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October 30, 2014

Ventura Water - Shauna Epstein

November 6, 2014

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November 13, 2014

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November 20, 2014

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Greeter

October 30 - Carol Marquez-Olson

Fundraisers

Poinsettia Sales

Delivery Date

December 4, 2014

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Avenues of Service Meetings

Club Service	TBD
Vocational Service	TBD
Community Service	Sept. 9 6:00 Laura Shannon
New Generations	2nd Wed. 5:30 Mimi's Cafe
International Service	TBD

Avenues of Service Meetings

Marketing	TBD
Membership	TBD

Raffle Scholarship Donor

October 30 - Tim Hughes

Club Events

Important Dates

BBQ Team - Moorpark Civil War ReinactmentNov 7-8
Poinsettia Delivery Day Dec 4

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Presidents Message ...



Dave Anderson
President 2014-2015

I need to give a huge THANK YOU to all of you came out to support our BBQ team at the Moorpark Beer Festival last Saturday. This was one of the largest work crews I've seen, and with everyone pitching in, the work went very smoothly.

However, we are facing some obstacles; The County Health Department is beginning to enforce a new set of rules that will prohibit our BBQ Trailer from being used for food preparation - as we have been accustomed to do in the past.

Bruce McGee - with Jordan Eller, Augie Ponce de Leon, and the rest of the crew - went to heroic efforts to adapt our setup to the new regulations in short order – principally with the use of enclosed tents (Food Booths) to perform the food prep.



To make matters worse, despite all the work and effort that we put in, we enjoyed only a modest response from the public on Saturday – due to the large number of food trucks at the site.

We will need to reevaluate the entire BBQ operation in light of the more stringent County regulations, the increased competition, and our own ability to sustain the level of effort that it will take to be successful. We'll be talking about this over the next few months.

Meanwhile, it's back to Moorpark in a few weeks to feed the Civil War Reenactment!

Dave Anderson, AIA

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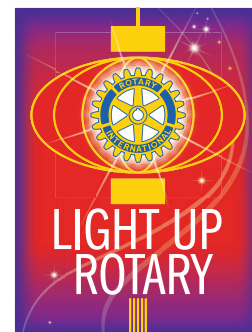
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Meeting October 23, 2014

Reported by Jeff Hata



Vance Thompson took attendance today!

and thanked Vance Thompson for taking attendance.

Vance Thompson then led us in the Flag Salute.

We did not have any guests today.

Tom Hashbarger gave our Inspirational Message.

Bruce McGee spoke about our next BBQ which will be November 8 & 9 at the Moorpark Civil War Reenactment. This is the largest Civil War Reenactment west of the Mississippi.

President Dave reminded us all about Poinsettia sales. Laura Shannon is setting up a Poinsettia sales campaign for November 1st. More details to follow.

Vance Thompson announced that the Christmas Party will be December 14th at Bill Spellman's home.

Joe Strohman announced that Student of the Quarter will be November 13th and the sponsors will be Midge Stork and Harriet Clune.

Joe also let us know that next week's speaker will be Shauna Epstien from Ventura Water.

President Dave explained make-ups and how you get credit on your bill for lunch when you do a make-up.

President Dave rang the bell and invited everybody to enjoy lunch, guests and visiting Rotarians please go first.

Midge Stork announced that today's raffle prize was an autographed copy of the book "Living Legacy" signed by our speaker John Krist. The book was donated by Monte Widders.

President Dave thanked our greeter Bill Spellman

Joe Strohman, Rocky Ludes and Ron Polito gave a report on the foundation.

Rocky reported that Bob Beckwith's life revolved around Rotary, Bob had 59 years perfect attendance. Bob really liked special projects, especially those that revolved around youth. Rocky reported that Bob's trust will leave \$1.9 million to the Rotary Club of Ventura-East Foundation and that \$1.5 million had already been deposited and Rocky presented Ron Polito with a check for an additional \$250,000 for the Foundation.

Ron Polito told us that our foundation prior to Bob Beckwith's donation had \$460,000. Bob's donation has been placed into a separate account and will be managed for the most part by a professional advisor.

Joe Strohman gave a brief history of our foundation which was started by LeRoy Andrews in 1991. the first deposit was made in 1993 in the amount of \$17,301. Over the years we have had several club members make significant donations. Eric Nicolet - \$92,193, Niel Cummings - \$18,432, Pete and Tutti Gallagher - \$59,897.

The club has also given the foundation tens of thousands of dollars over the years through fundraisers like our Casino Nights & Salsa Festivals. Also, many club members have donated significant amounts over the years.

It is the hope that with the additional money we can expand our scholarship program to Foothill and El Camino High Schools. Bob Beckwith's donation states that the corpus cannot ever be touched and can satisfy a maximum of 75% of the students yearly tuition and can only go to Ventura Unified students. If we do not distribute all gains on the corpus whatever is left over will go back into the corpus.

Midge Stork conducted the raffle drawing and our lucky winner was Harriet Clune.

John Borneman led us in a song.



Rocky Ludes, along with Joe Strohman and Ron Polito spoke about Bob Beckwith and our club Foundation.

Robert "Bob" Earl Beckwith

Rocky Ludes



Back in January, 2009, Bob Beckwith had a Trust prepared by his attorney John Orr. He set up various provisions, including successor trustees, and I was surprised when I was asked to serve as successor trustee.

Initially I was not involved very much, but sometime during 2010, I became involved in the accounting records of his business. Bob was still coming into the office every day, although he pretty much stayed at his desk and delegated tasks to others. Over time, he became more and more infirm. His store manager, Paul Polacek, spent additional time personally

caring for him. One morning, during breakfast, Bob had a stroke. He was taken to the hospital, then to convalescent care for several weeks, then he returned home. He never went back to the store after his stroke. He remained at home with 24-hour care. Later he was moved to a very nice residential care facility in Camarillo. After another stroke, his health declined further and he died there. I was glad I went to visit him the day he died.

Bob's life revolved around Rotary. He had 59 years of perfect attendance and was very proud of that. He enjoyed participating in Rotary events and special projects. He was always ready to drive his bobtail truck to pick up a few hundred boxes of poinsettia flowers for our plant sale.

Bob had been married once, for a fairly short period. There were no children from the marriage. However, he always enjoyed hearing stories from high school students who came to Ventura-East to receive an honor and those who received scholarships for the Ventura-East Foundation.

You can see how Rotary was a way of life for Bob. Rotary became his primary family. The students were, in a way, like nieces and nephews (or grandnieces and grandnephews). He believed in the high school students and wanted to encourage them through Rotary.

And therefore, when he planned his bequests, he left certain amounts to family and friends, and also remembered so charities. He then left the rest and remainder of his estate to the Rotary Club of Ventura-East Foundation.

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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
Ojai	12:00 pm	Friday	Soule Park GC

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World Polio Day: Health officials laud polio eradication achievements, point to disease's endgame



Time magazine science and technology editor Jeffery Kluger (left) talks with James Alexander, senior medical epidemiologist for the CDC as part of World Polio Day Friday night.

Photo Credit: Alyce Henson

After a year of shrinking polio cases worldwide, the crippling disease is now on the cusp of being eradicated, said top health officials at Rotary's second annual World Polio Day event on 24 October.

At a special Livestream program -- World Polio Day: Make History Today -- Rotary leaders joined global health experts and celebrity singers to hail the progress of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. After nearly 30 years, the GPEI, which includes Rotary, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, is on the brink of ending polio by 2018, making it the second infectious disease to be eradicated.

"A world without polio is within our grasp more than at any point in the past," said Tom Frieden, director of the CDC, during a video message to the audience. "The poliovirus continues to lose ground. Next month we will mark two years since the last case of wild poliovirus type 3, giving every appearance of eradication, and leaving only type 1 in the world."

The total number of global cases to date is 247, compared with 298

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Weekly Raffle

Our raffle today was the book "Living Legacy", autographed by the author which was donated by Monte Widders.

Our lucky winner was Harriet Clune!!!

Congratulations to Harriet and thank-you to Monte Widders for your generous donation.

Please remember that all money raised in the raffle goes directly help fund college scholarships!!!



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for the same period last year. Outside Pakistan, which saw its polio cases spike this year, the number of cases has been 35, a dramatic decrease from 187 a year ago. Pakistan accounts for 85 percent of global cases of polio this year, Frieden noted. Pakistan, along with Afghanistan and Nigeria, are three remaining polio endemic countries.

The GPEI is on the verge of a major polio achievement in Nigeria. The country has registered only six cases to date this year. "Nigeria is in excellent position to stop circulation of polio this year," said Frieden. "It has gotten 'this close' to eradicating polio by a remarkable turnaround of the program, implementing an emergency operations center, developing a proactive approach to eradication, finding innovative ways to reach children in insecure areas."

Frieden talked about how Nigeria's Polio Emergency Operations Center aided in the quick and effective response to the country's Ebola outbreak. Senior officials from the center were sent to Lagos to lead the effort. They opened an Ebola treatment unit and conducted contact tracing with up to 500 people per day.

"In spite of these efforts, polio activities did not suffer," said Frieden. "This is the legacy of polio eradication in action, and it saved lives by successfully stopping the outbreak."

Most of the polio cases in Afghanistan in 2014 are the result of reintroduction from Pakistan, said James Alexander, senior medical epidemiologist for the CDC. But the country has made significant progress the last two years because of the implementation of its emergency action plan, he said.


"To ensure progress in 2015, there needs to be engagement with new national leadership, intensified focus on 'missed' children, and continued dialogue with other countries," Alexander told attendees.

In March a key milestone was met when the World Health Organization certified its 11-country Southeast Asia region had eradicated polio. Now, 80 percent of the world's population live in areas that are certified polio-free.

Co-sponsored by Rotary and Sanofi Pasteur, the program took place before a live audience in Chicago and streamed online for viewers worldwide. Time magazine science and technology editor Jeffery Kluger moderated the event.

Olivier Charmeil, president and CEO of Sanofi Pasteur, the largest manufacturer of polio vaccine, said in a video address that this year's World Polio Day is significant "because we are beginning the last chapter

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on polio.”

Led by Nepal, a group of 120 countries will introduce the inactivated polio vaccine in the next few months. Charmeil said IPV, an injectable polio vaccine, will be part of all routine immunization programs in every country around the world.

“I look forward to the day we can stand together, alongside Rotary and the other international partners, the day we declare the world polio free,” Charmeil told the audience.

Rotary General Secretary John Hewko praised the work of the GPEI, calling the organization “perhaps the most ambitious and effective public-private partnership ever assembled.” More than 2.5 billion children have been vaccinated since its launch.

The annual number of polio cases has fallen from 350,000 in 1988 to 416 in 2013, and 222 so far this year, a remarkable decrease of more than 99 percent. UNICEF estimates that 10 million people would have otherwise been infected, while 1.5 million lives have been saved.

Rotary has contributed more than \$1.2 billion to polio eradication since taking on the disease in 1979. That amount got a significant boost earlier this week after Rotary announced it will provide an additional \$44.7 million toward the polio fight.

“Once we wipe polio from the face of the planet, we will not only have ensured no child will ever again be paralyzed by this terrible disease, we will have set the stage for the next major global health initiative, whatever it may be,” said Hewko.

Celebrities sing Rotary's praise

Reggae star Ziggy Marley, a celebrity End Polio Now ambassador, opened the event via video welcoming participants and performing a song.

Minda Dentler, a polio survivor and Ironman competitor, took the stage and shared her personal story of the disease. Dentler, who contracted polio as a child in India, earned the title of the first official female hand cyclist to compete and finish the grueling Ironman World Championship.

“After crossing the finish line I realized that the journey itself was so much bigger than me,” said Dentler. “This journey also represents my opportunity to share with the world that it is time to make polio a thing of the past. That same determination I had for sports has driven me to become an advocate for polio eradication.”

Tessanne Chin, 2013 winner of the TV show “The Voice” and an End Polio Now ambassador, sang “Always Tomorrow” during the program, and performed by a benefit concert after the event.

By Ryan Hyland
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