010 Rotary Theme, "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands!".

The Assembly is designed for Rotary Club President Elects and all club members. There will be a session on Vocation Avenue of Service, and Business and Professional Ethics. Door prices, raffle drawings, refreshments, fun and fellowship.

Registration begins at 7 am. Meeting adjourns at 12 noon.

We look forward to seeing you at our next Assembly!

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## District 6270 Conference Registration - May 14-16

Online registration (and registration forms) for the 2010 District 6270 Conference are now available. (<http://www.catchtherotaryball.org/registration>). Hotel reservations for the Radisson must be made separately. Call the Radisson at (920) 494-7300 and mention the reservations are for the Rotary District Conference. The discounted rate is \$99 (including breakfast). If you try to make reservations via their toll free line or via the website, you WILL NOT get the discounted rate. The conference is scheduled for May 14-16 in Green Bay.

Activities include a private tour of Lambeau Field Stadium & Hall of Fame on Friday, speakers from the Packers' Organization and Oneida Nation, a semi-formal ball, and a tour of the second-level Lambeau Field Atrium. Go to [www.catchtherotaryball.org](http://www.catchtherotaryball.org) for updates and chances to win prizes.

