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# NEWSLETTER

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**NEXT CLUB MEETING: 10.00 am. Thursday, 12th January, 2023**

**SDA Youth Hall, 121 Barbaralla Drive, Springwood**

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2022-2023

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| President: Alicia Cook 0413 307 050   | Vice President: Rolf Steenland 0421 190 426    |
| Secretary: Barry Smith 0418884 742    | Treasurer: Allan Johnson 0400 110 242          |
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| Dine Outs: Graham Liddle 0403 046 200 | Outings: Rose Johnson 0417 606 234             |
| Membership: Di Walker 0402 090 094    | Club Services: Helen Faulkner 0416 261 386     |
| Welfare: Roni Harvey 0432 862 105     | Past President: Jeff Beach 0418 783 300        |

**If unable to attend please phone your apology to Helen Faulkner (0416 261 386) before the meeting**

### President's Message



HAPPY NEW YEAR to all Springwood Probus members and I hope you are full of enthusiasm to welcome 2023 by participating and attending our social gatherings and many activities we have come to enjoy.



It was wonderful to see so many of you enjoying Fun, Friendship and Fellowship having a good time at the Christmas party.

Sadly, since then we have lost, with the passing of a much-loved member Dorothy Bates. Dorothy was a remarkable lady and a very active member of our club, enjoying many if not all the social events every month. She shall be deeply missed by all her many friends from Springwood Probus.

For our newer members who never had the privilege of meeting Dorothy, Merv and Madonna have included her Profile along with other memories of her in this month's newsletter.

Membership fees of \$25.00 are now becoming due in January and February, as well the election of a new Committee for the March AGM. Nomination forms shall be available at the January meeting from Vice President Rolf.

Alicia

**All online payments now to BENDIGO BANK BSB: 633 000 Account number : 178 031 910**

**Account Name: Probus Club of Springwood**  
**Please provide a reference to help Allan identify what you are paying for!**

**AGM SPRINGWOOD PROBUS COMMITTEE POSITIONS**

**ARE YOU A NEW AND/OR YOUNGER MEMBER?**

**CAN YOU OFFER CONTINUED ENJOYMENT AND INVOLVEMENT FOR CURRENT MEMBERS?**

**DO YOU HAVE INTERESTING IDEAS?**

**YOUR CONTRIBUTION AND INVOLVEMENT WILL HELP WITH THE FUTURE SUCCESS AND GROWTH OF THE CLUB.**

**THEN WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU TO CONSIDER A COMMITTEE POSITION OR AS AN ASSISTANT**

**2023 SPRINGWOOD PROBUS COMMITTEE POSITIONS**

**COMMITTEE POSITIONS**

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>PRESIDENT</b>          | <b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>            |
| <b>SECRETARY</b>          | <b>TREASURER</b>                 |
| <b>CLUB MEMBERSHIP</b>    | <b>GUEST SPEAKERS /ASSISTANT</b> |
| <b>OUTINGS /ASSISTANT</b> | <b>DINEOUTS /ASSISTANT</b>       |
| <b>WELFARE</b>            | <b>CLUB SERVICES</b>             |
| <b>NEWSLETTER EDITOR</b>  |                                  |

All the above positions are declared vacant at the **AGM** in **March**.

Current committee members may be re-nominated.

The President can only serve one term.

Committee nomination forms are available from Secretary Barry Smith.

Position description information for the above roles will also be available.

For anyone interested, we welcome the opportunity for you to talk to a current committee member who would be more than happy to discuss any roles with you.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS**

- GREETER (when required)
- LUCKY DOOR TICKET SELLER (when required)
- ASSISTANCE WITH AUDIO EQUIPMENT
- MICROPHONE RUNNER (GUEST SPEAKER QUESTION TIME)

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AND SOCIAL GROUPS**

- WEDNESDAY MORNING - WALKING GROUP
- FRIDAY NIGHTS - SOCIAL MEAL GATHERING

**MONTHLY ACTIVITIES AND SOCIAL GROUPS**

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| 1 <sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY OF THE MONTH: | COFFEE AND CHAT |
| 2 <sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY OF THE MONTH: | CRAFT           |
| 4 <sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY OF THE MONTH: | TEN PIN BOWLING |



### Birthday Greetings for January

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| 07 Sue Abbott (80)   | 07 Raghbir Kalsi   |
| 07 Debby Snape       | 11 Madonna Ryan    |
| 14 Gail Stempin      | 16 Adele Steenland |
| 26 Margaret Sullivan | 26 Glenda Robinson |
| 30 Jeffrey Beach     | 31 Robert George   |

### Your Club Calendar Outings and Activities

Date	Activity	Venue	Time
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Coffee and Chat	Café 63, Cinderella Drive, Springwood	10:00 am
Thur 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Our Club Meeting	SDA Youth Hall	10:00 am
	No Craft Group until February	Joan Bamforth (0416 076 276)	9:30 am
Thur 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Australia Day BBQ Lunch	Tygun Park, Waterford West	11:30am
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Ten Pin Bowling	Logan City Tenpin, 17 Wembley Rd. Bob Pareezer Phone: 0499 559 281.	9:30 am to 12:00pm
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Coffee and Chat	Café 63, Cinderella Drive, Springwood	10:00 am
Thur 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Our Club Meeting	SDA Youth Hall	10:00 am
Every Wed	Walking Group	Daisy Hill Forest	8:30 am
Every Fri	Social Meal Gathering	Various Venues listed in the newsletter	5:30 pm

### Future Guest Speakers:

**January: Sharon Hansen:** President of Rotary Club of Loganholme

**February: Judith Anderson OAM:** A retired General Manager of Queensland Ballet and author of "Earning a Crust" about baking families in Warwick.



Wednesday Walkers



Some of the Probus members hiking 20 km in Daisy Hill Forest

## FRIDAY NIGHTERS

We only had one dinner in December on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at Gateway of India where 13 of us had a great time as usual before convening until January 2023.

However, 19 of us got together on the 15<sup>th</sup> at my house for wine and nibbles under my Christmas lights. It was a lot of fun by all, and Anne's daughter and her grandchildren enjoyed a dip in the pool. We had a great assortment of nibbles to share but we were all sensible on the booze consumption.



We reconvene on January 13<sup>th</sup> at the Chatswood Tavern, then Thai Daisy Hill Restaurant on the 20<sup>th</sup>, and Café 63 on the 27<sup>th</sup>. The first one in February will be 'Woka Woka at Warrigal' on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Time will be the usual 5.30pm. All welcome, especially any new members, just phone me on 0403 046 200 or email me on [grahamij@optusnet.com.au](mailto:grahamij@optusnet.com.au) by Tuesday of each week so I can book the restaurant.

Graham Liddle



## COFFEE & CHAT

### FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

A small group of 11 enjoyed our morning coffee and chat at Café 63 on the balcony in the shade under the trees in December.

I look forward to seeing more members in January and February.

It is always nice in smaller groups to catch up and get to know new members in a relaxed environment.

I will book a table at Café 63 for these 2 months as it will be too hot (or wet) for outdoors in Springwood park.

Remember to bring along any books for exchange.

ROSE



## FUTURE DINEOUTS AND OUTINGS

19th January

**Australia Day BBQ Lunch, Tygum Park, Waterford West.**

**BYO - Food, Drinks & Chairs**

11:30am for 12:00pm

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16th February

**Breakfast at Christopher's.**

Shop 1, Allamanda Drive, Daisy Hill.

Time: 8:30am for 9:00am

Cost: own cost

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**Bright Autumn Festival Tour.**

26th April - 1st May 2023



This Tour is now fully booked.  
FINAL PAYMENT REQUIRED BY 24 FEBRUARY

Direct to TRADE TRAVEL  
NAB: **BSB 084917** ACCOUNT **86382 1525**  
Account Name: TRADE TRAVEL CLIENT T/A  
Reference: **SURNAME + SWD260423**

Our tour guide will be **ANDREW** from **TRADE TRAVEL**

# BREAKFAST

THURSDAY,

16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2023



## CHRISTOPHER'S

Shop 1, Allamanda Drive,  
Daisy Hill

TIME: 8.30am for 9.00am

COST: Own Cost





## AUSTRALIA DAY BBQ LUNCH

**Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2023**

**11.30am for 12.00pm**

**BYO Food & Drinks, and Chairs**



**TYGUM PARK**  
**Waterford West**



GRAHAM 0403 046 200      ROSE 0417 606 234

### **BOILED PINEAPPLE FRUIT CAKE**

Gluten free

#### INGREDIENTS

500g mixed dried fruit  
440g can crushed pineapple  
¾ cup raw sugar  
125g chopped butter  
1 tsp mixed spice  
½ tsp ground cinnamon  
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda  
2 eggs beaten  
1 cup gluten free S R flour  
¾ cup coconut flour

Add ins if required  
Chopped dried apricots  
Chopped dates  
Chopped prunes  
Orange juice if mixture is too thick.

#### METHOD

Place fruit, crushed pineapple (including juice), butter, sugar, spices and add ins in saucepan. Boil 5 minutes.  
Add bicarb of soda. Turn off heat and cool.  
Add eggs and flour.  
Pour into prepared cake tin.  
Bake 40 minutes at 160C.  
Cover with foil and bake further 50 minutes.



Jan Richardson receives her OBE from Alicia at the Christmas Lunch

## SPRINGWOOD PROBUS CHRISTMAS LUNCH



A big 'Thank You' for the 75 members and guests that turned up for the annual Christmas Lunch at Fitzy's on the 8<sup>th</sup> December. Also, I believe a record was set with everybody paying by Bank transfer before the day, which made life so much easier for the checking-in.



The Sheldon room was well prepared by Kelly and her team and looked very Christmassy. Of course, the was greatly enhanced by almost everybody wearing some Christmas regalia, including your host (me!) with a collection of silly hats. We were all definitely in the mood to party!!

Lachlan Wallace did a tremendous job of entertaining us for most of the time, particularly in the last half an hour when everybody joined him in singing well-loved Christmas songs. He's a very engaging person with an extensive repertoire of songs that were of an era that we all related to!

As usual, we all enjoyed a delicious Buffet lunch. I thought the turkey and ham were excellent, but wasn't sure whether the 'lamb' was lamb or beef. Anyhow there was plenty for everybody with even a chance of seconds if still hungry. For desserts, I believe that Fitzy's out-did themselves. There was a variety of seven different choices which didn't do my waistline or dieting any good!! Once again, there was leftovers if still hungry.



After Birthday announcements by our President, Alicia we had our smaller Lucky Door Prizes where I think just about every table managed to score a win. I apologise for not warning everybody to hold onto their tickets for the major Lucky Door Prizes at the end. Di and Wayne Thomas won the basket of fruit, and the main prize of Champagne, cheeses and goodies was won by



Benita Johns. Well done to all the winners.

While we were all partying, we were able to watch a wonderful slide show of the year's events that Merv Richens always does so brilliantly. Thank you for preparing that, especially as you were 'on holiday' at the time. What would we do without modern technology with laptops to work while travelling! Also, a thank you to Alicia, Helen and Rose for helping me host my very first Probus Christmas Lunch. In fact, everybody made me feel very relaxed and it was an enjoyable experience. I can't wait for next year's one. Maybe have a Christmas in July??

Graham Liddle



## VALE - DOROTHY BATES



I met Dorothy Bates at my first meeting with Probus at the Runcorn Hotel where we sat at the same table. I thought what a charming lady. I found out later that she had seconded my application to join Probus.

I later got to know her a lot more at Friday Night dinners where I discovered she had a terrific appetite. We first sat next to each other at 'Lemon's' Turkish Restau-

rant. She asked me what to eat and I suggested the lamb cutlets. It was an enormous meal with four lamb chops that she devoured in no time. She then joined me in a rather awful 'Sticky Date Pudding' that we both ploughed through. We often sat together at these dinners, and I got to know a lovely lady who had a wealth of interesting knowledge and a wicked sense of humour.



It is very sad that her health deteriorated so quickly after so many falls in the last year. I wish that I had had more time with her to hear all her wonderful stories. May she rest in peace.

Graham Liddle

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I was pleased to be with her when she won best dressed at Melbourne Cup. Probably one of the last outings that she enjoyed reasonable health. She was proud as punch and told everyone she had made her dress from linen tea towels.

She went to school in Young with my old Dr, we worked at TAFE and I'm acquainted with her niece so we have a lot in common. She made me feel very welcome on my first Probus day.



Helen

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I first met Dorothy when I joined Probus many years ago. 'Hello dear, who brought you' and then she introduced herself. I never knew if she forgot my name or chose to, but from then on she always addressed me with 'hello dear'. She loved to chat and was always prompt at any of our gatherings. I used to marvel at the tiny notebook she kept as her engagement diary so she wouldn't forget anything and she never did.

In the early days we'd often arrive at the Springwood Bowls Club for monthly meetings at the same time. 'Wait a minute' she'd say in the carpark and without fail would proceed to put her shoes on after she'd removed the woolen socks she wore when driving her heavy clunker of a car.

Once I talked her into coming to a Melbourne Cup function and then persuaded her to enter the 'best dressed' competition. It wasn't easy but she would if I did too. The judge asked her to describe her outfit and she was off like a filly at the starting gate. She regaled them with the story behind her handmade 50 year old dress made with tea towels etc. as they had no money so she made do. She was stopped in mid chat by the cheers and clapping of the audience. Needless to say, she won the prize.

One year I asked her to be part of a skit I had written. She was to be a bride and only had to say two words "I do". She was happy to join in and got dressed for the part. The pretend priest asked her the usual questions such as 'honour/obey/faithful and so on but then added 'and forsake all others including the Labor Party'. Well that started it – she gave us all a lecture about her love of the Labor Party before she would finally say "I do". Hilarious!

Her political leanings were no secret. When she heard that my son was president of the Palm Beach Labor Party she was delighted as she had also held that position many years earlier. On many occasions she would bend my ear to discuss the pros and cons of politics. Her favourite topic of conversation.

She was a lifelong Labor Party member as they won her respect when they stood by her during her early working life. But that's a whole other story.

Dorothy was very loyal but didn't suffer fools gladly – maybe old school but a wonderful trait. I hope that where ever she may be that she gets to meet up with her heroes such as Bob Hawke or Paul Keating and the like and calls them by name because I want to believe that I was the only 'Hello Dear' in her life. VALE DOROTHY.  
(Carla)

## Dorothy Bates Profile



It is 1934, half-way through the ten year, devastating, global, economic depression when 33% of the Australian, eligible workforce was unemployed. And my dad was included in those statistics.

I was in 4<sup>th</sup> class at Young Primary School and 9 years old when I was inspired to become a teacher. All my future learning was focused on achieving that dream.

Three years later when I was enrolled for my secondary school education, shorthand and typewriting had been introduced into the Young High School curricula. With my parents' encouragement, these subjects became my choice of study in preference to foreign languages.

In 1941, I was awarded a two-year scholarship to train as a secondary school commerce teacher. However, before it being granted, two financially-endowed persons had to be prepared to be Guarantors that, on completion of my training, I would teach for three years.

For all of 160 pounds !!!!!

They were a challenging two years. For example, I walked to and from Central Railway and Sydney University because I couldn't afford a penny-concession tram fare. My first rate of pay as a teacher was appalling. As a female, under 21 years of age, I received half of what was the basic wage paid to an unskilled labourer. In retrospect, I often consider what would have been my determination to be a teacher had I known, in advance, the incredibly poor salary.

It was not until 22 years into my service, that my Trade Union gained for female teachers, the same rate of pay as our male counterparts and the same equal right to apply for promotion. As a result, I became and remain a staunch believer in Unionism.

The most rewarding achievement in my career was the approval by the Department of Education of my two-year programme (and its outstandingly successful trial at Corrimal High School) for the teaching of Consumerism. During these years, I became co-author of two texts on the subject. In total, I taught for 28 years at either Secondary Schools or Technical Colleges at Young, Bathurst, Goulburn and Corrimal, completing my career as Mistress-in-charge of Administration of a Secondary School with an enrolment of 1400 students.

But my young life was not all education. In the 50's I married a sheep and wheat farmer from SW NSW – a man absolutely bound to the land. His ancestors were the first Europeans west of the Murrumbidgee River, farming, at one time, 24 square miles. Over my years as a farmer's wife, I formed the highest respect for rural people. They stoically remain on their properties in spite of frequent devastating droughts, floods, unexpected frosts, feral animals, plagues of grasshoppers and, above all, prices for their products over which they have no **control**.

Such was our lot. In the 50's a Cartel of buyers operated at the Wool Auctions. Thus it was the Cartel, in one year, forced down the price of our wool from 260d. a pound to 60d a pound and kept it at that low price.

Our wool cheque was divided amongst four families. We now were the parents of two children – Jane and Michael. We had to seek an alternative life. I returned to teaching, training as a School Librarian.

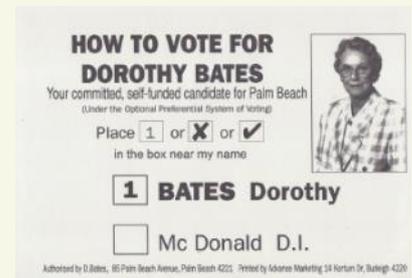


On retirement to Palm Beach on the Gold Coast, I was determined not to vegetate. So It was, in the process of not vegetating, I joined National Seniors, Palm Beach Bowls Club, Palm Beach Ratepayers Association and Elanora Probus. As the Publicity Officer of the Ratepayers Association my interest in Gold Coast City Council became an obsession in studying its Town Plan, Budget, Minutes of the meeting and the Local Government Act, the outcome being I stood, unsuccessfully as a self-funded, independent candidate in the 1994 Local Government election.

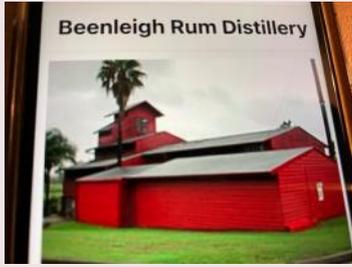
During my happy 20 years membership of Elanora Probus I held many committee positions, writing its first Constitution, enabling the club to be incorporated within two months.

Following my husband's death, my daughter and her husband and I sold our respective homes, amalgamated our resources and bought a replacement at Shailer Park.

I now enjoy as many activities as is possible of the Springwood Probus Club.



## BEENLEIGH RUM DISTILLERY



In 1869 the SS Walrus a cane crushing vessel is launched which services the plantations on the Albert River.

Legend has it the SS Walrus remained a familiar sight along the river until 1884 when it was found aground by sugar cane farmers Gooding and Davy.



They searched the vessel to find nothing but an old "pot still" in excellent working condition. Being resourceful farmers they assumed ownership and swiftly acted to get a rum licence.

Thus the Beenleigh Distillery and its commitment to quality rum was born... It was built from 1890 to 1980 and was added to the Queensland Heritage register in 2004.

Visiting the distillery you can feel the wonderful history as you walk through and view the amazing timber vats and smell the rum!!

We all enjoyed this outing and learning the local history of this old red shed, ending with a rum tasting.

We adjourned to the nearby Beenleigh Tavern for lunch in air-condition comfort, very welcome after a hot outing.



ROSE



Mary St, Kingston. (closed until 12<sup>th</sup> Jan)

A number of our members have given, and are giving surplus goods to Merv Richen to take to RARE. The latest was **Lyn Ahearn** who donated a trailer load of books and teaching resources, all nicely sorted and packed in plastic containers.

Any member with suitable goods, please contact Merv Richens 0420 373 162



# The Great Austral Loop

From Ushuaia to Falkland Islands to South Georgia Island to Antarctica Peninsula and back to Ushuaia.



Date – 6 November to 22 November 2022.

Distance travelled 6,117 km.

Falkland Islands landings were at New Island and Grave Cove.

South Georgia Island landings were at Fortuna Bay, Grytviken and Gold Harbour.

Antarctica Peninsula landings were at Penguin Island, Charlotte Bay, Foyen Harbour, Half Moon Island and Whaler’s Bay.



Falkland Islands New Island



South Georgia Island Gold Harbour



South Georgia Island



Antarctica Peninsula Charlotte Bay



Antarctica Peninsular Sea Ice & snowing at Foyen Harbour



Antarctica Peninsula Whaler’s Bay

I was reading the Bill Gates Newsletter and have copied and pasted his section about Polio Eradication which was a Rotary initiative of Clem Renouf - a Rotarian friend of mine from Nambour which started 1988. Clem went on to become World President of Rotary International and was knighted by the Queen for his work.

Merv Richens

## Polio eradication took a step backwards, but we can recover lost ground.

I've written in previous letters (such as [this one](#)) about how close the world is to eradicating polio, and what a magical moment in history it will be when we do. Unfortunately, COVID, extreme weather, and war have made it much harder for vaccinators to do their jobs.

Between 2019 and 2021, coverage for all childhood vaccines, including the one for polio, dropped by the biggest margin in almost three decades, and not surprisingly, polio started coming back. In 2021, it paralyzed just six children in the entire world; this year, 30 children were paralyzed as of December 6. In Pakistan alone, 20 children have been paralyzed, up from just one last year.

After several years of being limited to Afghanistan and Pakistan, wild poliovirus travelled to two countries in Africa this year. And strains of a variant polio virus were found in the sewers of London and New York. In each of these places, governments had to launch new efforts to stop the disease.

There could not be a better reminder that polio anywhere is a threat everywhere, and that we need to eradicate it. Of course, saying something is necessary doesn't mean that it's possible. I've underestimated this disease before, and I've been naïve about how difficult eradication would be, so I have to acknowledge that it could fail. But I don't think it will.

*When New York State had the first U.S. case of polio in nearly a decade, New Yorkers had to get immunized. (Ed JONES / AFP)*

*After the first polio case was detected in New York, the virus showed up in New York City's sewage. (ANGELA WEISS/AFP)*

Earlier this year, ten eminent scientists and health experts made the case for both why this disease *should* be eradicated, and why it *can* be eradicated, in the [2022 Scientific Declaration on Polio](#). This declaration is supported by more than 3,000 signatories from 117 countries. It's short (much shorter than this letter), to the point, and well worth your time.

Here are my own reasons for being optimistic. Despite this recent comeback, the momentum is still on our side: Polio cases are down 99.9% over the past three decades. We now have a new vaccine, called nOPV2, that will prevent outbreaks of polio variants. As of November, more than 500 million doses of nOPV2 had been administered in 23 countries. And a more detailed look at the situation in Pakistan and Afghanistan shows that while cases were up slightly this year, the overall trend is that entire families of wild poliovirus are being eliminated.

We're also learning from the recent setbacks. In October, the group leading the eradication effort—the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#)—adopted a smart five-year strategy for overcoming the final obstacles to eradication. And donors stepped up to partially fund this new strategy. In October the foundation announced a new \$1.2 billion pledge, and pledges from other donors brought the total to \$2.6 billion. There's still a long way to go—the commitments amount to a little more than half of what GPEI needs to finish the job—but this was a fantastic start.

No update on polio would be complete without a big thank-you to [Rotary International](#). They were part of this effort long before the Gates Foundation was. Since we became partners on eradication, we've jointly raised \$1.8 billion for this work, and there's more to come. Rotarians also lead massive vaccination campaigns to reach children all over the world. Sometime in the next few years, when polio is finally eradicated, my first phone call will be to thank and congratulate the team at Rotary International.

**Bill Gates**