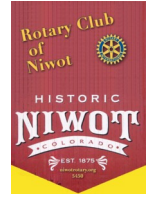


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*"The Rotary Club of Niwot is a dynamic group of professionals devoted to serving both the local and international communities. We meet weekly to support projects that promote the common good, and have fun doing it."*

## January Monthly Theme:

### Rotary Awareness

- **Jan. 26th** Bryan Cooke—*Incredible India*
- **Feb. 2nd** Melanie Reiser-*Shepherd Valley Waldorff School*
- **Feb. 4th** Habitat for Humanity-*Build Day, Location: Boulder*
- **Feb. 9th** Terry Granger-*A Journey Through Panama*
- **Feb. 9th** WCCT Committee-*Kamla Chopra's House*
- **Feb. 16th** Brooke Pearson-*Lightning*
- **Feb. 23rd** Nancy Geyer-*Boulder History Museum*
- **Feb. 28th** Community Food Share-5:00pm
- **Mar. 1st** Doug Young-*Rotary 4 Way Test*
- **Mar. 8th** Dave Talbot-*Crutches For Africa*
- **Mar. 27th** Community Food Share-5:00pm

## **This Week's Greeter & Words:**

**Teresa Troester-Falk**

## This Week's Featured Speaker:

### **Bryan Cooke—*Incredible India***

Bryan Cooke, who is a Fulbright Scholar as well as a Rotary Professor in Developing Countries, will speak to us about his wonderful experiences in the country of India. He will show us photographs and talk about his experiences working with Rotary clubs in this fast-growing country.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**No anniversaries or birthdays**

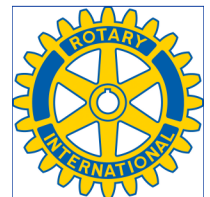
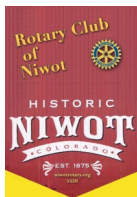
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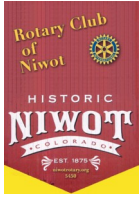
### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

We are in need of Silent Auction items for the Wine, Cheese, and Chocolate Tasting event.

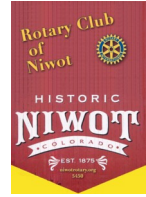
Please contact any businesses, individuals, or groups you may know to see if they can donate an item or items to the Silent Auction.

Examples of some great items that we have had in past include: artwork, photos, pottery, jewelry, gift certificates, spa items, bottles of wine, non-perishable food, and various antique items.





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## Rotary Clubs Worldwide Meet \$200 Million Grant Challenge

Rotary International has succeeded in meeting the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's US\$200 million match in funding for polio eradication, raising more than \$202.6 million as of 17 January.

"We'll celebrate this milestone, but it doesn't mean that we'll stop raising money or spreading the word about polio eradication," Rotary Foundation Trustee John F. Germ told Rotary leaders at the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA. "We can't stop until our entire world is certified as polio-free."

The fundraising milestone was reached in response to \$355 million in challenge grants awarded to The Rotary Foundation by the Gates Foundation. All funds have been earmarked to support polio immunization activities in affected countries where the vaccine-preventable disease continues to paralyze children.

"In recognition of Rotary's great work, and to inspire Rotarians in the future, the [Gates] foundation is committing an additional \$50 million to extend our partnership," said Jeff Raikes, chief executive officer of the Gates Foundation. "Rotary started the global fight against polio, and continues to set the tone for private fundraising, grassroots engagement, and maintaining polio at the top of the agenda with key policy-makers." Raikes also addressed Rotary leaders at the International Assembly.

The new \$50 million grant from the Gates Foundation is not a challenge grant.

Since 1988, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99 percent, from about 350,000 cases annually to fewer than 650 cases reported so far for 2011. The wild poliovirus is now endemic in only four countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. However, India on 13 January marked a full calendar year without a case, paving the way for its removal from the endemic list.

But other countries also remain at risk for polio cases imported from the endemic countries. In Africa in 2011, Chad and the Democratic Republic of the Congo had significant outbreaks. Also in 2011, a small cluster of polio cases in China, which had been polio-free for a decade, was traced to Pakistan.

Rotary club members not only reached into their own pockets to support the Gates challenge, but also engaged their communities in a variety of creative fundraising projects, such as a fashion show in California that raised \$52,000, benefit film screenings in New Zealand and Australia that netted \$54,000, and a pledge-supported hike through Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, that brought in \$38,000. Many events were planned around 24 October, widely observed as World Polio Day.

To date, Rotarians worldwide have contributed more than \$1 billion toward the eradication of polio, a cause Rotary took on in 1985.

Niwot Rotary continues to be an "Engine for Good". Here are some of the current projects we are involved with:

- Rotarians at Work - Clean Up Niwot Day
- Dictionary Project
- RYLA
- Community Food Share

- Hosting an International Exchange Student
- Habitat for Humanity
- Crutches for Africa
- Shelter Box
- Polio Eradication through Polio Plus
- Niwot Nostalgia Days
- 4th of July Parade

- Oktoberfest Fundraiser
- Wine, Cheese, & Chocolate Fundraiser
- Peach Sales Fundraiser

Whew! There is plenty of opportunity to get involved so please let one of our Board members know what YOUR passion for service is! We appreciate each & every member's involvement!

World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S.

