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## The Rotary Club of Fayetteville, Arkansas

Club Newsletter  
 March 2010

**Dear A. D.,**

*WELCOME* to the Fayrotales newsletter

Rotary recognizes March as Literacy Month. RI Foundation trustee chair Glenn Estess Sr. says this is when we focus on the importance of literacy and education in our humanitarian service. He writes that "Those who cannot read or write, whether they are children or adults, are cut off from important information in ways too numerous to count. They are less likely to be healthy and more likely to be poor. And ...parents who cannot read are more likely to raise children who cannot read..perpetuating the cycle of illiteracy and poverty."

Perhaps there is no more important major goal for us as Rotarians, after ending Polio, than to use our energy and resources to help break this vicious cycle wherever we can.

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### Chile GSE Team

You will recall we hosted a GSE team from Chile in October and may have thought of them as we got news of the Chile earthquake. District Governor A C Moncrief sent this note about them.

At this time we have been told all of our Vision Team members are safe and continuing with their planned project. All of the visiting GSE team members are safe, but one member, Teresa Araya and her family have lost everything, their home, all possessions.

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS



Rotarian of the Month:  
**John Threet**

### March Programs

**Change Cups beneficiary for February was Medical Supplies Network**

**March 4** David Eberhard, Arkansas Dept of Community Correction

**March 11** Fayetteville PD & Washington County Sheriff's Dept - TASER Demo

**March 18** Professor Janine Parry, U of A Political Science Dept.

**March 25** TBA

[See past programs...](#)

If you like to make a contribution on behalf of Teresa, or even a general contribution, which can be assigned as we receive more information, please make your check payable to:

MEDICAL SUPPLIES NETWORK  
ATTN: LARRY BIRON, DIRECTOR  
1123 SOUTH ERIE  
TULSA, OK 74112-5307

On the subject line write **FBO Teresa Araya Or Rotary 6110 Chile Relief**

More current news is available on the D6110 website.

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### [Polio Plus Benefit Concert](#)

Rotarian Magazine reports that "on December 2 a concert by The New York Philharmonic featuring polio survivor and violin virtuoso Itzhak Perlman raised over \$100,000 for Polio Plus. This allowed Rotary to pass the halfway mark in raising \$200 million as our match for the Gates Foundation \$355 million challenge grant. So more work is needed to meet the Gates challenge.

At a UNICEF meeting earlier on December 2, experts said winning the battle against polio depends on cooperation from governmental, non-governmental and religious organizations. They said that in the disease's last strongholds, misinformation and conflict continue to impede workers ability to vaccinate children.

Since 1985 there has been a 99% drop in reported polio cases. Polio is now endemic in **only** four countries. The last ones are always toughest, but that only means we have to keep pressing ahead. It will take every Rotarian to accomplish these last hard steps."

### [Membership](#)

Our Club membership is never steady with loss of some good members but we have been fortunate to continue to bring good new members into the Club. However each of these new members did not just happen to wander in off the street, but were asked by a member to visit, and finally their name was submitted for membership.

So do your part by locating good potential members and inviting them to visit.

### [Directory Photos](#)

If you have a picture you like better than the one currently in the online directory, please send a digital copy (.jpg format preferably) to A.D. Poole at poolea40@aol.com. We don't do photo editing or the editor's picture would look better. However, if **your** picture is old like some of our old black and white ones, let us update it with a newer one so

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### Join our mailing list!

people can recognize you at the next meeting.

### Ask Uncle Ronnie

Questions and Answers are available on our web site.

Send your questions to A.D Poole (poolea40@aol.com)  
They will be passed along to our Club Guru who will  
provide answers to be posted.

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