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### January 9, 2014

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### January 16, 2014

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### January 23, 2014

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### January 29, 2014

The New Look of Family Practice Pt 2 - Stan Frochtzwaig, MD

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January 9 - Terry McBreen

January 16 - Jordan Eller

January 23 - Ken Kagan

January 29 - Jim Emch

February 6 - Wendy Pazen

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## Avenues of Service Meetings

Club Service	TBD
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New Generations	TBD
International Service	TBD

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Marketing	TBD
Membership	TBD

## Club Events

## Important Dates

Mid-year District Meeting.....	Jan 11
Master PRLS2.....	Jan 18
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Master PRLS3.....	Apr 12
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# Message from our RI President Ron Burton

Dear fellow Rotarians,

Our goal in 2013-14 is to Engage Rotary, Change Lives . All of us know that Rotary has incredible potential to do good work. It's time to recognize how much more we could be doing and start working on new ways to turn that potential into reality. We're going to do this by engaging Rotarians – by getting them involved, by getting them inspired, and by making sure that all Rotarians know just what a gift they have in Rotary.

We're going to make sure that the work we do in Rotary is solid, effective, and sustainable. And we're going to make sure that Rotary itself will last – by committing to our goal of 1.3 million Rotarians in our clubs by the year 2015.

That goal is a little different from membership goals we've had in the past. The goal isn't just bringing in new members. The goal is growing Rotary. The goal is making Rotary bigger, not just with more members, but with more involved, engaged, motivated members who will be the ones to lead us into our future.

Each of us has our own reason for joining Rotary – but I believe we all want to make a difference. We all want to be doing something meaningful. That is absolutely essential for us to remember when we talk about membership.

We're not asking just anyone to join Rotary. We're looking to attract busy, successful, motivated people who care. We're asking them to take their valuable time and give it to Rotary. So if they say yes, and they come and join our club, then we'd better be showing them that their time in Rotary is well spent.

We have to make sure that every Rotarian, in every club, has a meaningful job – one that makes a real difference to the club and the community. Because when you're doing something meaningful in Rotary, Rotary is meaningful to you.

In Rotary, we all have something to give. At every stage of our lives and our careers, Rotary has something for all of us – a way to let us do more, be more, and give more. Rotary gives our lives more meaning, more purpose, and greater satisfaction. And the more we give through Rotary, the more Rotary gives back to us in return.

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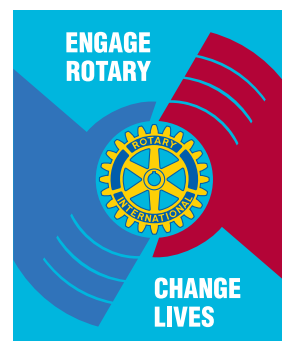
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# Meeting January 2, 2014

Reported by Jeff Hata



Bill Spellman introduced guests and visiting Rotarians.

President Tim Rafael Canton, Bruce McGee and Dave Anderson. Hughes invited Midge Stork announced that the Botanical Gardens everyone to lunch, would be seeding the hillsides at 10:00 on Saturday. guests and visiting Rotarians first! Vance Thompson conducted the raffle drawing and our lucky winner was Jim Emch.

Dave Anderson led us in the Salute to the Flag.

Bill Spellman introduced guests and visiting Rotarians. Guest of the club was Nicole Kruetz. Joe Strohmman had his daughters Olivia and Hannah with him today.

President Tim promptly encouraged Olivia to persue a 3 year graduate program.

Vance Thompson announced our scholarship drawing was \$25 gift cards to Bed Bath and Beyond and Lowes courtesy of Bob Lynn.

President Tim then gave all Stanford grads, John Masterson, grief about the Rose Bowl game. The only team Michigan lost to was Notre Dame this year.

President Tim said we were going to induct Nicole Kruetz this week, but we will wait until next week when more of our members will be present.

President Tim also announced that Todd Juvonen will take on the Treasure's position and Josh Cerasuolo will help out with the bookkeeping and that Jeff Hata will assume the New Generations Director position.

Ron Polito announced that his son's college account, who will be graduating this year, has a \$1,000 balance in it. Ron will put that money up as matching funds for up to \$1,000 of new money coming into the club foundation. The foundation is currently at about \$411,000. Great job managing the fund to Ron and his committee.

Happy \$'s: Ron Polito, Jan Lindsay, Midge Stork,



Bob Lynn donated our raffle prize today.

## Rotary helps close out the year with gains against polio



When Julia Yank and a team of Rotary members and health workers entered Kaduna, Nigeria, to immunize children against polio they expected to encounter some tough situations. They found one in a mother of three who stubbornly refused to have her children vaccinated.

"She argued with us for over 15 minutes," says Yank, a member of the Rotary Club of St. Clair County Sunset in O'Fallon, Illinois, USA. After the team explained to her the importance of what they were doing, she finally agreed to allow her children to be immunized.

"We were told later that she only consented because of the presence of the Rotarians. That moment, I realized the impact we can make," says Yank.

This type of persistence by Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) has helped reduce the number of polio cases in Nigeria by half, as compared to this time last year. Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan are the only countries in the world where the transmission of polio has never been stopped. Overall, polio cases in the three countries have decreased by 35 percent -- thanks in part to Rotary's advocacy with

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government and business leaders, PolioPlus grants, and mobilizing support on the ground.

From celebrating milestones and responding to outbreaks to signing commitments and honoring our supporters, learn how the Global Polio Eradication Initiative made a difference in 2013.

### A year without type 3 polio

The last case of type 3 wild poliovirus (WPV3) occurred in Nigeria on 10 November 2012. Rotary and its GPEI partners have helped reduce transmission of WPV3 to its lowest levels ever. "Although it is too soon to say that WPV3 has been eradicated . . . the world has a unique opportunity to get rid of the second strain of wild poliovirus" (after WPV2), reports the GPEI.

### \$500,000 emergency grant for Syria

Confirmation of cases in previously polio-free Syria "serve as a stark reminder that as long as polio still exists, unimmunized children everywhere remain at risk," says Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee Chair Robert S. Scott. In response to the outbreak, Rotary and its GPEI partners, along with local health authorities, are conducting large-scale campaigns to immunize children in the region as quickly as possible. Rotary is the first donor to announce funding for the GPEI's new Middle East strategic plan, a \$500,000 emergency grant for Syria.

### Joint commitment with Brazil

On 12 November Rotary, Brazil's government, and the Pan American Health Organization signed a Declaration of Commitment and Collaboration toward the Goal of a Polio-Free World. The event took place at a symposium in São Paulo where strategies for eradicating the disease were discussed.

"The document highlights the importance of technical support and the exchange of experiences to support countries that are still fighting against the disease, and the need for continued financial and political commitment by the global community until the world is certified polio free," says PolioPlus Director Carol Pandak, who spoke at the event.

Rotary members in District 4420 in Brazil also announced their commitment to donate 40 percent of their District Designated Funds to PolioPlus. Through the End Polio Now: Make History Today fundraising campaign and World Fund match, these funds will be matched 2 for 1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and generate \$250,000 for polio eradication.

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### Clubs Nearby ...

Ventura-South	12:00 pm	Monday
	Wedgewood Banquet Center	
Santa Paula	12:00 pm	Monday
	The Glen Tavern Inn	
Ojai West	7:00 am	Tuesday
	Soule Park GC	
Camarillo Breakfast	7:00 am	Tuesday
	Spanish Hills GC	
Oxnard	12:10 pm	Tuesday
	Courtyard by Marriott	
Fillmore Sunrisers	6:45 am	Wednesday
	Varies, go to their website	
Ventura	12:00 pm	Wednesday
	The Derby Club	
Camarillo	12:00 pm	Wednesday
	Camarillo Center for Spiritual Living	
Oxnard Sunrise	7:30 am	Thursday
	Tomas Cafe	
Fillmore	12:05 pm	Thursday
	The Fillmore & Western Train	
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## Ethiopian leader honored for polio-free achievement

As president of Ethiopia, Girma Wolde-Giorgis played a pivotal role in helping his country be polio-free during his last five years in office. In recognition of his work, Girma received the Rotary International Polio Eradication Champion Award in November. Ethiopian native Ezra Teshome, governor of District 5030 in Washington, USA, presented the honor to Girma. Teshome was in Ethiopia leading a team of North American Rotary members to participate in the country's National Immunization Days.

Although the polio outbreak in the Horn of Africa has affected Ethiopia, a strong response has slowed the pace of transmission in the region. The polio endgame strategic plan, if fully funded, is equipped to stop such outbreaks.

"We will keep coming back until the disease is gone," says Teshome. "We are determined to get the job done."

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By Dan Nixon

Rotary News  
16-Dec-2013

## A handyman's tale of Rotary connections

Cecil "Pancho" Padilla's emotions hover so close to the surface that at times they engulf him. As he recalls his involvement in setting up a dental clinic in Mulege, Mexico, his voice wavers: "There was a polio-stricken girl we'd helped on an earlier visit, and on this visit we were able to find her a golf cart so she wouldn't have to crawl through the dirt any longer."

After a lengthy pause, he continues in a halting voice, barely audible. He talks about spotting the girl's father standing alone, apart from a group gathered to celebrate the arrival of his daughter's golf cart.

"I went over and asked him why he wasn't part of the celebration. He said, 'I'm so embarrassed. I'm ashamed. You provided my daughter what I can't provide.'" Padilla wipes his eyes with the back of his hand, breathes

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## Weekly Raffle

Our raffle prize this week was \$25 gift cards to Bed Bath and Beyond and Lowes donated by Bob Lynn.

Our lucky winner was Jim Emch.

We have raised \$56 today bringing our total to \$2,038 for this Rotary year.

Congratulations Jim and thank you to Bob Lynn for your generous donation.



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Cecil "Pancho" Padilla speaks during his induction into the Arch C. Klumph Society 19 October 2012.  
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deeply, and composes himself before finishing the story.

If you spend any time with Pancho Padilla, you discover that this instantaneous flood of feeling is not unusual. During his Rotary work in the field, which has taken him to more than 70 countries, he keeps his emotions in check and contributes his skills as a self-taught mechanic who can fix just about anything. But once he's back home, with time to reflect, the memories can reemerge without warning.


Now 72 and living in Davis, near Sacramento, California, in the U.S., Padilla has been retired from Pacific Gas and Electric for two decades. For him, "retired" means buying and restoring vintage cars, cross-country motorcycling, drag racing, and volunteering through Rotary and Habitat for Humanity. He's also transformed his living room and hallways into Rotary shrines. Among his Rotary medals, ribbons, and plaques is a world map pinpointing all his Rotary trips.

But Padilla's passion for Rotary goes beyond his collection of memorabilia. After years of donating to The Rotary Foundation, he reached \$250,000 in contributions in 2011, and he was inducted into the Arch C. Klumph Society the following year. At the ceremony, he reminisced about the time his boss at Pacific Gas and Electric asked him to join the Rotary Club of Placerville. "I had no idea that what started out as a company requirement would ultimately become a passion and a lifetime of service." Today, he is a member of the Rotary Club of Winters.

**Modest beginnings**


As the son of Mexican-American parents who owned a small farm in

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rural West Sacramento, the young Padilla mucked out the pigs' trough and repaired broken equipment while his mother and father worked day jobs in town to support their family. "I never knew I was poor until I went to school and the other kids laughed at the patches on my clothes. My brothers and sister and I grew up happy anyway."

That hardscrabble upbringing toughened Padilla's hands but not his heart. On the trip to Mulege, he instinctively identified with the wounded pride of the polio victim's father, and just as easily with the victim herself. "As I've moved about to so many countries, there's always a hook that gets me. A parent or a child just hugs me and squeezes me, and they don't want to let me go because I've been able to help. That's what keeps me going back."

For a man so deeply involved with Rotary – he estimates that he owns and wears 97 shirts with the Rotary emblem – Padilla's early connection to the organization was inauspicious. He spent his first four years attending lunch meetings at the Placerville club and meeting for drinks with club members after work, nothing more. But at a district conference in the late 70's, he met a dentist, Don Ratley, who wanted to establish a dental clinic in Mulege. "I spoke Spanish, so he approached me to join him and translate," Padilla remembers.

### **Expanding his skill set**

On that monthlong tour in 1979, Ratley taught Padilla how to be a dental assistant – a skill that would later serve him on missions to Africa and beyond. He and Ratley set up a basic clinic and mostly pulled bad teeth, Padilla says. There was a simple reason: They had no equipment for filling cavities. Today, the clinic receives support from many Rotary clubs and occupies a stand-alone building, outfitted with three dental chairs, X-ray machines, and denture-making gear. Among other handyman tasks, Padilla installed its ceiling fans. No local resident has to pay for any services there. "We've come a long way," he says.

These days, when he's not on a Rotary mission, you're most likely to find Padilla acting as a volunteer wingman for Laura Day, governor of District 5160. Her 300-mile-long district includes 71 clubs and Padilla has agreed to drive her to visit all of them. "After so much time in the car together, I know him well," Day says. "I know he's slept on dirt floors in El Salvador, and probably didn't change his clothes for a week in order to dig out a road or build a bridge. He's done polio immunizations, medical clinics in the Philippines, dental assistance in Mexico, Nepal, and Africa – whatever was needed."

On the near horizon is another monthlong dental clinic trip to Mulege with two teams that he's organized, along with a mission to Haiti to help in a recovery project and a trip to Chile. For Padilla, the gratification that comes from service is intense and ever-present.

"Maybe I don't have the words for what I feel, but there's never any doubt that I'm going to get something from every project I go on. It could be as simple as a warm tortilla from a child, something that grabs the strings of my heart. I've asked myself many times, where would my life be without these experiences?"

By Stephen Yafa

This story originally appeared in the May 2013 issue of *The Rotarian*.

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