

Monday with Mikey: June 19, 2017

We have just returned from the 2017 Rotary International Convention and Centennial Celebration of the Rotary Foundation. Wow! What an experience!

Spoiler Alert: This article, from the TRF Centennial Press Kit, contains links to rotary.org and TRF's Areas of Focus. They may be large files, so don't be alarmed!

The Foundation is the \$1 billion charitable arm of Rotary International. To mark the centennial, Rotary has raised \$300 million for its campaign to eradicate polio and for service in communities around the world.

Established in 1917 with a donation of \$26.50, The Rotary Foundation is dedicated to advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace. Through grants and other resources, Rotary members develop sustainable projects that promote [peace](#), fight [disease](#), provide [clean water](#), support [education](#), save [mothers and children](#), and grow local [economies](#).

Rotary's top priority is the global eradication of polio. Rotary launched its polio immunization program, [PolioPlus](#), in 1985 and in 1988 became a leading partner in the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) along with the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and more recently, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Rotary has contributed more than \$1.5 billion and countless volunteer hours to eradicate polio. Through 2018, every dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication will be matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, up to \$35 million a year. Since the initiative began, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases a year to fewer than 10 confirmed to date in 2017.

MWM note: Our district, by way of direct contributions, receipts from planned giving arrangements, and matching from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, has raised over ONE MILLION DOLLARS for the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund, Polio Plus Fund, and Endowment.

Congratulations and many thanks. We will celebrate at the November 16th annual Rotary Foundation and Club Awards Dinner!

End of RY Housekeeping - PLEASE:

- Be sure your membership records are accurate.
- Complete your entries on Rotary Club Central for the Presidential Citation.
- Get your club's TRF Annual Fund, Polio Plus, and Endowment contributions submitted to TRF NOW!
- Have a joint meeting of your "outgoing" and "incoming" Boards of Directors. This is a good time for final budgets to be approved.
- CELEBRATE the end of a GREAT Rotary Year by ushering in a GREATER one!

Until next week, let's keep on *"Doing Good, Having Fun!"*

Mikey

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RAYS 2017



Rotary Day with the Rays XVII



SUN, AUGUST 20

VS. SEA

START TIME: 1:10 P.M.

GATES OPEN: 11:10 A.M.

Lower Box Tickets w/ Hat are \$45
Lower Corners Tickets are \$25
Upper Reserved Tickets are \$25

Deadline to purchase is Thursday, August 10th, 2017.



All prices include \$10 to the Rotary Foundation in the name of the purchaser. Tickets are purchased through Gene Beil; checks should be made payable to "Beil & Hay Trust Acc't".

If you purchased a Lower Box ticket, you can choose your hat at the Redemption Center, located in the first base food court, by the 3rd inning by showing your ticket stub.



ORDER FORM

For more information contact Gene Beil at: 727-868-2306 or kiwimate@msn.com

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address: _____

How many tickets would you like?

_____ Lower Box tickets x \$45 each = \$ _____

_____ Lower Corners tickets x \$25 each = \$ _____

_____ Upper Reserved tickets x \$25 each = \$ _____

Accessible seats (circle): Yes No

Payment Information:

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