

"The Mirror"

CHARLOTTE ROTARY CLUB – 10/26/2021

Pints for Polio Edition

The club met for fellowship, fun, and beer, Tuesday evening, to raise money for the continuing fight to eradicate polio worldwide. JR Rotarians Brody Sobek, Hunter Bartlett, and Gabe Wertz, accompanied by Charlotte High School Counselor, Kirstin Kraushaar, registered guests and sold 50/50 tickets. John Newland won the 50/50 and donated it back to the fight against polio. Several other prizes, donated by the Eaton Theatre, were awarded as well. Ed Foster presented to the club prior to the event concluding. Fun was definitely had by all!

JR ROTARIANS:



Alivia is the daughter of Julie and Kristoffer Somers. She's received several Underclassmen Awards, and Academic Letter. She participates in Dance, Volleyball, Basketball, and Soccer. She's a member of the National Honor Society and volunteers regularly. She's undecided where she wants to study next but knows it will be in the medical field. Welcome Alivia!



Hunter is the son of Renee and Ron Bartlett. He received All Area Academic for football and wrestling the last 3 years. He's done 4-H shooting sports for 5 years. He's a member of the National Honor Society. He volunteers cleaning fire trucks, VA Hospital, Flag Football, and is a pen pal with elementary kids. Hunter plans to attend Lake Superior State University and become a State Trooper. Welcome Hunter!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Reminder, next week's meeting will be in person and on zoom. Look for a zoom invite soon.

PROGRAM:

Charlotte Rotary Celebrates Near Eradication of Polio Worldwide



The near eradication of polio worldwide was the great news that Charlotte Rotary celebrated this past week. Since 1988, Charlotte Rotary Club has worked to support the worldwide effort of polio eradication by Rotary International and the World Health Organization.

There are only two (2) remaining cases of polio in the world as of October 13, 2021. There is one in Pakistan and one in Afghanistan. This is great progress since



2019, when there were 176 cases in these last holdout areas for polio in the entire world.

According to Rotary International, we're on the brink of a polio-free world. We've come a long way since 1988 when health workers, local governments, and global partners first embarked on the ambitious mission to eradicate all forms of polio. When Rotary International and the World Health Organization launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988, there were an estimated 350,000 cases of polio in 125 countries.

World Polio Day was celebrated on October 24 and hope was high with the other good news that the Taliban is now allowing door-to-door polio vaccinations in Afghanistan again for the first time in over three years!

This is an incredible feat with the goal to reach every single child in the country, including more than three million children in regions that had long been inaccessible to vaccinators. The Taliban has also committed to including female frontline health workers in these vaccination efforts and to protecting their safety. Previous work by female workers was not allowed by local country traditions. Since the eradication effort started, Charlotte Rotary Club has raised \$164,354 to go toward fighting this disease. Another \$776 was raised this past week by the club which will be matched two times by the Gates Foundation. This amount raised last week will be enough money to fully protect 2,328 children against polio with the Gates Foundation match.

The eradication work must continue because a surveillance program lasting three years is necessary to assure that polio is completely absent from the environment including water systems and the soil in the affected countries.

For more information on the polio eradication efforts worldwide, please visit www.endpolio.org.

*Written by Ed Foster and Don Sovey

Go Green! Spartan Dawg!



Presidential Tally

Jerry – 11 Meetings

Tyler – 2 Meetings

Ed- 1 Meeting

Mandy- 0 Meetings

Next Week, Tuesday November 2nd, 2021- Julie Davis, CPS Rec Director, will talk about new rec programs.

CHARLOTTE ROTARY

PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2021 - 2022

- Nov 02 - Community Pride – Mandy Stewart**
- Nov 09 – Centennial – Ed Foster**
- Nov 16 – NO MEETING DUE TO FUNDRAISER ON THE 20th.**
- Nov 20- Annual Fundraiser Reverse Raffle (Please note this is a Friday night) – Tyler Pray**
- Nov 23 – Rural Urban – Lee Wheaton**
- Nov 30 – Grants Committee – Sam Davis.**
- Dec 07 – Music – Chuck Archer – GFWC Choir (+ 20)**
- Dec 14 – Historical/remembrance – Joe Pray**
- Dec 21 – Read to Me – John Newland**
- Dec 28 – JR. ROTARIAN ANNUAL REUNION**

NOVEMBER DUTIES

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| ATTENDANCE | Mike Crowner |
| GREETER | Jake Campbell |
| INVOCATION | Wally Miars |
| MIRROR | Herm Arends |
| ARTS & CULTURE | Don Sovey |
| SGT-AT-ARMS | Joel Fox (Barrel) |
| | Paul Tomasek (50/50) |
| | Amy Gilson (S & T) |