

ABSENCES – July 10

Bill Bright, Greg Carroll, David Cork, Jay Grogan, Randy Jinks, Ryanne Noss, Mary Jean Sanspree, Tommy Trimm, Paul Walker, Ty Williams, Martin Woosley

MAKEUPS – July 10

Maybe

VISITORS – July 19

Shain Segars

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

07/24/19	Van Horne	Ken Lass – An Authentic Cheesehead
07/31/19	No meeting (5 th Wednesday)	
08/07/19	No meeting (1 st Wednesday)	
08/14/19	Joe Knight	

News of the Weird

Beachgoers looking to make a statement this summer will want to check out the Jeado, a Speedo-style swimsuit brief for men that looks like it's cut from a pair of jeans, but is really made of polyester and Spandex, for comfort and quick drying. The retailer describes the faux-denim look: "It is like eating a bag of chips in church. Everyone looks over at you with disgust, but deep down they want some too." United Press International reports that Jeados sell for \$39.99 through shinesty.com. [UPI, 5/30/2019]

While students at Holy Family Catholic School in Port Allen, Louisiana, took a field trip to Washington, D.C., to learn about our nation's founding and visit historic sites, their principal, Michael Comeau, had another kind of sightseeing in mind. In the pre-dawn hours of May 31, police were called to Archibald's Gentleman's Club in D.C. after "an intoxicated man refused to pay his bill," according to the arrest report. The Advocate reports that officers found Comeau, 47, standing in a roadway, "refusing to move." He was arrested for public intoxication and possession of an open container of alcohol. Comeau immediately resigned his position as principal, along with his role as a reserve police officer at the Brusly Police Department. [The Advocate, 5/31/2019]

For reasons that remain unclear, a local police officer drove a beach patrol ATV into a marsh on Tybee Island, Georgia, on May 31, where it became stuck in the mud. Officials with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources say the officer then used a City of Tybee pickup truck to try to free the ATV, but the truck also became stuck. City workers next attempted to pull both vehicles out using two backhoes, which also succumbed to the marsh. An excavator was finally able to free one of the backhoes from the muck, but the Coastal Resources Division of the DNR reported to WSAV that it will likely take a barge and crane to extricate the other three vehicles. Tybee city officials are conducting an investigation. [WSAV, 6/3/2019]

Rotary is giving US\$100 million in grants to support the global effort to end polio, a vaccine-preventable disease that once paralyzed hundreds of thousands of children each year. The funding comes as Rotary and its partners in the **Global Polio Eradication Initiative** (GPEI) address the final—and most pressing—challenges to ending poliovirus transmission, and as Nigeria approaches three years without any reported cases of wild poliovirus, bringing the Africa region closer to polio-free status.

“We have the wild poliovirus cornered in the smallest geographic area in history, and now there are just two countries that continue to report cases of the wild virus,” said Michael K. McGovern, chair of Rotary’s International PolioPlus Committee. “As we work with our partners to apply innovative new strategies to reach more children, and embrace lessons learned thus far, Rotary is doubling down on our commitment to end polio for good. I’m optimistic that the end of polio is within our grasp, but we must remain vigilant in rallying global political and financial support as we push towards a polio-free world.”

While there were only 33 cases of wild poliovirus reported in 2018, the last mile of eradication has proven to be the most difficult. Barriers to eradication—like weak health systems, insecurity, and mobile and remote populations—must be overcome. As long as a single child has polio, all children are at risk, which underscores the need for continued funding and commitment to eradication. To support polio eradication efforts in endemic countries, Rotary is allocating half the funds it announced today to: Afghanistan (\$16.3 million), Nigeria (\$10.2 million), and Pakistan (\$25.2million). Additional funding will support efforts to keep vulnerable countries polio-free:

- Chad (\$102,395)
- Democratic Republic of the Congo (\$9.5 million)
- Ethiopia (\$2.6 million)
- Iraq (\$6 million)
- Kenya (\$6.3 million)
- Mali (\$1.2 million)
- Somalia (\$1.4 million)
- South Sudan (\$1.2 million)
- Syria (\$1.7 million)
- Yemen (\$2.1 million)

The **World Health Organization** (WHO) will receive \$1.3 million to conduct research, and will also receive support for surveillance activities in its Africa (\$10.9 million) and Eastern Mediterranean (\$4 million) Regions. Rotary has committed to raising \$50 million a year to be matched 2-to-1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, amounting to \$150 million for polio eradication annually. Rotary has contributed more than \$1.9 billion to fight the disease, including matching funds from the Gates Foundation, and countless volunteer hours since launching its polio eradication program, PolioPlus, in 1985. In 1988, Rotary became a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Gates Foundation later joined. Since the initiative launched, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases in 1988 to 33 cases of wild poliovirus in 2018.