

# Rotary



## Club of Cranberry Township - Sunrise

### Speakers

### Events

September 25th  
[Zombies of the Corn Parking](#)

### Birthdays

Erica Anne Sabatini  
October 27th  
Matthew S Fiore  
October 27th  
Carl William Heinlein  
October 29th  
Karen S Newpol  
November 5th

### Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries  
Found

### Club Leaders



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President



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Club Director

## Bulletin - Club Meeting 10.23.2020

By Erica Anne Sabatini on Friday, October 23, 2020

**Guests (via online):** Ken Fleeson

**Members in Attendance (via online):** Michael Pologruto, Karen Newpol, Jack Cohen, Erica Sabatini, Ron Gigler, Mark Segar, Dave Capan, Elayne Wilhelm Nancy Iglesias, Carl Heinlein, Tim Hester, Shawn Firster, Michael Ozdinec, Michael Patsy, and Lori Zona

### Happy Bucs:

- Ron is happy with how parking has been going so far for Zombies of the Corn and the weather has been pretty cooperative too!
- Ron is also happy that Kim's husband is doing well after his heart surgery.
- Karen is happy that she is going to Florida.
- Mark is happy for everyone who came out to pick up their tickets on Wednesday. Let's go sell some raffle tickets!!!
- Jack is happy that they were able to bring back another employee at the Tourism Bureau.
- Mike Patsy is happy that Michael Peuler's wife's cancer results are 99% cancer free!

### News:

- Zombies Parking: The net proceeds from this past week was \$2,112.
- Raffle Tickets: Start selling tickets! If you have any questions, please contact Mark.
- Student of the Month: Yesterday was the first Student of the Month Club for Rowan Elementary. It was done via Zoom. The next Student of the Month is 12/17 for Rowan but mark your calendars now to show our support for these outstanding, young students!
- World Polio Day: Tomorrow is World Polio Day!
- Sherwood Oaks and UPMC Senior Celebration: Dave Capan was on the committee for this presentation that was put together last evening. Ron would like to explore what we can do as a club with residents at Sherwood Oaks.

**Member Spotlight:** None today.

### Presentation:

Ken informed us that Tom Grant is a Polio survivor and unfortunately is going through post-Polio syndrome at this time in addition to other ailments. He is on the mend but please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Dr. Saulk developed the first Polio vaccine with the University of Pittsburgh in the early 1950s.

Rotary got involved with the fight against Polio in the Philippines in 1979, which garnered the interest of the world. So in 1988 the Global Polio Eradication Initiative was started. This is run by WHO but has support of the Rotary, UN and governments throughout the world. Cases have been reduced by 99.9% throughout the world since Rotary became involved. Afghanistan and Pakistan are the only two (2) countries still reporting cases today.

By eradicating Polio, we are able to improve lives, invest in the future, improve child health, lower healthcare costs, and make history. Rotary's commitment to fighting Polio is \$50 million per year. If we raise this, then the Gates Foundation will match this 2:1, which would amount to \$150 million to eradicate Polio. The money we raise goes to a variety of aspects, which include: research, vaccinations, surveillance, social mobilization, technical assistance, and operational support.

Polio Plus is another initiative that works in conjunction with End Polio Now. It provides various support in connection with vaccinations and surveillance programs - Vitamin A drops, bed nets, organization of health camps and supplying clean water to vulnerable communities among numerous other wonderful programs.

Tomorrow is World Polio Day. This year's theme is One Day. One Focus: Ending Polio.

### Fun Facts:

- In 2019, the most popular Halloween candy in America was Skittles. Americans purchased an average of 3.3 million pounds of this candy every Halloween. Skittles are also the most



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popular candy in California. Reese's Peanut Butter Cups came in at a close second with sales of 3 million pounds and happens to be the favorite of Texas. *Common America. I respect the Reeses but Skittles? \*E shakes her head\** Just for completeness, the favorite candy of Pennsylvanians is Hershey's Mini Bars.

- Sticking with the delightfully sweet theme of Halloween candy, I bet you did not know this fact. Tootsie Rolls were used in battle! Yes, it is true. They were included in soldiers' fighting rations during World War II to give American troops quick energy. They could also withstand the changing weather conditions. In 1950, the US and UN troops in Korea put out a call for Tootsie Rolls, which was a code name for mortar shells. When they opened the airdropped box, they actually received a box of Tootsie Roll candies. These treats did not go to waste. Because of their malleable consistency, soldiers were able to use them to patch up holes in vehicles and equipment. *Next time you need to patch something, don't reach for the duct tape, grab a bag of Tootsie Rolls instead!*