

*The DC club wants to connect with you! Help us build a District-wide International Service network to share news, programs, and our District's huge talent base; to host joint grant workshops; to find partners for global grants; and to encourage clubs to join in one or more international service projects!*

*As a first step, you are invited to DC Rotary's November 20 lunch to learn how the Gates Foundation and Rotarian Malaria Partners are working together in a global campaign to eliminate Malaria !*



**Rotarian  
Malaria  
Partners**

## **JOIN Rotarians for THE FIGHT FOR MALARIA ELIMINATION!**

Malaria is the greatest killer of humans throughout time and has been devastating civilizations for millennia. Today, malaria takes the lives of primarily pregnant women and young children, killing a child every two minutes. On November 20, you will hear the latest efforts about the war against malaria and connect with the partnership between the Gates Foundation and Rotarians together working on malaria elimination.

**Learn about the Gates Foundation's 100% match for Rotary club and TRF donations to global grants to rid the world of Malaria! Your \$100 = \$650 with Gates and TRF matching !**

**WHO:** **Dr. Philip Welkhoff**, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation,  
Director for Malaria  
**Dr. Dorothy Echodu**, CEO, Pilgrim Africa  
*Accompanied by Rotarian Malaria Partners board members, Chair Jeff Pritchard and Adriana Lanting.*

**DATE:** **Wednesday, November 20, 2019**

**TIME:** **12:00 PM to 1:30 PM**  
Program starts at 12:30 PM

**WHERE:** **University Club** -- 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Dining Room  
1135 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036  
METRO: Farragut North – Red Line  
Valet parking out front - reduced rate for Rotary: \$10

**COST:** \$32 for buffet lunch (*pay at door*)

**RSVP:** May O'Brien, ISC co-chair, DC Rotary, mayzobrien@gmail.com

**AFTER LUNCH – Join us for a tour of World Press Photo exhibition!**

**WORLD PRESS PHOTO**

*"Our purpose is to connect the world to the stories that matter."*

**WHAT:** Afterwards, you are invited to tour the *World Press Photo 2019-DC* exhibition which showcases the best in international photojournalism— many of the award-winning photos feature issues being addressed Rotary, like the opioid crisis, immigration, etc. DC Rotary volunteers founded and staffed WPP-DC, and the DC club is a co-sponsor of the exhibition.

A major theme in the news this last year and in this exhibition of award-winning photos has been **refugees**, the theme of Rotary Day at the UN. **Stephanie Sinclair**, last year's WPP keynote speaker and award-winning photographer, was the judge of the **Rotarian Magazine's** photo contest.

Last summer, RI featured changemakers in the area of **News Literacy** in the *Rotarian Magazine*. *"Figuring out what's news and what's credible is a daunting task for most adults," says Peter Adams, a senior VP for the nonprofit New Literacy Project that aims to add information literacy to middle and high school classrooms across the US. "News literacy skills gives all consumers, but especially teens, a chance to discern credible information, which is vital to civic involvement and democracy."*

**WHERE:** Dupont Underground Arts & Culture Center, **19 Dupont Circle** (entrance on 19<sup>th</sup> Street North, next to Starbucks), Washington, DC. Just 14 minute walk to Dupont Circle from University Club. \$10 reduced ticket for Rotarians. METRO: Dupont Circle North, Red Line.

**WHEN:** Exhibition in on November 9 to December 8, 11am-7:00pm daily.



RI President Mark Maloney's vision for 2019-20 is **"ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD."**

*"Our membership connects us to a global community through our countless projects and programs, our leadership in polio eradication, and our work with and through the United Nations."* He has asked *"Rotarians to strengthen the many ways that Rotary Connects the World ...and take meaningful action through Rotary service."* **Let's do it!**

*SPEAKER BIOS:*



**Philip Welkhoff is Director for Malaria at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**, joining in 2018 to lead the foundation’s Malaria strategy. Previously, he served as Director of Research at the Institute for Disease Modeling, where he helped develop computer simulations of **malaria, polio**, and other disease transmission dynamics to assist public health professionals and other scientists in planning the eradication of different diseases.

Phil grew up at a humanitarian hospital on the north coast of **Haiti**, where he frequently suffered from malaria, and developed an interest in disease transmission. He earned dual undergraduate degrees in mathematics and aerospace engineering at The University of Texas, Austin and holds a PhD in applied and computational mathematics from Princeton University, where he began his work on mathematical models of disease transmission including malaria.

Bill Gates said Phil’s appointment reflects the interest the Gates Foundation has in leveraging simulations to accelerate progress toward the national elimination and eventually global eradication of malaria.



**Dr. Dorothy Echodu is the CEO of Pilgrim Africa.** In the decade she’s worked with Pilgrim Africa, she has led and overseen the organization’s engagement in malaria control and advocacy. Pilgrim Africa focuses on community-scale field exercises using both tested and novel approaches to comprehensive control in high transmission areas.

In 2013, Pilgrim Africa pioneered the largest issue-related social media campaign in East Africa on the topic of a “*Malaria Free Uganda*”. Dorothy led efforts leading to a \$3.5 million grant from The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, as well as fortifying strong partnerships with **Rotary International, Rotarian Malaria Partners**, the President’s Malaria Initiative, and the American Institutes for Research. Today these alliances and combined efforts bring comprehensive control to a poor, rural, highly endemic region in Eastern Uganda.

Dorothy trained as a physical chemist with degrees from Yale (BA), University of Washington (PhD), and Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health (MPH).