



# Rotary District 6920 *Sow the Seeds of Love*

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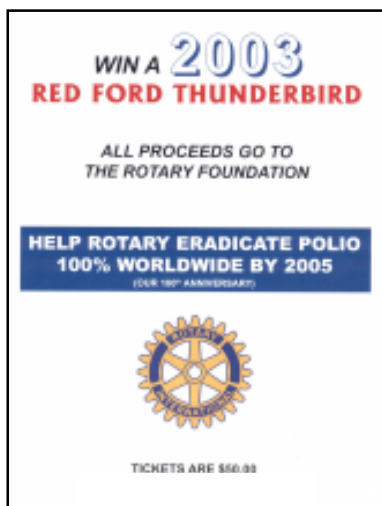
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## Raffle Proceeds to Benefit Rotary Foundation *Foundation Wages War Against Polio*

For the second time in history, humankind is at the threshold of eliminating a disease from the face of the earth - polio. The first disease eradicated was smallpox in 1978.

In 1988 there were 350,000 cases of polio in 125 countries. Today, the number of cases are less than 600 and concentrated in only a few countries.

Through the PolioPlus program, Rotarians around the world have been working since 1988 to rid the world of this debilitating and crippling disease. We are on the verge of winning the war against



*Fliers being distributed to District clubs promote the Thunderbird raffle.*

polio. Hard work and dedication of resources from 1988 when the Global Polio Eradication Initiative began, and continued success 14 years later in 2002, suggest a compelling story with a hopeful, but not yet happy ending.

The chief obstacle is a \$275 million shortfall in the \$1 billion funding needed to ensure delivery of more than six billion doses of oral polio vaccine to 500 million children around the world by 2005, Rotary's 100th anniversary. To help meet this challenge, The Rotary Foundation has pledged to raise \$80 million.

To assist in the fund raising needed to rid the earth of polio, Rotary District 6920 is conducting a raffle for a new 2003 Ford Thunderbird automobile. The acquisition of a raffle ticket will require a \$50 tax exempt donation. The chance of winning the top prize is at worst 1 in 10,000, depending on how many tickets are sold.



*Raffle tickets for a red 2003 Ford Thunderbird are*

The drawing will be held at the Rotary District Conference on May 3, 2003. The winning ticketholder does not have to be present to win. The net proceeds will go to Rotary International to help win the war against polio.

## World Community Service Committee Works on Grant Requests

World Community Service Chair Bob Ashley and the WCS committee has been incredibly busy lately, applying for grants to fund a number of projects around the world.

Among grants which the committee has applied is a \$20,000 matching grant to The Rotary Foundation for the purchase

of wood burning stoves for poor families in Guatemala. The international co-sponsor for this particular grant is the Antigua Guatemala Rotary Club. The stoves, according to Ashley, will be distributed by the organization Vamos Adelante (Moving Forward) under the supervision of the Antigua Rotary Club.

Another grant which the committee will

soon apply for is a \$32,000 grant to expand the "capacity of MAP International's Health Training Center in Chilimarca, Bolivia."

Finally, Ashley says the World Community Service committee is working on a \$20,000 grant request for a micro loan program for women in Guatemala.





## The Governor's Corner by Bruce Montgomery

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

A week or so ago we kicked off the annual Rotary Raffle. As you know, the top prize is a 2003 Ford Thunderbird Convertible, complete with both tops.

What I am about to say may surprise you. I don't want any Rotarian to buy a ticket unless they really want a chance at the car. What I hope you will do is put together a team or two and go out into your community and offer the general public the chance to help us wipe out Polio **AND** get a very good chance of winning a Thunderbird. Just think about the possibilities. The non-Rotarian gets a tax deduction, a chance at the car, an opportunity to help wipe out Polio **AND** your club gets a contribution of up to 80 percent of the amount of tickets sold in Rotary Foundation credit to use any way you want. You can use the Foundation credit to name Paul Harris Fellows or, better yet, challenge members to match the amount you give them in credit with cash.

The 40-member Skidaway Island Club sold 162 tickets to non-Rotarians in the two weekends before the raffle even started and they haven't even pressured their membership to buy tickets. This is a win-win situation. If we start to raise money for The Rotary Foundation and PolioPlus without digging into our own pockets, we can help the hurting people of the world even more than we are now.

Please get behind this effort and let's make this major fund raiser a tremendous success.

Yours in Rotary,

Bruce Montgomery, Governor

## The District Governor's CALENDAR OF VISITS



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| 1  | 2  | 3<br>McIntosh Co. | 4  | 5<br>Jones Co.   | 6  | 7  |
| 8  | 9  | 10<br>McRae       | 11 | 12<br>Jesup      | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17<br>Waynesboro  | 18 | 19<br>Reidsville | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24                | 25 | 26               | 27 | 28 |
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## Anaheim Institute Will See Changes

Rotary leaders going to Anaheim, Calif., on Jan. 26-29, 2003 will enjoy a new and improved International Institute program, which includes changes suggested by past participants.

Speeches will be shorter, allowing more time for questions and discussion. The Institute presentations will not duplicate the speeches at the International Assembly; rather, they will be tailored to the knowledgeable Institute audience.

Notable new content will include two panel discussions - one on the method for appointing Rotary Foundation trustees and the other on the value of Institutes. There will be ample time for attendees to weigh in on the panel discussions.

Participants will also be looking at ways to apply this year's theme, Sow the Seeds of Love, in a world in need of Rotary service. They will evaluate Rotary's progress toward eliminating polio worldwide by 2005 and discuss ways to make Rotary's centennial truly memorable.

In addition, the Anaheim International Institute will offer opportunities for interaction with past, present and future Rotary leaders. Attendees will hear from, and get to discuss their plans with, the RI president, president-elect, president-nominee and the Foundation Trustee chairman.

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**Zone Institute**  
**Oct. 15-20**  
**Chattanooga, Tenn.**

