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Fellow Alumni of The Rotary Foundation,

Less than sixty years ago, polio was a word parents dreaded as epidemics swept the globe crippling 500,000 children every year. Thanks to Rotary, great strides have been made to eradicate this debilitating and frequently fatal -- yet preventable -- disease. And though instances of the disease are down over 99%, some children still see their lives devastated by this cruel disease. Even worse, it can spread again at any time to unimmunized children. This is where you can help! With your support, Rotary and its partners can finally claim victory and consign this disease to the history books. As the first former Ambassadorial Scholar to become president of Rotary International, I am well aware that the personal and professional experience afforded to you by your respective Rotary scholarships is priceless. Now is the time to give back to the Foundation that supported you by donating to the noble cause of polio eradication.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation recently joined forces with Rotary in the fight against polio. The Gates Foundation has given Rotary a challenge grant of US\$355 million with the condition that Rotary must raise at least an additional US\$200 million. I am pleased that our Rotary Foundation alumni have already contributed over US\$345,000 to the campaign. I now challenge our alumni, who have received so much from Rotary, to contribute a total of US\$ 1 million in time for the RI Convention in New Orleans, USA on 21-25 May 2011.

Please take part in this very important campaign today. To make your contribution, go to www.rotary.org/endpolio and join me in ridding the world, once and for all, of polio. The children of the world deserve our support!

Best regards,

Ray Klinginsmith

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P.S. Please consider attending the 2011 convention in New Orleans on 21-25 May. There is a Rotary Reunion on 20-21 May for a cost of only \$50 per person for alumni and their guests. I plan to personally meet and confer with every Rotary Foundation alumnus who attends the Rotary Reunion

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