

## Uniting to ‘Kick Polio Out of Africa’

By Dan Nixon,

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In the months leading up to the FIFA World Cup in June, Rotary clubs across Africa have been gearing up for the final push to kick polio out of the continent.

On 23 February, Rotary’s 105th anniversary, a Kick Polio Out of Africa campaign launched with the symbolic kicking of a soccer ball signed by Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, a polio survivor.

The journey began in Cape Town, South Africa, one of the host cities for the 2010 World Cup. The ball will travel through 22 polio-affected countries en route to the RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada, in June. The primary sponsor of the campaign is DHL Express.

During the ball’s four-month journey, Rotary clubs in the polio-affected countries will hold soccer-related polio awareness events to mobilize public support for immunization activities. Along the way, the ball will be signed by each national PolioPlus committee chair. Follow the ball’s journey on the [Kick Polio Out of Africa blog](#). An [interactive map](#) shows African countries’ efforts to end the disease.

Synchronized immunization activities took place in 19 Central and West African countries 6-8 March, with more than 400,000 health workers and volunteers reaching over 85 million children. The initiative was made possible largely by US\$30 million in funding from Rotary International.

The synchronized immunizations were part of an ongoing response to the epidemic that spread in 2008 from polio-endemic Nigeria to neighboring countries that had been polio-free. The effort will be repeated in the same countries on 24 April.

“We at Rotary are proud to have provided the necessary funding for the March rounds, and we call on others to play their part in making Africa polio-free by providing funding necessary for more high-coverage campaigns,” says African Regional PolioPlus Committee Chair Ambroise Tshimbalanga Kasongo.

The synchronized immunization strategy has proved effective. The first wave of infected countries — Benin, Central African Republic, Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana, Niger, and Togo — stopped the outbreak in 2009. In addition, this year the number of cases in Nigeria has plummeted to just one as of 23 March, compared with 90 for the same period in 2009. However, the outbreak is still active in nine other countries.

“What this means in very simple terms is that we are now reaching more children. Ending polio in Nigeria is now more than ever before seen as realistic, clearly achievable,” says Nigeria PolioPlus Committee Chair Busuyi Onabolu. “And Rotary International, as catalyst for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, is determined to mobilize the citizenry toward ensuring that every child is immunized.”

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### PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



I am happy to report to members that we have received four District Awards although the exact nature of the award will only be known on the night of the Governor’s Banquet on the 17th April 2010. Our club could be winners, commendation or special mention. The four categories are: International Service - Project SMILE in Cambodia, Vocational Service - SINDEK, Club Bulletin, and Membership Development - inducting 4 Rotaractors as club members.

Whatever the outcome, I wish to take this opportunity to thank all our Rotarians for their support and hard work over the past ten months. The awards represent the teamwork in our club.

The past week has been a busy one especially for Rtn Ho Shi Yin and his team of trainers who have travelled far and wide to provide motivation talks to 13 schools in and around the Keningau area. A total of about 3750 students attended these talks. Tomorrow, VP K P Lu and I will be visiting SMK Keningau 2 to provide motivation talks to the school.

Other Rotary clubs have also been busy giving motivation talks in different areas throughout Sabah. I am confident that this SINDEK will be the most successful ever.

We have less than a month to our annual Charity Golf Fund Raising competition. VP K P Lu and his committee have been working hard to procure hole-in-one and other prizes. I hope all Rotarians will put in extra efforts to recruit participants so that we can raise funds for our club’s future projects.

## Happy Anniversary ...

PE Michael Tong and Nancy on 16 April  
Rtn Maureen Lind and Assan on 17 April

### Speaker Finders

14 April - Dtk Peter Lim  
21 April - K H Lim  
28 April - C P Lim

### A GUIDE TO DAILY LIVING

Before doing the things we want to do, consider first, the precept of the guide. Ask yourself these 4 questions and act upon them:

- First : Have I spent some time to self examination?
- Second : Have I spent quality time with my family?
- Third : Have I given my best to my work?
- Fourth : Have I given some time to someone near and far?

### CONTRIBUTIONS

	RM
Sunshine	44.00
Donations	
Fines, etc.	48.00

DUTY OFFICERS are expected to arrive early to ensure that everything has been prepared for the meeting, to welcome visitors and guests and collect Sunshine Fund and Fines.

**14 April**  
**PP Philip Chong**  
**Vincent Chua**

**21 April**  
**IPP Chua Soon Lan**  
**PP Hiew Chee Wah**

### SINDEX MOTIVATION TALKS - Rtn Ho Shi Yin

The first round of motivation talks began today with talks given to four schools in the Keningau area. A few hundred students benefitted from the talks. We will visit another four schools tomorrow, three in Tenom and one in Nabawan. We will also visit two more schools in Nabawan on Saturday.

We are still waiting for replies from schools in Tambunan so that we can visit them for motivation talks.

As of today, we have delivered motivation talks to the following schools:

SMK Tenom - 83 students	SMK Kemabong - 400 students
SMK Nabawan - 413 students	SMK Keningau - 100 students
SMK Apin Apin - 563 students	SMK Gunsanad 2 - 324 students
SM Teknik - 350 students	SMK Sook - 150 students
SMK Nabawan 2 - 194 students	SMK Tambunan - 410 students
SMK St Martin - 350 students	SMK Nambayan - 240 students
SMK Entabuan - 170 students	

Tomorrow President and VP KP Lu will cover SMK Keningau 2.

### Service Projects Chair - Rtn Charlie Tan

**(Reported by President Chu Lai)** The remainder of the sewage tanks for Kg. Timbangoh Laut will be delivered next week. Need to find out about the toilet structures.

### New Generations Chair Rtn Gwen Vu

The Youth Leadership Camp was successfully completed last weekend. All the students who attended found it very interesting although some of them indicated that more outdoor activities would be welcome.

A total of 13 Rotarians, 6 spouses, 4 family members and 2 Rotaractors were there to help out.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all committee members and Rotarians who worked so hard to ensure the success of the camp.

## PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Chu Lai welcomed Rotarians before making the following announcements:

1. Datuk George Chin will be celebrating his 86th Birthday on 5th of May which happens to be a Wednesday. We should start our club meeting at 6.00 p.m. sharp so that we can all attend the birthday party at 7.30 p.m.
2. SINDEK Motivation talks to schools in the Keningau area has started. I wish to thank Rtn Ho Shi Yin for his hard work in making the arrangements with all the schools. Thanks also to all the Rotarians for taking part.
3. We are still looking for a host for the GSE team member on the 23 to 28 May..

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

### VP K P Lu

Charity Golf - the date has been confirmed on 16th May at the Sutera Golf and Country Club. Fook Loi Motor has verbally agreed to sponsor a car (make unknown) for the hole--in-one prize. I will be meeting with the developer Francis Goh to try and convince him to sponsor another prize. I also hope that other Rotarians, in particular Rtn Woo Soo Poo, can help to source goodies for our competiton.

We will be holding our first Charity Golf Committee meeting next Tuesday.

### Family of Rotary - K H Lim

As I have not received any response to the proposed family outing to Mengalum Island on the 24th of April, it has now been cancelled.

I will look into another family outing at a different location that may be of more interest to Rotarians and their families.

## DATE OF MEETING : 07 April 2010

<i>Name</i>	<i>On</i>	<i>At</i>	<i>For</i>
Rtn Wesley Chua	07/04	Sindex Keningau	07 April
PP Michael Wan	07/04	Sindex Keningau	07 April
PP Chang EL	05/04	10 <sup>th</sup> BOD	07 April
PP D Kong	05/04	10 <sup>th</sup> BOD	07 April
Rtn Samuel Yeh	04/04	Youth Camp	07 April
Rtn Yvonne Tan	04/04	Youth Camp	07 April
IPP CSL	04/04	Youth Camp	07 April
Rtn Charlie Tan	04/04	Youth Camp	07 April
Aldin Wong	07/04	Sindex Keningau	07 April
PP Dtk Dr. A Mathews	07/04	Sindex Keningau	07 April
Rtn Dtk Dr Das	05/04	10 <sup>th</sup> BOD	07 April
PP Peter Yapp	05/04	10 <sup>th</sup> BOD	07 April
PP Tsen KL	06/04	SINDEX	07 April

### PREVIOUS WEEKS' REVISED FIGURES

Date	Membership	Present	Make-ups	Rating %
24/3/10	43 (38)	24	7	81.6
31/3/10	43 (38)	22	10	84.2

### THIS WEEK

Date	Membership	Present	Make-ups	Rating %
07/4/10	43 (37)	18	13	83.8

### VISITORS

Presiding	-	Wong Chu Lai
Secretary	-	C P Lim (Acting)
Treasurer	-	PP Victor Wong (Acting)
Sergeant-at-Arms	-	George Ligungang
SaA George rang the bell and called the meeting to order and President Chu Lai led the singing of the Negaraku, and proposed a toast to the health of His Majesty the King.		



Photos of Motivation Talks carried out in various schools around the Sook and Keningau areas.

