



## MEETING NOTES: April 13, 2021

**Welcome:** Steve Elefant, Pledge led by Steve/Hogie, patriotic song was our national anthem.

**Sunshine:** Jean D. nothing new to report

**Thought for the Day:** Jim contributed that Daniel Patrick Moynihan said, "Everyone is entitled to his/her own opinion, but not to his/her own facts."

**Happy Dollars:** Joy-Happy about Sintaro. Tillie-just happy. David Brown-just happy that Tillie is happy. Patrice. Jim Olson-happy that wife Antoinette is doing well after emergency appendectomy.

**Special Guests:** Evie Michon-Moraga Rotary Lee Scher-Boca Raton Rotarian. Lee is considering moving to Rossmoor to be closer to his sons in San Francisco. **WELCOME.**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Jim Olson, Club Polio Warrior gave an update on End Polio Now and showed a video. **Wild Polio Virus - no new cases of the wild poliovirus this week!**

The **tenth** week in a row!

**NINETY- SIX** - The number of days since the last case of the **wild** poliovirus Type 1 occurred in Afghanistan.

**SEVENTY** - The number of days since the last case of the **wild** poliovirus Type 1 occurred in Pakistan. **TWO** - The total number of cases of the **wild** poliovirus Type

1 that occurred in the world since New Year's Day.

**THIRTY-NINE** - The number of cases of the **wild** poliovirus Type 1 that occurred in 2020 on this date.

OK, this week we can go back to a "Happy Dance" around our office chairs. We just couldn't do it last week due to our loss of the three polio workers who were gunned down while doing their door to door rounds. It just didn't feel right...not a time to be happy. But we must move on, so this week please feel free to once again resume our tradition. Go ahead...I'll wait ??.

**Vaccine-Derived Polio** - Last week once again saw 7 new cases of the vaccine- derived poliovirus, however, 2 of those occurred last year, but are only now being reported. Therefore, total cases year to date are 48 compared to last year's 68.

Please find two minutes to share this video about Vaccine-derived Polio. We shared this during the Polio breakout session at the Spring Assembly. It does an excellent job explaining how polio can be contracted, in rare instances, from the oral drops that are being administered in much of the world.

[https://youtu.be/mg\\_XFQ2zib4](https://youtu.be/mg_XFQ2zib4)

### Initial after effect of the loss of 3 polio workers -

According to an April 1st. Reuters article, a UNICEF official said that steps were taken to ensure that vaccinations continued after the killing of the 3 polio workers in Afghanistan, but that the campaign in three districts, targeting an estimated 320,722 children under the age of five, will be delayed until after the Muslim holy month of Ramadan in May. The killings occurred during day 2 of the 5 day campaign.

**Get a Shot / Give a Shot** - A reminder that **World Immunization Week, April 24th - 30th** is less than two weeks away. And...the World Health Organization estimates that 20 million children have not received required vaccinations since the outbreak of COVID-19. **Vaccines work. The fight to end Polio is the proof.**

## PROGRAM



Our own **Joy Alaidarious** giving us an update on the **SINTARO PROJECT IN ETHIOPIA**. This project first initiated by Joy in 2016 set forth goals to bring improved water, sanitation, hand washing stations, electricity, health and education to Sintaro a small village in the District of Malaga 200 miles south of Addis Ababa.

Joy presented a series of slides describing the projects completed and underway. In association with CPC Presbyterian church in Danville, Rotary District 5160 club contributions, and Rotary International support \$65,000 was raised for the project. Local young professional Rotarians and Rotaractors in Sintaro have been key in coordinating and leading this project to success. This has led to these accomplishments: construction of latrines; handwashing stations; WASH (water, sanitation and health) curriculum; solar panels on buildings providing electricity to enable better education; adult basic literacy; improvements in health clinics; and women's economic development. Adult education can now be provided at night because of electricity.

Sintaro is part of Joy's heart and she is hopeful that she can return in the future to see the graduation of Merhet a young girl with great promise.

Joy is hopeful that our Club or Foundation will contribute to buying playground equipment that is much needed in Sintaro.



## CALENDAR

April 21	10:30 RRF Trustees via Zoom
April 21	Joe Garofoli – Sr. Political Writer SF Chronicle
April 28	Wayne Steffen – Hosting a murder mystery/dinner online