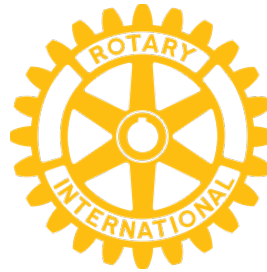


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Club of Leavenworth



Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Program This Week



Our speaker this week will be **Marty Lindemann** who will be presenting Rotary's **World Polio Day!**

World Polio Day is a time for Rotary members, public health advocates, and all who want a world free from polio to come together, recognize our progress in the fight to end polio, and talk about the actions we need to take in order to end polio for good.

Thank You to our Speaker Last Week!

Our speaker last week was **District Governor, Tom Tochterman.**

To listen to Tom's presentation, click [here](#).



Youth Exchange News



Club Meeting

Leavenworth Meets at Kristalls
280 Highway 2
Leavenworth, WA 98826
Time: Friday at 12:00 PM

Events

No Events found

Birthdays

Gustavo Montoya
October 18th
Glen Steven Helmick
October 23rd
Gary Schuster
October 24th
Mike W. McComas
October 24th
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Kiffen Fishburne took them to see this majestic mountain and beautiful area last weekend.

Pictured here are **Janice** and **Jesper** at Mt Rainier National Park. **John** and

Thank you to all those who are helping fulfill our exchange students' wish lists!

Save the Date

Our Fellowship Chair, **Heidi Kuhn**, has announced:
Our **Holiday Party** will be **December 10th!**

More details coming soon.



News From Co-President Kiffen



Hello Rotarian family,

I was reading an article in our latest Rotary Magazine this evening and came across an



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article on pg 20, "An investment in Rotary's future." It was about Rotary Youth Exchange and how and why we should get involved. As I was reading about the benefits of hosting or serving on a committee or many other ways to volunteer and be involved in this wonderful organization, it reminded me of a wonderful trip to Mt Rainer that we took just the other day with our two exchange students, Jasper and Janice. I hadn't previously been involved with this committee and frankly, the trip concerned me. It had been many years since I have had teenagers around. What would we say to them. We are so much well, ...older. Would we be boring to them? What would we talk about?... It's a LONG trip to Mt Rainier and back, many hours of driving. What would we do? What would they want to do, sleep or listen to music? I had no idea and that was what made me nervous. But I bit my lip and agreed to go on this long drive with young people that frankly, I didn't know.

Boy oh boy, was I glad I did. Both Jesper and Janice were just delightful. We talked, asked each other questions, shared photos, listened to their favorite songs in their language, ate snacks, played "who can spot the most out-of-town license plates". MT Rainier was CROWDED with cars and people from all over the U.S.

We admired the mountain and viewed the information about volcanoes. Even hiked a little to get a closer view and better pictures. We ate dinner in Ellensburg on the way back, so they saw farmland and agriculture as well. It was fun, sooooo enjoyable, adventurous, and interesting to see things through their eyes, AND, not at all intimidating to get to know these two delightful, ambitious young adults. Now, (unless someone gets to it first,) we might take them to Seattle and see the sights there. Yes, that would be a long trip too, but I'm no longer nervous, age is just a number, and it is delightful and invigorating to see the world through fresh and ambitious eyes. I think it might have even made me a little younger...for a day.

So, get out there and take our exchange students' places. We are the ones that will learn through them. It's invigorating and fun... And as the article title said, it was "An investment in Rotary's future".

Thank you, Janice and Jasper for a wonderful trip. We loved being with you!!

Co Pres. Kiffen Fishburne

"He profits most who serves best"

Support Needed for Hurricane Helene Recovery

By Thomas L Tochterman

A Message from Rotary International Director Patrick Eakes

As communities across Zones 33 and 34 brace for the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, I want to thank you for your heartfelt concerns and prayers. The coming days will be challenging, but together, we can help these communities begin the long road to recovery.

To aid in these efforts, we've established a disaster relief fund where you can make a direct impact. Donations can be made easily online, by check, or through wire transfer. For your convenience, a QR code is provided below that links directly to the donation page. You can also visit rizones33-34.org/disaster-relief. Since our zones' organization is a 501(c)(3), donations are generally tax-deductible—though I know Beth would want me to remind you to check with your tax advisor.

Funds collected will be distributed where they're most needed, with district and club leaders in the hardest-hit areas working closely with a group of seasoned disaster relief experts. These leaders will help guide grant allocations for critical resources such as equipment, tools, and storage to support volunteer efforts on the ground. In true Rotary spirit, we'll aim to amplify these efforts by leveraging district and Rotary International disaster relief grants to maximize the impact of your generosity.

Thank you again for your support, care, and unwavering dedication to the people affected by Hurricane Helene. Together, we can make a difference.



Polio Vaccinations in Gaza

By Peter Joseph Van Well



More than 187,000 children under 10 were vaccinated with novel oral polio vaccine type 2 (nOPV2) in central Gaza between Sept 1-3. Vaccination coverage exceeded the initial estimated target of 157,000 children due to population movement towards central Gaza and expanded coverage in areas outside the humanitarian pause zone. To ensure no child was missed in this initial phase, vaccination continued at four large health facilities in central Gaza for several days following the initial period. The first phase of the campaign

was conducted by 513 teams -- more than 2,180 health and community outreach workers. Vaccination was provided at 143 fixed sites, including hospitals, medical points, and primary care centers; camps where displaced people are living; key public gathering spaces such as temporary learning spaces; food and water distribution points; and transit routes towards northern and southern Gaza. Additionally, mobile teams visited tents and hard-to-reach areas to ensure they reached those unable to visit fixed sites.

The next phase of the campaign was conducted in southern Gaza from Sept. 5–8, targeting an estimated 340,000. Some 517 teams, including 384 mobile teams, were deployed.

The third and last phase of the polio vaccination campaign is currently underway (Sept. 9-11), targeting around 150,000 children. At least 90% vaccination coverage during each round of the campaign is needed to stop the outbreak.

The newer nOPV2 is being administered to reduce the threat of vaccine-derived polio, creating further outbreaks like the one that led to the crippling of a young child in Gaza, the impetus for this humanitarian effort.

One final note, the current wild polio count for the year is 34, split evenly between Afghanistan and Pakistan (17 cases in each country). We have had recent years when the outbreak of wild polio virus in these two endemic countries was less than five collectively. It just shows we cannot let up on efforts toward eradication.

Information is provided from the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

Yahoo-It's Time to Plan for RI Convention in Calgary

By Jill Leonard

The Rotary International Convention is coming to our neighborhood. Well not exactly the immediate neighborhood but the closest it will be for awhile.

Make plans to experience all Rotary has to offer and celebrate with other people of action. Calgary is a beautiful city and rumor has it, Calgary is rolling out the red carpet for us.

Say Yahoo and register today! You will love all the is in store for you.

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Weekly Meeting Zoom Link



If you cannot join us in person, the ZOOM link is listed below:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84344654802>

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