



The Big Wheel

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This Week's Program -- November 1, 2022



Empower Broadband

Over the past 81 years, Craighead Electric Cooperative (CECC) has invested millions of dollars in building a robust electric system that continues to provide safe, reliable and affordable electric power to its members. But times are changing and with that change, it brings a whole new opportunity to modernize our grid with a communications network that will link critical electric assets together to ensure power quality, reliability, and increase CECC operational efficiency. As a byproduct of that smart grid communications upgrade project, the CECC Board of Directors recently approved Craighead Electric to provide a new service: High-speed broadband internet! Empower, Delivered by Craighead Electric, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of CECC that will offer lightning-fast internet, crystal-clear phone, and ultra-HD live streaming TV throughout the CECC service territory.

Rotarian **Vanna Headley** is the Director of Business Development for Empower Broadband. She will present today's program.

Global health leaders see a clear path to polio eradication

Rotary and WHO's World Polio Day 2022 and Beyond event in Geneva, Switzerland, brought health experts together to share updates, exchange ideas

By **Ryan Hyland and Arnold R. Grahl**

Global health leaders expressed confidence that polio will be eradicated worldwide and praised the frontline workers who are striving to achieve that goal during an event at the World Health Organization (WHO) headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, 21-22 October.

Sponsored by Rotary International and WHO, World Polio Day 2022 and Beyond updated participants and viewers on the status of polio eradication. It also discussed possible community-based solutions that go beyond immunizations to improve the health of mothers and children.

Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, director-general of WHO, speaking at the opening session, said that polio eradication is within reach. He cited the fact that the work of the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) (GPEI) has reduced cases by 99.9%, from 350,000 in 1988 to only six cases last year. However, he acknowledged that the global effort has lost ground this year, with 20 cases in Pakistan and two in Afghanistan. Those are the only two countries where the transmission of the wild poliovirus has never been stopped. But the diagnosis of a polio case in the U.S., and the detection of poliovirus in sewage in the United Kingdom "show that polio will remain a global threat until it is eradicated everywhere." Polio cases have also been diagnosed in Malawi and Mozambique last year and this year.

"We still face many challenges, including misinformation, hard-to-access populations, and community fatigue," Dr. Tedros said.

Polio immunization programs for children have faced historic disruption, largely because of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has added to the challenges. "Without concerted action, we could lose the gains we have made," Dr. Tedros added.

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Dates to Remember

Club Leaders



Will Branch
President



Erika Krennerich Chudy
President - Elect



Dana L. Kennedy
Secretary



Nancy Elphingstone
Treasurer
Club Service Chair



Jennifer Hannah
President - Nominee
Vocational Service Chair



Ruth A. Hawkins
Rotary Foundation
Chair



Adam Robert Sartin
Assistant Governor

Events

November 1st
[Jonesboro Club Meeting](#)
[November 1, 2022 - Vanna Headley](#)

November 8th
[Jonesboro Club Meeting](#)
[November 8, 2022 - CASA](#)

November 15th

Birthdays



Todd S. Welch
October 31st



Monty May
October 31st



Nancy Elphingstone
November 3rd



Paul E Cossey
November 3rd



Kristina M Pulliam
November 4th



Sam W. Hummelstein
November 5th



June Carole Morse
November 6th



Cheryl Wall
November 14th



Marie-Jose Patton
November 15th



Chad Chadwick
November 27th

Every Rotary Meeting -- Have you noticed the cards on your tables?

November 1 -- National Literacy Day

Tuesday, November 1st is National Family Literacy Day at the Jonesboro Math & Science Magnet School. Our club has been invited to provide volunteers (Rotarians, spouses, adult children, and friends are all welcome) to read in 30 minute time slots throughout the day between 8:45 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. You can register through Dacdb.

December 12 - 13 -- Christmas at the Park

Christmas at the Park is a winter wonderland with over a half-mile drive-through of an estimated 65 collections consisting of almost 450 pieces with over 400,000 lights. Our Rotary club will be working from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Volunteers needed.

Good News -- October 25, 2022

Al Poston carried the mic for Good News.

Jeffrey Griffin and **Bradley Isbell** were introduced as new members of the club.

Wes Eddington went to his high school reunion and had fun seeing old friends again.

Nancy Elphingstone's brother, Gerald, was inducted into the Geospatial Intelligence Hall of Fame. He has a PhD in engineering and had developed software for Simultaneous Adjustment of Photogrammetric and Geodetic Observation.

Brian Rega received from the District Governor a Certificate of Appreciation to our club for its support of polio by being a 100 percent foundation giving club.

Norman Stafford took his \$2 to buy a Halloween donut from the Bay Interact Club.

John Deacon said it was a tribute to our club for having two tables at the Foundation Dinner.

Vanessa Adams announced that the public library had 498,697 e-audiobook checkouts and 271,655 e-book checkouts since 2021; and 2,291 storytime attendees, 89,916 pages printed, 18,830 computer sessions, 46,964 visitors to the library, and 2,853 teen program attendees since 2022.

Last Week's Program -- October 25, 2022

How Much Do You Know About Polio?



Rotary Foundation Chair **Ruth Hawkins** presented last week's program on polio and the Rotary Foundation.


First, she asked members to take a quiz on their phones to see how much they knew about polio. After submitting their answers on the phone, Hawkins gave the correct answer and a short explanation. The program for the quiz kept up with each person's score and the members scoring the highest received a prize. **Carl Cates**, last year's Foundation chair, scored highest but withdrew his name from the running. **Jeffrey Griffin**, a new member to Rotary, then won first place; his prize was a book about polio. Second place went to **David Martin**; he also received a book about polio.

The program allowed Hawkins to provide interesting facts about polio while making the audience active participants in the program.

Hawkins concluded the program by discussing ways to make a difference. She urged members to become involved in Rotary's \$10 a month club.

Report Card -- October 25, 2022

Membership



Total Active Members - 109
Active members - 51
Active-Service - 30
Active-Partner - 5
Active-Modern - 3
Active-LOA - 1
"Active Rule of 85" members - 19
Honorary members - 6

Total Attendance - 38
Active Members - 30
Friends of Rotary - 0
Honorary members - 0
Proposed - 2
Guests - 6
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