Post-Polio Health International Board of Directors Met for Strategic Planning in October

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The following Board members joined the planning sessions via conference call:
Selma Harrison Calmes, MD, Chairman and Adviser, Anesthesiology Dept, Olive View/UCLA Medical Center, Sylmar, California
Judith E. Heumann, MPH, Lead Consultant, Global Partnership for Disability and Development (GPDD), World Bank, Washington, DC
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The PHI Board met in Saint Louis to review strategic plans for serving its members whose needs are increasing as they age. PHI is committed to serving its core constituency and is exploring ways to best reach and address the needs of polio survivors around the world, particularly in countries where polio has only recently been eradicated. Several initiatives are being considered, and details will be forthcoming as they are available.

Tabor Challenge Grant Met by PHI Members

Robert Tabor, Emporia, Kansas, a longtime PHI member, chose to honor newly-elected PHI Board Chair, Lawrence C. Becker, Roanoke, Virginia, who was a “classmate” from polio rehabilitation in Omaha, Nebraska, in the 1950s (see photo below), by issuing a challenge grant to PHI Members.

The challenge of matching a $10,000 gift was immediately met by:
Gwen Babcock
Lawrence C. Becker
Clark S. Callahan
Jerome S. Grady
Judith E. Heumann
Frederick M. Maynard, MD
Marshall Payn
Sam L. Sanders

“Bob had a lot of great ideas when we were roommates at the rehab center, too. Most of those got us in trouble. This one, though, has been a terrific benefit to PHI. If anyone else wants to honor their own roommate, or put out a challenge on behalf of a particular rehab center, let us know!” -Larry Becker

Larry Becker (left) and Robert Tabor with friend Sally in 1954.