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IMPORTANT MEETINGS 2020

11/9/21 Board Meeting 7 AM
Zoom
11/12/21 Charitable Fund 5:30 PM
Zoom



TOGETHER WE WILL END POLIO



World Polio Day is October 24. It was established by Rotary International over a decade ago to commemorate the birth of Jonas Salk who led the first team to develop a vaccine against poliomyelitis.

“The first HYBRID meeting will now come to order.”



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: *Hugh Toloui*

*“A tongue has no bones,
but it is strong enough to break a heart
so be careful about your words.”*

THE FOUR-WAY TEST: *Bob Hooy (with Barb's help)*

Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIP?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



GUESTS



DEB LUYIIMA **HERB MUYINGA**
Rotary Club of Muyenga Uganda



RON LEONE
Concord's Vice Mayor



BOB ROGERS
PolioPlus District Chair

TODAY'S SPEAKER

BOB ROGERS



Rotary Foundation Chair Ken Nishimori introduced **Bob Rogers** who is currently serving as Chair of his District's PolioPlus Committee and as the End Polio Now Zone 27 Coordinator. Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years. As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, polio cases have been reduced by 99.9 percent since the first project to vaccinate children began in the Philippines in 1979. Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in

122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort. Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan. But Bob said that it is crucial to continue working to keep other countries polio-free. When Rotary and its partners launched the global polio eradication initiative in 1988, there were over 350,000 cases of polio in 125 countries every year. Rotary, and its international partners, have since made phenomenal progress against the disease.

Rotary International remains committed to the end. With polio nearly eradicated, Rotary and its partners pledge to sustain this progress and continue to reach every child with the polio vaccine. Without full funding and political commitment, this paralyzing disease could return to countries that are now polio-free, putting children everywhere at risk. In fact, if all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio will be back and could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year. Bob's phone number is 707-766-4636 if you wish to contact him.

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

Bob Rogers joined the Rotary Club of Sebastopol, California in 2007 shortly after moving into town from South Lake Tahoe. It wasn't long thereafter, as a polio survivor, he joined District 5130's PolioPlus Committee and was soon giving polio talks to clubs throughout the district. He earned his club's "Rookie Rotarian of the Year" award in his first year, and "Rotarian of the Year" award a few years later. He went on to serve as President of his club, Assistant Governor, and District Governor in 2017-2018.

One event he's particularly proud of occurred when he was District Governor and he and 13 others created and rode in a 6-day, 350 mile bike ride from one end of their district to the other. It was called "Pedal 4 Polio." Clubs along the route fed them and put them up for the night, and the bike riders--being good guests--supplied the wine.

In addition to attending seven Rotary International Conventions, Bob's Rotary travels have taken him on multiple visits to Mexico for a school project, to Uganda for a Global Grant project, and to India twice, once for a Rotary Friendship Exchange and, recently for a National Immunization Day in New Delhi. Bob retired as an airline pilot from US Airways in 2002, and now claims his second career is Rotary.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

FIRST IN-PERSON HYBRID MEETING

President Monica Fraga called today's first hybrid meeting at the Centre Concord to order. It was our first official hybrid meeting. Here we are together at last in our new location standing and reciting the Pledge.



REFRESHMENTS AND TECHNOLOGY

Imagine how cool it is breaking bread in Concord, California with guests and members from all over the planet with the Sunrise Bistro providing the food. Zoom technology brought us all together thanks to the diligent work of the Hybrid Committee:



POLIO PLUS DAY

Rotary International Director Ken Nishimori reminded us that October 24th is World Polio Day.

Since the 1980s the polio epidemic decreased from 125 countries to two; Pakistan and Afghanistan. In fact, the number of reported cases of children who have been infected has decreased from 350,000 per year down to only two: thanks to the work of the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Center for Disease Control, Gavi Vaccine Alliance, and donations by us and Rotarians all over the world.

The PolioPlus Society

Here are the club members who signed up last October to become PolioPlus Society members. They are:



Monica Fraga, Bob Sundberg, Clayton Worsdell, Fred Nelson, Irene Davids-Blair, Jeff Rondini, Ken Nishimori, Larry Hutchings, Mary Kemnitz, Miles Bell, Richard Lueck, Russ Anderson, and Vicki Sexton.

Now it's up to you. Wear your END POLIO NOW wrist bands, donate, and join the Polio Plus Society.

DISTRICT GRANT

Past President Vicki Sexton notified **Cathy Durfee**, of the Walnut Creek Rotary, and **Jeff Clark**, of the Pleasant Hill Rotary, that the grant for the children's play structure at the Clayton Community Park was approved. Thanks were extended to the clubs for generously agreeing to help us by donating \$500 each to the project. Vicki said, *"This is what Rotary is all about, doing good things for our communities, near and far, and clubs helping each other along the way."*



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Barbara and Mark Reifschneider are celebrating their 29th wedding anniversary. Barbara said that they held their wedding ceremony in their backyard right after the pool was put in. They never took a honeymoon because every bit of money they had went right into fixing up the house



where they have lived for the past 30 years. To celebrate, they will be relaxing in a lovely hotel in Lake Tahoe this weekend where it is expected to snow the entire time.

Barbara was instrumental in becoming our Club's first female President, was the 2007 Rotarian of the year, and is our Club Service Director in charge of all party planning, organizer of our race track events, and the bocce ball tournaments.

After a lengthy career with Pacific Bell, Barbara retired and joined Trader Joes's where she worked for the past 14 years. Mark is an IT Technician with Custom Computers owned by fellow Rotarian Johnny Morgan. Barbara and Mark have lived in their Concord home for the past 30 years.

HAPPY BUCKS

BY BARBARA REIFSCHNEIDER



TORSTEN JACOBSEN Inspiration! Torsten wanted us to know that Bob Roger's talk underscored the rewards of first hand participation. Don't use age as an excuse. Ítalo Grossi of Clayton, age 94, until just recently was a tough off-road mc rider, worked out daily, and last week did his first Skydive in Byron from 12,000 feet in 50 seconds. Motto: "ignore your pains, be positive and thankful for each day and full speed ahead right up until the end!" Tom Young, also age 94. works hard doing carpentry; self-restored his 1947 Studebaker convertible which he drives annually to Pennsylvania; does 3,000 miles in three days from 5 am to 10 pm.!! He does this through rain and flat tires.

Motto: "Forget your age as a reason to do less and just keep

'Rollin.'" When Gloria Steinem was 85- years-old, and was asked: "Who are you passing the torch to?" "Nobody," she said. "I'm holding on to my torch. I'll let others light theirs from mine." Torsten donated \$125 but will direct it to the PolioPlus fund.



MONICA FRAGA gave 10 happy bucks because she was happy that the meeting came off pretty well thanks to the help of so many members..



BILL SELB gave a happy five bucks. He said what goes around comes

around. I'm not sure what that means but he did tell us that when our Rotary was first looking for venues, the considered the Centre Concord. They found Oakhurst instead and now look where we are.



KEN NISHIMORI gave Happy five bucks because he was so grateful that Monica and Bob got the venue and everything set up for our first hybrid meeting.



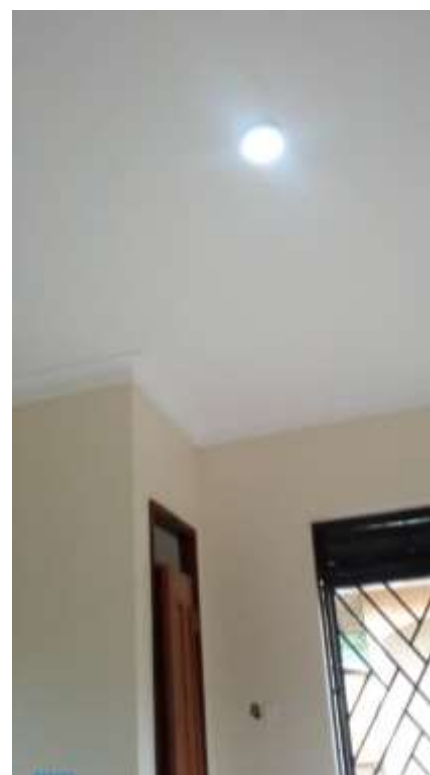
JOHNNY MORGAN gave a happy five bucks because he was happy to see everyone in person. Last week he was working out of town in a campground, and met someone from San Felipe. That was pretty exciting.

UGANDA

Herbert Muyinga and **Deb Luyiima** brought us up to speed on the current status of the **Pediatric Clinic**. They said they have gone ahead with the last major touches to the clinic. More flower beds have been planted all around the building and it really looks great. Electrical installations are now fully completed (Sockets, switches and bulbs) both inside and outside and everything works. Furniture that includes drip stands, bed Screens, file cabinets, trolleys, beds, and linens is also being installed. They are currently in the process of identifying a competent Medical administrator to help acquire the must-have clinical equipment. Meantime our International Rotary partners, The Rotary club of Durango (Colorado), have confirmed funding the onsite technical survey and assessment to our solar lighting project. This will guide in securing the right energy and efficient powering for the medical appliances/utilities at the clinic.

Finally they are in last phase of organizing a medical camp at the center to immunize, vaccinate (COVID-19) and sensitize communities against all kinds of preventable infections.





AN FELIPE

Tina Sweeney and Anna McCourt, Scholarship Coordinators, report:

The Rotary Club of San Felipe focuses its efforts primarily on high school students and University students. This year, through sponsors' donations, we have provided uniforms, shoes, books, paid school fees/tuitions, and purchased school supplies.



We usually hold an informational get-together for the students, parents, Rotary members and sponsors in November. However, due to the COVID-19 virus it has been cancelled this year. We will be handing out the school supplies and give a treat to the students on November 13th in a safe environment.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS	SPONSORS
High School Students 152	San Felipe Rotary members 63
Special Needs: Autistic 7	Other Rotary Clubs 66
University students 37	Individuals 67

If you are going to be in San Felipe this season and would like to meet with the student(s) you are sponsoring, please let Tina or Anna me know and arrangements will be made.

On behalf of the Youth Development Committee and The Rotary Club of San Felipe; please accept our sincere gratitude for helping the young people of San Felipe! If you have any questions, please e-mail me at bajatinas@gmail.com Caring for and serving others is the best way to live.

Serve to Change Lives

THE GALLERY

Look what **Bo Morse**, one of our Australia Rotary members, submitted. She took these photos while on vacation in California. Here is Mt. Shasta. Guess where the other photo was taken.





"ALWAYS LEAVE 'EM LAUGHING"



INTIMATE CONVERSATION

I was in a public toilet and had just sat down, when I heard a voice from the next stall.

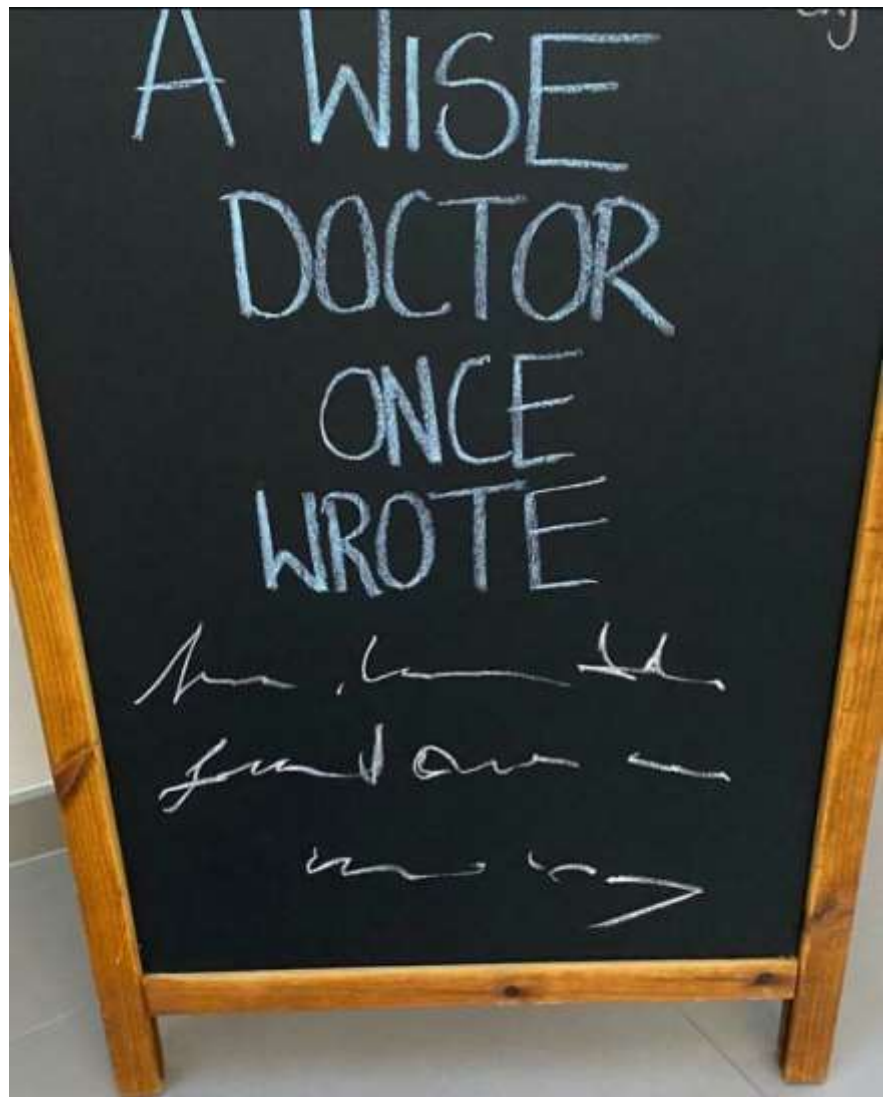
He said, "Hi, how are you?"

Embarrassed I said, "I am doing fine."

The voice said, "So what are you up to?" I said, "Just doing the same as you, sitting here!"

From the next stall came, "Can I come over?" Annoyed, I replied, "Rather busy right now!"

Then the voice said, "Listen, I will have to call you back. There's an idiot in the next stall here answering all of my questions."



JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT

Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon and some days you're the statue!

Always keep your words soft and sweet just in case you have to eat them.

Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.

If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.

It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.

Never buy a car you can't push.

Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.

When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.

Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

Save the earth..... It's the only planet with chocolate!

Old bankers never die, they just loose interest.

A lady at the bank told me to check her balance, so I pushed her over.

Why do recovering addicts make good bankers? Because they have a lot of experience with withdrawals

A banker told me a joke. It didn't make any cents.

...That's all, folks.

