



August 26, 2021

Birthdays

- Wendy Irene Piascik
September 12th
- Susan Thomas
September 19th
- Wayne Robert Kirkwood
October 3rd
- Edward Keith Roos
October 5th
- Joseph Cerino
October 9th

Wedding Anniversaries

- Kevin Ahmadi
September 18th
- Phil Deems
September 19th
- Edward Keith Roos
October 1st
- Joseph Cerino
October 5th
- Susan Thomas
October 7th
- Donald H. Thomas
October 7th

Speakers

- September 10 - Jennifer Cellitti, Exec. Dir. & ToniRae Hurley - Pace Center for Girls
- September 17 - Darryl Keys PDG - Diversity in Rotary
- September 24 - Greg Frith, Fireservice Disaster Kleenup - Hurricane Season & Hurricane Preparedness

Speaker Host

- September 10 - Joan Henry
- September 17 - Joan Henry
- September 24 - Joan Henry

Greeters

- September 10 - Phil Deems & Harold Eskin
- September 17 - Julie Ferguson & Michael Gennaro
- September 24 - Robert Greco & Joan Henry

President's Message

Rotary Presidents ♦ themes and visions.

Every President that is served as President of Rotary International has been proud to lead our organization. Each one in their own way has expressed their philosophes, thoughts, visions.

For more than 60 years they have expressed their vision in an annual theme. These themes set the tone for the President ♦s year.

The annual theme brings together the classic Governors with a common goal. Annually at the International Assembly over 500 incoming Governors await the exciting presentation that will highlight their year as Governor

The year our club was chartered in 1985 1986 the theme was ♦You Are The Key♦.

36 years later the theme for this year 2021 2022 is ♦Serve To Change Lives♦.

Every January Rotarians from around the world anxiously wait to hear the next theme of our incoming President. This January will be a special occasion the very first female President will be Jennifer Jones.

We are all looking forward to what she will select as her theme.

YIRS,

Don Thomas



End Polio Now



Club Meeting

Cape Coral Goldcoast
Meets at Gulf Coast Village,
Auditorium, Main Building
1333 Santa Barbara Blvd.
Cape Coral, FL 33991
Time: Friday at 12:00 PM

African region marks one year since being certified wild polio-free

Together, we've made tremendous progress in the fight to end polio. In August 2020, the World Health Organization's African region was certified free of wild poliovirus – an incredible milestone that was made possible by the leadership, dedication, and support of countless Rotary members and health workers, our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), and African region leaders.

The eradication of wild polio in the African region shows that total wild polio eradication is possible. Learn more about this historic achievement and Rotary's commitment to [keeping Africa free of wild poliovirus and ending polio worldwide](#).

Lessons from the African region

In an inspiring blog post for the Global Institute for Disease Elimination, Dr. Tunji Funsho, chair of Rotary's Nigeria PolioPlus Committee, explains how Rotary's work in eradicating wild poliovirus in the African region shows us a path toward eradicating polio worldwide. Despite immense odds, wild polio was certified eliminated across the World Health Organization's African region last year, thanks to the perseverance of Rotary members working with our partners, governments, health workers, and communities.

Dr. Funsho emphasizes that to stop wild polio transmission in the last two countries where polio is endemic, Afghanistan and Pakistan, we must maintain our focus on combatting vaccine hesitancy, reaching children in the most difficult places, and providing additional health services along with the polio vaccine.

[Read the full blog story.](#)



[Nominate Someone Today!](#)



Rotary in the news

In an interview with India's The Week magazine, RI President Shekhar Mehta shares his goals for the Rotary year and reflects on [the organization's 100-year legacy of assisting communities throughout India](#), including its role in the elimination of wild polio in the country. The World Health Organization's South-East Asia Region, which includes India, was certified free of wild poliovirus more than seven years ago. Looking ahead, Mehta emphasizes Rotary's continued role as a partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) in maintaining India's wild polio-free status and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic through the leadership of Rotary's India COVID-19 Task Force.

An article in Foreign Affairs features [the tireless work of female health workers in Pakistan](#) who have continued going door-to-door to vaccinate children against polio despite the COVID-19 outbreak and other challenges. Rotary member and polio eradication organizer Tayyaba Gul describes the vital role women play in reaching local households to overcome vaccine hesitancy and deliver other health services alongside the polio drops. The story notes how this network of dedicated female health workers can greatly support the rollout of COVID-19 vaccinations in their communities.

Donate to help eradicate polio

With World Polio Day approaching, now is the time to support Rotary's fight against polio. Join us in the effort to make polio the second human disease ever to be eradicated.

Thanks to our generous members and donors, we reached our 2020-21 PolioPlus fundraising goal. With donations matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, every contribution goes even further toward ending this paralyzing disease for good.

[Donate Today!](#)

Rotary License Plates Support Youth Services

PLEASE HELP FLORIDA'S YOUTH

We are looking for Floridians who want to support Rotary's Youth Programs across the state and we'd like to count on you. You do not have to be a Rotarian to get a Florida Specialty Tag with the Rotary symbol all you have to do is get yours today through www.floridarotarytag.com and help us get to the 3,000-mark so the plates will go into production! Get on for your car, motorcycle, RV, motorcycle trailer, boat trailers, corporate fleet vehicles and more, and help us support this great cause!

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