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**Sent:** October 1, 2009 11:48 AM  
**To:** Stephen Keast  
**Cc:** Robert Cummings  
**Subject:** Rotary Fundraiser at BVCC

Dear Stephen:

I am writing on behalf of the Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Club. We are holding a Fundraising Dance on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. This event is a Harvest Moon Dance featuring the Georgian Sound Big Band. This fundraiser is being held at the Beaver Valley Community Centre. ( [www.tcrotaary.ca/harvestmoon](http://www.tcrotaary.ca/harvestmoon) )

Proceeds from this dance will be going to help eradicate Polio world wide.

For 20 years, Rotary clubs, locally and around the world, have been doing everything necessary to achieve a world free of the crippling disease polio. Recognizing this commitment, as well as Rotary's important role as a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation recently awarded Rotary a US\$250 million challenge grant, which Rotary will match with an additional \$100 million.

Although polio epidemics may be a distant memory in most of the developed world, it still threatens children in parts of Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. But, unless polio is eradicated completely, twenty years of progress could be lost if polio stages a comeback. This is why Rotary and the Gates Foundation have forged this historic funding agreement.

Since launching its landmark PolioPlus program in 1985, Rotary has contributed more than \$700 million to the cause, in addition to countless volunteer hours logged by Rotary club members worldwide. With that kind of track record, Rotary readily accepted the funding challenge from the Gates Foundation.

We know that the goal of a polio-free world is within reach, and that success is the only option.

With this goal in mind I am asking the Town of the Blue Mountains to waive their rental fee for our use of the Beaver Valley Community Centre.

Respectfully,

**Todd**

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